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ast week we looked at Moses "Fleet" Walker, the first African-American to play major league baseball His career in the majors, from 1883-1887, ended when officials banned African-American players from the league. Though he beat Jackie Robinson to the majors by about 50 years, the similarities between the two players were remarkable. Both were college edu-cated, Walker at Oberlin College in Ohio and later at the University of Michigan; and Robinson at UCLA Both were athletic standouts, and neither earned a degree. Both men were also authors. Robinson wrote three autobiographies, and Walker wrote a al inequalities in Ameri called "Our Home Colony." He also published a newspaper in Steubenville, Ohio called The Equator. Both men were also successful in business. Walker owned and operated an opera theatre in Ohio, and Robinson was a restaurant and banking executive. Walker was also an inventor, receiving several patents for advances he made in motion picture science. Though their childhood backgrounds were different (Robinson was the son of a Georgia sharecropper, and Walker the son of a doctor), both were extraordinary achievers at a time when achievement for African-Americans was very difficult.

Both men were brave enough to fight racial injustice in America when doing so could have been fatal. Though Fleet Walker eventually lost his battle, his willingness to fight undoubtedly made Robinson's job a tiny bit easier. Both men should be remembered as pioneers and out-standing American citizens.

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



Construction site thefts com



■ Due to heavy development in the Clarkston area, police are seeking answers to a recent rash of thefts involving construction tools, materials and home appliances.

By Stephanie Angelyn Casola Staff Writer

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As the Clarkston area continues to grow and subdivisions keep popping up on available parcels of land, one crime will continue to keep local police on their toes — theft at construction sites.

In recent weeks, Independence and

Springfield township police have noted a rash of larcenies at construction sites. The items stolen range from specialized tools to kitchen sinks. And the crime is a difficult one to solve, police

"It's sporadic," said Lt. Dale LaBair of the Indépendence Township substation for the Oakland County Sheriff's Department. He said that while they may find several construction site

thefts at a time, it isn't a constant

However, Sgt. Pat Miles of the Oakland County Sheriff's substation in Springfield Township said this type of larceny is not uncommon for a develop-

The homes in the construction process are vulnerable," said Miles. "I don't think it's anything out of the ordinary. It's just that we're experiencing a lot of construction in the area.

Miles said the items stolen are usual-Ty construction tools, equipment and materials. But larger items and appliances are also stolen — like bathtubs, furnaces or air conditioners.

Independence Township reported five construction site thefts in the past three weeks, according to Detective Dirk Feneley of the Oakland County Sheriff's substation, enough to be considered a rash of thefts.

In the process of investigating, this type of larceny can be especially difficult. Deputy Tom Cavalier said unless the person is "caught red-handed," it's hard to find a suspect.

The value of the stolen items and the

manner in which they were taken is evaluated in determining what charges can be applied to this type of larceny, "It's hard to prove where it came from;"

"Please see THEFTS, A2



Puppeteer and the puppet: Nancy Penvose brings this plant to life in the Clarkston Village Players' production of 'Little Shop of Horrors' at Depot Theater.

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER

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Nancy Penvose isn't one of the lead characters in the Clarkston Village Players (CVP) production, "Little Shop of Horrors," but she's the one makes the lead character come to life this weekend.

Penvose is a professional puppeteer. She's responsible for giving personality to the plants starring in Little Shop of Horrors" at Depot The-

The plot involves a nerdy-type clerk (Seymour) in a plant store who names a new plant after the woman he loves (Audriy). She doesn't love him back Unfortunately, the plant (Audrey II) needs blood to survive. The results of this musical are fun

"Fortunately we have someone of .

Plant puppeteer

Clarkston Players' production will grow on theater-goers

Nancy's caliber to be our puppeteer," said director David Nelson. "We are so excited that she mentioned to us she has this talent."

While she's not seen in the show, her skills are. She manipulates the plant, which grows until it's large enough to almost fill the entire Depot Theater stage.

for the audience, but without a per-sonality for the plant, the comedy one, that I wanted to be the pup-

She may have talked herself out of

Penvose honed her puppeteering skills in England. She and her husband, Jonathan, moved to the states inst six years ago.

"I got interested in puppetry way, way back," she said. "At college I majored in drama. When I left college, I got my own puppet theater together. traveled around for five years with musical but I told David if I didn't get my van and did all sorts of showsschools, spring fairs, birthday par- Joshua, 3, play with her original pup-

She even made her own hand-glove

"I started off by doing fairy tales. Then I created the Witch of Malkin. Tower, which relied on local history.' Lancashire, where she lived in England, had a similar history as that of the witch trials in Salem, Massachusetts.

She thinks its her ability to "act" with her hands and wrists that help her with her unseen role in "Little

Shop of Horrors." If I had done marionettes for puppets, I don't know that I could do as good a job with this show," she explained "It's because I had to rely on my hands and wrists to make my puppets look real that I can do this

Her puppet business took a back seat once she began teaching school in England.

Now her

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Estate-like homes planned for closed golf course

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"The golf course is closed. Thank you for many years of your patron-

Those words are part of the message on the answering machine for the Clarkston Golf Club at 9241 North Eston Road in Independence

Without much hoopla, the public golf course that has served the com-munity for several decades. The clubhouse, it says, remains open.

The message gives no explanation. Some answers are at the Independence Township Planning Commission office in the rezoning request filed by Andrew Milia, president of Franklin Property Corporation in Southfield. His company submitted a request of rezoning for 34.8 acres of the golf course land. That acreage is zoned Recreation (REC). The request is for rezoning to R-1C,

Suburban Farm Resident District. This district is for single family dwellings on a minimum of 1%

The northern 10 acres already are

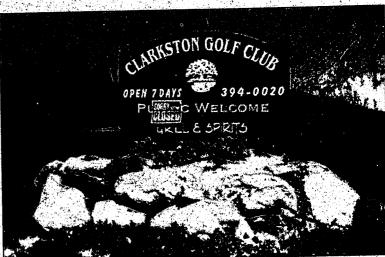
zoned R-1C. Clarkston Golf Club is located at 9241 North Eston Road, Algonquin Road runs along the southern border. The township master plan-doesn't include any plans to preserve the golf club, according to information in the rezoning

Milia said his company builds estate-like residential subdivisions. The proposed subdivision for the course property would be named Oakmont and would include

named Oakmont and would include 28 single family residential homes on 1½ acre sites, priced between \$400,000-\$700,000.

He hopes the rezoning request will come before the Independence Township Planning Commission in May

Please see GOLF COURSE, A6



Tell-tale sign; The 'Sorry, Closed' sign at the public Clarkston Golf Club only tells part of the story of the club's future.

Student's Web site raises questions

front of Clarkston High School Tuesday, one week after the tragic shootings at Columbine High School in Colorado,

While Clarkston High School attendance is back to normal, and as students and staff try to get back into a normal routine, rumors con-tinue to circulate regarding safety in the school district.

At noon, Clarkston school administrators discovered a student's World Wide Web site that contained some "bizarre" content. School officials held a conference with the student and the student's

"It did not name other students," said Barbara Johns, spokesperson for Clarkston Community Schools. "It did

Superintendent Al Roberts

Attention

Retirees:

and less in Uncle Sam's.

issued a formal statement Tuesday:

"I want to emphasize that, although some of the writing was bizarre in my opinion, no other students were named on the page and there were no threats of harm to other kids. As soon as we got the specific information we needed, we began an immediate investigation. I want to assure our parents that we will not take lightly any perceived threat to our children.

Parents and students may call a hotline to speak with school officials about rumors they have heard or concerns they have. The hotline number is (248) 623-4060.

Johns said the number may be used by anyone seeking information on safety or secu-

rity issues.
"The more detail, the better," she said.

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'Little Women' takes to stage at CHS

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA

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When Jyl Lawler auditioned for a part in Clarkston High School's spring play, "Little Women," she was "a little scared."

"I didn't think there would be enough parts to go around," said Lawler, a sophomore who has been acting since second grade, "There are 10 people total,"

Regardless of the smaller-than-usual cast, Lawler will take the stage tonight and tomorrow night as Amy March, the youngest daughter in the family which serves as the focus of Louisa May Alcott's classic story.

Jeff Tice, director of theater at the high school, said "Little Women" is a departure from the often comedic productions chosen for their spring play.

This year we wanted to go with a drama, something different," he said:

But the adaptation also allowed for more female than male roles, said Tice, which will showcase the "excellent group of female actors" at CHS this year. Tice added that while the show only allows for a 10-person cast, it is a higher quality production than some that have a cast of 20-

35 people. "I really wanted to do some thing different, something with a little more substance," he said.

After more than a month of rehearsals, Lawler said the cast members have formed solid friendships.

The cast gets really close, because there's not as many peo-ple to get close to," she explained, sitting stage right and surrounded by fellow actors:

The production comes with its

share of challenges for those who made the cut. Lawler said the big words, or 19th century language, used in the script was hardest for her to learn as a young actre

Kevin Kosbab, who will tackle the part of Professor Bhaer, was working to tone down his fake German accent, which evoked short bursts of laughter from his

Don Parker is ready and excited to take on the role of John Burke, suitor to Meg March. It's

been a learning experience for

"(The character) is a lot more energetic than I thought he was supposed to be.

Another energetic character, Aunt March, will be portrayed by Truly Render, a junior at the high school. She enjoys having the opportunity to be a crazy old woman." She concentrated to make her character a bit more subtle

Tice said all of the students working on the production have done an excellent job.

"They're all very highly skilled," said Tice. "We've had pretty intense rehearsals. They love the play. It's a wonderful

The cast was in good spirits last week, while rehearsing for the first time in costume.

You can't survive here without a sense of humor," insisted

Not only were the parts hard to obtain for aspiring actors at the high school, the cast of "Lit-tle Women" is also younger than past productions, according to the students. Only two of the ten cast members are seniors.

For those students who will return next fall, like Lawler, the focus is on the future

"I can't wait for the next pro-duction," she said.

Performances of "Little Women" will be at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, April 29 and 30 in the Clarkston High School Auditorium. Tickets are

school Auditorium. Inckets are \$5 and can be obtained by calling (248) 623-4024.

"Anybody who gets a chance to come and see it, they will really enjoy this production," said Tice, who touted the efforts of every one working on the set, cos-tumes, lights, and acting.



Little Women: Cast members rehearse a scene. Pictured are (from left, front row) Annie Whittington; Dana Currie, Cara Forney and (from left, back row) Truly Render, Jessica Holman and Jyl Lanler.



Close-knit cast: Cara Forney (left) and Dana Currie prepare for tonight's opening of Little Women" at Clarkston High school.



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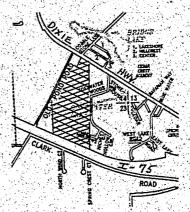
NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield will hold a SECOND READING at its Regular Meeting on Thursday, May 13, 1999, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Hall, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, Michigan, to consider the following rezoning request:

Application by The Distance of the Control of the C

Application by Tim Birtsas, 8949 Loughced Island, Davisburg, Michigan 48350 to rezone 79,2+/-acres from R-1 (One Family Residential, 1.5 acre minimum) as follows: the northerly 21.3+/-acres Family Residential, 1 acre minimum).

The proposed for rezoning is located north of 1-75, south of Dirie Highway, east of Old Pond Rd. and west of Softwater Woods Dr. PI. #07-14-451-004, #07-23-226-001.



NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that information related to the rezoning request may be examined at the Springfield Township Clerk's Office, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, Michigan during regular business hours. Written comments may be submitted to the Springfield Township Clerk, P.O. Box 1038, Davisburg, Michigan 48350 until the time of the Second Reading. Those persons needing a special accommodation at the meeting should contact the Clerk at least two (2) business days in advance.

MANCY STROLE Clerk

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NANCY STROLE, Clerk Charter Township of Springfield

Thefts from page A1

said Cavalier of the items.

In past situations, this type of theft has been connected to tradesmen working on the job, Cavalier said. Tools are sold for profit and appliances are re-installed at other locations.

"A lot of the time, it's not the kids in the area, it's other workers," added Fenelev.

And the stolen materials are not easy to find. Feneley estimated that 98 per-

cent of the time the items don't have serial numbers, which makes them difficult to track To prevent construction site

thefts, Miles suggested that equipment and materials be delivered to their location on a specified schedule. And neighbors, he said, should keep an eye out for unfamiliar vehicles. Miles said areas where entire new subdivisions are going in

are more affected by the larce-nies because they tend to be vacant or sparsely populated. Trailers or mobile homes locat-

ed at construction sites are a primary target, but installing an alarm system can offer protection from thefts, according to LaBair.



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Youth Assistance to honor teen volunteers

By Susan B. Tauber Staff Writer stauber@oe.homecomm.net Andrea Ronk may be more willing than usual to find time to baby-sit for Valerie Carpenter's

three children. After all, it was because of Car-penter that Andrea Ronk of Inde-

1999 Youth Recognition recipients

Philip Arakelian, Rayche Armstrong, Kayla Baker, Cameron S. Banworth, Ashley Beech, Scott Bickerstaff, Casey Brandenburg, Corey Branden-burg, Kenny Bruce, Mike Bruce, Carmen Calcaterra, Jessica Car-penter, Ashlee Carter, Sarah Clark, Jennifer Claus, Mike Claus, Matt Craig, Phillip Devries, Kelly Drangin, Karlie Driscoll, Kristine Drost, Lens Ellis, Karen Emick, Melissa Ess ian, Jaclyn Fahrner, Melanie Fante, Andy Ford, Sarah Fournier, Megan Garrett, Jeff Ginn, Laura Ginn, Brandon Grif-fith, David Griffith, Sarah Haffner, Kelly Haggard, Eileen Hart, Rebecca Hart, Ryan Hart, Brooke Hill, Lindsay Hills, Nicole Hughes, Lyndsay Hyde Cathryn Isgrigg, Robin Jessee, Kaitlin Kieras, Michelle Klotz, Lisa Knakel, Carrie Krull, Allison Lawrence, Andrea Logan John Maxwell, Katherine Met zger, Jenny Miller, Tony Morell, Kevin Murphy, Kelly O'Brien, Molly Ormiston, Caitlin Parker, Molly Ormiston, Calcini Parace;
Danny Passmore, Ashley Perna,
Charles Philpot, Matthew Pruente, Mike Pruente, Jr., Kristy
Robinson, Libby Robinson,
Andrea Ronk, John Stawarz,
Andrea John Steele, Erin Sullivan, Kalin Thomas, Rachel Uhley, Ellen Varnau, Laura Watson, Megan Wesol, Danielle Wherry and Katie Woloson.

pendence Township will be among 76 teenagers publicly acknowledged tonight during the Clarkston Youth Recognition Awards dessert reception in their

Sponsored by Clarkston Area Youth Assistance Committee, the purpose of the annual awards is to "recognize youths who have made an outstanding contribu-tion to an individual or an organization without compensation for their time," according to the nomination packet.

nomination packet.

Carpenter nominated Andrea for the award because, she said in her letter, she believes "Andrea is an excellent representative of Clarkston Youth Assistance. She is an excellent role model for others. I hope you will recognize her for her contributions to the community.

What struck Carpenter about Andrea is the way she donates her time, energy and many tal-ents to enrich the lives of others in and around the community. She met Andrea when she was volunteering in the day care dur-ing services at St. Daniel

"I am very honored by this recognition," said the 11th grade student at Clarkston High. School. "I was very pleased that Mrs. Carpenter took the time to

nominate me." There's so much Andrea does for others. She regularly helps out with sick children at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, where her mother, Anne, works.

She brightens Clarkston High School by voluntarily creating different displays weekly for the student activities, athletics, student council and main office

She's a member of Students against Driving Drunk (SADD), the student council, the Blue and Gold Club and Students Teaching Acceptance and Respect (STAR), a club that focuses on positive issues of diversity.
That's not all.

She'll be a junior counselor at the Hugh O'Brian Youth (HOBY) conference this May. "The conference conveys the spirit of HOBY.



PHOTOS PROVIDED BY THE RONK FAMILY

Her little charges: Andrea Ronk shares her love of dance with some students.

One of my jobs will be convey that spirit to the participants that spirit to the participants with my enthusiasm," Andrea said. She earned the HOBY Leadership Award in 1998 for her leadership skills

Andrea spreads her volunteer spirit to her jobs with Clarkston Community Parks and Recrestion department.

ation department.
She teaches three sessions of

dance classes for young children and takes them to perform at the annual senior citizen Christmas dinner. She works at the Clintonwood Park concession stand during the summer and is a basketball scorekeeper and a greeter at the Clarkston High School pool.

Andrea is a serious dancer, studying ballet, jazz, tap and pointe weekly. Serious enough to be studying at Interlochen Per-forming Arts Camp for a month-this summer. Serious enough to have studied three times at the

Edge Performing Arts Center in Los Angeles, at the American Ballet Theater in New York and

other prestigious studios.
"I hope to teach dance and own my own studio," she said. Her other goals include studying marketing and public

With all her experience, with her winsome presence, beautiful smile, giving spirit and tenacity, easy to imagine Andrea reaching beyond her goal.

"I began volunteering when I got active in student council," she said. "Members have to donate so many hours of community service every semester. That got me

She's not so busy that she doesn't spend time with her family. In addition to mom, there's dad, Steve Ronk, and brothers Robbie, 11; and Tommie, 8. She's active with her church,

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Saint Daniel, participates in sports at school and maintains a 3.5 average.

After learning all of this about Andrea, it's startling to remem her that she is only one of 76, being honored tonight. The teens

will receive a certificate of honor from both Clarkston Area Youth Assistance and Oakland County!

We are so proud to be able to recognize these incredible youths in our community," said Carole Meyers. She and Amy Wilson are co-chairing the dessert recep-

The evening

reception will be at Clarkston United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. St. Daniel Church Youth Minister Robert Hadden will give the keynote address, Merelyn Mallet is the master of ceremonies.



Winning form: Andrea Ronk is one of 76 recipients."

POLICE NEWS

The following incidents were reported to police and fire agencies in Springfield and Independence townships and the city of Clarkston April 22-25.

Springfield Police

On April 22, a wallet containing credit cards, identification and \$20 cash was reported stolen from an unlocked vehicle parked on Dixie Highway.

On April 24, a small industrial fire was reported within machinery at a Dixie Highway business. There were no injuries and the fire was ruled accidental by Springfield Township Fire Department.

Independence Police

Lost property

On April 22, a gold pendant dence on Balmoral Terrace. On April 23, a 38 caliber hand

gun was reported missing from a Garnet residence. On April 24, a dog and cat were reported missing/stolen as a result of a personal dispute on

South River Road. Found property

On April 24, a resident of Almond Lane reported that a mail box and post were found in the front yard of his home.

On April 22, approximately \$5 in gasoline was reported stolen from a Dixie Highway gas sta-

On April 23, a credit card was reported stolen from an Eastview Road residence.

On April 24, various items of jewelry were reported stolen from a residence on Pine Knob

On April 24, a cell phone was reported stolen from a vehicle parked at a Sashabaw Road business

On April 23, a mail box stand was reported damaged on Klais

On April 24, a storage garage

and door jam were reported damaged on Bridgewater

Breaking and Entering On April 25, two glass win-

dows and one screen were reported damaged to a Pelton court, police said. Road address.

Independence Fire

Between April 22-25, firefighters responded to 13 calls. Among them were seven medical calls, five personal injury accidents and one building fire.

Clarkston Police

Retail Fraud

On April 24, three Clarkston youths were reportedly involved in the retail fraud of one pint of vodka from a Main Street store. They were apprehended by police and will be referred to the juvenile division for probate

On April 25, police responded to a possible attempted auto theft near Holcomb Road. The battery of the unlocked vehicle was dead.

On April 25, change and five liters of pop were reported stolen from an unlocked vehicle parked near Holcomb Road.

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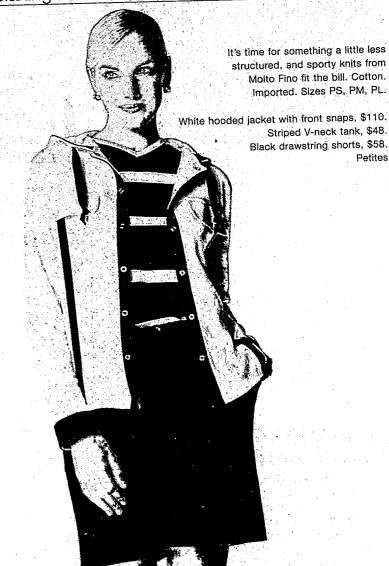
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Clarkston council supports condos

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA

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New condominiums might soon be found in Clarkston, now that a plan by developer Tim Birtsas received support by the

Birtsas received support by the Clarkston City Council Monday.
Birtsas, president of RBI Costume Builders, sought and received site plan approval for his Clarkston Village Place Conhis Clarkston Village Place Conhis Clarkston Village Place Conhis Clarkston Village Place Conhis Clarkston Village Place Conhibition of the Conhibition of dominiums, which will be built on the northeast corner of Main Street. The 0.84 acre parcel is located south of The Birdfeeder and north of Clarkston Road.

"I think there is a need for condos in the village so people can still have the freedom of home ownership without the mainte-nance responsibilities that go with it," said Birtsas, during a

phone interview Tuesday.
The four attached condominiums, each with approximately 2,500 square feet, include a washer and dryer on the main floor and a room above the attached two-car garage which can be finished for additional space. Birtsas said the condos will be constructed with emptynesters and retirees in mind.

The project has been in the planning stages for about two ears, due to setbacks at the planning commission level, and a need for a use variance to allow the project to be completed

within the city's single family district. Birtsas still met setback requirements, which are not to exceed 25 percent coverage of the

lot.
"I have received a recommen dation of approval and certificate of approval from the Historic District Commission and the Planning Commission," said Birtsas before council. He said the site plan meets all the requirements for the parcel's residential (R-2) zoning.

Karen Sanderson noted that

the development was "much too big" for the location, but still voted in support of the plan.

After little discussion, Council member Anne Clifton made a resolution to approve the site plan. That resolution passed unanimously. Council member

David Savage was absent.
"I think it's going to be nice, said Birtsas. He expects to break ground for the project in June. If all goes well, Birtsas said he'd like to have the condominiums completed within the next nine

months to one year.

In other business Monday;

■ The building committee received an informal go-ahead from council members to seek bids from architecture firms for a project that could remodel City Hall into additional office space for the Department of Public Works. The plan is part of a future goal to seek additional. space for the city's growing.

needs. Clifton said she will look into the possibility of moving council meetings to the Independence Township Library on Clarkston Road. The idea sparked concern by City Clerk Art Pappas, who wanted to know where voting would be held. Clifton said she would look into the issue and mentioned the option of adding a small meeting room onto the existing structure.

existing structure.

The building committee proposed that by finding inexpensive alternatives to the lack of space problem, it may be able to start a fund which would lead to the construction of a community center in Depot Park, Clifton said that could become a possibility in the next five to 10 years and would include amenities for

Council will set new fees for parking spaces at its next meeting. The current fee to purchase parking in the village is set at parking in the village is set at \$2,000 for each spot. That figure is expected to rise in accordance with current standards.

Council resolved to apply for the necessary permits that will allow for the closure of Main Street for holiday parades. The tentative dates and times are as follows; Memorial Day, 10 to 11 a.m. May 31; Fourth of July, 10 a.m. to noon July 3; Labor Day, 10 a.m. to noon Sept. 6; and the Clarkston High School Home coming, sometime in October.

Pineline planning



Our environment: TriState engineers Richard Davis and David Sporer discuss the environmental impact of a natural gas pipeline proposed for Springfield and Independence townships with Rich McGuire of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Alternate routes are being considered.

Checking the map: Nancy Strole, Springfield Township clerk, visits the sites which could be impacted by a proposed pipeline. She spent the day April 21 traveling through the township with FERC and TriState officials, offering



Schools host kindergarten orientation programs

Clarkston schools will host orientation programs for parents and children who will be 5 on or before Dec. 1. Parents need to bring their child's birth certificate and two proofs of residency.

Following are the dates, places and phone numbers to call: April 30, North Sashabaw Elementary (674-3139) 9-11 a.m. &

May 3, Springfield Plains Ele-mentary (625-6882) 9-11 a.m. &

May 4, Bailey Lake Elemen tary (625-2812) 9-11 a.m. & 1-3

May 5, Pine Knob Elementary

(625-1583) 9:15-11:15 a.m. & 1:15-3:15 p.m.

May 6, Clarkston Elementary (625-4900) 9-11 a.m. & 1-3 p.m. May 7, Andersonville Elemen-tary (625-5300) 9-11 a.m. & 1-3

May 11, Independence Elementary (Contact Bailey Lake at 625-2812) 9-11 a.m. & 1-3 p.m. Independence orientation will be at St. Daniel's Catholic church in the Cushing Center.

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Veteran state reporter Richard calls it a career

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Anyone who files a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act probably has veteran newspaperman Tim

Richard to thank Though Richard downplays his role in the passage of that law and the Open Meetings Act, his advocacy on that issue helped get the news service regional editor for HomeTown Communications Network elected to the Michigan Journalism Hall of

Fame last year.
This week, Richard, 63, retired, He plans to relocate from Livonia with his wife, Nancy, to Bear Lake in Manistee County, where he will pursue Business Administration in

hobbies of fishing and training his Australian shepherd, Sheila,

for agility competition.
"The lake is near the shore of Lake Michigan, in a great fruit and vegetable growing area, where there are a lot of pine trees and lakes teeming with fish," Richard said.

Career history

Richard ends a 32-year career with the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, where he worked after stints at the St. Joseph Herald-Press and Kalamazoo Gazette: After graduating from Redford High School in 1953, Richard attended the University of Michigan where he received a Bachelor's Degree in Economics in 1957 and a Master's Degree in .

Richard is credited for his work toward the eventual pas-sage in 1976 of the Open Meetings Act and Freedom of Infor-mation Act.

Stan Soffin, chairman of the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame Committee, said last year the committee was impressed by Richard's "courageous leadership on behalf of a free press."

"(Richard's) commitment to

the FOIA and Open Meetings Act - and (his) tireless work behind the scenes to protect these measures – will stand as a model for Michigan journalists for years to come.

Phil Power, owner and chairman of Hometown Communications Network Inc., wrote in his nomination letter that Richard is

political and governmental reporter in Michigan.

Tim's journalistic output is truly prodigious." Power said. "He regularly writes core stories on significant events with localization possibilities scattered throughout,"

Richard praised

Power also cited Richard for single-handedly reporting policy issues associated with the State Board of Education and with its attempt to fundamentally change the nature of Michigan public schools.

"He is particularly the greatest example I know of a disciplined, serious and perceptive reporter

Please see RICHARD, A7



Gone Fishin' Veteran news paper reporter Tim Richard, 63, has decided to retire and relocate from Livonia with his wife, Nancy, to Bear Lake in Manîstee County, where he plans to pur-sue hobbies of fishing and training his Australian shepherd, Sheila, for agility competition.

Newsman Malott eager to fill shoes

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK

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A 22-year veteran community journalist who has won numerous awards for his work will succeed Tim Richard as the news service régional editor for HomeTown Communica-

Mike Malott, 43, of Commerce Township, served as managing editor of The Northville News and The Novi News, both part of the HomeTown Communications Network: That network also includes Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, the Mirror Newspapers, Home-Town Newspapers and Lansing Community Newspapers, totaling 39 newspapers with a circulation of 420,000.

Malott will be covering state government,

ranging from the Legislature, regional agencies and the courts.

Malott said he had his eye on his new position even when he covered state government for another newspaper in the late 1980s. "I've always wanted to get back," Malott said.

"I think the state is a critical part of our coverage," Malott said. "The state sets all the rules for school districts, cities, townships and

■ 'I think the state is a critical part of our coverage. The state sets all the rules for school districts, cities, townships and counties. A lot of the policy begins at the state level.'

Mike Malott

news service regional editor for HomeTown Communications Network

counties. A lot of the policy begins at the state level,

For Malott, the challenge is to decipher policy decisions and craft it for readers to understand, "It's important to find out why the policy is being set, and why this is impor-tant in their daily lives," Malott said,

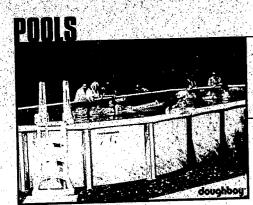
Malott was honored as HomeTown Newspapers Journal-

ist of the Year in 1992. He has won numerous awards from the Michigan Press Association, the National Newspaper Association and Suburban Newspapers of America.

Richard praised Malott. "He has a very inquiring mind," Richard said. "He's an extremely sharp person."

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Horrors from page A1

Penvose will share her skills soon at Katie's elementary school, Bailey Lake, She's going to teach the youngsters how to make puppets at the school's upcoming fine arts day.

There are other real people involved in "Little Shop of Horrors."

Two of these are newly-weds Debbie and Dean Vanderkolk. He plays the romantic, nerdy lead, Seymour. She choreographed the show and plays a few bit parts.

The Vanderkolks live in Lake Orion, although Debbie grew up in Clarkston. She graduated from Clarkston High School in 1991. A parks and recreation major while at Central Michigan University, she said she'll do anything that's part of theater.

Sharon Thomas is the assistant music director at Central United

Sharon Thomas is the assistant music director at Central United Methodist Church in Clarkston. She's also the music director for the CVP musical. She's very excited, she said about the production which opens Fridey right.

"We had really great auditions for this show," she said. "It's going to be a great production."

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to be a great production.

Among those who auditioned is director David Nelson's wife, Elizabeth Wingert. She sings professionally with Michigan Opera The-

ater. She's even shared the stage with the world-renown tenor, Luciano Pavarotti.

Amy Seaman is one of the doo-wap singers. She doesn't think there will be a problem selling tickets for this production.

This is a popular show and Clarkston Village Players hasn't done

a musical in so many years," said the Clarkston resident. She recently graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in theater. She's substitute teaching and likes spending her evenings, she said with CVP.

Another of the four characters is Melvin Case, He plays Mr. Mush-

Another of the four characters is Melvin Case, He plays Mr. Mushnik, owner of the shop. He describes his type of acting as the Zero Mostel-style. While his specialty is creating special effects on stage, he also likes to do character singing.

Others involved with Clarkston Village Player's "Little Shop of Horrors" are doo.waps singers Elizabeth Baldiga and Linda Killewald, Gordon Bardell who plays the voice of the plant, Ryan Moore who has several roles and Leon, Lee and Donna Genres, who are in charge of props. Debbie Shepard handles the sound board. Steve Thomas and Bob Geries help provide the music.

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Dean and Feather Buchanan are title owners for the property. Feather is the trustee of the revocable living trust estab-lished in April, 1996 by Paulette Feather Buchanan, Her parents, Jean and Paul Frechette, bought the golf club in the 1940s. The Clarkston Golf Course is proposed to be rezoned to allow for 28 1-1/2 acre

Golf course from page A1

homesites. Homes will be valued from \$400,000 to \$700,000.

Buchanans pur-chased it from them in the 1990s. The course opened in about 1925. It was closed during the Depression years The Buchanans have asked the rezoning district exclude 5.25 acres at the southwest corner of

the property where the family home is located. The Buchanans weren't avail-

able for comments. We've been in dialogue with the property owners for past cou-ple years," Milia said. "They felt the timing to sell was right, that it's very difficult to operate a nine-hole golf course in today's

The rezoning request package includes a feasibility study by Brandon M. Rogers and Associates of Grosse Pointe Farms.

It states that Clarkston Golf Club is located in a county that has more golf holes per capita than any other county in the U.S. According to the Oakland County Planning and Economic Development, more than 30 golf courses open annually in Michi-

There are 20 courses within 10. miles of Clarkston Golf Club and only three of those are limited to nine holes

The study concluded that since the club's location doesn't have land for it expand, it can't compete for the golf dollars that are going to 18-hole golf courses.

There is "no viable future for

the golf course," the study said.

Tim Kaul is the boys varsity golf coach at Clarkston High School. He also teaches math at Sashabaw Middle School, Clark-ston Golf Club is one of the first

courses he played on as a young-

ster, "I feel disheartened anytime I learn about a golf course being turned into a housing development. There aren't many courses like Clarkston Golf Club left ones that don't cost \$50 for a round of golf. I just hate to see

recreational facilities be lost." The high school golf club prac-tices at Clarkston Creek Golf

Milia hopes to retain the natural beauty that has attracted golfers to Clarkston Golf Club for

decades. "Part of our land plan for Oakmont is to preserve a lot of the natural features of the course. We've designed a plan that keeps the majority of wooded area. Many of the beautiful oak trees will be preserved in a com-mon area. We'll keep a lot of the meadows that are part of the golf course. The natural terrain is beautiful. It's one of the reasons we're attracted to the land."

Another attraction, according to Milia, is that many subdivi-sions in the same price range have done very well and been well received in Independence

Township.
"We believe this subdivision will fit in with the newer subdivisions that have been proposed and that are built in that area to meet the increased demands of the executives moving into the area," he added.

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OBITUARIES

Calvin D. Nelson

Calvin D. Nelson of Davisburg died April 24, 1999 at the age of

Mr. Nelson and his wife, June, owned and operated Nelsons Ranch Horse Boarding. One of his hobbles was riding his dune

buggy.

He is survived by his wife,
June; his brother, William of
Florida; his three sons Roger
(Nina) of Dansville, Rodney

White Lake, and Roy (Dee) of White Lake, and Roy (Angela) of Davisburg; daughter Ruth (Rick) Thomas of Coloma; eight grandchildren and one

great granddaughter. The memorial service is at 7 p.m., Thursday, April 29 at Shepherd Fellowship Church. 2515 North Williams Lake in Waterford with Rev. Curt Motsinger officiating. Friends may visit at the church at 6 p.m. Thursday until the time of the

Funeral arrangements were handled by Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston. The family has: comested memorials be made to Henry Ford Hospice.

Dora M. Peter

Dora M. Peter of Clarkston died April 23, 1999 at the age 85. Mrs. Peter was preceded in death by her loving husband of 60 years, Daniel. She was the mother of Nancy and Mary Mar-garet, both of Clarkston and sis-ter of Mable Aleene Rondo of Clarkston, She is survived by many nieces and nephews. Mrs. Peter was preceded in death by four sisters and one brother.

Funeral services were at the Lewis E. Win & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston, The Rev. Douglas R. Trebilcock officiated. Interment was at Lakeview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Michigan Parkinson's Founda-

Eugene John Nalpera,

Eugene (Gene) John Nalpera, MD, of Clarkston died suddenly April 22, 1999 at the age of 78.

Dr. Nalpera retired from St. Joseph Mercy Hospital as an Orthopedic Surgeon and also served at many other local hospi-

He is survived by his wife Dorothy; daughters Karen Smith

of Auburn Hills, Nancy (Tom) Eldridge of Alaska, Susan (Bill) Ramalia of South Lyon, and Julia (Jerry) Baumgras of Pinck-ney and sons David Eugene of Ohio and Michael John (Angie) off California. Dr. Nalpera was grandpa to Matt, Jenny, Karin, Christie, Becca, Thomas, Kelly, Dan, Katie and Samantha and the brother of Alice (Roman) Krezoski of Kalamazoo.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m., Saturday, May 1st, at the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, 6490 Clarkston Road with Father William K. McDonald officiating.
Friends may visit at the church at 2 p.m., Saturday until time of

the service. Arrangements were made by the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston

Memorials may be made to the Church of the Resurrection.

Patricia Ann Beach

Patricia Ann Beach of Englewood, Florida, formerly of Clarkston since 1944, died April 21, 1999 at the age of 75.

Mrs. Beach taught for Clarkston Community Schools, retir-ing in 1965 after 20 years of service. She was a very active member of the Clarkston United Methodist Church for more than 45 years; member of the Order of the Eastern Star-Joseph C. Bird Chapter since 1942; Daughters of the American Revolution, Waterford/Clarkston BPW, Clarkston Village Players, Rotary Anns and Independence ownship Senior Center.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles. Mrs. Beach was the mother of Charles II and William (Judy), all of Florida; grandmother of Mary (Stephen) Piotrowski of Florida; sister of William (Cassie) Niblack Jr. of Britton, Marcela (Raymond) Lidster of Britton and Penny Becker of Tennessee; also survived by many nieces and nephews and a host of

Funeral services were at Clarkston United Methodist Church. The Pastor Douglas R. Trebilcock officiated. Interment

was at Lakeview Cemetery. An Eastern Star Memorial Service was held at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston

The family requests memorials may be made to one's favorite

Malott from page A5;

Richard, who worked with Malott, remembers watching Malott plan his coverage, instructing a Novi reporter to look for certain crimes, particularly drunk driving. The police chief gave a quarterly report to the city council, in which he reported 14 drunk driving arrests, when the reporter found three, all non-residents of that

community, Richard said,
"That made Mr. Malott extremely suspicious that certain kinds of important misdeeds Lyon.

were not being reported by the police," Richard said. "This is the kind of person who will be doing this job

As a managing editor for The Novi News and The Northville Record, Malott was responsible for managing a staff of 11, assigning stories, editing copy, writing editorials and laying out the newspaper. In 1990 Malott served as a managing editor at The Milford Times and The South Lyon Herald in South

Malott also worked as news editor for six years at the Spinal Column Newsweekly and Oak land Business Monthly, and prior to that, as a staff writer, covering the state, county and

regional issues. In 1977 Malott received a bachelor's degree in applied arts and sciences from Central Michigan University with majors in journalism, psychology and soci-

promote themselves."

at the last minute.

to the government."

and giving seminars on the

same.
"You have a right to know

You have a right to know the amendments before the final

product comes out, who's really

on your side or who's voting yes

input of government. You have a right to know who else has input

For now, though, Richard looks forward to relaxation with his wife and his dog, and casting

into Bear Lake and other waterays in northern Michigan. "I've been married to the same

You have a right to your own

Richard from page A5

relating statewide events to the needs of individual readers in their hometown communities."

But today Richard downplays

his role. "I was given the lion's share of credit, but I was part of a movement for open govern-

In 1966, Richard, who was a reporter with the Kalamazoo Gazette, was excluded from closed meetings of the board of Western Michigan University. Richard asked for minutes of past meetings and the board secretary accidentally gave him the minutes of the meetings, during which they had made policy deci-

Richard wrote the story and the editor killed it, which gave Richard "a fire in my belly about

the issue of open government."

The unpublished WMU expose in 1966 led directly to his advo-cacy of the Open Meetings Act, and activity in the Society of Professional Journalists and Michigan FOI Committee Inc. to defend the "sunshine" laws and teach people how to use them through seminars and newslet-

In 1971, Richard wrote about the "age of majority" in the Observer & Eccentric and sold the idea to Gov. William Milliken, which resulted in the state laws lowering legal ages from 21

"People are physically matur-ing younger by two or three years than they were in the 19th century," Richard said. Richard

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■ 'You have a right to know what the govern-

fighting in wars. "Let's give them a chance to vote," he said.

Richard admires

Richard's most admired politicians are former Gov. William Milliken and Lt. Gov. James Brickley. "They were moderates.

Richard says the press and the public should continue to watch evernment with attorneys now government with accounting away at the FOI and chipping away at the FOI and Open Meetings acts. "The biggest abuses we are seeing is in the hiring of the chief executive process and the second biggest bunch of abuses are in the FOI in the charging high prices for documents and the long delays in processing the

Richard also sees politicians 'using the tools of government to'

Death penalty rush vote criticized

BY TIM RICHARD STAPF WRITER trichard@oe.homecomm:net

State House members publicly criticized their leaders for rushing a vote on the death penalty and then cutting short an April 21 roll-call vote before the measure could be openly defeated.

Rep. Mike Bishop (R-Rochester) pushed the measure through his Constitutional Law and Ethics Committee in two meetings and three working days after it was introduced.

"There was a surprise vote in committee. There was not enough input from the public, from Corrections officials, from law enforcement, from the judiciary," said Rep. Keith Stall-worth (D-Detroit).

"The Senate Judiciary Committee gave several weeks notice of its public hearing, and 400 people showed up in Pontiac," said Rep: Liz Brater (D-Ann

Bishop brushed aside the criticism. "This debate has been open hundreds of years," the fresh-man lawmaker said. "The Senate (hearing March 23) did an educational job."

It takes a two-thirds vote of both chambers to put a proposed constitutional amendment on the ballot, but it was clear the proposal was going down about 3-2 in a sea of red (no) lights on the House tally board. There is no official record of the vote other than reporters' hastily

But in a procedure often used to save leaders from the embarrassment of defeat, House majorrassment of detect, notes indicated ity floor leader Andrew Raczkowski (R-Farmington Hills) shouted, "Clear the board," before the roll call could be completed. Raczkowski then won a voice vote to refer the measure back to Bishop's committee.

"Parliamentary shenanigans," Sen. David Jaye (R-Sterling Heights) said of Raczkowski's move. Jaye supports a similar measure in the Senate.

Bishop said the maneuver means House Joint Resolution H, as it's formally known, is still alive and can be brought out of his committee any time before Dec. 31, 2000. But House Speaker Chuck Perricone (R-Kalamazoo) said there aren't enough votes to warrant an attempt.

Michigan abolished the death penalty in the mid-19th Century after the wrong man was hanged for a murder. The ban was part of the Michigan Constitutions of 1908 and 1963. A majority of

constitutional amendment to reinstate it for first-degree murder, and the Legislature would have to write a follow-up statute implementing it.

The Senate Judiciary Committee intends to study the issue through summer, said chairman William VanRegenmorter (R-Jenison). But after the House's negative vote, the idea is effec-tively dead in the Legislature.

Voters could petition for a death penalty amendment. Past efforts, however, have foundered.

Here is what area representatives said about HER H.

Bishop: "There is substantial proof that executions deter future murders ... an undisputed fact. There have been 821 murders by persons convicted of murder. Prisoners on Death Row are 250 percent more likely to kill other prisoners and guards."

John Pappageorge (R-Troy) idn't speak but put up a green light as a yes vote.



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reasoned that 18-year-olds were

They solved problems without adherence to ideology. There were a lot of good people in both

Richard also admired former Gov. James Blanchard's knowledge of facts and his "feel for his-

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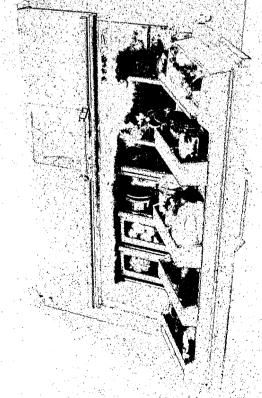
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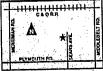


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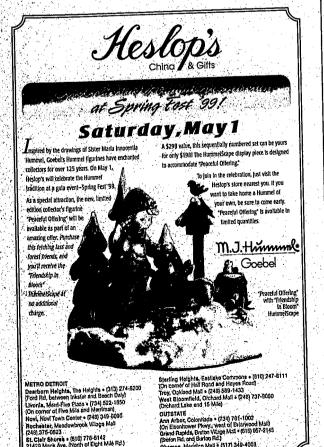
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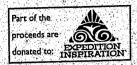


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Educator offers help to parents of troubled teens

BY JILL HOCKMAN STAFF WRITER jhockman@oe.homecomm.net

The 16-year-old Commerce girl was a cheerleader and a straight-A student, but her parents knew she was out of control. The Walled Lake Central stu-dent was depressed and bulimic. And she was abusing alcohol and heroin to ease her pain:

"She was using any means to anesthetize," said the girl's step-mother, who asked not to be identified. "Our entire life revolved around getting her

help."
But driving her to counseling appointments, checking her into treatment centers and enforcing strict rules at home wasn't

enough.

"What do you do when your kid is trying every day possible to destroy themselves?" the girl's step-mother said, "We were not succeeding."

The final straw came when the

girl came home drunk from a school basketball game.

The next morning she was on a plane headed for The DeSisto School, a Connecticut school for troubled kids. And now she's finally off drugs, her step-mother

said.
"She's performing, She's communicating. She's been clean for 16 months," the step-mother said. "She's been forced to deal

with her pain." The school's founder, Michael DeSisto, will speak to local parents about parenting techniques at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 29, at Sarah Banks Middle School. The seminar is free.

A noted educator, author, therapist and lecturer, DeSisto will be in town to meet with four local families whose children attend the school.

DeSisto said his program is aimed at bright, creative, manipulative kids who have problems with eating disorders, drugs, gambling or depression.

When kids use drugs or act out in other ways, parents often punish them instead of working to find the real problem, DeSisto said. He compared the situation to check the said. to a broken-down car.

"The car is making a bad noise because something is wrong with

it;" DeSisto said. "A kid takes drugs for one reason - because they're uncomfortable," he said. "Kids don't know how to feel good naturally. The only thing they're doing is medicating themselves to keep

Instead of punishing their kids for acting out, DeSisto said, parents need to find out what's

missing in their kids' lives. "How do you teach the kid to



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talk to you, let you know about the emptiness and fill themselves up?" he said. "It's about

learning how to love yourself,"

DeSiste said his techniques are helpful for all parents — not just those who are obviously struggling with big issues like alcohol, drugs or eating disor-

DeSisto is the author of two books: "Decoding Your Teenag-er," which is now out of print, and a handbook for family and adult psychotherapy. He's a fre-quent consultant to NBC's Today Show, and he recently taped a segment discussing the high school shooting incident in Littleton, Colo.

Those Littleton teens suspected of the school shootings are exactly the kinds of kids who might attend his school, he said.

DeSisto blamed the shooting tragedy on denial by school administrators. "They didn't know what to do with (those boys)," he said. "When we don't know what to do, we'll deny what's going on because we don't want to feel stupid."

DeSisto also said society's need to be politically correct cuts down on verbal confrontations. People don't express anger, and "nobody gets to see what's going on until it becomes explosive," he

Education plans get scrutiny

By Tim RICHARD STAFF WRITER

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House Republicans are giving the Engler administration a hard time on its efforts to let non-public school students take part in public school sports and

Lawmakers also are casting a wary eye at the governor's idea of letting school districts cross boundaries to set up competing "satellite" schools in other districts.

It's widely believed the House will strip out the section

allowing non-public students to take part in public school sports. Administrators fear that athletes with low grades will be "home" schooled, graded easily by their parents and become eligible for sports.

The day we adopt this, every high school dropout would become eligible for athletics," warned freshman Rep. Mike

Pumford (R-Fremont).
"I'm bothered by the satellite school idea," said Rep. Patricia (Pan) Godchaux (R-Birmingham), as the House Appropriasubcommittee on school aid took up the bill April 21. "We've tried to get school districts to collaborate. This will

create an adversarial relation-ship between them." * Rep. Tom Kelly (D-Wayne)

agreed, recalling the bifter fight when Romulus School District set up a "charter" school within Detroit's bound-aries. "There was animosity, and acrimony. There were problems with recruitment and sports," he said.

"No one's pounding on my door, begging for satellite schools," said Rep. Terry Geiger (R-Lake Odessa), chair of the full House Appropria-

tions Committee. Replied Robbie Jameson of Engler's budget office: "The governor has had districts complaining they can't compete liké charter schools do. This is a way to provide choice for par-ents. It's another step in the choice-competition continuum."

Another Engler idea is to stretch out pupil counts over the year so that state aid could be cut to districts with high

dropout and absenteeism rates. Brian Whiston, who represents Oakland Intermediate School District in Lansing's lobbies, explained how it works. Historically, school aid was based on attendance on the fourth Friday in September. Then the state went to a

blended count: 50 percent weight to February, 50 percent to September.

This helped districts losing population but hurt suburban growth districts. So last year, Sen. Bill Bullard Jr. (R-Milford) and then-Rep. Barbara Dobb (R-Union Lake) got it changed to 40 percent weight for February, 60 percent September.

Engler is proposing 20 per-cent weight for February and 10 percent weight for each of the eight months from September through May. "The funding would more closely follow the child," said budget spokesper-

son Jameson. "This is going to add a lot of administrative cost," predicted Godchaux. "You're telling us it's revenue-neutral." She noted that Proposal A, which made every district dependent on state aid, requires all 29 Oakland K-12 districts to submit reports. Prior to Proposal A. however, just three of 29 need-

ed to report.
"It took 15 or 16 people added to the payroll to audit the reports," Godchaux said, [Proposal A cut property taxes and substituted a 2 percent. rate increase in the sales tax to fund public schools.)

Pumford agreed with Godchaux's criticism, "For five years, I was a school atten-dance officer. It's not a popular job. That's the reason I ran for the Legislature," he said to loud laughter.

Engler's plan would require nine separate head counts and 10 "supplemental" count days for each of those, Pumford said. "How many more staff will have to be added at the Depart-

ment of Education?"
"Not many," Jameson replied "Reports come in electronically.

Engler's effort is taking a strange legislative path, Usual-ly, policy bills are separately drafted and sent to the House Education Committee, as in the case of the Detroit takeover.

This time, Engler has put his policy proposals into a budget bill – the K-12 supplemental bill. It provides \$67.8 million more for K-12 schools in fiscal 1999 (current year) and \$120.1 1999 (current year) and \$120.1 million more for fiscal 2000 (beginning Oct. 1). That's why it's in the Appropriations Committee process.

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Local control

Schools should decide calendar

hen it comes to paying bills, the state Senate is strongly for local control, home rule, grassroots government.

Area schools had to sue the state for 17 years to get their special education money.

Too bad the Senate didn't apply the local control principle when it voted April 22 for a bill to restrict the school calendar by discour-aging classes prior to Labor Day, Senate Bill 53 doesn't actually dictate the calendar, but it would shut down schools on the Friday prior to Labor Day and set up a commission, heavily loaded with tourism interests, to study the calendar question.

State government is quite within its limits in saying there should be 182 or more days of school. It's doing the right thing when it requires certification of teachers, inspection of

buildings, a list of academic outcomes.

But tinkering with the calendar? Hands off,

School boards should have maximum flexibility to set their calendars. They need flexibility in collective bargaining. They need flexibility to allow for snow days or fires that may force a building to be closed. A district may want to try a 12-month calendar, providing for

winter vacations.

Teachers want the K-12 calendar to match universities calendars. Why? So they can

■ State government is quite within its limits in saying there should be 182 or more days of school. It's doing the right thing when it requires certification of teachers. inspection of buildings, a list of academic outcomes. But tinkering with the calendar? Hands off, please.

attend summer college and earn advanced degrees. The Legislature should be encouraging teachers to upgrade, not toying with

impediments to satisfy the tourism industry. We applaud Sens. Bill Bullard Jr., R-Mil-ford, John Cherry, D-Clio, George Hart, D-Dearborn, and Shirley Johnson, R-Royal Oak, for opposing Senate Bill 53,

e ask Sens. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion, and Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, to reconsider their positions in the future. This battle isn't over.

SB 53 is in the House. Write to your state representative, State Capitol, Lansing 48909-7514, and ask him or her to vote no.

Engler gets tricky with schools

nce again, Gov. John Engler is at it promises never made, promises kept. During his 1998 reelection campaign, Engler never discussed the "policy initiatives he now is attempting to ramrod through the Legislature. We hold his lack of candor.

The latest is a mischievous scheme to let nonpublic school students participate in sports and extracurricular activities in public schools. In addition to no plan for reimbursing the public schools, the scheme is loaded with chances for abuse.

What's to prevent a failing athlete from being "home schooled?" His parents would mark his report card, give him passing marks and make him eligible.

What if private school students decided they wanted to play in the public high band? or join the French club? or be part of the National Honor Society? The public school pays its band directors and club advisors. Will rivate, parochial and "home" schools pay

their share? What about Engler's low-performing "charter" schools? They get the same state aid per-pupil as true public schools. Why don't they start their own football team, swim team, French club, band, orchestra, school paper and drama club?

If parents want their kids to enjoy the fruits of public education, they should send them to public schools.

The worst Engler plan is to allow public schools to cross into other districts and set up satellite schools there. In Engler jargon, the operative word is "competition," which is supposed to be good. It isn't.

If allowed, the cross-district competition plan will lead to duplicative resources. Parents are as likely to select the "easier" school as the academically tougher one so their darlings can build up a higher grade point aver-

Indeed, the competition plan is obsolete with the Michigan Educational Assessment Program. If MEAP guides the curriculum, as planned, the offerings of different schools should match.

What kids need is not competition between schools, with losers going out of business and

■ Such tricks have become all too common in the Engler administrato his state of the state address. bypassing the Department of Education on awarding information technology grants to community colleges, trying to strip the State Board of its constitutional duty to regulate charter schools . . . and so on.

construction loans to pay. What kids need is good teachers, certified and upgraded; good administrators, certified and upgraded; and supportive parents, guided by the instinct of helpfulness rather than rigid ideology.

tests — the chance to earn \$2,500 for college if they pass. We would suggest, however, that the money be spent only at Michigan's 15 public universities and 28 community colleges

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We come to Engler's tactics. Typically, his policy initiatives would go to a policy committee, such as the House Education Committee. Not this time. Engler put them in a budget bill and had it sent to the House Appropriations subcommittee on school aid.

It's a common trick, but still less than clean. Such tricks have become all too common in the Engler administration — not inviting the State Board to his state of the state address, bypassing the Department of Education on awarding n techno

does he hate the Department of Education and the State Board of Education? Why does he try every low-down trick in the political book to undercut them? He owes all of Michigan the

tion — not inviting the State Board

At this point we pause to give Engler credit for giving kids an incentive to take the MEAP no side door parochiaid, please

grants to community colleges, trying to strip the State Board of its constitutional duty to regulate charter schools ... and so on. Why does Engler hate public schools? Why

courtesy of an explanation.

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What can be done to curb teen violence?

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"All the schools should have a rally saying be kind to your felstudent...Kids

are hurting."

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LETTERS

Adults can help kids grow up mentally healthy

ll the worry in the world won't prevent a A tragedy like Columbine High School and others from happening. All the positive action in the world will make a tremendous difference in the lives of every youth. It has been said that "Concern should drive us into action and not into depression." Wonder what you

1. Create healthy, positive relationships with every youth you come into contact with.

2. Learn about developmental assets — the 40 qualities every young person needs to grow up healthy, caring and competent. www. search-institute.org. The more of these "developmental assets" youth have in their lives, the more likely they are to thrive and the less. likely they are to be involved in a variety of risky behaviors that can hurt themselves or

others 3. Compliment a youth for doing something right!

4. Read "What Kids Need to Succeed" or "What Teens Need to Succeed."

5. Model and mentor young people with appropriate behavior that teaches them right

from wrong. 6. Stop by the library and check out the dis-

cussion videos, "40 Assets Start Over, Starting Now" or "Creating Healthy Communities for Kids, Start Over, Starting Now." Gather your friends and neighbors and start discussing ways to make a difference in the lives of youth.

7. Support organizations that are working to make things better for all youth.

8. Connect to the Clarkston Community Task Force to see how you can be involved in a community effort to create a Healthy Community-Healthy Youth. 394-0252 www.clarkstonyouth.org.

"Whatever it is you want from young people, you must give them."—Anonymous

Someone took the time to make you feel special and important; make sure you take the time to do the same. You can make a difference. Will you?

Susette Hart Independence Township

Secretaries Day article was 'delightful'

W hat a delightful article Clarkston Eccen-tric staff writer Susan Tauber wrote April 18 for Secretaries Day. It makes me feel proud to have chosen a secretarial career, along with being a wife, mother and grandmother.

I have enjoyed reading Susan Tauber's articles in the Eccentric and look forward to many more in the months and years to come. Susan has a wonderful, expressive way with words!

> Rose Marie Burke Independence Township

Lessons of 1944

t now seems that NATO is about to relearn the lessons that Hitler learned in 1944. Namely, that an offensive war is different than a defensive war.

A defensive war is fought to protect home, family and nation. Just ask anyone in Eng-land, France, Poland or Russia who remembers World War II. Until recently, NATO's traditional strength has always been its defen-

An offensive war, on the other hand, is fought, by necessity, for some abstract grand ideal, for example, to unite the German race, to stop communism in Vietnam, to promote ethnic equality in Kosovo.

So, here's NATO's problem: To defeat a country's army is not to defeat a country's people. When Hitler beat the French army he still had an overwhelming problem – the French

Does NATO intend to fight a war of annihilation against the Serbian people who have yowed to fight to the last man to defend their country? Will NATO unleash total war on Serbia the way the allies did on Germany and Japan in the last days of World War II? I

think not. And, what of Russia? NATO has seriously misread Russian interests, treating the Russians as messenger boys for NATO. A dangerous hubris is in the air at NATO.

But, one has to almost pity NATO because they foolishly staked their future, and the world's future, on a war they do not have the will to win, and a war that may, in truth, be unwinnable.

Walter Warren Westland

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POINTS OF VIEW

Fear of violence makes it difficult for students to learn

elancholy boys and girls, angry boys and girls, panicked boys and girls, stoic boys and girls, who turn on their televisions and see a tragedy in Colorado. vividly detailed and frighteningly fac-

A massacre, sick and astonishing, like something they would show on an after-school special, except these exploding devices are real, and so are the corpses, and so are the implications. Experts and random pedestrian speculators offer theories concerning the cause of Columbine's irrational horror show, condemning everything from poetry to heavy metal music, but there is to be no simple explanation. The gunners could have been any kids. The school could have been any school.

Petrified boys and girls report to

Clarkston High the next day anticipating the worst. Graffiti appears on a sidewalk outside the building and suddenly we are all in danger. Students begin to worry.

Rumors, substantiated and otherwise, are transmitted from class to class like a sinister plague:

"There is a hit list with a dozen names on it."

"There is a hit list with one hundred names on it."

"There is a nasty gang of kids com-ing to assault us after school."

"The end is near." Faculty members sense the impending madness and attempt soothing these troubled juvenile minds. Secretly they also are afraid, as are the administrators, masking their discomfort behind a barrage of reassurance and authority. They

STUDENT COLUMNIST



renounce the rumors, logically citing a lack of physical evidence:

"There is no hit list." "There is no nasty gang."

"The end is far, far away."

Things return to apparent normalcy, but the troubling presence of anxiety continues to linger. Each morning

Each morning students walk into the building, the supposed plexus upon which we will construct a prosperous future, and they are not thinking about geometry, or anatomy, or government, or anything related to education. Instead they wonder if this is going to be the day when disaster strikes, when tensions finally culminate.

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they wonder if this is going to be the day when disaster strikes, when tensions finally culminate.

Intelligent people are my favorite kind of people. Beautiful things are my favorite kind of things. I spend my life in pursuit of these treasures. Surrounding myself with them brings unrivaled joy. The notion that I could be separated from these wonders at the whim of a single misguided individual is the saddest idea I can imagine. In defense of our own right to pleasure, we must discover what motivates these nefarious teenage villains and reason a scheme with which

Ben Ness is a student at Clarkston High School. His column alternates with one written by Clarkston Community Schools Superintendent Al

Child safety seats need proper installation to work right

ome years back a competing newspaper columnist came up with the analogy that a person riding in a car without a seat belt is like a raw egg rolling around in an unpartitioned carton.

Îmmediately I wished I'd written it. It's more than a well-turned figure of speech. It's an image that comes to mind and actually drives me to act more times than not when I climb into

A 4-year-old granddaughter doesn't equire such an image, "Fasten your seat belt Grammy," she automatically says, as I sidle in beside her in the back seat of her mom's car

She has no idea that it's just 15 years since safety belts have been nandatory in Michigan for all drivers and front-seat passengers.

And she has no idea that child passenger safety laws are even newer. These require children younger than to be in a car seat; children, ages 1-4 in a car seat in the front or in a car seat or safety belt in back; and chil-

dren 4-16 years to be belted. These laws are so strictly enforced that many hospitals won't release newborns unless parent(s) prove they have a car seat for the ride home.

Those 15 years of accident statistics paint the indelible picture that occupants in crashes are 25 times more likely to die if they aren't wearing seat belts. Even more recently, mandatory installation of the frontseat air bag gives added protection to front-seat passengers, strengthening the analogy of the car as a carton.

As a result, the front passenger may no longer be riding in the most dangerous seat in the car. Focus is shifting to the back seat, where our children ride because it is supposedly

Recently released state-wide statistics for 1997 report motor vehicle tal death for children younger than the first considering the issue But They told us that, over and over 16; establish that children ages 11,15 in the seas they were seeing have the lowest reported use of seat think your child safety seat is proper weren't installed properly." belts; and show some degree of



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improper child restraint device in 88.5 percent of case studies by the University of Michigan Transportation Insti-

This has prompted talk about upping the ante against parents who don't tuck their children safely into a child seat or seat belt. Some say they should not only be cited for violating the law but for committing an act of

ly installed, but it isn't?

Mike Khirallah and Sue Wilkinson recently waited for more than two hours in a line of more than 100 cars, when a Detroit Police precinct announced a free check of the installation of car safety seats.

Eleanor, at 2, had outgrown her baby car seat. "We bought a second car seat, but we couldn't get it to fit right," said Khirallah, who with his wife teaches at Oakland Community College. Even after following step-bystep instructions directly from the manufacturer, "It always seemed a little loose."

Three car seat experts worked for 20 minutes to properly re-install the seat in their van. "They told us that in an accident either she would have fallen out or the seat itself would have come undone," Khirallah said. "It wasn't the seat — we didn't have the necessary installation information.

This is a serious situation, but with

a number of possible remedies, All police departments could offer installation checks to their constituents. Car manufacturers could offer seat installation as a free or paid service of their dealerships. Or would be entrepreneurs could start up car-seat installation shops akin to those that install car radios or mufflers.

As we consider ways to strengthen our seat belt laws, we also must insist that the products we count on to obey them measure up. No one wants a small egg rolling around loose for any

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State's next industry will emerge as government levels playing field

ere's a capsule economic history of Michigan in just five paragraphs. Our first industry was fur trading in the 17th and 18th centuries. Furs were so scarce in Europe and yet so plentiful in the Great Lakes that the business turned out to be very profitable, forming the fortunes of many families back East, such as the Astors in New York.

Mineral extraction was next. The great copper deposits in the Upper Peninsula were known to the Indians but not exploited commercially until the end of the 18th century. Profits from copper helped fund the iron ore mining that continues in the UP to this day.

Migh of the capital from copper mining also financed the lumbering boom that clear-cut the white pine across most of the northern Lower Peninsula in the 19th century. More money came out of Michigan's white pine forests than out of the California gold fields during the famous gold rush.

Profits from lumbering formed much of the capital for the emerging automobile industry that began developing in Michigan at the start of the 20th century. After the industry consolidated in the 1920s, automobile manufacturing turned out to be an enormous worldwide industry with extraordinarily high profit margins.

Since the automobile industry matured in the last half of this century, business folks, investors and public policy-makers have been casting around some new thing that might form the basis for the next great industry to drive our state's economy – something like the computer industry in Silicon Valley or the software industry in Seattle.

That's not as easy as it looks.

First, you don't just decide you're going to reate some giant new industry out of whole cloth and expect that intention alone will get the job done.

Lots of governors tried, going all the way back to Bill Milliken, who in the early 1980s helped create publicly funded institutions like the Industrial Technology Institute in Ann Arbor and the Molecular Biology Institute in East Lansing. These never worked very well, nor did Jim Blanchard's attempts to use the Michigan Strategic Fund as a sort of governmental venture capital firm.

After a while, it became clear – even to governors – that new industries were not going to be created as a result of government policy. The best government could do was to level the play-

Dominant industries - in Michigan's case,



PHILIP POWER

auto manufacturing – always tend to use their political muscle to set public policy in their own

The Michigan Single Business Tax is a classic example. Written in the 1970s by lobbyists from General Motors who finalized their work at 2 a.m. and rushed the complex bill through an exhausted Michigan Legislature that had little idea what it was voting on, the SBT benefits manufacturing companies with high margins and hurts small business start-ups,

Give credit to Gov. John Engler and Doug Rothwell, CEO of the Michigan Economic Development Corp., for at last recognizing this prob-lem and leveling the playing field.

Last week, Rothwell announced a "Gold Collar Jobs Tax Package" that will give high-tech companies the same sales tax exemptions and tax breaks on buildings and equipment now given to manufacturing firms. Rothwell estimates the tax changes will save \$5-10 million per year for Michigan high-tech companies.

More and more, people are recognizing that the main barrier to finding and nourishing the next great industry in Michigan's economic history is cultural.

We can't afford to think like giant manufacturing companies; we've got to cherish entrepreneurs and risk-takers. We can't just complain about lack of venture capital; we've got to create an environment that is attractive to investors. We can't depend on state government to de much more than level the playing field.

Changing culture is a long, slow process. But there are signs that that process has started at

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Sign of the times in Oakland: Help wanted

BY PAT MURPHY pmurphy@oe.homecomm.net

Does Oakland County, as part of metropolitan Detroit, have difficulty competing with other areas when it comes to recruit-

ing highly skilled workers?
Definitely, according to economists from the University of Michigan who say the area's inability to compete with more glamorous areas — like Silicon alley in California — will contribute to the labor shortage that will hamper economic growth over the next two years.

New graduates in Michigan and other states - with degrees in engineering, comput-

er science, management information systems and other sought-after disciplines — are inclined to pursue careers in other, more alluring areas, according to economists George Fulton and Donald Grimes from the U of M Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations

"We see that at Michigan," Fulton said during a press con-ference prior to the 14th-annual Oakland County Economic Forecast Luncheon in Troy. Graduating students often take good jobs in other states without realizing equally good jobs are available in southeast Michigan, he said.

Recruiting — or the lack of recruiting by local firms —

As expected, the forecast luncheon was more positive than negative for Oakland County. The county's per capita income, for example, was \$38,127, ranking it within the top one percent of all counties in the nation and private-sector employment has grown 60 percent faster in Oakland County than the rest of the

nation. The vast majority of job gains were in the fields of business and professional services, the economists reported, ranging from high-wage jobs in engineering and computer services to lower-paying positions in jan-

is that graduates and those looking for career advancement

are not aware of the opportuni-

ties available in southeast

But the lack of qualified workers, along with a slowing national economy, will cause employment growth in Oakland to taper off over the next two years, the economists predicted. While Oakland had one of the nation's strongest economies in the 1990s - averaging a 3 percent increase in private-sector jobs each year — growth will slow to about 2.3 percent this

could be a factor, Fulton said, year and to 1,1 percent next But another part of the problem year,

Fulton said he can explain much of the slow growth with two words, "labor shortages," particularly in high-skill areas such as engineering and com-puter information services.

Oakland's job force was strengthened by the addition of 11,194 workers from other nations who came to live and work here, Fulton said. Some came here when international companies located facilities in Oakland, while others were recruited by companies that do business in a global market.

That "international migration" helped Oakland's economic growth, the economists said. But the county lost 7,931 workers from 1995-98, because of "domestic migration," or workers leaving the area.

Some of those workers leaving southeast Michigan are retirees who opt for warmer cli-mates, said Grimes. But within that number is a significant: segment of workers—including new college graduates—who chose other areas over southeast Michigan:

"We'hear this from head hunters and corporate executives all the time," said Jeffrey A. Kaczmarek, director of com-

A lack of qualified workers along with a slowing national economy, will cause employ, ment growth in Oakland to taper off over the next two years. Oakland had one of the nation's strongest

economies in the 1990s — averaging a 3 percent increase in private-sector jobs each year — but growth will slow to about 2.3 percent this year and to 1.1 percent next year.

munity and economic develop-ment. "Given a choice between moving to the Detroit area compared with Chicago, Seattle of San Francisco, workers chose elsewhere. Even kids who grew up here chose areas perceived to be more vibrant and excit-

ing."
Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson said he is aware that large numbers of skilled workers chose others areas over southeast Michigan. "Some of it is a perception prob-lem," he said. "Many believe Boston and Washington are better places to live.

"In many respects, however, Oakland and southeast Michi-gan have more to offer," he said. Our cost of living is lower and

we have better housing values."
The challenge for Oakland County and companies doing business here, according to the executive, is to emphasize the relative advantages of southeast Michigan over other areas of the country. "We've got to convince graduates from MIT or Cal Tech that southeast Michigan is a good place to launch a career, raise a family and live a



ty of Michigan who say the area's inability to compete with more glamorous areas like Silicon Valley in California — will contribute to the labor shortage that will hamper economic growth over the next two years.

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Yellowed news clipping tells of woes long ago

have a book at home called "The Social Mirror" and it dates back to the dawn of time. Shelving the book is not easy, for it is bulky and tattered and lacks a modern-day category in which to fit.

I guess you could say that like so many things in our world, "The Social Mirror" now has difficulty

finding its place. Bound in dirty, red-tooled leather, the book was published by the Sun Publishing Co., (isn't that a promising name?) in 1889 in Detroit. It has a subtitle — resting alongside the etchings of two wellcorseted women — that reads, "A complete treatise on the laws, rules and usages that govern our most refined homes and social circles."

In it/there is a drawing of the White House in Washington, D.C. And there is a picture of Rose Elizabeth Cleveland, the woman who, the book claims, makes its introduc-

The preface to "The Social Mirror" reads thus: "The aim of everyone is success. The hope we hold out to all young persons is that their

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Second-grade poet heads to Washington

An everyday school assignment—a poem about a snowflake — earned an 8year-old Clarkston student national recognition.

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER

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Some schoolwork surpasses the expectations of teachers.

For Martha Bregin, one poetry assignment gained not only the praise of her teachers, it received national attention. The 8-year-old Independence Township resident wrote an awardwinning poem about a snowflake, but it started out as an every-day school assignment.

"My teacher said that we had to write something about snow," said Martha Bregin, a second-grader at Pine Knob Elementary School. "It could've been a poem or a story. We went outside to look at the snow, to get

went outside to look at the show, to gesan idea: I looked real close at the snow
and it looked like crystals."

It was such a description that transformed her poem, "The Crystal
Snowflake," into a winner at the International Children's Environmental
Bester and Art Contest in the category Poetry and Art Contest in the category for kindergarten through second grade

The International Rivers Network is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the world's rivers and those who depend upon them. The winning poems in each of the four age cateories were chosen by former U.S. Poet Laureate Robert Hass, Winners were judged by Germaine Juneau, director of the International Children's Art Museum in San Francisco, California. Martha was one of eight winners in the

Two other finalists are also students at Pine Knob Elementary School: Robert Farr, a first grader, and Sandra Sarafijanovic, a second-grader. KC Leh, principal of Pine Knob Elemen-



Little poet: Second grader Martha Bregin is the happy winner of a national poetry contest for her poem, "Crystal Snowflake:"

tary School, said she's proud of all

three of the students;
"I'm absolutely thrilled to my teeth," said Leh. "Clarkston's really been pushing literacy, reading and writ-ing. We have writing all the time." She

called Martha a "delightful little girl." To be able to create a piece like that, to me, is just awesome," said Leh.

Teachers, like Paula Boehman, talked Martha into submitting the poem for the contest. According to her parents, she didn't initially want to

participate.
"She didn't even want to submit,"
said Thomas Bregin, Martha's father, Her teachers encouraged her to do so. Boehman had a unique opportunity

to teach a first grade class and then "loop" or move on to teach the same group of children at a second level the following year. Leh said that while the teacher is on leave, she was thrilled to hear about the awards. But Thomas Bregin said this isn't

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Modern technology makes us feel in touch with world

HELLO. Is anybody out there? I need some communication from the outside world. I've been forced into a state of semi-consciousness and feel a little out of touch.

This whole problem started a couple vecks ago while I was driving to work. I reached for the power button on my radio, as usual, to check the morning When I pushed it, nothing happened. The "power" button had no power. Since purchasing my car in late 1991, an occasional lack of power has been a reoccurring problem. The nor-mal solution is to turn the car off, turn it back on and hit the power button again. Although this always solved the problem in the past, this time it did nothing (except make me look ridiculous to the driver behind me, who must have wondered why I kept turning my car off

and on at every stoplight). I finally had to face facts — my radio was dead. Since my car is now nearly 8 years old and has about 160,000 miles. on it, I guess I should expect things to start going wrong, but... THE RADIO? How can I continue to drive without the radio? I need my news. The time that I spend in my car listening to the news radio channel is the only national news and weather that I have time to catch during the day. Without my daily dose of news, I'll surely become disconnected from the world.

As the days went by I realized becoming disconnected from the world was a less immediate concern than becoming connected to the car in front of me. Since I'm not a morning person and I have to be at work in Bloomfield Hills by 8 a.m., I'm usually still tired when I leave my house. The drive to work, often in bumper-to-bumper traffic, is a tedious and usually uneventful trek, This monotony became overly tiresome and I found myself fighting to keep my eyes open. Not a good way to start the

day.

To overcome the drowsiness, I tried to devote the drive time to an exploration of my inner thoughts. You know, a little silent meditation to start the day. This may work for others, but my inner thoughts seemed to be even more boring than the outer traffic. To fight the 'inner thoughts coma" I had selfinduced. I tried singing to myself.



Although I have a terrible voice, I love singing. What better place than alone in a car where no one can complain? The singing method worked for a couple minutes. That's how long it took me to sing the only song I know over and over enough to practically lull myself into a

Then I thought of the book that I keep in the car for reading while waiting for my boys to come out of school each afternoon. Oh, don't moan! I know, everyone hates those people who try to read books while they are driving down the road. Of course, I wouldn't do any-thing that silly ... normally. I only read

at stoplights and in bumper-to-bumper traffic. Of course, there was that day when I read that Edward, one of the main characters in my book, had been shot down while flying his fighter plane over enemy territory. I had to read a little after the light turned green that time, but that was an emergency situa-

Anyway, I was still trying to cope with the loss of my radio (and Edward) when some Jerk infected our computer at work. No, I'm not calling names. It was the Jerk virus that knocked out our computer system on April 19. Apparently, a rebellious act designed to reek havor on the anniversary of the Waco incident. It would appear that the guy who planted the virus very correctly named it after himself because the Jerk really messed up our office and, from what I hear, several other computer systems. Production in a modern law office grinds to a screeching halt when the computer system goes down. The jerk hit on a Monday and as of Friday, things were still not 100 percent operational yet. An entire week without the use of our e-mail, Internet, computer

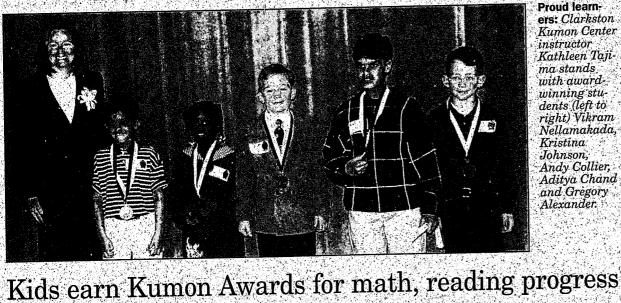
research sources, ... did I mention email? The e-mail loss upset me the most. A week of being unproductive would have been bearable if I could have communicated with the outside

In addition to the lack of communication, I also had to again fight the urge to nod off. Without the use of the computer, I was forced to actually use law books to look up cases. No point and click there. Do you know how difficult it is to stay awake while reading case law? Not to mention the boredom of hand writing a lengthy table to keep track of the status of various UCC filings. Did

this Jerk have no compassion at all?

As you can tell, it's been a trying and tiring couple of weeks for me. So, if you so me efficient at a stoolight with see me sitting at a stoplight, with a Rosamund Pilcher book propped on my steering wheel and a dazed look on my face, please be patient. My radio will be back from the shop on Monday and Til surely have stopped muttering "Inconsiderate Jerk" by mid-day next Tues-

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ry and traditions. Illis is the son of William A and Frances M. Illis of Davis-

burg. He is a graduate of Brandon High School in Ortonville.

Jerry Lee recently earned his commission as second lieutenant in the Air National Guard, a component of the Department of the Air Force.

He's the son of Jerry and Margaret Lee of Independence Town-

ship.

Lee graduated from the Air National Guard Academy of Military Science at McGhee Tyson National Guard Base in Knoxville, Tenn

To earn his commission, he had to complete a six-week, inresident course studying military training, professional development, communicative skills, leadership and management. defense studies and physical training.

Lee is a maintenance officer for the 127th Wing at Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Mount Clemens. He graduated from Walsh College in Troy in

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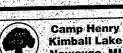
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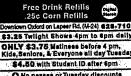
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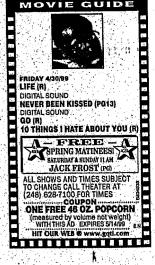
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urge upon them the necessity of industry, neatness, perseverance, honesty and economy, not alone for the building of character, but also for the attainment of success." Its chapters address such topics as, literally: "public places, entering society, ceremonious dinners, the awkward and the shy, mourning customs, a mother's influence, be patient with boys" and "culture in the

As best I remember, I bought the book at a used book sale a long time ago because I thought that someday, if I chose to write an historic novel, it might provide me with valuable insights about the

way people used to live. Instead, I find it working its insights into my column. Sort

I came across "The Social Mirror" the other day while rifling through a dusty old box Flipping its pages, I found a tiny, leaf-ed branch tucked between them from a plant I do not recognize (who plucked it and placed it there?), along with a clipping from an aged, yellowed, water-stained newspaper.

Coincidentally, the stories in the clipping are all dated between late April and early May, though the clipping's year and city of origin are unknown. The headline portion of the newspaper that carries the date and place have been ripped away from it. No single story stands out and demands "center stage," as it were, so it is impossible for a reader to know why this bit was ripped from its home and stored in the book. I suspect the torn sheet dates from the turn of the cen-

tury . In light of the recent events that have made national news-

papers (the Clinton scandal, Dr. Keyorkian's conviction on murder charges, the horrors in Kosovo, the sad, sad mass killings in Colorado), I find the stories of this old clipping interesting.

On one side the page details what is called in the headline, "Almost A Cyclone" — a gale which hit Owosso, Fenton and Clinton County and which took out a variety of barns, businesses and homes and sent bolts of lightning through at least two houses. It also recounts the deaths of Archbishop Corrigan and Rear-Admiral Sampson (no first names given.)

Rear-Admiral Sampson reportedly died of a brain hemorrhage after suffering a "sinking spell."

On the page's reverse side are some 11 reports including one in which a 3-week-old infant was found wrapped in a "mackintosh" and left in a coal bin in Mount Clemens; one in which a Ludington assessor was attacked by a man who had "suddenly become violently insane;" and one in which science debated whether men lived on Mars. A fourth story tells of the organization of an anti-beef eating league and a fifth scares its readers with the possibility of revolution in Por-

You tell me: Do you suppose a book like "The Social Mirror" ever really did anyone any good? Has the nature of mankind changed in the last century?

Carolyn Walker is a freelance writer. She lives in the city of the Village of Clarkston.

CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

SATURDAY, MAY 1 KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY

4:00-8:00 p.m. Deer Lake Rac quet Club. Once again, Churchill Downs comes to Deer Lake Racquet Club. Bet on your favorite horses, Cash Payouts Doorprizes & Raffles, Ladies Hat Contest, Live Entertainment, Genuine Mint Juleps, Watch the Derby on Big Screen TV: To reserve your tickets or for more information contact Dick Miller 620-7100, Joel Delong 625-9741 or Your Favorite Rotarian.

SUNDAY, MAY 2 SPRING CONCERT

3:00 p.m. Clarkston High School Auditorium, 6093 Flem-ings Lake Rd. The Clarkston Community Band presents it's third annual spring concert. Join us for musical entertain-ment the whole family will enjoy. Free refreshments following the concert. No admission charge: For questions phone 625-3546.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

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appetite, and nervousness, For more information call 625-5599.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5 GARDENING CLUB MEETING

9:30 a.m. Hart Community Center at Mill Pond Park, Davishurg. Springfield Township's branch of the Woman's National Farm & Garden Association. Meetings are held the 1st Wednesday of each month. The club is open to both men and women in the surrounding com-munities. For more information call 620-9281

THURSDAY, MAY 6 P.A.R.T.Y. (PEOPLE ARE RELATING TO YOU)

7.9 p.m. CCA Building (Corner of Sashabaw and Maybee Rds.) The Clarkston Community Task Force for Youth will host a fol-low-up adult/youth dialog meeting, continuing the theme of it's March 20 Town Hall meeting. Citizens of all ages are welcomecome with an open mind and an attitude of mutual trust, respect and hope! Questions? Call Cindy at 394-0252.

THURSDAY, MAY, 6

WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP 7 p.m. Topic; Loneliness; to discuss the feelings that surround loneliness, Independence Township, Senior Center in Clinton-wood Park on Clarkston Road. Informal sharing meeting, walkin; no registration, free of charge, refreshments served, all area residents welcome. Facilitator, Christine Spencer, M.A., L.P.C., Director of Bereavement Services at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home. Call if you want to be on our mailing list 625-

FRIDAY, MAY 7

MOTHER/SON DANCE 7-9 p.m. Springfield Plains Elementary. Hey moms, here's your chance to show that special young man in your life how much he means to you. There will be refreshments, a DJ, door prizes and a photograph to cap-ture this special event. \$15/cou-ple (additional child \$3). Register early, this event sees many returns. For more information or to register call Clarkston Community Education at 674-

SATURDAY, MAY 9

FISH & CHIPS BENEFIT DINNER

5-8 p.m. American Legion, Chief Pontiac Post #377, 4819 Edgewood Clarkston. Bring your friends and family for a delicious dinner and a good. cause. All proceeds to benefit cause. An process the legion bowling program for physically impaired children. \$5.50 per person. Fish & Chips, Coleslaw, Rolls & Dessert.

MONDAY, MAY 10 CLARKSTON CHORDMASTERS

7:30 p.m. United Methodist nurch, Waldon Rd., Clarkston Clarkston Chordmasters Barbershop Quartet Chapter is pleased to announce a combination Open House, Ladies Night and Guest night. Entertainment will be provided by a number of local and guest quartets. Headlining will be the 1997-98 Pioneer District Champion, "The Detroit Sound Company." Please call or e-mail the President, Lyle Howard at 248-634-1577, or howardj@tir.com with any questions. Also let us know if you plan to attend so we know how many to plan for.

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the first recognition Martha has received for her writing. When she was in first grade, some second grade teachers used samples of her work as examples in their

When the phone rang around 8:30 one evening during Easter break, a bad connection caused Sharon Bregin, Martha's mother, to believe it was a wrong number or crank call. But the call brought the good news to the Bregin family, who will travel to the Library of Congress in Wash-ington D.C. on May 8, where Martha will be recognized for her work.

Her father said she's always making up stories and pictures. But at the age of 8, Martha also enjoys watching television, rid-ing her bike and learning about mathematics, just like her peers.

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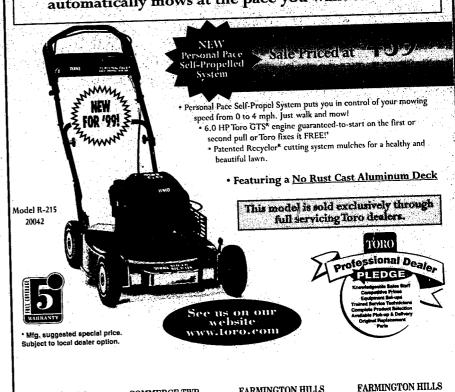
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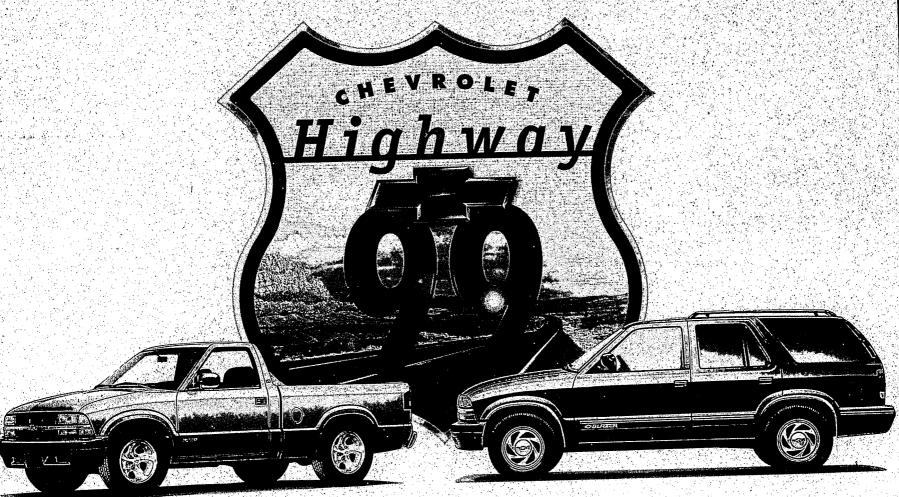
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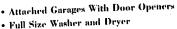
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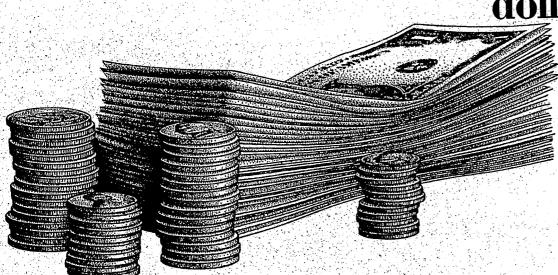
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BRAD KADRICH

Little things contributing to baseball bonanza

There was a sharp intake of breath as he recoiled from the fence in left-field, followed by a large sigh of relief when Fences Hodges — Wait. No, that's Francis Hodges — got up and walked off the field under his own power during a baseball doubleheader last week against Holly.

Hodges was playing left field, and his Wolves were cruising. Still, he chased after the fly ball as if he had a chance of catching it (he had no shot). He hit the warning track, ignored the center fielder's warning, and crashed into the barrier. It bent out from the pressure of his weight, then snapped back in, flinging the dazed Hodges to

the ground. He was up soon enough, accepting the good-natured jibes of his teammates, Some wondered if he wasn't laying there, a la Cuba Gooding Jr. in Jerry Maguire: "Wait, let me enjoy this for a minute," then standing to the raucous, relieved cheers of fans, and teammates.

In the grand scheme of things, it

was a pretty insignificant play in an easy pair of victories for the Wolves who, with the wins, jumped to a 7-0 start. But the significance of the effort

can't be questioned.

"That says something about how we're playing," first-year coach Phil Price said. "The little things like that (kind of effort) makes us a better

The hard to argue with the idea the Wolves are a better team. Even after Monday's unfortunate 14-7 loss to West Bloomfield, during which the Wolves made seven errors, Clarkston stands 8-2 after its first 10 games.

It's the best start in Price's memo ry, and he's been with the team eight ry, and nes been with the team eight years. But even Price wonders whether Clarkston should be happy with it: To a man, the Wolves feel they could be 10-0. The seven errors against the Maples speak for themelves; in weekend games, the Wolves lost 8-3 to Midland, who turned around and got mercied by Traverse City West, who in turn got clobbered

by the Wolves.

"We have two losses, but we gave it to both of them," said Price, who wasn't talking trash; just acknowledging the truth. "Not to take anything away from either of those teams, because they beat us, but we didn't even com-

That won't happen often. The Wolves play, for the most part, sound fundamental baseball, something on which Price has put extra emphasis since he took over for Pops Warner

Senior pitcher/outfielder Chris Mitchell is turning out to be the Real Deal, going 2-1 in the early going and ripping the ball all over the field to the tune of a .600 batting average. Outfielder Spencer Hynes is also off to an excellent start, doing many of the little things that teams need people to do.

Contributions like that are happening all over the diamond. Catcher Derek Casper is a hustler who has improved every year; Mike Simko has one of the league's smoothest gloves Eric Jenks is a demon at the top of the lineup and in the outfield.

With the possible exception of Mitchell, no one on this team stands out. And that may ultimately be the secret to the Wolves' success: a collection of good players who go out and do

"We've got a great group of kids," Price said. "We don't have any superstars. It's just a bunch of players who know their roles and go out and play

Another reason for Clarkston's fast start is its pitching. Though the Wolves have given up way too many unearned runs, the team is only surrendering slightly more than two earned runs a game.

Combined with timely offense, as has been the case most of the season, it's a pretty good formula for winning

"Our pitchers throw strikes and we make the plays behind them," Price said. "It's so much easier to get people

out when you're ahead of them."

But perhaps the biggest reason the

Please see WINNING, B2

Solid effort earns split with Hawks



Except for one inning, the Clarkston Wolves got excellent defense and good pitching Monday, and the result was a split of a prep girls softball doubleheader with perennial powers because Provider house Brandon.

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The Clarkston Wolves played 13 solid innings in a prep girls softball doubleheader against Ortonville Brandon Monday.

Unfortunately for the Wolves, it was that 14th inning that made the differClarkston made two costly throwing errors and gave up four hits and a walk in the third inning of the opener. handing the Blackhawks five runs as Brandon went on to a 7-3 victory.

Clarkston's defense was brilliant in the nightcap, and the Wolves earned a split with a 4-2 win behind the seven-

hit pitching of Lisa Ferguson.
"One bad inning," Clarkston coach Al-Land said. "We made some bad throws.

The second game started out like it would be a barn-burner. Clerkston took a quick 1-0 lead in their half of the first inning.

the first inning.

Melanie Arnold, who went 6-for-8 on the day, led off with an infield single and went to second on a throwing error. She moved to third on Lindsay Simko's grounder, then scored on a sacrifice fly by Candace Morgan. The Hawks struck right back. Crys-

tal Stieve walked, moved to second on a grounder and to third on a wild pitch. She scored on a double by Joni Salo, who scored herself on a passed ball.

But the Wolves weren't done. Tricia

If we don't give them five runs, we I 'If we don't give them five runs, we win.'

> Al Land Clarkston softball coach

Brewer, who had a marvelous day, led off the Clarkston second with a single and came all the way around when Mandie Harrison ripped a double. Harrison stole third and scored when catcher Stefane Stavale's throw went into left field.

Clarkston added the game's final run in the fifth. Mary Warchuck drew a walk leading off and moved up on

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Clarkston does splits in Midland

Wolves rebound after 1st loss

By Brad Kadrich Sports Editor bkadrich@ce.homecomm.net

Clarkston Wolves got spanked once, then rebounded to do their own spanking while earning a split in a pair of prep baseball games in Midland over the week-

The Wolves weren't themselves in the first game, falling behind 8-0 before scoring three late runs in an 8-3 loss to Midland. Then they turned around and looked like world-beaters, rebounding to deliver a 12-2 rout of Traverse City West in the second game.

Senior right-hander Eric Jenks was brilliant against Traverse City West, going the distance to beat the Titans. He held West to just three hits while striking out six and giving up three

The Wolves scored a run in the first, then put together a four-run burst in the second inning that crased a 1-1 tie and put them up for good.

Clarkston added a single run in the third, two more in the fourth and their final four runs in the fifth

inning. Outfielder Chris Mitchell did much of the damage. Mitchell was 3-for-3 with two RBL, but he had help. Outfielder Spencer Hynes was 2-for-4, drove in one run and stole two bases. Adam Leech, who has been playing well lately, stole three bases and scored three times.

Jenks, who ran his record to 3-0, helped himself offensively, ripping a



Not quite: West Bloomfield's Austin Morris (4) gets to second ahead of the throw to Clarkston second baseman John Drallos during the Lakers' 14-7 win over the Wolves Monday.

two-run home run as part of a 2-forday at the plate. He gave up single runs in the first and fifth innings.

Things didn't go quite so smoothly

in the first game. The Wolves gave up a run in each of the first two innings and two more in the third. Midland broke the game open with four runs

in the fourth inning.
The Wolves never got on the scoreboard until it was too late. Clarkston

Please see BASEBALL, B2

Kickers crush Captains

Indeed it is the beginning of a new season for the Clarkston girls soccer team.

The Wolves (2-4-1) won their second game in third tries Tuesday with the team's best performance of the season, a convincing 4-0 shutout over visiting Waterford Kettering.

Four different players each scored as Clarkston outshot the Captains 16-7 and controlled play for

virtually all 80 minutes. Jennifer Kerney found a loose ball 20 yards from the Kettering net and buried it past goalie Jenny McKechnie with just under 19 minutes into the first half. Katie Kennedy made the play by beating two Captain defenders and deflecting a cen-tering pass of the sweeper before Kerney's

tally. One of the keys to the win according to head coach Tami Mitchell was the fact her squad scored that first goal giving them added con-

"It seems if we score first our spirits really are motivated," said Mitchell, whose team was playing its fourth

game in six days. "This year it's been a big difference for us depending Again Kettering folon who scores the first

Following Kerney's tains had three corner kicks in a short period of time but never seriously threatened the Clarkston net, But 13 minutes after the first goal the Wolves

struck again. Again Kennedy was the catalyst, maneuvering through a crowd and feeding senior Katy

ball in the top left corner for a 2-0 advantage.

lowed the goal with some light pressure and forced Clarkston start-ing goalie Sarah Morgan to make her toughest save of the night from close in. A charging Morgan just kept Kettering forward Jill Frazier from cutting the lead in half by diving on the ball just outside the penalty box.

As the Wolves contin-Please see SOCCER, B2



Battle for the ball: Clarkston's Katie Kennedy beats Heather Johnson of Kettering to the ball in the Wolves' 4-0 win.

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Falcons deal blow to hopes of a Clarkston tennis title

BY BRAD KADRICH

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with his Clarkston Wolves' chances at securing an Oakland Activities Association Division II tennis championship this year. Then along came the Birmingham

Groves Falcons.

The Falcons won three-of-four doubles matches and handed the Wolves their second loss of the season, 5-3, at Birmingham Monday.

Clarkston managed to split the singles matches, but could only pull out one win in doubles competition and now will need help if they are to win the league title.

"We're in a little bit of a hole now," Ortwine said, "We need a little help to win the league now.

"If we can win the league meet (May 13) and if a couple of the other teams can fall in the right places, we can still do it."

The Wolves won just one doubles match, but it was a beauty.
The No. 2 doubles tandem of Jesse

Roderick and Mike Rashid won in straight sets 6-4, 6-0.

"They played outstanding." Ortwine said. "They played smart doubles. They got to the net and they hit winners, which is what our other three doubles teams couldn't do:

The performance of his doubles teams surprised the Clarkston coach. "If you'd have told me going in we

were going to lose three out of the four doubles matches," he said, "I wouldn't have believed it."

■ 'We're in a little bit of a hole now. We need a little help to win the league. If we can win we can still do it.'

Kevin Ortwine -Clarkston tennis coach

Clarkston lost at No. 1 singles and No. 2 singles, but put together wins in the other two singles matches.

Scott Barnett, playing at No. 3 singles, came from behind to post a gutty three-set victory, 2-6, 6-2, 6-4,

Brent Griffith was even better, winning 6-2, 6-4 at No. 4 singles.

"It was a nice comeback for (Barnett)," Ortwine said, "And (Griffith) played real well." ■ Saturday — Warren Mott Invi-tational: The Wolves had three final-

ists and finished fourth overall, up three spots from their 1998 finish Pat Heber reached the No. 1 singles

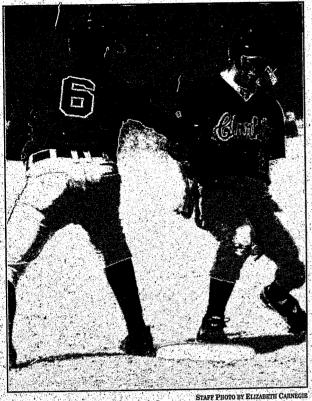
finals before falling 7-5, 6-2. Barnett, who has played well lately,

lost a tough three-setter 3-6, 6-1, 6-1 in the finals. He got there by winning his semifi-

nal match 6-0, 6-3,

The No. 2 doubles team of Rashid and Paul O'Connor also made it to the finals before dropping a 6-4, 0-6, 6-4

decision. "Fourth is an improvement from seventh," Ortwine said. "Everyone else played OK, and four out of eight guys earned medals. We were happy with



Safe return: Clarkston's Nick Petrinec (2) beats the tag of West Bloomfield first baseman Jordan Wolfe during the Lakers' 14-7 win over the Wolves Monday.

Baseball from page B1

scored three times in the seventh, the big hit a two-run double by Leech.

Still, even after a loss Monday to West Bloomfield, the Wolves stood 8-2 after 10 games. Jenks said he wasn't sure the team was all that happy despite the fast

"I don't know if we're 'happy' with 8-2," the senior said. "We

all think we could be 10-0."

Clarkston played Troy
Wednesday afternoon, but results weren't available at press time. The Wolves host Rochester Friday.

■ Monday -– West Bloomfield 14, Clarkston 7: The surprising Lakers (2-0 Oakland Activities Association Division I) exploded for six third-inning runs, then scored five more in

the fourth to overcome a 5-1 Clarkston lead and post the relatively easy win over the Wolves.

Clarkston scored three times in the first and two more in the second, largely on the bats of Mitchell and Hynes. But the Wolves, who made seven errors in the game, handed West Bloomfield 11 runs in two

Mitchell finished 2-for-2 with two walks. He had a triple and a double with two RBI. Hynes added a double and triple with three RBI. Jenks and Jeff Oliver added two hits apiece.

"We have two losses, but we gave it to them both times, Clarkston coach Phil Price said. "Not to take anything away from those teams, because they beat us, but we didn't even compete."

Springfield pitchers just say 'no-no'

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

To most, April 27, 1999 will go down as just an average spring day. But at Clarkston Springfield Christian, it will be a day that will be remembered for years to come.

The Eagles displayed a rare feat on the baseball diamond by posting back-to-back no-hitters against visiting Oxford Christian. Springfield won the first game 23-0 in four innings while blanking the Warriors 9-0 in the

five-inning nightcap to improve to 4-1 overall and 3-1 in the Fundamental Baptist Athletic Con-

"I've never seen anything like it," said Springfield assistant coach Gary Irish. "There really isn't anything like back-to-back no-hitters."

Junior right-hander Greg Irish had his first start on the mound in the opener and finished with strikeouts and just one walk. Trish also aided his own cause by batting 4-for-4 with four RBI, while senior Tony Gonzales had a double, triple and home run with RBI and five runs scored, and junior Matt Lonteen drew three walks and crossed the plate five more times.

In the nightcap, freshman right-hander Ben Munce (3-0) faced just 17 batters, striking out 14 and walking three. He also picked one Oxford Christian 0-4) runner off base.

"He has a great moving fastball and his curveball was really working," said Irish of Munce. "Even the umpire was impressed."

Irish and Munce each had RBI singles in the second game,

while junior Tom Devine collected an RBI double for the Eagles.

"We were just dominating," said Irish. "I know Oxford Christian hasn't had a team for the past 7-8 years, but this is still an amazing feat. Oxford Christian never really hit anything but foul balls. They drew a couple walks but never really threat-

"I think this will really help build some confidence for us," he added. "We have some tough games next week but I think we'll be ready.'

Soccer from page B1

ued shuttling players in and out of the lineup, the Captains seemed to tire late in the half,

and Clarkston added to its lead. With McKechnie out of position 30 yards from the goal, striker Brooke Petrinec crossed into toward the open net and junior Mercedes Combs knocked it in for the uncontested goal and a 3-0 lead with just over a minute left in the first half.

With all the substituting, Clarkston seemed unaffected by fatigue, particularly coming off a tough 2-1 non-league loss Monday night at Lapeer West in a game which the Wolves controlled but were unable to convert on their scoring chances

Unlike their 3-2 win Friday over Goodrich, Clarkston didn't let down in the second half and maintained pressure in the final

40 minutes.
"We didn't let down tonight said Mitchell. "The girls did a good job of keeping their focus.

"Our new season started tonight. Hopefully we can carry this on throughout the rest of the season."

Junior goalie Lauren Stout played the entire second half and was never really tested as the Wolves utilized their entire bench. Senior striker Alaina Dodds added an insurance goal 14 minutes into the second half

or the final margin of victory. On Monday, Mitchell began implementing a 3-4-3 lineup, going away from the two forward alignment they started the sea-

son with. The move has seemed to work through two games, as the Wolves experienced many more scoring chances.

"It's working pretty well so far and the girls are pretty comfortable with it," said Mitchell. "The good thing it does for us is really spread the field."

Clarkston will host Bloomfield Hills Lahser today, Mitchell expects them to be quick and said Lahser does a good job of utilizing the long ball on its offensive attacks

■ Clarkston field maintains shape: After the torrential rains which hit the area last week, the Clarkston football/soccer field seems to have handled the elements extremely well,

During Friday's match against Goodrich, less than a day after heavy rains, the field was in good shape and appeared to have

drained very well.

Special days coming up next week at Clarkston: The game against Lapeer East next Friday, May 7, will be Youth Soccer Night

All Clarkston youngsters wearing their parks and recreation jerseys will get in for free. and may participate in a halftime shootout.

In addition Clarkston soccer will host its annual spring soccer camp Saturday, May 8. The camp runs from 9-11 a.m. and is for boys and girls at Clarkston High School. The cost is \$25 per student. For more information call (248) 627-3684.

Winning from page B1

Wolves are winning is the team is having fun. Practices are wide open, and one can generally find rice right in the middle of them, playing the outfield or running the bases. In one drill Tuesday, he reached base and gave himself the green light to

Baseball in Clarkston this same thing.

year is spelled f-u-n.

We're definitely having a lot of fun," said Jenks. "Last year was fun, but we're having fun as a team this year, because we're winning. We can see how good we can be."

Now the Wolves are hoping the rest of the league will see the

Softball from page B1

Jenny Winn's sacrifice. Tracy Honey, who went 2-for-3 in the second game, ripped a double into the left-center gap to score Warchuck.

The rest of the story was Ferguson's pitching and the Clark-

ston defense. The Blackhawks had the leadoff runner at first in the fourth when Stavale ripped a liner to

shortstop. Clarkston's Harrison pulled it in and doubled Jenna Little off

In the fifth, Brandon's Emily Hoffman singled and stole second with two outs.

LeAnna Peters drilled one at Warchuck. The ball popped out of her glove, but Warchuck calmscooped it up and put the tag on Peters to end the threat.

Brewer, who had two hits in five at-bats, made a sensational diving, rolling grab of a liner to start the Brandon seventh...

And Simko, playing third, scooped up a slow roller and

'(Ferguson) mixed up

her pitches pretty well. Al Land -Clarkston softball coach

threw out Stephanie Dura to end the game on a bang-bang play. Ferguson struck out just one hitter, but also only allowed one hit and consistently induced the Blackhawks into grounders and pop flies.

"Lisa mixed up her pitches pretty well," Land said. "Her change-up had them off bal-

The Wolves took a 1-0 lead in the opener, too, on a walk and stolen base by Simko and Warchuck's run-scoring single:

They scored a single run in the third when Arnold stole third and scored on a throwing error. i The Wolves got their final rur in the seventh on an RBL single from Winn....

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Wolves power to track sweep

of 16 events, including double wins from Amanda Chicalas and Rachel Uchman, and overpow ered Troy, 85-44, in an Oakland Activities Association Division girls' prep track win.

Meanwhile, the boys were having a little harder a time, but relied on their distance runners to help pull out a 72-56 win over the Colts. Junior David Sage was the big winner, taking both the 1600- and 3200-meter races.

Chicalas won the 100 hurdles in 16.3, and came back to win the 300 hurdles in 50.4. Uchman, meanwhile, was winning the long jump with a leap of 16-

The Clarkston Wolves won 11 feet-6 inches, and the 400 meters in 63.7.

Clarkston's Jenny Bauer leared 4-feet-10 inches to win the high jump. Branafti took the 100 meters, while Lissa Lukens won the 1600 in 5:38.

Clarkston earned big points in the relays, winning at all four distances. The Wolves won the 3200 relay in 10:32 and the 800 relay in 1:54. Clarkston's 400 relay team won in 5:60, while the 1600 relay team posted a winning time of 4:24.

In the boys race, Clarkston's Sage earned huge points by winning the 1600 in 4:29 and capturing the 3200 in 10:08. The

Wolves also benefitted greatly by winning three of the four relays.

The 3200 relay team won in 8:20, the 1600 relay team won in 3:29 and the 800 relay team posted a winnir/g time of 1:35.

Rafael Fauza cleared an even 6-feet to win the high jump. Clarkston's other wins came from Klint Powell in the 400 meters (51.4); Cody Senkyr, who ran the 300 hurdles in 42.6; and Brent Quantz in the 800 meters

Clarkston runs in the Ashley Relays at Mott Saturday, then hosts Rochester Adams Tuesday

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The newly renovated Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features sev field lanes and one broadhead lane and is open 10.a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Livonia residents shoot free of charge. The range is located on Glendale Ave., east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information

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FULL MOON WALK A naturalist-led hike under the light of the "Frog Moon" begins at 8 p.m. Friday, April 30, at

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p.m. Saturday, May 1, at Independence Oaks. MOTHER'S DAY TEA

Girls and boys ages four and older and their mother or grandmother are invited to a very special tea party in celebration of Mother's Day, beginning at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 8, at Independence Oaks.

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Webelo scouts can complete the requirements for their naturalist, forester or geology badge during this program, which runs throughout the day on Saturday, May 1, at Indian Springs. Participants are asked to call ahead for times.

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Oxford kickers fall to Lapeer East, 3-0

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If the Oxford Wildcats were looking for improvement in their Flint Metro League soccer game against Lapeer East Tuesday

night, they got what they want-

INSIGHTS

If they were looking for a win, though, they left the game disap-pointed.

Eagles senior Jessy Hoppe scored on an indirect kick with less than two minutes to go in the first half, and added a pair of second-half tallies and beat the Wildcats, 3-0, at Oxford.

It was a marked difference from last year's game, when the Eagles routed the Wildcats 6-0. Looking for a silver lining in an otherwise dark cloud, Oxford coach David Summers was pleased with the improvement.

"That's half as bad or half as good as it was last year, depending on how you look at it, Summers said. "(East) is probably the top team, so we did OK with

Local angler gets back in the hunt

year absence, Rochester native Art Ferguson has earned a trip back to the pres-tigious BASS-MASTER Classic. Ferguson, who fished in the Classic in 1990, earned a berth in this year's tourna-

ment by winning the Northern Division championship in the Wrangler/B.A.S.S. National Championships last weekend on the Red River in Shreveport,

Louisiana. mThe Federation is divided into fixed geographical divisions Northern, Southern Eastern, Western, and Central. The top angler from each division at the national championship advances to the Classic, Ferguson was seventh overall, but first among Northern Division competitors with a three-day limit of 15 fish that weighed 39 pounds, 5

ounces. "I'm real excited," Ferguson said. "This is something I have been shooting for for the last two years and I finally made it that's step number one. Step number two is to win it. I feel pretty good about it this time. I'll lenty of time to pre-fish it and I've already fished that water. I have a one-in-41 chance to win it so I think my chances

are pretty good." At the Wrangler/B.A.S.S. National Championships, Freguson caught most of his fish in shallow flats adjacent to deep creek channels in the back oxbows of the river. Pitching Gambler Dion's Classic twin tail grubs and casting Terminator Titanium spinnerbaits, he managed to boat a total of 35 keepers over the course of the three-day

tournament. "This was the highest pressured tournament of my he said. "I really wanted to make the BASSMASTER Classic and it was a very close tournament with a lot of good fishermen and

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accomplishment of my career and I'm looking forward to going to New Orleans and fishing in the Big Show.

This year's Classic is slated for July 29-31 on the sprawling Mis-sissippi, River delta. The weighwill be held inside the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans.

Ferguson was one of the youngest anglers ever to qualify for the Classic when he earned a berth in 1990 at the age of 24, again by winning the Northern Division at the Federation's national tournament. Now Ferguson, who is also competing in the K-Mart BASSMASTER Top 150 tournament trail, has a chance to become the first angler to qualify for the classic through both the Federation and the Top

He's currently in 37th-place in the Top 150 with one tournament remaining - the Megabucks Tournament this weekend on Old Hickory Lake in Nashville, Tennessee, The top 20 anglers in the Top 150 trail at the conclusion of seven qualifying tournaments earn a berth in the Clas-

sic.
"I'll need a top-10 finish in Nashville, but I want to be the first one to double-qualify through the Federation and the

Top 150," he said. Ferguson, a 1983 graduate of Rochester Adams High School, has been a professional bass angler and guide for the past 12 years. He runs a local guide ser-vice here in Michigan during the summer (810-997-7702) and guides on Florida's Lake Okeehobee out of Roland Martin's Marina during the winter.

Ferguson also fishes in dozens of local and national bass tournaments over the course of the year. It cost him nearly \$25,000 to fish in this year's K-Mart BASSMASTER Top 150 tourna-

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I went broke in 1990, '91 and '92, trying to fish the circuit Ferguson said. "The only way I could do it is with the help of my sponsors. They have been great

Ferguson was headed to Nashville earlier this week to pre-fish for the Megabucks Tournament. He'll return to Michigan in mid-May and fish local waters until the pre fishing starts for the Classic

Bass Pro Shops to open

Opening day has finally

The long-awaited opening of the Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World mega-store at Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills is set for Thursday, May 6. A grand opening gala celebration is slated for May 20-23. The 130,000-square-foot store

features a large variety of hunting, fishing, camping, hiking, boating and golfing equipment. Replicas of Michigan record fish will adorn the walls. There is also a two-story waterfall cas-cading into a 20,000-gallon aquarium, a 40-foot tall partial mountain structure, a rock bridge, a trout pond, a 107-feet long rifle range, an archery range with pneumatic pop-up targets, a conservation/outdoor seminar center, a golf pro shop with a netted driving range, an interactive laser arcade and a

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I haven't made a decision yet, but what is your recommendation with respect to me using that form?

A: As in any other purchase of real r the l involved to provide the purchaser with a "form" either prepared by the individual brokerage firm, or for that matter, some other board of Realtors.

It's important to remember that it's a and not necessarily tailored to your needs in every instance.

Indeed, I'm somewhat familiar with the California Board of Realtors' form and there are certain clauses in that agreement that are ambiguous and/or potentially detrimental to the interests of the buyer, if those clauses are enforced.

As in any other purchase of real estate, it is extremely prudent to utilize an experience real estate lawyer who can assist you in going through the form purchase agreement, making the necessary changes, adding an addendum, if necessary, to protect your interests.

This is also extremely important in the context of a condominium where the form purchase agreement may not be adapted to the purchase of a condominium, as opposed to a single family home.

Robert M. Meisner is an Oakland County area attorney concentrating his practice in the areas of condominiums, real estate, corporate law and litigation. You are invited to submit topics that you would like to see discussed in this column, including questions about condominiums, by writing Robert M. Meisner, 30200 Telegraph, Suite 467, Bing-ham Farms MI 48025. His e-mall address is bmeisner@ mich, com, and his Web site is http://www.meisner-law.com This column provides general information and should not be construed as legal opinion.



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Council: These Realtors, clockwise from foreground, Kathie Whitehouse, Nancy Sielaff, Joann Groeneveld and Louise Bisogni, are active in various

chapters.

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Women's councils contribute loan

BY DOUG FUNKE

The last thing most Realters need is

another meeting.

But if the gathering results in professional or personal growth, the opportunity to make new contacts in the business; plus entertains as well as informs, that's different.

And that's exactly what the Women's Council of Realtors is all about.

Don't be fooled by the name. You don't have to be a Realtor to join. Affiliates in the mortgage, appraisal, inspection and moving fields are welcome. Men, too.

come. Men, 100,

"Education is our main thrust," said.
Kathie Whitehouse, a Realtor with.
Hannett, Wilson & Whitehouse in
Bloomfield Hills and current WCR

state president. "It's a group of professionals who are striving to further educate our membership and develop leadership quali-ties," Whitehouse said. "I've personally improved so much in my self confi-

Nancy Howell, an associate broker vith Century 21 Sakmar in Rochester, is local president of the Rochester

chapter. "Îve been a Realtor 22 years. It's probably one of the most professional organizations I've ever belonged to," Howell said. "The education is phe-nomenal. A referral roster is one of the biggest benefits."

Joann Groeneveld, a Realtor with RE/MAX 100 in Commerce, picks up on the theme. She's local president of the Western Wayne/ Oakland County chap-

ter.
"I think the women's council has given me friendship, leadership, networking - just an opportunity to grow not only in professional life but person-al life," Groeneveld said. "I think you're more respected by your peers and potential customers.

JoAnn Cacciarelli, a Realtor with Prudential Chamberlain Stiehl in Bloomfield Hills, will become state

"We aren't just ladies who lunch and have no business," she said. "At the state and national level, you keep very much up on industry happenings.

Where to find local chapters

Local Women's Council of Realtors chapter president, at (248) 205-1229. chapters meet monthly. Annual dues range from \$90-\$100.
■ The Western Wayne/ Oakland

County WCR chapter gathers at 9 a.m. the fourth Thursday of the month for a breakfast meeting at American Table restaurant on Eight Mile west of Farmington Road, Livonia.

For details and reservations, call Joann Groeneveld, chapter president, at (248) 625-4981.

The Birmingham-Bloomfield WCR chapter meets at 11:30 a.m. the first Tuesday of the month for lunch at The

Community House on Bates between Merrill and Townsend, Birmingham. For information, call Nancy Sielaff,

Nancy Sielaff, a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Schweitzer in Bloomfield

Hills, heads the Birmingham-Bloom-

field WCR chapter.
"It's fun," she said. "You should be on

convention when we really have time to

be together. Once, seven of us shared a suite. All of us were in our pajamas. We just brainstormed different things

about the business and how we han-

Louise Bisogni, a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Professionals in Clark-

ston, was selected state member of the

A former state governor representing

Michigan on the national council

Bisogni has been involved with WCR

"I enjoy the educational opportunities

and networking, which is so important," she said. "We can refer people across

the country to agents we personally

know. I thoroughly enjoy belonging."

The Women's Council of Realtors

started nationally in 1938 to promote women when men dominated the busi-

ness. Today, membership numbers about 700 in Michigan. WCR offers the

professional designation of Leadership

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year for 1998.

north of University, or the Rochester Elks Club on University east of Main. For details and information, call Nancy Howell; chapter president, at:

(248) 652-7700.

munity service projects. Birmingham-Bloomfield decorates teddy bears for distribution to the St. Vincent & Sarah Fisher Center and supports Lighthouse of Oakland Coun-

■ The North Oakland WCR chapter

convenes at 11:30 a.m. on the third

Thursday of the month for lunch at var-

For details and reservations, call

■ The Rochester WCR chapter

meets for lunch or breakfast on an

alternating basis the third or fourth

Thursday of the month at either the

Rochester Community House, Ludlow

Louise Bisogni at (248) 625-5556 Ext.

ty, a social services agency. The North Oakland chapter contributes to Children are Precious, a respite center for terminally ill children, and collects coats, gloves and hats for needy kids.

The Rochester chapter directs proceeds from fund-raising efforts to Neighborhood House, a provider of food, clothing and shelter for needy families in the community.

Groeneveld, who's trying to build up her chapter's membership, hopes to get

involved in a similar vein.

The national theme this year – WCR is a statement worth making — well suits the goals and objectives of local leaders.

"We're here to help whichever way we can - education, giving of ourselves or monies we earn through fund-rais-Whitehouse said.

"I just feel this is part of my job," Groeneveld said. "It's not really an option. There's so much you can benefit from being involved,"

"It's a continual education process," Bisogni said. "We have to learn to Local chapters have presented infor-Chapters also get involved in com-

ning, personal safety awareness, health think of ourselves as peers and not issues and computers/ technology.

Construction

programs



DAVID C.

County is booming with new construction. Many lenders are working with builders in these areas to provide construction financing options to fit the borrowers needs. I talked last week to one lender, Mark James with Captiva Group Mortgage, based out of Oxford, and he let me know about some new construction loan pro-

Northern Oakland

grams being offered today. Construction loan mortgages can be

done in various ways:

Traditional: This loan goes any where from four to six months and the programs interest rate is prime plus 0.5 percent (Prime is currently 7.75 percent). At the end of the construction period you are offered the lowest con-forming rate available. Most construction loans carry a higher interest rate than this program. This loan is known as a Two-Step. This loan has a one time upfront 1-percent construction fee, which is non-refundable. These are interest-only loans.

One-Step Program: This is an outstanding program for borrowers. It comes with a 30-year fixed rate and a one-time close. These carry a fixed interest rate for the life of the mortgage. The interest rate is much lower than a traditional construction loan. Your payment is interest-only for the build period and then automatically switches to a regular mortgage without a second closing (which normally could mean more closing cost or an interest rate change). You can go as high as 90 percent LTV.

7 & 10 Balloon Mortgages: Same principal as the One-Step 30-year fixed program above, except the interest rate ch lower and the life of the loan is either seven or 10 years with a 30-year amortization. These loans can go as high as 95 percent LTV. All mortgages have no prepayment penalties.

Note: All mortgages are amortized for 30 years and are subject to a builders approval process, which is easy and painless, according to James.

There also is a Spec-Financing Program for Builders, which has very limited paperwork for approval. This program includes a 70 percent LTV requirement, decent credit, two years tax returns and 12 months of reserves.

With today's interest rate structure, you can get a 7 or 10 year Balloon, One-Time Close construction loan for under 7 percent.

For more information on construction loans and other programs contact Captiva Group Mortgage at (248) 628-7054 or at www. CaptivaMortgage.com

David Mully is president of Mortgage Search Services. His survey of Detroit area lenders and his column can be seen on-line at www. RateUpdate. com. The lender survey report is also on Cable TV's 24-hour "Home Preview Channel" and inside today's and Sunday's real estate sections. Call (877) MTG-SHOP (684-7467) for free information on lowest rates or best programs available. Lenders interested in partici-pating may call 305-7337 or e-mail dmully@rateupdate.com/

College honors distinguished architect

Benedetto Tisco, a Livonia resident with an architectural practice there, has received the Distinguished Architecture Alumni Award from the architecture chapter of the Lawrence Technological University Alumni Association in Southfield.

Tiseo, who graduated from LTU in 1978 after 10 years of night school, was cited for the passion that he brings to every aspect of involvement in the pro-

"Architects are dreamers," he said. "We build the building, sense the space and project the reaction of the people who will occupy the space. We can either design a building that encourages human interaction or inhibits people from feeling a part of the communi-

Tiseo said he learned about work ethic from his father, Natale, a road builder fond of the philosophy, "Do it because it is right." His hero is Michelangelo, the classic designer, sculptor, painter.

"Michelangelo not only built buildings that were aesthetically pleasing,

but they stood the test of time," Tiseo said. "And he was willing to put his name on them." Tiseo believes that an architect has

to go beyond sketching and designing. "It's not enough to sit in your office and go home. You have to give the profession a voice." His involvements include a variety of

committees for the American Institute of Architects Michigan and Detroit and teaching classes at LTU. Tiseo's work includes First Federal of

Michigan's new headquarters in Detroit, the interior architecture of Temple Israel in West Bloomfield and Temple Emanuel in Oak Park. He also designed five Bloomfield

Hills school gymnasiums, renovations to the Barclay Inn in Birmingham and renovations to a number of buildings at Oakland University in Rochester. Tiseo, 52, a native of Italy, is also licensed builder.

He's married to Christiane, dad to Dominic, Gabriella and Holly Tiseo-Hayes and grandfather to Nicholes and

Anthony.



Benedetto Tiseo Honored by Lawrence Tech

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Housing slow but still strong

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER AP ECONOMICS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) - Home builders, struggling with a short-age of workers and supplies in the face of red hot demand, cut back on activity for the second straight month in March.

The Commerce Department reported that new homes and apartments were begun at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.77 million units last month. The 1.3-percent drop in activity followed a 1.6-percent decline in February.

Both months followed a 12 year high of 1.82 million starts set in January. Analysts said the slowdown was welcome relief for an industry that built more homes for all of 1998 than it had in 11 years and was facing shortages of workers and building materials in some parts of the country,

Separately, the government said output at the nation's factories, mines and utilities edged up a tiny 0.1 percent, with its limited strength coming at utility companies and manufacturers of high-tech products such as computers and communication equipment, which posted a 1.4-percent rise in March. Auto production was down 0.5 percent last month, after a 1.7-percent surge in February.

Taken together, the housing and factory production reports depicted a U.S. economy that is benefiting from strong consumer

a steep plunge in overseas demand after the Asian currency

Housing economists said they looked for demand to remain strong for most of this year, in part because of a belief that mortgage rates will rise only slightly from the 30-year lows hit last year.

The nationwide survey by Freddie Mac, the mortgage company, showed 30-year mortgages dipped to 6.87 percent this week after having hit a 10-month high of 7.11 percent in mid-March,

Paul Taylor, senior economist t America's Community Bankers, said he did not look for rates to rise more than a quar-ter-point from where they are currently because of his view that inflation will remain low this year and the Federal Reserve will not be forced to push interest rates higher.

"Economic softness in Europe and Japan and interest-rate cuts overseas will help take pressure off our rates," Taylor said.

David Seiders, chief economist at the National Association of Home Builders, said the small decline in construction starts in February and March came as builders were struggling with worker shortages and difficulty in getting supplies of such materials as gypsum wall board.

Because of these shortages Seiders said, the time it was tak-

demand. This has offset the jolts—ing to complete a home had risen manufacturing has suffered from. by about 20 days from a year

"This is symptomatic of a market that is really in high gear," Seiders said. "Builders are telling us that extreme shortages of workers and materials are causing them to have to stretch out completion times.

While such shortages would normally trigger worries at the Federal Reserve of an economy that is overheating, the overseas weakness and its depressing effects on American exporters in manufacturing and farming have kept the lid on prices.

The Fed report on factory output showed that U.S. industry operated at just 80.1 percent of capacity in March, the lowest operating rate in nearly seven years. The low capacity utilization rates mean that production bottlenecks have not formed even though the economy is now in the ninth year of economic expansion, the longest period of uninterrupted growth in peacetime history.

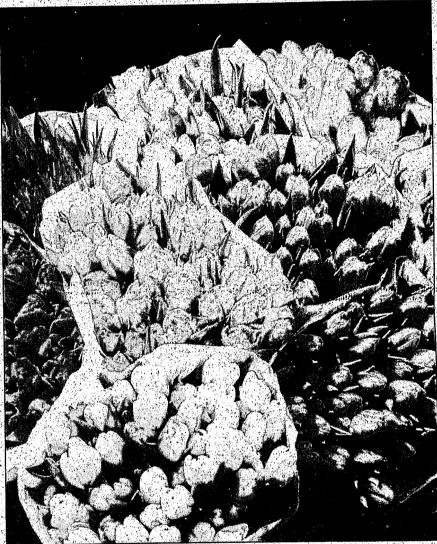
Permit applications for new home construction dropped 6 percent in March, the biggest decline in four years, after a 2.1-percent fall in February. But the declines were coming from exceptionally high levels.

The drop in construction reflected a small 0.1-percent dip in single-family homes, which fell to an annual rate of 1.4 million units, Apartment construction was down 5.9 percent to an annual rate of 365,000 units.

The weakness was led by a 28,9-percent plunge in activity in the Northeast, where builders started work on 150,000 units at an annual rate. Construction in the South was down 4.3 percent to an annual rate of 821,000 units.

Housing construction rose 12.7 percent in the Midwest to an annual rate of 400,000 units and was up 7.9 percent in the West to an annual rate of 395,000 units.

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Speakers will address how Detroit can learn from other urban centers to attract new jobs and spur additional develop-

Cost is \$65 for ULI members, \$75 for non-members, \$40 for public officials and \$30 for students. To register, call (800) 321-

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Michigan National Bank hosts a free 90-minute seminar on home equity borrowing 7 p.m. Monday, May 3, at the Southfield Marriott, 27033 Northwestern, Southfield: A panel of experts will offer advice.

Participants will receive a free copy of a handbook, House Smarts: the Owner's Guide to Making Sense of Home Equity

For information, phone (800) CALL-MNB.

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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 Wayde Koehler, president, at (313) 386-7228.

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Sponsors include Real Estate Roundtable, Dean Appraisal, Philip F. Greco Title and Morris

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Cost, which includes lunch, is To register, call (248) 626-8890.

GOLF OUTING

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan hosts its Wayne County Golf Spring Fling with a shotgun start 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 4, at the Woodlands of Van Buren, 1-275 and Ecorse Road.

Cost of a complete golf package – bucket of range balls, cart, 18 holes, continental breakfast, box lunch and dinner - is \$115. To register, call (248) 737-4477.

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RE/MAX HomeTeam Realtors offers a free seminar on buying a house 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 12, and 10 a.m. Saturday, May 15, at

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CONTRACTORS EXPO

Architectural Contractors Trade Association presents a free expo featuring construction, manufacturers and computer software systems, noon to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 13, at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livo-

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INVESTORS II

The Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland sponsors a dinner seminar on property management 7 p.m. Friday, May 14, at Stephenson Haus, 25000 N. Chrysler Drive, Hazel Park.

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Cost is \$25. For reservations call Connie Vickroy at (810) 573-

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Birmingham Community Education offers a class on how to get into the Inn Business 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday, May 23, at the MSU Management Education Center, 811 W Square Lake Road, Troy.

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Chris Knight led the Plymouth

office in gross com mission income, buyer-controlled sales and listings sold. He also was the top sales associate in the Midwest Region for all Coldwell Banker franchis és in closed units and gross commission income.

John DiMora was recognized as the top sales associate for gross commission income and listings sold in the Northville office.

Also from the Northville office Michele Safford, James

Rates

slightly

WASHINGTON (AP) - The average interest rate on 30year fixed-rate mortgages rose slightly this week. The average was 6.88 percent, up

from an eight-week

low of 6.87 percent the previous week, Freddie Mac, the mortgage company said. So far this year, rates have fluctuated between 6.74 percent at the end of January and 7:11 percent in mid-

Fifteen-year mortgages, a popular option for refinanc-

ing, averaged 6.51 percent this week.

up from an eightweek low of 6.47 per-

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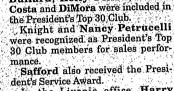
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In the Livonia office, Harry Brandt was top sales associate for gross commission income, Neil McCloskey listing sold, and Sue Zunker buyer-controlled sales.

Gayle Henderson was the top sales associate for buyer-controlled sales and gross commission income in the South Lyon office. **Debbie** Fransisco was the office's top sales sociate for listings sold.

Soils and Materials Engineers in Plymouth announces several promo-

John C. Zarzecki, CWI, a senior project consultant, has been named a senior associate. He has 27 years of experience and provides consulting on historic and restoration projects involving masonry, coatings and

Zarzecki is a Certified Welding Inspector with the American Welding Society.
Sheryl K. Fountain, manager of

human resources, was named a senior associate. She has 19 years experience in the personnel field.

Fountain has a bachelor's degree

from the University of Kentucky and is past chairwoman of the ACEC/ Michigan Human Resources Man-

agement Committee. Mark L. Michener, project consultant, has been named an associate. He's responsible for evaluations, design consultation and maintenance management for roof and

waterproofing systems.

Michener is vice president of the Metro Detroit Chapter of the Con-struction Specification Institute and a member of the Roof Consultants Institute.

Pat Terrian, affiliated with Quality Real Estate NW/ Better Homes and Gardens in Livonia, was recognized for most referrals in this district by the Better Homes and Gardens network

Terrian attended the company's national convention last month. along with **Don Kamen**; office president, **Joette George**, **Nadine** and Jerry Henderson, Elaine Kamen and Maureen Troost.

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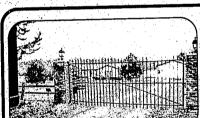
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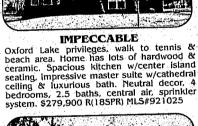


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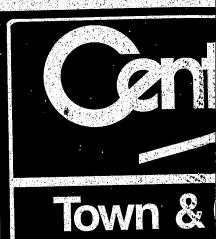
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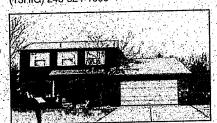
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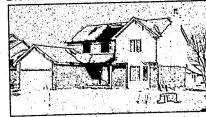
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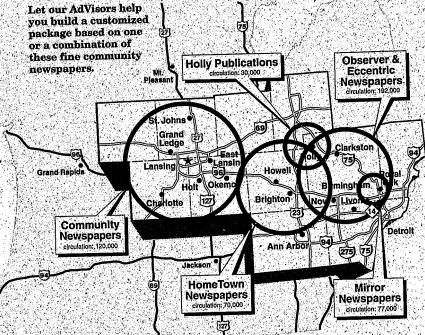


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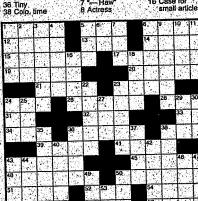
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The Doctor meets Attorney General



JOE GAGNON

Wednesday morning appearance two weeks ago on ABC's "Good Morning America". I arrived in Lansing at 11:30 a.m. and parked in the basement of the Treasury Building. Having gone through Chapter

11 bankruptcy with my business a few years ago, I didn't know if I should feel good or bad about parking there.

Waiting for me was Skip Pruss, who brought with him a dolly to transport my hot water tank, which was in the back-of my vehicle. We took it upstairs into the main lobby, where Attorney General Jennifer Granholm would be holding her press conference in just a few hours. I proceeded into an office and was introduced to a whole bunch of G men and women. In my thinking the

G stands for courage, dedicated fearless men and women who stand in the way of evil and consumer fraud.

I felt just a bit nervous as people started coming out of their offices to shake my hand and also felt somewhat of a rookie compared to the experts on consumer affairs who surrounded me. Remember that I was still waiting for her to make an appearance and trying to act as normal as possible.

A voice in the conference room where we gathered said, "Here comes the attorney general" and I stood up and looked down this 60-foot corridor to see her for myself. That 40-second walk to reach the conference room gave me enough time to paint a mental picture of posture, agility, beauty, etc. and folks, let me tell you, she is a lot better looking than Frank Kelley.

She quickly shook hands, sat down and in a matter of seconds everyone was going over the information for the press conference. We all went to the lobby to view this hot water tank that I hauled

out of my basement, She looked into the inside bottom of the tank and saw this ugly mess of "what" and she knew she had to grab a handful of this "stuff" during the press conference.

I looked at her dainty little hands and offered to sacrifice my sanity by doing it for her. She replied, "I've put my hands in stuff worse than this around the house; I can do it." And so, the press conference scheduled for 1:30 went off as planned. I, the simple appliance repairman, stood beside the highestranking officer of the law in Michigan and voiced my opinions to the questions asked by members of the media.

Attorney General Jennifer Granholm announced the intended actions of her office toward the hot water tank manufacturers in this country if they didn't comply with certain steps they must take within 10 days.

By the time you read this column, there has already been news that you've heard or seen that outlines those actions. It is my opinion and that of others as well that the beautiful lady I described above has a deep concern for the little person in the world.

My sincere thanks to the more than 3,000 people who have called me about their hot water tanks. You can got to www.WJR.net and get all the information you need to get your problem resolved to your satisfaction. The toll-free numbers are all there and so is the phone number for the attorney in Michigan who has filed the class action law suit against the manufacturers.

You can also drop a note of thanks to the editors and writers of this newspaper for their coverage of this story. I'm proud to be a part of what you read and I thank you for reading it. Stay tuned!

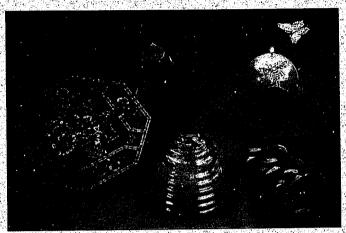
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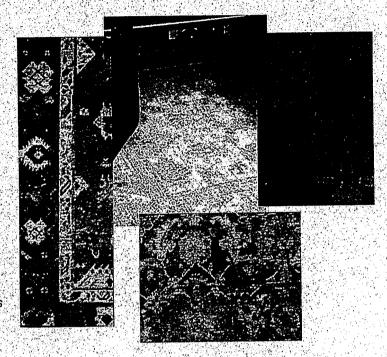
Go with the glow

Shining examples: PartyLite Gifts Inc., a direct sales marketer of candles and candle accessories based in Plymouth, Mass., offers a variety of candles for Mother's Day, some of which are shown here. The Windsor garden sampler (\$29.95) features eight fragrant votives and a cut-glass design votive holder in an octagonal-shaped tin with a slate blue and coral floral motif, A pewter bee rests on the edge of the glass bee hive (\$24.95), which is filled with a honey-scented candle, (When the candles are gone, the tin and glass hive may be used for storage.) Another idea is a pair of 3-1/2-inch honeydew-scented ball candles, a frosted glass Millennium Square holder and a set of antique brass garden candle ornaments in honeybee and butterfly shapes (\$43.85). Call (508) 830-3100.



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Dig into books before into garden

Spring is upon us, but before we get too eager to dig in the gardens, we might want to let the soil dry out a bit and instead, study a new book.

A softcover book, one in the Taylor's Weekend Gardening Guides series, is just the ticket if a garden path is in your plans

"Garden Paths," Gordon Hayward (Houghton Mifflin, \$12.95), is filled with ideas, illustrations and photographs that will encourage you to explore new ways to use pathways. He defines the differences in available products and shows how to install them. Included are suitable designs for all areas of the garden.

If you enjoy reading the pieces by editor Thomas Cooper in Horticulture magazine, "Odd Lots" (Owl Books, \$12.95, soft) will keep you entertained. It contains essays that focus on his personal garden in Boston through all the seasons. It is an enjoyable account of a down-to-earth gardener.

He writes about pruning: "Pruning without a plan is as bad as not pruning at all." And reveals: "There is more engineer than artist in my blood; and my staking jobs often look more like a scaf-

folding for a building than support for a

Grass action

Mary Ann McGourty, co-owner of Hillside Gardens, Norfolk, Conn., was a major contributor and editor of the excellent book, "Taylor's Guide to Ground Covers, Vines & Grasses" (Houghton Mifflin, \$19,95).

In it we learn which of these versatile plants will best suit a particular situation. More than 400 color photographs illustrate, with precise descriptions and growing advice. Published in 1987, it is still relevant.

"The New Gardener," Pippa Greenwood (DK Publishing Inc., \$13.98, soft), explains all the phases of gardening, from soils, tools, plant care, design for specific spaces, balconies, patio-making, water features, critters good and bad and all the rest.

It is exceptionally well illustrated to help the novice as well as the more accomplished gardener. The information is short and sweet and to the point that gets the message delivered. A keeper.

"The Plantfinder's Guide to Orna-

mental Grasses," Roger Grounds (Timber Press, \$34.95), contains luscious photographs that illustrate just how beautiful grasses can be and shows innovative ways to feature them in our gardens.

A grass can fit into formal or very informal settings. Grounds includes their history and cultural needs. He describes the many varieties, those with colored leaves and those that flower, and those that have interesting canes, such as bamboo.

Appendixes include a list of all the plants with season of interest, size and zone hardiness, places to see and where to buy the grasses.

By nature

"Reflecting Nature: Garden Designs from Wild Landscapes," Jerome Malitz and Seth Malitz (Timber Press, \$39,95), features scenes from wilderness landscapes from Maine to California and successful interpretations of nature in gardens that are completely manmade.

The authors explain how these landscapes use natural materials to complement the whole, and explain how the ideas can be transferred into our own

gardens so they look natural, After reading this, you may want to explore some of the locations.

"Treasures from the Earth: Creating with Flowers and Nature," Kathy Lamancusa (Krause, \$22.95), includes 75 ideas to celebrate nature.

Designs range from a pillar candle set in a gold-brushed saucer with rose petals and wheat at the base; unusual architectural topiaries and a butterfly garden chair. Each craft is accompanied with excellent illustrations.

The book is divided into seven sections – i.e. shells, herbs and potpourri, harvest – and uses items pertinent to that subject. Technical instructions in the last section round out the book.

For the birds

Just in time for the gardening season, "Attracting Birds to Your Back Yard: 563 Ways to Turn Your Yard and Garden into a Hayen for Your Favorite Birds," Sally Roth (Rodale, \$29.95), is the book that will help. The bright colored drawings entice more exploration and will appeal to children.

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Empty nesters: Roo



Plymouth Township pauses in her study, formerly daughter Liz's bedroom, Bain, a teacher at East Middle School in Plymouth, likes to work in the room. She and her husband, Don, are among area parents who have put home space to new use as their children have grown and left. The Bains are parents of an attorney daughter and two sons in college.



By Julie Brown Staff Writer |brown@oe.homecomm.net

They may gain a bathroom or a study, but having kids leave home isn't without

"It's a feeling that an English teacher doesn't have words to describe," said Elaine Bain of Plymouth Township. She wants her children to be independent, but has mixed feelings. "It tugs at your heart."

Bain and husband Don have three children, the oldest, daughter Liz, is a briefing attorney for the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, that state's supreme court. Liz Bain earned a bachelor's degree in technical theater from Pennsylvania State University and a law degree from the University of Michigan.

Older son Bruce Bain is in his final year at Eastern Michigan University, with majors in Spanish and telecommunications and film. Younger son Alex is a senior at Michigan State University, majoring in criminal justice and accounting

The sons' rooms remain unchanged, but Liz's room has undergone a transformation. "Liz's room is now my study," said Elaine Bain, a teacher at East Middle School in Plymouth. Liz got the furniture she wanted; her mom put in a desk, computer, TV, tables and lamps, along with a sleeper sofa which their daughter can use when she visits.

"I correct papers," Elaine Bain said. "Sometimes I curl up and read a book. I'll leave him to the big TV and do my own thing. There's good karma left in there,

happy memories."

The extra space does come in handy, she's found: "You can use the kids' rooms as guest rooms, It's just nice to have a place that's mine."

Letting go

She said it will be tough when her youngest leaves for good; Bain remembers how hard it was on her when he started first grade.

Don Bain and his wife noted that all of their children have left stuff behind with their parents. "What do you do with what space?" he said with a chuckle.

Don Bain, who works for the Ford Motor Co., said he's a pack rat and even has a pet cinderblock. He's built several storage areas at their home. "We're kind of running out of space," he said. "We're cozy."

Mary Kay and Ron Frey of Plymouth Township know a thing or two about empty nesters. Daughter Andrea'ls a junior studying math at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

"She has an apartment in Ann Arbor," said Mary Kay Frey, an assistant principal at Plymouth Canton High School. "She has to set up a household, too." Her parents store many of Andrea's things, such as Christmas decorations.

ms changed with the times

We have her spring clothes now, and we'll have her winter clothes," she said.

Ron Frey, who works in purchasing at the Ford Motor Co., has a different definition of empty nester. "As long as I'm paying the bills, we're not empty nesters," he said with a smile. They've found the relationship with Andrea is now more of a

Andrea Frey's bedroom is as it was when she was in high school. There's also a fourth bedroom she had used for exercise equipment. Andrea Frey was active in the Marching Band and Symphony Band in high school.

"The space issue isn't so ultimately important to us right now," her mother said. The couple has an extra bathroom which Andrea had used, and they've noticed their phone doesn't ring as much. "Very rarely was it for us."

Mary Kay Frey found she had to learn to cook differently when the couple's daughter went away to school. "I had a hard time making that transition." They don't eat on the run as much Looking back

Bevis and Ralph Richardson of Canton aren't recent empty nesters. Their four children are David, 42, Lois, 40, Peter, 36, and Tim, 34. All are married; Lois and Tim have children, hers ages 8 and 10 and his ages 5 and 7.

'The other two have cats," said Bevis Richardson, a retired registered nurse. Her husband retired nearly two years ago from a Ford Motor Co. subsidiary.

The Richardsons weren't tearful to see their kids go. "No, that's what we raised them to do," she said, adding that all have college degrees, are employed and own homes

The four were raised "to be independent, self-reliant contributing members of society and that's what they are," Ralph Richardson said.

"As soon as Lois moved out, I got a sewing room," Bevis Richardson said: They have hide-a-bed sofas for visiting kids and grandkids. After Tim moved out, he got one set of bunk beds.

David and his wife, who have a home in Baltimore, are now in the United Arab Emirates. They spend Christmas with family here. "We call it the Richardson hotel," she said. Peter's in Chicago, Lois in the Columbus, Ohio, area and Tim in Holland,

"I've told numerous parents of teenagers that there is life after children." She and her husband enjoy travel, theater, bridge and other activities

Enjoying such time, and time with children and grandchildren, suits Judy and Tony Bach of Troy just fine: They have four children ages 40, 38, 37 and 36, and eight grandchildren.

"Oh, yes, I didn't want them to leave," Judy Bach said of the transition when her children began going to college. Their youngest stayed home after college, but went out on her own when her parents moved to Florida.

We sold our house in Royal Oak and moved down there," she said, "I didn't like it so we came back."

The couple's oldest is in Kalamazoo, another in Chelsea, near Ann Arbor, and the other two close by. Judy Bach's a homemaker and her husband works for a tool supply company.

They left their things here and bought new things," she said of the four. The Bachs tried to incorporate things from their kids' growing-up days in the new home.

"I'd like to be able to do it all over again," she said of child-raising."We're quite a close family,

Parents whose children leave can take comfort in the fact that they'll be back. "They don't take their stuff," said Elaine Bain, explaining she has storage boxes for

all three, along with old dishes and other household items earmarked for the kids. There are weights and son Bruce's musical equipment.

"And sometimes the kids come and visit their stuff," she said.



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Roth tells why birds are certain colors, what foods attract certain species, and gives tips for building houses and feeders and recipes for bird goodies.

Dog food for birds? Yes, she writes, many birds like something with a little meat in it, especially insect-eating birds needing high protein.

She features several birds and tells how to learn about them and attract them by growing the plants that they prefer. For instance, goldfinches will love a patch of lettuce that has gone to seed. Seasonal products will ensure a constant flock of bird visitors.

Tree day

The Master Gardener Association of Wayne County and Michigan State University. Tree Stewards are sponsoring a Tree Day Program Saturday, May 1, in. the Wayne County RESA Center Auditorium, 5454 Venoy in Wayne, between Michigan Avenue and Van Born. The event is a half-day educational conference for people interested in learning more about tree health, selection and maintenance. The \$15 fee includes presentations, flyers and refreshments. Check-in is 8:30-9 a.m.; programs run 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Call (734) 207-7933.

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High angles and low angles will also add variety to your pictures. Climb a nearby hill so you can get a bird's-eye



On the road: Standing in the middle of the road gave Monte Nagler dramatic perspective in this shot of New Mexico's Highway 33.

view of a winding road or shoot from a ... low angle as the road undulates up the mountain

As in all good photography, pay attention to depth-of-field so that everything is sharp from front to back. You'll accomplish this by being sure to use a small lens opening.

I've always enjoyed photographing roads so that it appears the road is traveling into infinity. Whether the road ends in a bank of low clouds or at the top of a hill, there's an element of unknown and mystique because the viewer wonders what lies ahead,

On my travels through the wonderful state of New Mexico, I was intrigued by the road shown here. It's Highway 33 near the town of Shiprock. I loved the way the road drifted off to infinity and the clouds were truly dramatic. When traffic cleared, I stood right in the center of the road to get the effect I wanted.

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inviting ideas

The cheesecake recipe in the April 22 Inviting Ideas column was incomplete. Here's the complete recipe.

THIN SPONGE CAKE LAYER FOR CHEESECAKE

This only needs 10 minutes of baking (it is quite thin – only 3/4-inch high). Watch it carefully and don't let it brown on top.

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup sifted cake flour.
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- Pinch of salt
- 3 extra-large eggs, separated
- 1/3 cup plus 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 3 drops pure lemon extract
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
- 1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar
 Directions:

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F and generously butter a 9-inch springform pan. Sift the cake flour, baking powder, and salt together in a medium-sized bowl and set aside.

Beat the egg yolks together in a large bowl with an electric mixer on high for 3 minutes. Then, with the mixer still running, gradually add the 1/3 cup of sugar and continue beating until thick light-yellow ribbons form in the bowl, about 5 minutes more, Beat in the vanilla and lemon extracts.

Sift the flour mixture over the batter and stir it in by hand until no more white flecks appear. Then blend in the butter

In a clean bowl, using clean dry beaters, beat the egg whites and cream of tartar together on high until frothy. Gradually add the remaining 2 tablespoons sugar and continue beating until stiff peaks form (the whites should stand up in stiff peaks, but not be dry). Stir about 1/3 cup of the whites into the batter, then gently fold in the remaining whites (don't worry if a few white specks remain).

Gently spoon the batter into the pan. Bake the cake just until the center of the cake springs back when lightly touched, only about 10 minutes (watch carefully!). Let the cake cool in the pan on a wire rack while you continue making the cheesecake filling. Don't remove the cake from the pan.

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Ingredients:

1 recipe of sponge cake (see above), baked and cooling

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For the filling:

- 4 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese (regular variety - no variations), at room temperature
- 12/3 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup cornstarch
- I tablespoon pure vanilla extract
- 2 extra-large eggs
- 3/4 cup heavy whipping cream Directions:

Place one 8-ounce package of the cream cheese, 1/3 cup of the sugar, and the cornstarch in a large bowl. Beat with an electric mixer on low until creamy, about 3 minutes, then beat in the remaining 3 packages of cream cheese.

Increase the mixer speed to high and beat in the remaining 1-1/3 cups of the sugar, then beat in the vanilla. Blend in the eggs, one at a time, beating the batter well after adding each one. Blend in the heavy cream. At this point, mix the filling only until completely blended (just like they do at Junior's). Be careful not to overmix the batter.

Gently spoon the cheese filling on top of the baked sponge cake layer. Place the springform pan in a large shallow pan containing hot water that comes about 1-inch up on the sides of the pan. Bake the cheesecake at 350°F until the center barely jiggles when you shake the pan, about 1 hour.

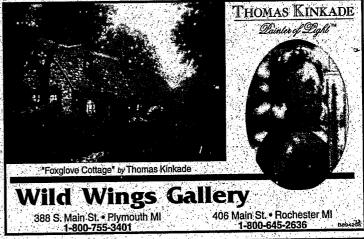
Cool the cake on a wire rack for 1 hour. Then cover the cake with plastic wrap and refrigerate until it's completely cold, at least 4 hours or overnight. Remove the sides of the springform pan. Slide the cake off of the bottom of the pan onto a serving plate. Or if you wish, leave the cake on the removable bottom of the pan and place it on a serving plate. If any cake is left over, cover it with plastic wrap and store in the refrigerator.

Recipes from the book. "Welcome to Junior's! Remembering Brooklyn With Recipes and Memories from Its Favorite Restaurant" by Marvin Rosen, Walter Rosen, Beth Allen, (historical text by Judith Blahnik), published by William Morrow and Company Inc., 1999. (Hardcover, \$25.)

at home calendar

The Hardy Plant Society will meet 7 p.m. Monday, May 3, at Congregational Church of Birmingham, 1000 Cranbrook at Woodward in Bloomfield Hills. Guest fee \$3. Joe Derek will speak on "Butterfly and Hummingbird Gardens," For information, call (248) 652-4004.







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Dear Children: Love from parents



In the aftermath of the terrible tragedy at Columbine High School in Colorado, families everywhere are experiencing a wake-up call.

You never think such a devastating ... crime spree can happen

in your hometown. You go through the motions every day, following routines, expecting the children to return from school on time.

The families of those students at Columbine High School may have done the same. But they won't think that way d'ivmore.

It's a shame tragedy is the culprit that makes families open their eyes to what they take for granted on a daily basis.

You overwhelm yourself with too many activities, yet pride yourself on being Super Parent, able to leap tall household junk piles and chauffeur at

to hug and kiss your children and your spouse good-bye when you run out the door late for work. You hold back from telling your family members how much you love them because that's reserved for special occasions.

The reality today is a present, a gift meant to be cherished. Tomorrow isn't here yet. And the past is just that - the past. There is nothing you can do to change what transpired yesterday or two years ago. You can make a difference in today to set the standard for your family's expectations tomorrow.

The first step is not taking your family life for granted. Every minute you spend together counts in some way, shape or form, whether what you do in that minute has great impact or not.

It might mean telling family members how much they mean to you. Individually do something special with each child and your spouse. Having lunch away from home with your daughter gives you more time to focus on each other's feelings and needs. You catch up on her life what she has been doing in school, who her friends are, and what, if any, problems or concerns she needs to discuss.

life. It builds closer family bonds and provides something tangible your family looks forward to doing together on a regular basis.

Tradition might come in the form of frequent weekend getaways to a family cottage. While sitting down for dinner each evening, perhaps your family members share one thing they are each grateful for on the given day.

The second step in making a difference in your family life is being attentive to your family's needs. Communication. plays a major role in every relationship. Keep the lines open at all times, making your children aware they can talk to you about anything at any time.

Maintain an open mind when you have your discussions. Observe what's going on in your family. When you are too busy to notice, it becomes easy to continue that trend. You shouldn't be surprised to learn that your children may be the first ones to recognize this.

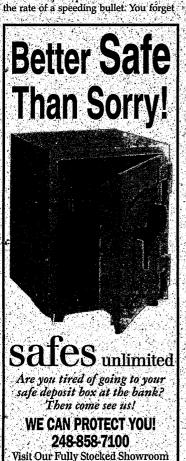
Know your children. When something is bothering one of them, you should be able to pick up on the grief or lack of interest in what normally moti-

Make every day count. Remember hugs and kisses are free. They go a long way in letting your family know how

Lisa Luckow-Healy is a marketing consultant and freelance writer who regularly contributes to several parenting publications. To leave her a message from a touch-tone phone about how you celebrate family, call (734) 953-2047, then her mallbox number, 1903,

at home calendar

A free, pre-purchase workshop for first-time home buyers is set 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 1, in the Marcotte Room of the Southfield Public Library, 26000 Evergreen. To register, call Mark Rosen at (248) 553-5400. Learn how to qualify for a mortgage, locate a lender, find out how much you can borrow and qualify for government assistance. Attendance will qualify participants for numerous federal loan programs.



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PRNewswire - The following was released by Ishbia & Gagleard, P.C.:

More than 400 consumers jammed the phone lines of a Birmingham law firm in just one day recently, relative to a Wayne County Circuit Court lawsuft (Wheeler, et, al. v. Perfection Corp., et, al., 99-906781) involving six hot water tank manufacturers, two dip tube manufacturers and others.

Consumers with complaints or inquiries about their water heaters called attorney Michael Gagleard, who filed the lawsuit in Wayne County Circuit Court last month. The case is pending class action status.

"The overwhelming response from consumers is a clear indication that this is a widespread problem and not limited as the manufacturers would like us to believe," Gagleard said.

The lawsuit alleges that the polypropylene dip tubes break down under normal use in a hot water tank, and deteriorate into a gel-like substance and/or plastic particles that clog aerators, substantially decrease hot water pressure, or decrease the amount of hot water, etc.

There is also potential damage to appliances such as dishwashers and washing machines.

The polypropylene dip tube - which is within the hot water tank - delivers

cold water to the bottom of the water fank, where it is heated and hot water is ultimately distributed throughout the house or building,

Recently, Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm filed a Notice of Intended Action against Perfection Corporation, the company responsible for producing more than 24 million dip tubes within the years of 1993 to 1996.

She alleged that the companies knew of the problem with dip tubes but didn't reasonably disclose the nature of the problem to consumers and to an extent engaged in a silent warranty program for complaining consumers.

On April 16, counsel for four of the defendant hot water manufacturers argued for an extension within which to file an answer or responsive pleadings.

Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Isadore Torres, in denying that motion, ruled in favor of the plaintiff, retaining the current deadline of Tuesday, April 20.

Attorneys for other manufacturers, including those from Washington, D.C., and Virginia, were also present at the hearing.

Consumers who wish to inquire about the "class action" suit may call the law firm of Ishbia & Gagleard, P.C., at (800) 647-6269.

at home calendar

- The Hardy Plant Society offers a hands-on workshop, "Irrigating Your Garden With Less Water," 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 1, at the Bloomfield Hills Bowers School Farm on Square Lake Road. Fee is \$5. The workshop is limited to 20 people. To register, call Bloomfield Hills Recreation at (248) 433-0885 and give class number 2138. Call Maryann Whitman at (248) 652-4004 for information.
- Enjoy "A Garden Party" with the Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club 1-3:30 p.m. Thursday, May 13, at the Michigan Design Center, 1700 Stutz in Troy. Tour the MDC showrooms, listen to two

speakers from the center and enjoy, refreshments. Door prize is a free, one-hour, no-obligation, in-home design consultation. Tickets are \$12 if bought by Monday, May 3, and \$15 at the door. Tickets can be bought by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope and check payable to Oakland University/Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club to Barbara. Chamberlin, 1866 Ludgate, Rochester Hills 48306.

Learn how to use perennials in a your garden in a class taught by Merritt Wolson of Merrittscape Inc. Tuesdays, May 4 and 11, at The Community House in Birmingham. Call (248) 644-5832.

Win help with garden plans

The Blooms of Bressingham garden giveaway, co-sponsored by English Gardens and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, offers special help for your garden.

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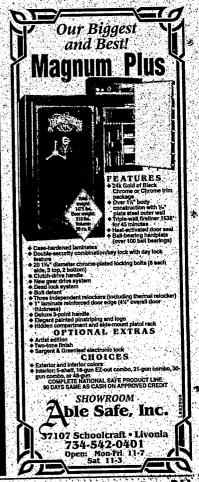
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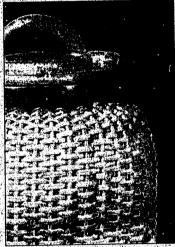
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Awadagin Pratt performs Beethoven's Concerto No. 3 with the Detroit Sym-phony Orches-tra, 8 p.m. at Orchestra Hall in Detroit, Tickets \$13 to \$48, call (313) 576-



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Amy Sonne, a North Farmington High School graduate, is featured in "Rugrats. - A Live Adventure," Friday, April 30 through Sunday, May 9 at the Fox Theatre in Detroit. Tickets \$25, \$19.50, and \$12.50, call (313) 983-6611 for informa-tion, or (248) 433-1515 to charge tickets.



Missicaly-Home—tipe Musical" features an ensemble cast of 25 dynamic performers including Gavin Creel, a recent University of Michigan graduate.

'Fame' is fun, but sometimes lonely for actor

By KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

Being on the road with "Fame— The Musical" is fun, but lonely at

Piazza in the production now play-ing at Music Hall in Detroit.

Fame" is what Creel prepared for when he went to the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor After graduating from the theater program in May 1998, he moved to New York City. He auditioned for the part of Nick in "Fame" in September, got it and started rehearsals Oct. 12. He's been on the road with the show since November traveling to Ottawa, Toronto and Montreal, Canada, and across the U.S.

David De Silva who created the show and is called "Father Fame" said Creel is one of the most popu lar characters in the show and gets more e-mail at the Web site www.famethemusical.com than

Creel and I talked by phone from Montreal, where the production was playing on April 22. "It's a lot of fun," he said, "The

cast is mostly around my age, 22. It's a nice, good group of people," Creel says he's lucky to be a working actor, a lot of people

"I'm learning a lot about the biz," he said. "In school you hone your craft and concentrate on scene techniques and acting. Now I'm learning about Equity rules and what my rights are, about the importance of having connections.

in addition to being a talented,

good actor, it's invaluable."
"Fame" wasn't what Creel set out for when he moved to New

York Indeet he down aigned with the control of the down aigned with the control of the part of Nick. "I read about the audition in Back Stage." They were looking for young, energetic, high school age looking actors,"

"It's like blg highs, deep lows."

Gavin Creel, Nick Piazza in "Fame"

Everyone tells me I look young. I figured I had a good chance, so I went to open auditions and stood in line with

said Creel.

everyone else. I got called back, and knew I was pretty much right for the part."

"Fame," set in the 1980s at New York's High School of Performing Arts, follows a group of students over four years.

Nick, the role Creel plays, is a serious actor who has done some commercials. TV and a movie. A child star, he wants to work hard and learn the classics.

"It's a journey to see where he fits in," said Creel. "He learns to loosen up."

Fame" the picture, inspired a TV series "Fame." The stage musical premiered 15 years after the movie was released:

Except for the title song, all of the music in the musical version of "Fame" is new.

"I didn't want to do a compilation of songs," said De Silva."We

"Fame - The Musical" WHEN: Continues through Sunday,

PERFORMANCES

7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 29

■ 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, May 1 ■ 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, May 2 WHERE: Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave.,

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recorded the new soundtrack in Toronto. I didn't want to just throw songs out there."

"Fame — the Musical" seems to have hit a nerve. It's popular

around the world. "People have an interest in secing kids with a passion follow their dreams," said De Silva. "This music seems to inspire young people. Many kids are not exposed to the arts in public school. They don't cut back sports programs, but they cut arts. 'Fame' draws attention to the arts in education."

Arts in education

It also draws a young audience, in addition to the usual mature theater crowd. "A lot of kids don't know what they want to do. But the arts are important no matter what they decide to do. You'll be a better lawyer if you study acting, even if you don't become a profes-sional musician, you'll go to concerts and buy recordings if you study music. The arts feed the spirit. We're bringing up a genera tion of children in some school districts that are not exposed to the arts. When I was in school we had music appreciation classes, I doubt if they do anymore." Students from Abbott Middle

School in West Bloomfield and Thurston High School in Redford, are among the thousands of students in southeast Michigan who will tune in via teleconference 10-11 a.m. Thursday, April 29 to watch a live education presenta-tion with the cast of 'Fame — Th Musical."The program will show students how the work they do in

Please see FAME, E2

JET premieres 'The Caregiver'

BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER kwygonik@oe.homec

It's unusual for the Jewish Ensemble Theatre to present a play that hasn't had a full production, but they're mak. ing an exception for "The Caregiver" by Ian Strasfogel, which opened Wednes day, April 28, for previews. It will be JET's third world premiere of an original work in 10 years.

It is the story of an aging, retired world class conductor who suffers from dementia, and the relationships he has with his only son, Eric, and caregiver Laura. Eric is beginning his career as a conductor and on tour as the play pro-

"I loved it," said Evelyn Orbach, artistic director of JET Theatre.

She heard about the play from an old friend, Max Wright, an early graduate of the Hilberry Theatre program at

Wayne State University.
Wright and Orbach appeared on stage together at the Theatre Company at the University of Detroit in 1976 and kept in touch.

A successful actor, Wright did a reading of Strasfogel's play, and invited a friend, Sol Frieder, who performs often at JET Theatre, to attend.

"They talked and realized both had worked with me," said Orbach. "Sol and Max said I should do this play. The

up a reading at his apartment in New York. Sol read the part of the conductor. He was perfect for the part, and I decided to do it. This is Sol's fifth or sixth production at JET. Our audience is always pleased to see him. He's a fine actor with

Drama: Sol Frieder and Kate strength." Partly auto-biographical, Willinger in a scene from "The Strasfogel was inspired by the experience of

Caregiver." caring for his father, a renowned opera coach and conductor who developed

coacn and conductor who developed Alzheimer's when he got older. "When his father got very ill he could still sit down at the piano and impro-vise," said Orbach. "He was still a very sophisticated musician."

He used other source material, which

helped inspire the story.
"The leading man falls in love, it's a yery charming role for Sol," said Orbach. "It's funny and, in some places, sad and poignant."

In the play, the conductor and his caregiver, portrayed by Kate Willinger, recently seen locally in "I Love You, You're Perfect — Now Change" at the Gem Theatre in Detroit, fall in love. She sparks his creative spirit, and he

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On Stage

WHAT: Jewish Ensemble Theatre presents "The Caregiver" by Ian Strasfogel

WHERE: Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level of the Jewish Community Cent W. Maple Road (corner of Maple and Drake Roads), West Bloomfield

WHEN: Previews continue through Sunday, May 2. Show opens 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 2. Show dates May 5-9, May 12-16, May 19-23, and May 26-30. Performance times are 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday; 8 p.m. Saturday; and 2 p.m.

TICKETS: \$15 to \$23, discounts for seniors and students, Call (248) 788-2900.

POPULAR MUSIC

Julian Lennon won't be manipulated by Yoko

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO

STAFF WRITER

Surrounded by McDonald's wrappers in a Highland Park photo studio, Julian Lennon kicks back and takes a long drag off a cigarette, Funny and personable, Lennon chats up his new album "Photograph Smile," his seven-year hiatus from the music business and the days he spent relaxing in his home in northern

Upon the mention of his stepmother, Yoko Ono, Lennon's disposition changes.

He leans forward, puts his hands on his knees and peppers his conversation with the word "manipulative.

Lennon explained that it's more than a mere coincidence that "Photograph Smile" was released in the United Kingdom on May 18, 1998, the same day as his brother Sean Lennon's "Into the

"She indirectly had me taken off the priority list on some of the distribution labels we were with. Many other scenarios which are not nice at all will come

Please see JULIAN, E2



STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARNEGIE

Visiting Detroit: Julian Lennon stopped in Detroit briefly to talk about his latest album "Photograph Smile," as well as his rocky relationship with Yoko Ono.

the classroom relates to musical theater. Inspiring students is one of the reasons De Silva, a former history teacher, believes "Fame" is so popular,

He said he always thought the story about New York's High School Performing Arts (now called the Fiorella La Guardia High School of Music and Art and Performing Art) was a good idea waiting to be

"We're not moon in June out of the blue," he said. "This story

is reality based."

"The dancers are the stars of the show," said Creel. "It's all about dance. They keep the energy up. We're all on stage all the time."

Creel is part of an ensemble cast of 25 people. "Each of us have our own responsibilities, he said. "We're each equally important. We all have the same responsibilities and everyone carries it. If even one person slacks off we all feel it.'

For Creel the hardest part is

learning how to keep things fresh and keep his sanity off stage.

After Detroit the play moves to Kansas City. By then, Creel will have done it 200 times.

"I've never done anything 200 " he said. "I'm signed up. until Nov. 17, 1999. I'm living forever, baby."

On tour he's seen some beautiful cities, but with the exception of Toronto, where the group stayed six weeks, he hasn't seen much of them.

When his time for "Fame" is done, he wants to get an apart-ment in New York City.

The North American tour will

continue into 2001. De Silva said he's happy to let "Rent" be the 1990s and "Fame"

"We've become retro," he said. "But there aren't many shows that young people can audition for There are a lot of talented kids, but there's only so much they can do. For many kids in

the show, this is their first job, it's a show they can get into. It's inspiring to so many people. It has a romantic vision that's important."

Roundtable discussion

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Call Frank Provenzano, (248) 901-2557, Keely Wygonik (734) 953-2105, or Linda Chomin (734) 953-2145 if you have any questions.

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begins to play the piano again. Eric, portrayed by David Wol-ber, recently featured in JET's production of "Never the Sinner," worries about taking care of his father, finding a proper caregiver and being able to measure up to his father.

JET commissioned original music by composer Allen Shawn

for this production. Shawn's credits include scores for the New York Shakespeare Festival, the La Jolla Playhouse and the Lincoln Center Theatre, and music for the film, "My Dinner With Andre."

In the play the conduct improvises at the piano, and Orbach believed the production had to have music appropriate to a man of his talent.

"We couldn't just ask someone to plunk a few keys on the piano," said Orbach. "We were very lucky to get Allen, The playwright recommended him. 's done a quality job. Sol is quite musical. The music just gurgles out of him."

Shawn also composed music to introduce the second act and for scene changes.

Strasfogel has directed all over the world. His productions of both classical and contemporary operas have been presented at the San Francisco Opera, the

New York City Opera, The Washington Opera at Kennedy Center, the Frankfurt Opera and Stuttgart Opera.

As a librettist he created the text for "Icarus" and "Talking Heads," performed in Austria, Germany, France and Boston. Other writings include dramatic portraits of classical composers which have been performed by Tom Hulce and Roddy McDowall working with leading American symphony orchestras:

Strasfogel was in town for the opening week of rehearsals and will return for opening night on Sunday, May 2.

Julian from page E1

explained. One wasn't trying to pit the stepbrothers against each other, he added. She had another mis-

"It was a question of manipulation and how much Yoko was willing to spend as far as his promotion, as opposed to mine and how obviously she could afford that and overshadow my costs by great amounts," Lennon said.

"That's nothing against Sean. I used to baby-sit him. I think he's incredibly talented, but she's already, as far as I'm concerned, manipulated one Lennon too

The 36-year-old Lennon told of Ono's disrespect for him and how she puts Sean Lennon on a pedestal.

"She wanted Sean to be seen as the shining, genius Lennon son, and me to be the drunk, old, drugged, useless son, you know?

out in public at a later date," he . I wasn't about to play that game. The work speaks for itself."

Seven-year itch

"Photograph Smile," released in the United States Feb. 23, marks Lennon's return to the music industry after taking seven years off to regroup after his last album, 1991's "Help Yourself," failed commercially. Lennon said he felt disenchanted with the industry after the single "Saltwater," which was in the top 10 worldwide, barely made a splash in the United States.

"In America, zilch. There's only one reason for that. The record company withdrew support. There was no play on the radio. Radio tried to play it but there's only so much you can do without the support of the label," Lennon

"So I said, 'Enough.' I called it quits and it took me approximately five years to be released from the contracts, not only from

the record company but management as well.

He spent the time reflecting on life and trying "to figure out who in the hell I was outside of the music industry and to figure out what I wanted in life."

Lennon rediscovered his love of painting, photography, "the written word," sailing and cooking. Soon, the songwriting nipped at him.

"I just started writing again a couple years ago because I love to write music. It's as simple as that. I was actually writing to challenge myself to see how good a songwriter I could be and to prove my own sort of self worth. as a songwriter."

After coming up with 20 or 30 song ideas, he ran into producer Bob Rose who persuaded Lennon to return to the studio – no pressure, just to lay down a few

We were only supposed to be

The Hilberry, Wayne State

University's graduate theater

company, presents Jeffrey Sweet's historical drama,

there three or four days. By the end of the first week we had 11 tracks recorded."

Lennon and Rose, who had worked with Roy Orbison, concentrated on "Photograph Smile" for a year, producing enough material for three albums. The duo utilized vintage equipment to give the 14-track album a warm feel.

"The ideas that I took with Bob Rose were all about doing this natural, honest, as raw an album as possible using the natural ambiance of the room. I just wanted to use great-sounding instruments that were not samples, that were not keyboards."

When they wrapped up "Photograph Smile," Lennon's next hurdle was releasing the album which he had financed himself. He was skittish about returning to the major-label fold so he weighed his options.

"The last decision I had to make was, Do I want to sign to a

major label and sell my soul to the devil for another five to 10 years?

Instead, Lennon took the reins He started his own label, Music From Another Room, distributed by Fuel 2000/Universal. Lennon is planning a world tour for this

Lennon legacy

"Photograph Smile," dedicated to his late stepfather, Roberto Bassanini, is, at times, painfully autobiographical. In the acoustic-based ballad "Good to be Lonely," Lennon sings "And it's good to be lonely sometimes/It's better than nothing at all/It's good to be lonely sometimes/at least I'm prepared for the fall."

Manipulation is the subject of "Crucified," "I'm just one that the world with open eyes/the countless lies, the truth-denied/whichever way the wind blows/and we're crucified."

On his earlier works, including

1984's "Valotte" which spawned the hit "Too Late for Good-byes," Lennon eschewed his father's musical influence. That has changed with the critically acclaimed "Photograph Smile."

"Day After Day," with its soar-ing instrumentation, and "I Don't Wanna Know" are replete with Beatles/John Lennon influences, On the closing track, "Way to Your Heart" he references Lucy in the Sky with Dia-

monds. If there was anyone who should have those influences, he said, it's him. Lennon, donning a T-shirt that read "Lennon and proud of it," made his point clearly during a Feb. 17 appearance on the "Late Show with David Letterman."

"I thought that was the perfect opportunity to wear that T-shirt. A friend made it up for me a couple of years ago and I've never worn it, but I thought this is the time to wear it. Finally."

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"American Enterprise," in rotat-ing repertory through May 15. Performances are 8 p.m. Thurs-day-Saturday, with selected Wednesday and Saturday 2 p.m. The Hilberry Theatre is at 4743 Cass, at Hancock, on the campus of Wayne State University in Detroit. For more information or to order tickets by phone, call (313) 5 7-2972.

BY SUE SUCHYTA SPECIAL WRITER

The Detroit premiere of "American Enterprise" paints a brilliant picture of the challenging and complex contradictions of capitalism and philanthropy by taking a historic and colorful Jeorge Pullman, the man made rich by the railway

car that bears his name. Pullman, a self-made man with an equally strong ego and a myopic point of view, created his own version of a Utopian

town for the workers at his Pullman car factory. In an era of slums and sweatshops, his ideal town was met with suspicion by the rich and an early rush of euphoria by the work-

However, the paternalistic dictatorship of his town began to crumble when Pullman slashed wages during an economic depression without lowering the rent workers paid for company-owned housing. Pullman had lowered wages to keep the company open during the depression by selling Pullman cars at a loss. However, after rents were deducted workers had very little left to live on

Quoting capitalism and free enterprise the way a preacher quotes Scripture, Pullman's ego and stubbornness prevented him from agreeing to any compromise that might have eased his workers' plight. The anger and desperation of the workers triggered the infamous railway strike that led to the formation of the American Railway Union.

The historical reality of the story is reinforced by a fascinating montage of historical photos projected above the stage onto different screens. Sepia images of George Pullman, his town, the workers are paired with poignant images of Chicago fires and starving children, lending a startling realism to the story.

Aaron Lake endows the larger-than-life role of George Pullman with a strong mix of confidence and angry stubbornness. He helps synthesize Pullman's puzzling contradictions: his benevolent idealism and his staunch, unbending worship of capitalism. Lake also captures the vulnerability of Pullman, who was emotionally unprepared for the labor violence that erupted or the government's pronouncement of the moral unsoundness of his choices

Mike Schraeder as J. Patrick Hopkins is delightfully fresh faced and boyish as Pullman's protégé. Schraeder takes Hopkins from a naive youth to a shrewd politician and business-

American Enterprise' closes Hilberry season man - and Pullman's bitter

Sara Wolf creates a strong yet likable persona for Jennie Curtis, one of the worker representatives, by using a seamstress' simple stories to capture the poignancy of the workers' strug-

Lucas Caleb Rooney as union organizer Eugene V. Debs exhorts the workers into a united front with a passion and strength of purpose that reverberates off the house. Rooney's strong stage presence creates an image for Debs that allowed him to believably and powerfully confront the iron will of

George Pullman. In a break from typical Hilberry tradition, the theater company delivers much of the play's emotion with voices raised in song. While the show is not billed as a musica songs it presents - strong, folklike ballads — capture the mood of the play and create an emo-tional union rallying cry. And while the talented Hilberry ensemble was not chosen for their musical prowess, the actors held their own vocally and created a likable chorus.

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Rugrats — A Live Adventure' for actress

STAFF WRITER kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

It's easy to get discouraged when you're 24, living in New York, away from family and friends, and trying to break into show business.

"Wherever you go there will be someone better than you, but you'll be better than someone else," said Amy Sonne, a 1992 graduate of North Farmington High School who is appearing in the "Rugrats — A Live Adventure," opening April 30 at the Fox Theatre in Detroit. "As long as you love it, it will work out. You'll be happy that you did it."

Sonne started taking dance lessons when she was three

"I wanted to be 5-foot-6 and have long legs," said Sonne who is 5-foot, 3-inches tall.

After graduating from Michigan State University, Sonne moved to New York City in 1997 after graduating from college She got the part in "Rugrata" after answering a dance call for female dancers, 5-foot 3-inches and under last September, She's been touring with the show since October, and called from Knoxville, Tenn.

"It turned out pretty good," said Sonne who is doing something she never dreamed of, por-traying Phil in the "Rugrats — A Live Adventure."

"I wanted to go on tour," she said. "Dressing up as a baby Rugrat has been a good adven-

Sonne worked in children's theater for two years in college. One of the things she likes Rugrats" is that it's for children.

"This show is often their first

"Rugrats — A Live Adventure"

When: 7 p.m. Friday, April 30; 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, May 1 and May 8; 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday, May 2 and May 9; and 7 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, May 47.

Where: Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

Tickets: \$25, \$19.50, and \$12.50, call (313) 983-6611 for information, or (248) 433-1515 to charge tickets.

exposure to live theater," she said. The show draws everyone from babies to adults, but especially children ages four to eight who regularly watch the popular Nickelodeon series show on TV.

"Rugrats — A Live Adventure" brings the show to life with music and colorful sets. It's the same show that came to Detroit last May with some changes.

"Some of the characters are different," said Sonne. "We have a new cast and crew."

As the curtain rises, it's a

rainy day, and the babies are left in Grandpa's care. Chuckie's afraid of thunder. Tommy invents a "People Ator," an invention that makes toys come alive. As long as there are peo-ple around, Chuckie isn't afraid, but the bratty Angela steals it. With help from his friends, Chuckie tries to get the "People-Ator" back.

Imagination, sharing and friendship are some of the lessons children learn as they enjoy this fun-filled production.

Sonne describes her character as "crazy. His twin is Lil. They love to play in the dirt and eat

Because her character is so playful, Sonne said she can be creative. "There aren't many restrictions for physical movements.

Detroit is the end of the road for Sonne who will be leaving the show to spend the summer at Michigania, a family camp for University of Michigan alumni in Boyne City.

She won't be dancing. "I've been director of the nature center for the past three summers, they offered me the job again, said Sonne. "I love camp, it's a great way to work with children. I'm interested in environmental education."

After the summer, Sonne plans to move back to New York City.

Her dream is to teach dance and dance history at the university level. In the meantime, she'd like to dance or perform in musical theater. "I'd really like to dance with a modern dance company, but there aren't many opportunifies." she said.

Dancing is what's she doing now, but Sonne isn't sure if it will be her life's work. "Who says it's what you have to do forever, she said.

Having the support of her family has meant a lot. They go to all of her shows, big and small. Besides "Rugrats" Sonne's theater credits include productions of "West Side Story," "Hello Dolly!" "Anything Goes," and Company."

"My family has supported me all the way," she said. "I've met people who don't any family sup-

Immunity among top winners at Detroit Music Awards

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO STAFF WRITER cfuoco@oe.homecomm.net

The diversity of the Detroit music scene flourished Friday night as the reggae band Immunity, the folk group The Luddites, the country act. Forbes Brothers and pop singer/songwriter Stewart Francke came up the top winners at the Detroit Music Awards.

Immunity took home Outstanding Reggae Artist/Group, Outstanding World Artist/Group and Outstanding Artist/Group Deserving Wider Recognition, while its "Live" album won Outstanding World Music Recording at the ceremony held at the State Theatre. Immunity members Jonathan Pettus and Bill Koggenhop were named Outstanding World Music Vocalist and World Music Instrumentalist, respectively.

The Forbes Brothers swept the

country awards adding Outstanding Country Recording, Country Artist/Group, Country Vocalist, Country Instrumental ist and Country Songwriter to their resume.

Some of the winners

Ruling the pre-show award ceremony held in the mezzanine level of the State Theatre, The Luddites won Outstanding Acoustic Artist/ Group, Outstanding Folk Artist/ Group, and Outstanding Artist/ Group Deserving Wider Recognition in the folk category. Its album "100 Years of Lunacy" was named Outstanding Acoustic/ Folk Bluegrass Recording.

After a four-song set, Francke added Outstanding Local Rock Artist/Group, Outstanding Rock/Pop Songwriter, and Outstanding Local Rock/Pop Recording for "Sunflower Soul Serenade" to his mantle.

His organization, the Stewart Francke Leukemia Foundation, was given this year's Special Achievement award for community and charity work. Francke was diagnosed with the disease and had a bone marrow transplant last year.

"I just want to point out that as far as the Leukemia Foundation goes, a lot of people worked very hard on it. My sister Kit is somewhere out there. She worked very hard on it and also gave me bone marrow," he said.

Distinguished Achievement honors also went to Detroit radio DJ the Electrifyin' Mojo, jazz trumpeter Marcus Belgrave and rockers The Romantics. The ska/punk bands Telegraph and The Suicide Machines paid tribute to The Romantics through song. Romantics singer Wally Palmer played harmonica during The Suicide Machine's cover of "What I Like About You," which

will be included on "Before You Were Punk Vol. 2" due out in July on Vagrant Records.

Other multiple winners included Jill Jack, Johnny Bassett and the Blues Insurgents, Thornetta Davis, Jazzhead, Howling Diablos, Sun Messengers, and Fred Hammond and Radical for

In a moment of pure brilliance, novelist Elmore Leonard gave the Immortal Winos of Soul the Outstanding Band Name prize.

Live energy

The live performances, however, injected energy into the event. The Miracles, without Smokey. Robinson, took the stage for four songs - "The Tears of a Clown," "I Second That Emotion," Och Baby Baby" and "Love Machine" - forcing the stagnant audience out of their seats. Punk rockers and oldies fans alike sang and

The four-and-a-half hour ceremony also featured performances by Esham, Derrick Starks and Today's Generation, Demolition Dollrods, Willie Max, Jeff Haas with Marcus Belgrave Enemy Squad and the Rat Pack All-Star Rhythm and Blues Revue with a variety of Detroit blues performers.

Rap ruled the roost at the Detroit Music Awards. Kid Rock, who was playing in Grand Rapids Friday night, took Outstanding National Album for "Devil Without a Cause," National Single for "I Am the Bullgod" and Hip Hop Writer/Producer.

Eminem, whose major-label debut "The Slim Shady LP" isn't eligible until next year, was honored with Outstanding Hip Hop Recording for his "Slim Shady EP, Hip Hop Artist/Group and Hip Hop MC.

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"We tried for so long just to get to this point. MTV showed us so much love. I'm sure he'd want to thank his mom, whatever, she's not here. You should start supporting your local artists. You didn't give him any love at first now he's blowin' up," said a man who accepted on Eminem's behalf who only identified himself as a producer.

The seven-and-a-half minute, much-touted trailer for "MC5 * A True Testimonial" lived up to its hype until director/co-producer David C. Thomas took the stage. He used the opportunity to shamelessly beg for money. "If everybody contributed the

price of a dinner we could finish our principal photography," he

For a complete list of winners, visit http://www.detroitmusi-

Farmington Players shine in madcap 'Don't Dress for Dinner'

The Farmington Players present "Don't Dress for Dinner" by Marc Camoletti, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 30-May 1, 2 p.m. Sunday, May 2; and 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 7-8 and May 14-15 at the Players Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile (1/2 mile west of Orchard Lake Road), Farming ton Hills. Tickets \$12, call (248) 553-2955.

BY BOB WEIBEL SPECIAL WRITER

The Farmington Players' string of excellent productions continues with "Don't Dress for Dinner," a madcap French farce by Marc Camoletti, (adapted by Robin Hawdon), that starts slowly, then swiftly catapults into one hilarious scene after

Under director Bill Salisbury, the cast appeared in great form

on opening night, no easy task when performing a fast-paced physical comedy before a audience for the first time.

Best of all, seldom did any of the outrageous situations appear "staged;" they flowed naturally from the well-developed comic characters. For example, they had great fun with a repeated gag whereby cast members stamp out imaginary insects to hide what's really going on - adultery and deception.

The setting is a converted French farmhouse. Bernard has planned the perfect weekend. His wife (Jacqueline) will visit her mother (otherwise known as the "old buzzard"). His sleek Parisian mistress (Suzanne) will stop by to keep the home fires burning, so to speak. Unfortunately for Bernard, and happily

for the audience, the rendezvous doesn't go according to plan.

The scheme quickly unravels, when his wife learns a Cordon Bleu cook (Suzette) has been hired, and his best friend, Robert, is also coming over.

It turns out that Robert and his wife are also lovers. She decides to stay home for a little

double adultery. Bernard tries to cover up his intentions, but this only leads to misunderstandings, mistaken identities and clever double-entendres. Mix the movie "Clue" with Abbot and Costello's "Whose on First?" and you have some idea of the comic absurdi-

Nick Szczerba (Bernard) and Jan Salisbury (Jacqueline) are terrific as the dueling spouses. Mike Megerian (Robert) is suave and debonair and a per-

fect foil for Bernard. His smooth comic timing is first rate.

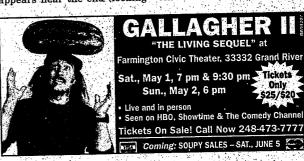
Julia Spina-Kilar (Suzette) creates one of the most definitive characters seen in some time. She brings energy, comic timing and a flair for farce that is a joy to behold. She enters as the cook, but if these folks want to play games, she's game, for a price - as she charges 200 francs for each role she's asked to play (niece, mistress, etc). Her "I've never been so many people or had so many affairs with so many different men in my life" sums up the show itself.

Georgina Schuetz (Suzanne) has that certain "je ne sais quoi" one expects of a seductress, which made her all the more funny as she impersonates the cook and practically destroys the kitchen and the meal.

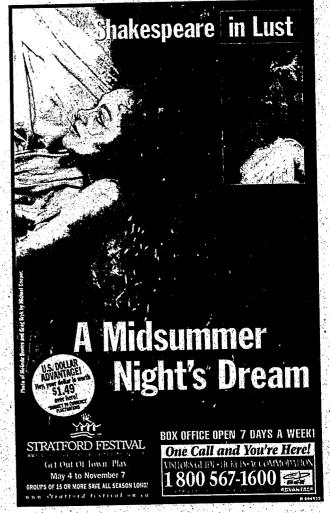
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Erick Carlson (George) caps the evening's fun when he appears near the end (looking

very French) and confused as to what his wife (Suzette) has gotten herself into.







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THE CENTURY THEATRE Forbidden Hollywood," through Sunday, June 27, at the newly restored 200-seat theater in the Gem/Century building, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit, 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays (\$29.50), 7:30 p.m Thursdays (\$29.50), 8:30 p.m. Fridays (\$34.50), 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturdays (\$34,50), 1:30 p.m. Sundays (\$29.50), and 5:30 p.m Sundays (\$24.50). (313) 962-2913 DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE "Magda's Story," through May 23, 8:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 13103

FINE ARTS THEATER

"The Silent Cry- God is Watching You," the No. 1 gospel musical drama that tackles the issues of domestic violence in families, 7:30 p.m. Friday-Sunday, through May 2, 2952 Woodward, Detroit, \$20, (248) 645-6666/(313) 831-7835

Woodrow Wilson, Detroit, \$15, (313)

GEM THEATRE "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," runs through June 27, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit, (313) 963 9800 or (248) 645-6666 MEADOW BROOK THEATRE

"The Rocky Horror Show," Richard O'Brien's rock 'n' roll sci-fi spoof, through Sunday, May 9, Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester, \$24 \$35. (248) 377-3300

NEW STUDIO COMPANY "Master Class," a drama featuring veteran Detroit actress Susan Arnold about soprano Maria Callas as she teaches a master class of opera hope fuls, through Sunday, May 16, Varner Studio Theatre, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 29-May 1, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, May 2, 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 5, 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, May 5-8, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, May 9, 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 12, 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, May 12-15, and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, May 16. New , Studio Company is a new alliance between Meadow Brook Theatre and OU's Department of Music. \$18-\$25. (248) 377-3300/(248) 645-6666

PLOWSHARES THEATRE COMPANY "Jitney," through May 9, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays Fridays, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays, 6 p.m. Sundays, at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American Hisotry, 315 E. Warren at Brush, Detroit. \$15-\$18, \$10 pre views. (313) 872-0279

OPERA

MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE "Madame Butterfly" featuring Bolshol Opera (Moscow) star Marina Mescherlakova and Chinese star Sun-Xiu West, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 1, Sunday, May 2, at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. (313) 237-SING/(248) 645-6666 VERDI OPERA THEATRE OF

MICHIGAN Holds its' fifth annual "Italian Songs and Arias Vocal Competition" for high school students 4 p.m. Sunday, May 2 10 finalists will sing, at the Italian American Cultural Center, Warren. \$7, \$5 seniors/high school students, and available at the door (734) 455-8895/(810) 751-2855

COLLEGE

HENRY FORD COMMUNITY

"Pippin," 8 p.m. Thursdays Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 1 May 2, in Adray Auditorium on campus, 5101 Evergreen, south of Ford Roar/, Dearborn. \$10, \$8 students/seniors. (313) 845-9900 or /theatre.henryford.cc.mi.us/ WSU HILBERRY THEATRE

"American Enterprise," in rotating repertory to May 15; "The Playboy of the Western World," runs through May 8 in rotating repertory, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$10-\$17. (313) 577-

COMMUNITY THEATER

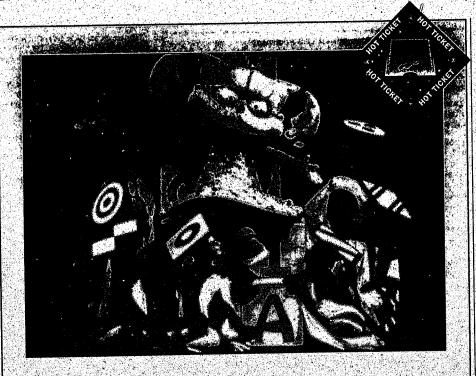
AVON PLAYERS

Children of Eden," a new musical based on the Biblical stories of Adam & Eva. Cain & Abel and Noah's Atk. April 30- May 2, 7-8, 14-16 and 20-22, 8 p.m. Thursdays Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays, also 2 p.m. May 8, at the playhouse, 1185 Tlenken Road, east of Rochester Road, Rochester

Hills. \$15. (248) 608-9077 FARMINGTON PLAYERS "Don't Dress for Dinner," a comedy by Marc Camoletti, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 30 and May 1, May 7-

8, and May 14-15; 2 p.m. Sunday, May 2, at 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, (1/2 mile west of Orchard Lake Road), Farmington Hills, \$12, (248) 553-

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD "Wait Until Dark," Frederic Knott's thriller about a blind woman, a doll, and a thief after the doll which is full of heroin, not recommended for children under age 12, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 7-8 and Thursday-Saturday, May 13-15, and 6 p.m. Sunday, May 9, at the Water Tower



Family show: See Angelica and all your friends at "Rugrats – Adventure," a musical stage show based on the popular Nickelodeon TV Naventure, a musical stage snow cased on the popular Nickelodeon IV series, at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Performances 7 p.m. Friday, April 30: 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, May 1 and May 8; 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday, May 2 and May 9; and 7 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, May 4-7. Tickets are \$25, \$19.50, and \$12.50, call (313) 983-6611 for information, or (248) 433-1515 to charge tickets.

Theatre, 41001 W. Seven Mile, west of 1-275 between Haggerty and Northville roads on the campus of the Northville Psychiatric Hospital, \$9, \$8 advance. (248) 349-7110

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS

"Into the Woods," a musical by Stephen Sondhelm, April 30-May 2, 7-8, 14-16 and 21-23; 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 3 p.m. Sundays, at the playhouse, 206 W. Long Lake between Crooks and Livernois roads. \$13, \$12. seniors/students, (248) 988-7049 ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS

"The Dining Room," April 30 May 1, and 7-8, 8 p.m. Fridays Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 1, at the Upstage: Theater, 21728 Grand River east of Lahser, Detroit, \$10, (313) 537-7716/(313) 532-4010 STAGECRAFTERS 2ND STAGE

"Assassins," a musical with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondhelm, 8 p.m.

Friday-Saturday, April 30-May 1 and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 2, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. \$9. (248) 541-6430 THEATER GUILD OF LIVONIA-

REDFORD

Students from Churchill High School's Creative and Performing Arts program present "The Diary of Anne Frank" 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 6-8, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 9; at the Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford, Beech Daly, south of Five Mile. \$10, \$8 students/seniors. Tickets by reservation only, (313) 531-0554

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS k and the Beanstalk," runs Saturdays 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. lefferson, between Mount Elliott and McDougall across from Harbortown, Detroit. \$7.50, includes lunch and

show. (810) 662-8118 WILD SWAN THEATER World premiere of "Brothers of the Heart," for ages nine and older, May 5-16, gala opening 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 14 with old-fashioned ice cream social and afterglow in the Towsley Theater, (\$20, \$15), at the Towsley Theater, in the Morris Lawrence **Building at Washtenaw Community** College, 4800 E. Huron River Drive

SPECIAL EVENTS

Arin Arbor, \$8, \$6 children. (734) 763-

BROADWAY CONCERT

Featuring baritone Mark Vondrak. soprano Maria Cimarell and other artists from the Michigan Opera Theatre performing music from Rodgers and Hammerstein, Lerner and Loew, and a special tribute to the world of operetta (Romberg, Herbert and Frimi), 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 4, room 332 of the Kahn Building, West Bloomfield, Free, but reservations a must. (248) 661-7649

NEL CARTER Shares the story of her life and journey toward Judalsm, 4 p.m. Sunday, May 2, Temple Israel, 5725 Walnut Lake Road, W. Bloomfield, Tickets \$25, call (248) 661-5700.

DSO "OVERTURES" The singles group catered to those 20to 40 something hosts a noon brunch at the Detroit Institute of Art's Prentis Court, followed by a docent-guided

tour of the DIA at 1:30 p.m., and a

DSO concert with planist Awadagin Pratt, Sunday, May 2. \$40 Includes brunch, shuttle service, and a mid-ba cony concert seat with the group (DIA entrance donation for non-members is not included). (313) 576-5111 or http://www.detroitsymphony.com DETROIT ZOO

Cynthia Moss renowned for her 30year study of African elephants, talks about elephant families as well as her sometimes dangerous experiences on the African savanna, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 29, in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery at the 200, 8450 W. 10 Mile, Royal Oak. \$25. (248) 41-5717, ext. 1205

GUITAR SHOW Featuring 150 vintage instrument deal ers displaying thousands of rare gultars, amplifiers, basses, mandolins, banjos and other stringed instruments, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 1, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 2, Michigan State Fairgrounds, Detroit. \$8 in advance at Gordy's Music, Ferndale: \$10 at the door. Free for children ages 12 and younger. \$4 parking. (248) 546-7447/(248) 546-

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S SHOW Fashion shows, health and fitness information, financial planning, career information, parenting resources, entertainment by "The Singing Handyman" Mike Carluccio among others, childcare provided, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 29-May 1, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, May at the Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Drive. \$7, \$6 advance at Kroger's, \$3 ages 4-12. (800) 849-0248 or www.southernshows.com JEWISH FOOD FAIR

Gooking competitions in five categories, tastings, Michigan's largest talking gefilte fish,, children's entertainment and activities, noon to 4 Shir Tikyah, 3900 Northfield Parkway, troy, \$12, \$7 children ages 5-12; admission includes five tastings.

MICHIGAN STUDENT FILM & VIDEO FESTIVAL

The 30th annual festival co-sponsored by the Detroit Institute of Arts and Detroit Area Film & Television, features films and videos by students, grades K-12, Saturday, May 1, at the Detroit Film Theatre, Free. (248) 547-

99 COLLEGE ALL STARS VS. HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS

p.m. Saturday, May 1; The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., (1-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills: \$35, \$35 and \$15 reserved. Special Superfan seating available. Kids 12 and younger and seniors older than 60 receive \$2 off tickets. Special rates for groups of 15 or more available. (248) 377-0100

<u>BENEFITS</u>

ART AUCTION

7 p.m. Friday, April 30, conducted by Park West Galleries, at St. Edith, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia, \$5, to benefit St. Edith Christian Service and St. Edith Youth Ministry. (734) 464-1222 EARTH ANGELS SOCK HOP

Special performance by Earth Angels, pizza dinner with dessert, hula hoop contest, prizes for best 50's contest, 6-10 p.m. Saturday, May 15, at the William Costick Activities Center 28600 Eleven Mile, Farmington Hills. \$8, \$6 children under age 5. (248)

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

The Ruach Group of the Greater Detroit Chapter of Hadassah is hosting its third annual progressive dinner, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, May 1, at a mem bers' homes. The Vineyards, Uptown Dell, The Shiek, LaShish, Sweet Lorraine's, Mai Thal, Mei Ling, Big Daddy's, E.G. Nicks, Marty's Cookles and Diamond Bakery have donated food. Benefits the Madassah Medical Organization, comprised of two hospitals, outpatient clinics, research facilities, and a community health center. (248) 960-3145/(248) 737-8999 SCARAB CLUB AUCTION

Noon, Sunday, May 2, at the club, 217 Farnsworth, behind the Detrolt Institute of Arts, \$5, proceeds will go toward restoration of the historic Scarab Club built in 1928, (313) 831-1250

FAMILY EVENTS

BEANIE BABY SHOW

11 a.m, to 3 p.m. Sunday, May 2, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. \$5, \$2 children iges 4-12. (734) 455-2110 DSO "YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONCERT"

Featuring music inspired by the book "On the Day You Were Born," by Debra Frasler, and arranged for orchestra by Steve Heitzeg, 11 a.m. Saturday, May 1, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit, \$8-\$22 (\$30 box seats) (313) 576-5111 or

http://www.detroitsymphony.com MEET YOUR BEST FRIEND

At the Detroit Zoo, adopt a loveable pet, the Michigan Humane Society and 30 participating humane organizations are trying to find new homes for hundreds of homeless animals, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, May 1-2, at the zoo, 8450 W. 10 Mile, Royal Oak Free, parking not included, (313) 872-3400/(248) 398-0900

CLASSICAL

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA With planist Awadagin Pratt and conductor Eri Klas, Beethoven's "Plano Concerto No. 3," and Gershwin, 8 p.m Thursday-Friday, April 29-30, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, May 1, and 3 p.m. Sunday, May 3, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$13-\$48 (box seats \$40-\$63). (313) 576-5111 or http://www.detroitsymphony.com

CONCERT BANDS

BIRMINGHAM CONCERT BAND Fanfare for Spring concert featuring. a variety of music from across the

ages, 3 p.m. Sunday, May 2, at Groves High School Auditorium, 20500 W. 13 Mile at Evergreen, Free, donations appreclated.

ORGAN

MOTOR CITY THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

Show Boat," starring Howard Keel, Kathryn Grayson and Ava Gardner, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 30-May 1, and 2 p.m. Saturday, April 30, organ overture begins 30 minutes before per formances with Tony O'Brien, at the Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road at Grand River, Detroit: \$2.50. (313) 531-4407

POPS/SWING

II-V-I 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 Heldelberg, 215 N. Main, Ann Arbor, \$5, (734) 663-7758

AUDITIONS.

BIRMINGHAM CONCERT BAND

Looking for adult musicians (woodwind, brass, and especially percussion players) of all ages, rehearsals are 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at Groves High School Birmingham. (248) 474-4997 EXTREME GONG"

The Game Show Network show audi-tions for acts, 4-6 p.m. Thursday, May 6, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Variety acts must be three. minutes of less and anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Accompaniment for any musical act must be accustic. 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

NOVI THEATRES Auditions for actors ages seven through college for "Jack & the Beanstalk" and "Beauty & the Beast, 4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, May 4 and 6, at the Novi Civic Center Stage 45175 W. 10 Mile. For performances July 9-11 and July 30-Aug. 1. All acotrs must pay a participation fee of \$125 once cast. (248) 347-0400 OPEN AUDITIONS.

For girls ages 5-10 to sing "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" from the "Wizard of Oz" for a gala to raise funds for cancer research, noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 1, at 29555 Mullane Drive, west of Orchard Lake Road off 13 Mile, Farmington Hills. For performance Saturday, May 15.

RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL Final call for experienced actors (background in dance, martial arts, swordplay or drill team/cheerleading helpful) to perform in the 20th annual Michigan Renaissance Festival, by appointment only Saturday, May 8, at Oakland University's Varner Hall, Rochester, For festival to run Aug. 14-Sept. 26, (800) 601-4848

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS JUNIOR ACTORS Audtions for young people ages 12-18

for the musical "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," 1-3 p.m. Saturday, May 1, at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake between Livernois and Crooks. Troy: For performances June 25-27, (810) 677-2077.

STAGECRAFTERS YOUTH THEATRE Auditions for ages 8-18 for "Bye, Bye Birdie," 10 a.m., Saturday, May 1, reg istration begins at 9 a.m., at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. For performances July 23-25, 29-31 and Aug. 1. (248) 541-

CHORAL

FORT STREET CHORALE Performs "The Passion According to St. Matthew" by J.S. Bach with the Fort Street Chamber Orchestra with

Thomas Sheets of the University Choral Union conducting, 3 p.m. Sunday, May 2, at Fort Street Presbyterian Church, 631 Fort St., Detroit, \$12. (313) 961-4533
FULL CIRCLE DANCE COMPANY

From Henry Ford Community College, dance and choral works concert, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 7-8, In Adray Auditorium on campus, 5101 Evergreen, \$9, \$6 students/seniors/children. Dearborn. (313) 845-6314/(313) 845-6474

AND SHOW CHOIR

LIVONIA CIVIC CHORUS "Jump 'n Time" concert of '30s and Saturday, April 30 May 1, at Clarenceville High School, Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia. \$7, \$5 seniors/students. (248) 620-4807 MADRIGAL CHORALE OF

SOUTHFIELD Under conductor Robert A. Martin. with the Livingston County Chorale sing 4 p.m. Sunday, May 2, highlights include "The Gospel Mass" by Robert Ray and "Canticle of Praise" by John Ness Beck, at the Academy of the Sacred Heart, 1250 Kensington Road, Bloomfield Hills. \$15, \$12 seniors/stu

The men's choral society performs 4 p.m. Sunday, May 2, at Franklin Community Church, 26425 Wellington, Franklin, \$10, \$5 children ages 10 and younger. (248) 626-6606

MEASURE FOR MEASURE

JAZZ

AH LAROCCA 9 p.m. Tuesday, May 4, as part of

Mood Indigo night at Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310 (avant Jazz) THE BLEND 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, April

30, at Copper Canyon Brewery, 27522 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. (248) 223-1700

GERALD BLUMER

8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, April 29, at Edison's, 220 Merrili St., Birmingham, Free, (248) 645-2150 (plano/bass/drums) SANDRA BOMAR

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, May 1, Edison's, 220 Marrill St., Birmingham.

Free, 21 and older, (248) 645-2150 (vocal/plano/bass) HEIDI HEPLER/MICHELE

RAMO/TODD CURTIS 8-11 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, at the No.VI Chophouse and Lobster Bar In the Hotel Baronette, 27790 Novi Road, Novl. (248) 305-5210; 8-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at Northern Lakes Seafood Company in the Kingsley inn, 1475 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 646-7900; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's Market, 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi.

Free, All ages. (248) 305-7333

WOODY HERMAN TRIBUTE With the Johnny Trudell Big Band, music from all the Herds directed by Frank Tiberi, 3 p.m. Sunday, May 16 (2:45 p.m. Warm-up band is the Orchard Lake Middle School Jazz Band), at Clarenceville High School Auditorium, 20155 Middlebelt Road, between Seven and Eight Mile, lvonia. \$15, proceeds benefit the free Michigan Jazz Festival and the Alumni and Friends of Clarenceville Foundation, (248) 474-2720/(734)

KIMMIE HORNE 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 30 May 1, D.L. Harrington's Roadhouse, 2086 Crooks Road, Rochester Hills, Free. All. ages. (248) 852-0550 CHARLIE HUNTER AND ADAM

7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Wednesday-

Thursday, May 5-6, Bird of Paradise 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$15 in advance. 21 and older. (734) 662-LIQUID SOUL 8 p.m, Friday, April 30, Magic Bag,

22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale in advance. 18 and older, (248) 544-

http://www.themaglcbag.com (avant LEE KONITZ TRIO With Pete Siers, drums and Jeff Halsey, bass, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, May 8, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave.

Ann Arbor, \$25, \$15, \$10. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net MATT MICHAELS TRIO With Ron Kischuk, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, April 29; with Tom Saunders

and Jim Wyse (cornet and sax Thursday, May 6, at the Botsford Inn. Farmington Hills. \$5 cover walved with dinner order. (248) 474-4800 MUTUAL ADMIRATION SOCIETY

8 p.m. Wednesdays Saturdays, Duet, 3663 Woodward Ave., at Martin Luther King Boulevard, Detroit. Free.

NORTHWOODS IMPROVISORS 8 p.m. Saturday, May 1, 1515 Broadway, 1515 Broadway, Detroit. \$10, All ages. (313) 965-1515.

JIM PARAVANTES With Meridian, 8:30 p.m. to midnight Fridays-Saturdays in April, Andiamo

Italia West, 6676 Telegraph Road, at Maple Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300 POIGNANT PLECOSTOMUS With Jazzhead, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, May 1, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St.,

Ann Arbor. \$5, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555

GARY SCHUNK TRIO

8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, May 6, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (plano/bass/drums) PETE SIERS TRIO.

With Johnny O'Neal, drums and Jeff Halsey, bass, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Friday, April 30, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor, \$10, \$5 students. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

TOOTS THIELEMANS QUARTET With Kenny Werner, 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 7-8, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor, \$20. (734) 662-8310 HARVEY THOMPSON AND FRIEND 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 30-May 1, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley

St., Ann Arbor, \$5, 21 and older. (734) PAUL VORNHAGEN

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, April 30, at Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham, Free, (248) 645-2150 (saxophone, plano/bass/drums)
DONALD WALDEN QUARTET

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, May 7, Edison's, 220 Merrill St. Birmingham, Free, 21 and older. (sex/plano/bass/drums) URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY

With Dan Kolton, 9 p.m, to 12:30 a.m. Thursdays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free, 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

NEW AGE

JAAP BLONK

The dutch voice performer and sound poet appears with Swedish multireed experimentalist Mats Gustafsson and Chicago percussionist Michael Zerang in an evening of improvisational excursions exploring sound possibilities out past the edge, 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 4. at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor, \$15, \$10. (734) 769-2999 or kch@lc.net

WORLD MUSIC

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Continued from previous page BLACK MARKET 10 p.m. Saturday, May 1, Oxford Inn

Novi. \$5. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856 (reggae) GREAT BIG SEA

8 p.m. Saturday, May 1, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, \$15, \$10 stu-dents with student ID at Michigan Union Ticket Office. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

MMUNITY

9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, April 30. Hamtramck Funtrain at Holbrook Cafe, 3201 Holbrook, Hamtramck Cover charge, 21 and older, (313) 875-1115; 7-11 p.m. Wednesday, May 5, Rio Bravo, 2065 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills, Free, All ages. (248) 371-0333; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday Saturday, May 7-8, Weber's Inn. 3050 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor, Free, 21 and older. (734) 769-2500 (reggae)

9 p.m. Thursday, April 29, Karl's Cabin, 9779 Old N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734)

NATALIE MACMASTER B'b'm. Wednesday-Thursday, May 5-6. The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor.

\$15. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org GEAROID O'HALLMHURAIN All Ireland champion concertina player and uillean piper, 8 p.m. Sunday, May 2, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann

Arbor, \$11, \$10 members, students and seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org JIM PERKINS DUO 9 p.m. Thursday, April 29, Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple Road,

Birmingham. Free; 21 and older. (248) 642-1135 (Irish/folk) TOOTS AND THE MAYTALS With Morgan Heritage, 9 p.m. Friday, May 7, Majestic, 4140 Woodward

Detroit. \$17.50 in advance, 18. and older, (313) 833-9700 or http://www.99music.com (reggae)

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

PATTY LARKIN With Jennifer Kimball, 8 p.m. Thursday April 29, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$15 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-

http://www.themagicbag.com THE DUTTONS Bring their blend of country, folk, clas-

sical and bluegrass to the Southfield, Centre for the arts, 24350 Southfield Road, 3 p.m. Sunday, May 2. Admission \$10, call (248) 424-9022. CHRIS PROCTOR 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 4, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12, \$11

members, students and seniors, All ages. (734) 761-1451 or /www.a2ark.org -RFD BOYS

The bluegrass band performs at Folk Vespers, a professional fold music con cert, 6 p.m. Sunday, May 2, in the gothic sanctuary of First Baptist Church, 300 Willits at Bates, north of Manle, west of Old Woodward, Birmingham. Free will offering taken for musicians. (248) 644-0550

POETRY/SPOKEN WORD

OPEN MIC POETRY NIGHT 8 p.m. Thursdays in April, at Borders Books, Music, Video and Cafe, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. All poets must sign up in advance.

(248) 652-0558 AUTHORS & POETS An Afternoon of Short Story and Poetry Reading, 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Ma 2, The Community House, 380 S. Bates, St., Birmingham. \$5, (248) 644-5832.

DANCE

CONTRA DANCE To music by The Ethnic Connection, no partner needed, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 1, 46 p.m. open jam for string band musicians of all levels, 6 p.m. learn easy international dances, 7 p.m. Contra dance, at the Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor Saline Road, south of 1-94, Ann Arbor. \$7. (734) 332-9024 ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING

Workshop and dancing, 7:15-9:45 p.m. Tuesday, May 4, at Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road, north of Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor, \$5. (734) 662-5158 HEARING IMPAIRED LISTENERS

FAMILY/COMMUNITY DANCE For parents and children age 0 and up. program is designed to provide hearing impaired children and their families with a safe, fun way to practice listening and responding to music and verbal cues, non-hearing impaired children and their parents are also welcome, audiologíst Marcie Brown hosts, 1-3 p.m. Saturday, May 1, at the Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor Saline Road, south of I-94, Ann Arbor. \$4, \$7 per family. Scholarships avail-

able, (734) 741-8998 FULL CIRCLE DANCE COMPANY AND SHOW CHOIR

From Henry Ford Community College, dance and charal works concert, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 7-8, In

Adray Auditorium on campus, 5101 Evergreen, \$9, \$6 students/seniors/children. Dearborn. (313) 845-6314/(313) 845-6474 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, May 8. at the Italian-American Cultura ter, Warren. \$7, \$6 members. (810) 573-4993

COMEDY

GALLAGHER II: THE LIVING SEQUEL 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, May 1-2, Farmington Civic Theatre, 33332 Grand River Ave., at Farmington Road, Farmington \$20 and \$25. (248) 473-7777 JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB Allyn Ball, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 29), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m

Friday-Saturday, April 30-May 1 (\$12) Billy Ray Bauer, 8 p.m. Thursday, May 6 (\$5), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 7-8 (\$12), 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 Diana Jordan, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 29, (\$8, \$20.95 dinner show package), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 30-May 1 (\$12, \$24,95 dinner show package), 7 p.m. Sunday, May 2 (\$10, \$22,95 dinner show package), and ladles only night, 8 p.m. Monday, May 3 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package); Wendy Llebman, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 7-8 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package), and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 9 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn: (313) 584-

KINGS OF COMEDY TOUR" With Steve Harvey, Cedric "The Entertainer," Bernie Mac and D.L. Hughley, 8 p.m. Friday Saturday, April 30 May 1, Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civio Center Dr., Detroit. \$37:50 and \$47.50. All ages. (313) 983-6611 MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

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

"Extra Terrestrial Chicken" is an Alternative Mondays productions running 8 p.m. Mondays through May 10 (\$8); "Improv Jammers" every Tuesday 7;30 p.m.) beginning May 4 (\$5); Impeachment and Cream," through May, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 8 p.m. Wedne 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 'Improv Jammers," featuring Level 5 training center class, National Touring Company recreating skits from The Second City's 40-year history, and an open improv jam moderated by National Touring Company, 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays beginning May 4. (313) 965-

JOHN VALBY "DR. DIRTY" 7 p.m. Friday, April 30, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15 general admission seating. 18 and older. (313) 961-5451 or http://www.statetheater.com SUZANNE WESTENHOEFER

8 p.m. Thursday, April 30, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, Cover charge. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

POPULAR MUSIC

TROY ANASTASIO

Phish lead guitarist/singer performs acoustic and electric, with Tony Markellis and Russ Lawton, 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 3, Michigan Theatre, 603 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor. Sold out. All ages. (734) 763-TKTS or http://www.99music.com (rock) JOHNNIE BASSETT

With the Blues Insurgents, 9 p.m. Thursday, April 29, Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown; With Joe Weaver, 9 p.m. Friday, April 30, at Music Menu. Cover charge. 21 and older, (313) 964-6368 (blues)

BIG SUGAR With Keller Williams, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 1, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$8 in advance. 18 and

older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com (blues) **BLACK BEAUTY**

8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 30-May 1 Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward ., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

"BLIND PIG SHOWCASE" With Crazy Flying Glants, That's My Mama, Debaser and Michelle Peters, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 4, Blind Pig.



Playing the Bag: Patty Larkin (above) and Jennifer Kimball perform Thursday, April 29, at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Doors open at 8 p.m. for the 18-and-older show. For ticket information, call (248) 544-3030 or visit www.themagicbag.com

206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor, Free. 19 and older, (734) 996-8555 (vari-

BLUECAT 7 p.m. Thursday, April 29, Gameworks inside Great Lakes Crossing, 4316 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 745-9675; 8 p.m. Friday, May 7, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free: All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues) **BLUE ROSE**

9 p.m, Friday-Saturday, April 30-May 1, Nancy Whiskey's, 2644 Harrison, Detroit: Free. 21 and older: (313) 962-

BLUE SUIT 9 p.m. Friday, April 30, Ford Road Bar and Grill: 35505 Ford Road, Westland

Free, 21 and older. (734) 721-8609 BUMPIN' UGLIES With The Unfriendlys and The Daggers,

9 p.m. Friday, April 30, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge, 21 and older (313) 833-6873 or http://golddollar.com (punk) SCOTT CAMPBELL GROUP

3-5 p.m. Saturday, May 1, Borders Rooks and Music, 3527 Washtenaw Ann Arbor, Free, All ages. (734) 677-6948 (rock) COMPANY OF STRANGERS

9 p.m. Friday, April 30, Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple Road, Birmingham Free: 21 and older. (248) 642-1135 (rock/Irish)

CRAZY FLYING GIANTS With Climax Devine and The Fringe, 9 p.m. Thursday, April 29, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit, \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)

THE CULT HEROES With a CD release party for "Motors for Tricycles" by the Deterrants and special guest Colonel Sun, 9:30 p.m. Friday, May 7, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor, \$5, 19 and older,

(734) 996-8555 (rock) THE DIAMOND DUKES 9 p.m. Friday, May 7, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free, 21 and older, (734) 721-4800

DOMESTIC PROBLEMS 8 p.m. Friday, May 7, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale Cover charge, 18 and older, (248)

544-3030 or http://www.themagiobag.com (rock) DOVETAIL JOINT

8 p.m. Thursday, May 6, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$7 In advance, \$8 day of show. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (rock) **GLEN EDDY**

9 p.m. Saturday, May 1, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge, 21 and older, (734) 451-1213 (blues)

9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, May 7, at Copper Canyon Brewery, 27522 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. Free. 21 and older. (248) 223-1700 (pop) With Natas, House of Crazees and DJ

in advance. All ages. (248) 333-2362 or http://www.961melt.com (rap) THE EX-HUSBANDS 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 30, Van Gogh's Starry Night Lounge, 27909 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All

Assault, 8 p.m. Friday, May 7, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron St., Pontiac. \$12

GRAVITY WELL With Polgnant Plecostomus and Prime Numbers, 9 p.m. Friday, April 30, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)

ages. (248) 324-0400 (rock)

8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 5, Oxford Inn Tavern, 43317 E. Grand River Ave. Novi, Free. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856 (blues/rock)

AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS 9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 29-May 1, The Habitat Inside Weber's, 3050 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor. 21 and older. (734) 665-3636; 9 p.m. Thursday, May 6, Arbor Brewing Company, 116 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor: Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393; 9 p.m. Friday, May 7, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St Plymouth, Cover charge, 21 and older 4) 451-1213 (blues

THE HOPE ORCHESTRA 8 p.m. Friday, April 30, Borders Books and Music, 43075 Crescent Blvd. Novi. Free. All ages. (248) 347-0780; 7 p.m. Saturday, May 1, Borders Books and Music, 3527 Washten Ann Arbor, Free. All ages. (734) 677-6948 (alternative rock) HOUSE OF USHER

With Bon, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 1, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens, Cover charge, 18 and older (810) 913-1921 (prog rock) LISA HUNTER

8-10 p.m. Saturday, May 1, Espresso Royale, 214 S, Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838 or http://www.lb.com/onemanclapping/l isa.htm (acoustic rock)

IMPACT 7 8:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 29-30, Oxford Inn Tavern, 43317 E. Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856 (blues) JUVENILE

With Cash Money Millionaires, Hot Boys, B.G., Big Timers, Trick Daddy featuring Trina, Tre+6, and DH Sikes, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 29, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$45, \$30 and \$15 general admission seating. All ages. (313) 961-5451 or http://www.statetheater.com (R&B)

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

LAGWAGON With All, Clowns for Progress and Wretch Like Me, 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 30, St. Andrew's Hail, 431 E. Detroit, \$10 in ac ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (rock)

PATTY LARKIN With Jennifer Kimball, 8 p.m. Thursday. April 29, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Cover charge. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com (singer/songwriters)

THE LAYABOUTS With Immigrant Suns, 9 p.m. Saturday May 1, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock/Eastern European)

MAJOR WOODY 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 7-8, Boulders, 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. \$3, 21 and older. (734) 459-4190 (top 40) MISS BLISS

With The Arthur White Experience, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 29, Blind Plg, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbon \$4. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555

MOTOR CITY BURGERS Celebrate release of CD with party

and performance, with special guests 500 Feet of Pipe and Broadzilla, 9 p.m. Friday, May 7, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock) MYSTERY TRAIN WITH JIM

451-1213 (blues)

9 p.m. Friday, April 30, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734)

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MCCARTY

With Bubaluba, 9 p.m. Saturday, May 1, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw St.,

ontiac. Cover charge, 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (rock) NO MOTIV

With Moods for Moderns, 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 3, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (rock) NOBODY'S BUSINESS

10:30 p.m. Friday, April 30, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester, Free, 21 and older (248) 650-5060 (rockabill ROBERT NOLL BLUES MISSION

9 p.m. Saturday, May 1, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland, Free, 21 and older, (734) 721-8609 (blues) . SUGAR RAY NORCIA

8 p.m. Wednesday, May 5, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$10. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com (blues) THE ORIGINAL BROTHERS AND

SISTERS OF LOVE With The Scavenger Quartet featuring Frank Pahl, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, May 6, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4, 19 and older, (734) 996-8555 (rock)

OUT IN WORSHIP. With Drumhead, 9 p.m. Thursday, April 29, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge, 21 and older: (313) 833-6873 or http://golddollar.com (dub) PHIFE

With Xibit and Defail, 8 p.m. Thursday April 29, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$15 in advanc \$18 day of show, All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (hip-hop)

10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 29 May 1, Boulders, 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Free. 21 and older, (734) 459-4190

GARY RASMUSSEN AND STEPHEN GRANT WOOD 6 p.m. Thursday, April 29, Van Gogh's Starry Night Lounge, 27909 Orchard

Lake Road, Farmington Hills, Free, 21 and older, (248) 324-0400 (rock) MYK RISE 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday Saturday, April 30-May 1, 5 Hole in The Second City, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Free

before 10 p.m. 21 and older. (313) 471-3300 (rock) ROYCE 8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 6, Oxford Inn Tavern: 43317 E. Grand River Ave., Novi. Free: 21 and older. (248) 305-

5856 (blues) SAFFIRE: THE UPPITY BLUES WOMEN

8 p.m. Friday, April 30, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (734), 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org (blues) SAGE

Wth Gene Yu. 8-9:30 p.m. Friday, April 30, Angel Caravan Coffeehouse, 1420 Hill St., Ann Arbor. Suggested donation, \$7, \$5 students ages 13 and older, \$3 kids. All ages. (734) 327-2041 (acoustic rock) SAX APPEAL

8 p.m. Thursday, April 29, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues) 7 FT. POLITIC

8:30 p.m. Saturday, May 1, Mill Street Entry below Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$5. 21 and older. (248) 333-2362 or

http://www.961melt.com (rock) CHRIS SMITHER AND STEVE FORBERT 8 p.m. Friday, May 7, The Ark, 316 S.

Main St., Ann Arbor, \$13.50, All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org (singer/song-

TAPROOT

With Forge and Factor, 9:30 p.m. Friday, April 30, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 19 and older. (734) 998-8555 (rock) TEEN IDOLS

With Lillingtons, Outsiders and Elephant Ear, 6 p.m. Sunday, May 2, St. Andrew's Hall. 431 E. Congress. Detroit. \$7. All ages. (313) 961-MELT

or http://www.961melt.com (rock)
TONY, TONI, TONE 7 p.m. Thursday, May 6, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 general admission seating. 21 and older. (313) 961-5451 or

http://www.statetheater.com (R&B) TRASH BRATS With Kevin K and Freddy Lynexx, 9 p.m. Saturday, May 1, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover

charge, 21 and older, (313) 833-6873 TWO MAN ADVANTAGE With Porn Flakes, 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 4. The Shelter below St. Andrew Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$7 in dvance, All ages. (313) 961-MELT VERTICAL PILLOWS

Plays its first show since 1991, with special guests Motor Dolls, 9 p.m. Saturday, May 1, Lill's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck, \$5. 21 and older. (313) 875-6555 (pap/rock)

RANDY VOLIN AND THE SONIC BLUES 9 p.m. Saturday, May 1, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak.

Free, 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 or http://www.rockindaddys.com (blues) 9 p.m. Friday, May 7, Griff's Grill, 49

N. Saginaw St. Pontiac. Cover charge: 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (alter-JOHN WAITE

6:30 p.m. Friday, May 7, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15, \$20 and \$24,50. All ages. (313) 961-5451 or http://www.statetheater.com (rock) &

With loe Henry, 8 p.m. Thursday, May 6, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit, \$15 in advance, \$18 day of show, 18 and older, (313) 833-9700 or http://www.99music.com (roots

CLUB NIGHTS

ALVIN'S

The Hush Party with resident DJs Melvin Hill and Cent, 10 p.m. Mondays; and Club Color, featuring funk and disco, 8 p.m. Wednesdays (free before 10 p.m.); at the club, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or v.alyins.xtcom.com BLIND PIG

"Swing-a-billy" night with dance lessons from 8-9 p.m. Sundays with DJ lessons from 8-9 p.lli. Suitays with Del Villarreal, at the club, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, \$3 after 9 p.m.; "Solar Spin Off" night with Will Gilford, Nasty C, ATM, Lauren Flex, and Seven, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 5. \$6, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 CLUTCH CARGO'S/MILL STREET Jashback," night with "The Planet" WPLT on level two (Clutch Cargo's), old school funk on level three, and techno and house on level four, 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, at the club, 65 E. Huron, Pontlac. Free before 9 p.m. 21

and older; Alternative dance night, 8 p.m. Wednesdays in Clutch Cargo's. 18 and older. (248) 333-2362 or http://www.961melt.com THE GROOVE ROOM unk, hip-hop and top 40 with DJ Mac D, Thursdays, Women admitted free; "Love Factory" alternative dance hight Fridays; Alternative dance with DJ Hidays, Alternative dates with D. Matt Saturdays, Alternative dance Tuesdays, gothic, industrial and retro with DJ Paul Wednesdays, Free, at the club, 1815 N. Main St. (at 12 Mile)

Road), Royal Oak, Free before 10 p.m. nightly: 21 and older. (248) 589 3344 or http://www.thegrooveroom.com LA BOOM TEEN NIGHTCLUB Dance night for teens ages 15-19, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays at the club, 1172 N. Pontiac Trail,

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(313) 833-9700 MOTOR LOUNGE "Back Room Mondays," service industries employee appreciation night, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Mondays, Free. 21 and older; "Community Presents" with resi dent DJs, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tuesdays. \$3. 18 and older; "Maximum Overload," 9 p.m. Fridays, \$6. 18 and older; "Divine" with DJs Mike Clark, Mark Flash and Brian Gillespie, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturdays. \$6. 21 and older, all at the club, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. (313) 396-0080 or

http://www.motordetroit.com ST. ANDREW'S/THE SHELTER "Three Floors of Fun." 9 p.m. Fridays \$3 before 11 p.m., \$5 afterward. 18 and older; X2K dance night, 10 p.m. Saturdays; "Incinerator," 9 p.m. Wednesdays in The Shelter. \$6. 21 and older. St. Andrew's and The Shelter are at 431 E. Congress, Detroit. (313) 961-MELT

STATE THEATRE

"Ignition" dance night, 9 p.m. Saturdays at the club, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (313) 961-5451 or http://www.statetheater.com

24 KARAT CLUB

"Latin Dance Night" with DJ Ronny Lucas, 8 p.m. to 2 a.m., Thursdays. \$3; Live music Fridays and Saturdays (see popular music calendar); Swing lessons for advanced dancers, 8 p.m. Tuesdays (\$3 for 21 and older, \$5 for 18 and older), and for beginners, 8 p.m. Wednesdays (\$3 for 21 and older, \$5 for 18 and older), at the club, 28949 Joy Road (two blocks east of Middlebelt Road), Westland. (734) 513-5030

VELVET LOUNGE

Latin/advanced swing dance lessons, 8-10 p.m. Mondays. 18 and older; Beginner swing with DJ Sonny, 8-10 p.m. Tuesdays. 18 and older; House rent party, 9 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays (21 and older), Velvet Lounge, 29 S. Seginaw St., Pontiac. (248) 334-7411

Don't expect smooth flight in 'Pushing Tin'

By VICTORIA DIAZ SPECIAL WRITER

"Pushing Tin" stars John Cusack, Billy Bob Thornton, Cate Blanchett, and Angelina Jolie, four of the most capable young screen actors around these days. It's directed by Mike Newell, who counts "Donnie Brasco" and "Four Weddings and a Funeral" among his stellar accomplishments.

Also, it's a film that takes a a long-neglected subject that would seem to be utterly replete with excitement and dramatic potential – the world of the air traffic control room,

Maybe one of this movie's

problems is that it holds too much promise for its own good. It's not really an awful film, crashing and burning on take-off in one big, dreadful heap. Never-theless, it does have some trouble getting off the ground.

In it, Cusack is Nick Falzone, a fast-talking controller who hums golden oldies as he works the radar scopes, "pushing tin" in the overcrowded skies above New York City. Nick is one cool guy. IN fact, he's the coolest guy in the control room. He never messup. He makes his nail-biting job look effortless. And though he knows he's one heckuya traffic controller, he's so friendly and down-to-earth that everyone

likes him anyway. He has a loving wife (played by Cate Blanchett), two cute kids, and a nice home in the suburbs.

And then, something happens to really gum u the works for Nick. Competition rides into town on a glittery motorcycle, in the form of a guy named Russell Bell (Billy Bob Thornton), to make a job in the same control room, Half-Irish and half-Choctaw, the taciturn Russell proceeds to take Nick down several pegs and, almost before we can say "Mayday," Nick is losing his wife, his kids, maybe his job, and most definitely his compo-

Despite some especially good



Drama: John Cusack (clockwise, left to right), Billy Bob Thornton and Jerry Grayson! monitor the scopes in "Pushing Tin."

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performances by Cusack and Blanchett, much of what happens in this movie about man-toman competition seems vaguely silly instead of funny or amusing, and oddly fragmented instead of cohesive or fast-paced. At the film's conclusion, you may feel as if you've taken an over long trip that's grown especially tiresome as it lumbers toward the finish line.

"Pushing Tin" is also hampered often by its own split personality. It's one of those movies that can't seem to decide quite what direction it wants to take. Does it want to be Funny? Does it want to be poignant? Does it want to be a "message film"? Because of its schizoid tendencies, often what it ends up being is implausible.

Some scenes seem especially nonsensical. Take, for instance the boys-will-be-boys fight that breaks out in the control room between Nick and Russell, while all that tin is stacking up like

lethal sardines over LaGuardia, Kennedy, Newark, etc. Even as competitive as these two characters seem, and even as much as a moviegoer may yearn to suspend disbelief, as it's presented here, such a scenario is hard to swal-A few scene feel as if they've

wandered over from some other movie or TV show (Glen Charles & Les Charles of "Cheers" fame wrote the screenplay). At one point, Nick leaves Long Island and the control room, and goes to Colorado in search of Russell and some answers to the mysteries of his life. Because this is the kind of movie that it is, he finds him right there in great out-doors, fishing in a cold, mountain stream.

This gives Russell the chance things like "He knows I caught him, and I know I caught him," referring to a trout he's just hooked and let go. It also gives him the chance to say things like "Jump into the

water!" and to deliver other briefs sermonettes that sound as if they might have been intendedfor a segment of SNL's "Deep thoughts." The two cohorts then conclude the day by standing in the turbulence wake of a 747 as it comes in for a landing. Maybe

it's a guy thing.
Billy Bob Thorton's Rusself Bell is often so wooden and remote that he's like somebody s slightly overdose on an anti-psychotic medication. The eccentricity may lie more with the character than with the actor, but it's hard to empathize with wooden and remote, and consequently, a challenge to care about such a character, which further disables this picture. The Screen play for "Pushing Tin" was adapted from Darcy Drey's "Something's Got to Give," an absorbing New York Times article about controllers at the New York Terminal Radar. Approach Control on Long Island, Too bad this movie doesn't fly nearly as effectively as Frey's article.

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'Sliding Doors' has interesting plot

BY LEANNE ROGERS STAFF WRITER lrogers@oe,homecomm.net

How someone's life turns out can be altered by some bits of good or bad luck — like whether you caught the subway train and got home sooner than if you had taken a taxi. That's the premise of a rather flat 1998 British film "Sliding Doors."

The plot device of the film is interesting enough — it shows parallel plot lines what happens if a woman, played Gwyneth Paltrow, arrives home early enough to find her boyfriend in bed with another woman or just after the other woman has left.

In the first instance, the woman breaks up with the boyfriend - a loser she has been supporting while he stays at home to work on his novel. Conveniently, she met a very nice man on the subway train and **VIDEO**

even more conveniently runs into him again while trying to drown her sorrows about her domestic problems. The course of her new relationship seems too good to be true and naturally doesn't have a smooth course.

In the other scenario, the woman decides to take a taxi and gets mugged which delays her journey home. As a result, it takes her some time to figure out what her boyfriend has been up to while he was supposed to be working. After getting fired from her public relations job, the woman works two lower paying jobs to make ends meet while the boyfriend continues his career as an unfaithful layabout. Keeping track of the two versions gets easier after Paltrow's character

goes blonde and gets a short haircut in one version.

Directed by Peter Howitt, "Sliding Doors" can't decide if it's a drama or a romantic comedy. Neither effort is successful due to a weak script and equally weak performances by most of the cast. Paltrow is very earnest in her performance. As her unfaithful boyfriend, John Lynch has too many strained scenes that are apparently supposed to be funny. Even worse is the shrill Jeanne Tripplehorn as the other woman – she doesn't have a real moment in the whole film.

Upon further reflection, another problem with "Sliding Doors" is that despite the events and choices made in the two scenarios, Paltrow's character basically ends up in the same place. Maybe the real message, is that like the movie itself what happened really didn't matter in the end.

Big Sugar celebrates latest album release



stage at Joe Louis Arena, Big Sugar play-Gordie Johnson and Kelly Hoppe are starstruck. Johnson and pompadoured keyboardist Hoppe, both

natives, glance around at the championship flags hanging from the rafters.

They're even thrilled when they see part of the ice sticking out from a makeshift wood floor. Fashionably stylish with his Hugo Boss red sweater, dark pants and bright red cowboy boots, Johnson is one band member who feels at home in the Joe.

Some of the crew are diehard Maple Leafs fans but they're gonna just have to bite the bullet today because me and Kelly are so (in awe), walking around the place going. Oh, look at the picture of Gordie Howe," singer/guitarist Johnson said while picking at his

Big Sugar was in town April 17 to play during the "Made in Hockeytown Rally" at the Joe. The group, which also includes bassist Garry Lowe, returns to the area Saturday, May 1, to celebrate the release of its latest album "Heated" at the Magic Bag in Ferndale.

"Heated" boils with rock and blues influences as well as "70s classic rock, reggae and psychedelia Johnson, who pro-duced "Heated," attributed the

Standing on a variety to "hundreds of gigs a tage at Joe year and different personnel."

"Different people have come through the band over the years and they all leave their influence. They all leave their mark," said Johnson, who has also produced Govt. Mule and Chris Duarte.

Toronto, the city in which he has lived for 10 years, has also had a hand in Big Sugar's

"Since I've been living in Toronto for 10 years, I really got into reggae music 'cause it's a really strong community there. It's the largest concentration of West Indians outside of Jamaica. That was just a natural resource that was just there waiting for me in Toronto. That brought a lot of reggae music our sound, like working with Garry.

Music has been a lifelong aspiration for Johnson, 35. Growing up in Windsor, his musical preferences were Jimi Hendrix, Led Zeppelin, Black Sabbath and Deep Purple, As he got older, he indulged in Miles Davis, Charlie Parker, John Lee Hooker, and acoustic

"When I was 8 years old, I was telling my mom, 'Don't worry about that D on my report card. I know I'll never need mathematics 'cause I'm going to be a rock star.' Parents don't want to hear that when you're 8 years old," he said with a smile, stray hairs hanging over his right eye.

"They love it now, They see our videos on TV. They've got platinum records hanging on

their wall with their name on it. They're a little more under-standing now, It's only taken them 30 years to convince

The real sign of success, he explained, appeared during a drive through Detroit.

"When I was a little kid I grew up listening to stations like the RIF (WRIF 101.1-FM), all the FM rock stations in Detroit, man, from the time I was 6, 7 years old. All of a sudden to hear our song on the rif driving through Detroit is like, it's making me crazy."

Big Sugar and Keller Williams perform Saturday, May 1, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., in Ferndale. Doors open at 8 p.m. for the 18 and older show. Tickets are \$8 in advance. For more information, call (248) 544-3030 or visit http://www.themagicbag.com,

Edge good-bye

DJs from WXDG-FM (The Edge) are saying good-bye to listeners on Saturday, May 1, with a live Internet broadcast from the attic of former morning show host Spike. The former Edge radio personalities will spin on the net, via Real

http://www.radioedge.com, from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Spike said they may slip in a few previously unheard "Edge Sessions." SV3 Media Group of Rochester Hills is donating its services for the event. A chat room will be set up for listeners to chat live with the DJs and each other.

Cyber news



release: The rock band Big Sugar — from left, Kelly Hoppe, keyboards and sax, Garry Lowe, bass, Gordie Johnson, guitars and vocals - is having a CD release party in support of its latest album "Heated" (Capricorn) on Saturday, May 1, at the Magic Bag in Fern-

Amazon.com is offering free digital downloads of two new recordings from Sarah McLachlan's upcoming live album "Mirrorball," due out on Arista/Nettwerk June 15, Live versions of "Building a Mystery" and "I Will Remember You" may be downloaded from http://www.amazon.com/sarah-exclusive. Coal Chamber is taking time out from mixing its upcoming

Roadrunner release "Chamber Music" to chat with fans at 11 p.m: Thursday, April 29, via http:// www. sonicnet. com/ channels or http://chat. yahoo. com. Coal Chamber is tentatively scheduled to play Detroit's State Theatre with ICP and Kool Keith on Friday, July 2,

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George Friend, Black Beauty live for the blues

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO STAFF WRITER cfuoco@oe.homecomm.net

Happiness slowly creeps across the face of blues guitarist George Friend, During an impromptu soundcheck between sets by Harbinger's Mile and Jill Jack at the Magic Bag, Friend keeps his head down, engulfed in the blues.

When the crowd rises to their feet as he and Black Beauty hit the stage, Friend looks up pleasantly surprised. When special guest Thornetta Davis confidently struts on stage, they go crazy.

"It was scary," Friend said enthusiastically, "After we finished that first song by Booker T and the MGs, everybody just jumped out of their seats. It was great. It's a rush."

That's pretty much the reaction every time Black Beauty plays. At the Lower Town Grill in Plymouth, fans hit the dance floor when Black Beauty plays songs off its debut CD "Senor

Friend began writing the material a year ago and of the eight songs he penned, five made it on the CD.

"I was just starting to get used to writing songs. I had never really written that much before. It was scary to say the least. I started to get the hang of it and I started writing material for Thornetta too. I started to feel more comfortable with it," Friend explained.

At first, Friend was focusing on writing rockabilly and jump blues songs. When he eased up on his self-imposed limitations, the music kept coming.

"They (the songs) were all right, they just felt like I was trying to do something instead of just writing a song and let-ting it be what it is. That's why the CD was a little more varied. My influences definitely came through once I just let it flow."

The opening track "Beaten Down" has all the swagger of Keith Richards while surf owns the seductive "Gonna Do It." The eight minute and 11 second

title track winds its way through rock, blues and soul.

Holding the reins

Friend has "played all sorts of different kinds of music" since he was a child growing up in Marquette, Upon graduation in 1983, he moved to San Francisco for four years with his band Pedxing, a "quirky kind of pop, new wave, like the Talking Heads and Devo. It was kind of a funny band."

In 1988 he returned to Michigan, this time settling in Detroit where he studied jazz at Wayne State University. Expanding his already vast musical resume, Friend hooked up with Alex Trajano and formed the avant jazz act Blue Dog in 1988. Friend then spent time in Spanking Bozo and the Sun Messengers before getting caught in the Twistin' Tarantulas' web.

For 1-1/2 years, Friend played with the Tarantulas. When he left the band, he looked to old friend Thornetta Davis, with

whom he had played in the Sun Messengers. Friend formed Black Beauty in early 1998.

"I formed this band to do a wider variety of music instead of just doing rockabilly or whatever we were doing, jump blues. I really had an interest in doing more Chicago blues and funk and different things," he said.

Davis plays select gigs with Black Beauty, which also includes bassist Jim Simonson of Detroit and drummer Todd Glass, formerly of the Twistin' Tarantulas, of Westland. In January, keyboardist Chris Codish, who won Outstanding Blues Instrumentalist and Outstanding R&B/Urban/Funk Instrumentalist at the Detroit Music Awards April 23, joined the

There's a mutual admiration thing going on between Black Beauty and Davis, who is working on her sophomore effort. When she's not performing with Black Beauty, the band is back-

"She loves us," Friend said.

Davis was also on board for to a lot more blues records. the Scandinavian tour Black Beauty did with rockabilly singer Robert Gordon.

"They're just nuts about rockabilly over there. We played in Helsinki for 1,200 people, and another small town in Finland with another 1,200 kids. There were kids there just 16 years old with giant pompadours and leather jackets. Every single kid was dressed up:"

No matter what he's playing, Friend knows the blues is in his

"I had always been listening

never played it a lot. I really enjoy the music. I feel like everything that I've played comes pretty much from there."

Black Beauty performs at 7 p,m. Friday-Saturday, April 30-May 1, at Fox and Hounds, 1560 ; Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. The free show is all ages, call (248) 644-4800; 9 p.m. Friday, May 7, at Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak, The 21 and older show is free, call! (248) 543-4300. Black Beauty's Web site is http://www.blkbeauty.com





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For casual or special dinners try Bonfire Bistro & Brewery

BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER

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Bonfire Bistro & Brewery is an appropriate name for this newly opened restaurant in Northville.

The earthly smell of burning wood greets diners as they open the door to upscale, yet casual Bonfire Bistro & Brewery, It's the kind of restaurant you can go to for a quick pizza before a movie ... or anniversary dinner.

Wood fuels the ovens here, everything from the pizza oven to the rotisserie and char-grill.

"It gives the food great flavor," said manager Rob Bennett. "We have a great menu, not just beer and sandwiches. Our staff is very knowledgeable and friendly."

Three brightly colored murals decorate the restaurant, which is decidedly urban with rich wood tables and booths.

Wood is piled up along the ppen kitchen where you can see your meal being prepared.

Bonfire Bistro & Brewery

Where: 39550 Seven Mile (near Haggerty), Northville, (248) 735-

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Seats: 240 people, additional seating (6 tables) on outdoor patio.

Chef David Platzer studied at menu. the Culinary Institute of Ameri-ca. Ron Jeffries is the Brewmaster, and tours of the brewery can be arranged if you call the restaurant in advance.

For lunch or dinner, Bonfire Bistro & Brewery offers a truly memorable dining experience. The lunch menu features more sandwiches than the dinner

For starters, Bennett recommends the Gorgonzola Ale Dip or Beer-Steamed Mussels,

Pizzas are hand-tossed and cooked in a wood-burning oven. Choose from Chicken & Artichoke Pizza; Pizza Classico Italian sausage, Roma tomatoes and wild mushrooms with woodroasted tomato sauce and mozzarella; Wild Mushroom Pizza or Roasted Vegetable and Goat Cheese Pizza,

The Onion Porter Soup – sliced Spanish onions and shallots in a hearty beef and porter broth with crispy haystack onions and Swiss cheese – is a specialty.

For dinner, Bennett points to Planked Salmon, available for dinner or lunch - a fresh Atlantic filet, wood fired on a cedar plank with honey mustard glaze – served with wild rice pilaf and fresh vegetable.

Grilled Lamb Chops, and Herb Chicken Linguine - rotisserie chicken tossed with wild mushrooms, scallions, roasted garlic, sun-dried tomatoes and sage cream sauce over fresh linguine are also often-requested dish-

Vegetarians will enjoy Porto-



Popular dish: Executive Chef David Platzer presents Mediterranean Seafood Farfalle, an often requested dish at the newly opened Bonfire Bistro & Brewery.

bella Penne – Fire-roasted portobellas, onions, peppers and roasted garlic with penne noodles in a tomato fennel broth, topped with grated Parmesan cheese,

From the rotisserie, choose from Herb Crusted Prime Rib, Spit Fire Duck or Chicken, all slow-cooked over a hickory fire and served with fresh vegetable.

If you're hungry for a sandwich for lunch or dinner, Bennett recommends Beef & Boursin shaved prime rib with creamy boursin cheese, red onions, lettuce and tomato on a hoagie roll with horseradish mayo.

The lunch menu features the popular Cherry Chicken Salad, Honey Mustard Chicken Wrap Sandwich, Black Forest Ham & Cheddar Sandwich and Grilled Portobella & Vegetable Wrap.

There are six items on the children's menu - Bowtie Pasta with tomato sauce and cheese, Chicken Tenderloins, Grilled Cheese with fries, Cheeseburger and fries, Fish and Chips, and Cheese Pizza.

Toast a special occasion with one of Bonfire's handcrafted beers. There's a wide variety from the Firelight Lager, to Vul-can's Ale, Burning Brand Bitter-Extra Pale Ale, Promethean Porter, and a seasonal specialty.

For something really different, try one of Bonfire's two cask-conditioned beers - Smoldering Coals Imperial Stout or a Special Rotating Cask. These Englishstyle ales are naturally carbonated and served at room temper-

Wine by the glass, beer by the

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Desserts are made in house. The Vanilla Malt & Porter Praline ice creams are made exclusively for Bonfire Bistro & Brew-ery using the sweet extract of malted barley, fresh cream and

Other delicious ways to satisfy your sweet tooth include Cappuccino Creme Brulee, S'More Cheesecake, Hot Fudge Brownie made with a white chocolate brownie, Apple Cherry Pie, Fresh Fruit Anglaise, and a Rootbeer

Bennett said they plan to revise and change the menu to keep it fresh. Every attempt will be made to accommodate special. requests.

WHAT'S COOKING

Pizza: Michael Ollie gets ready to put a wild mush-

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Send items for consideration in What's Cooking to Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, fax (248) 591e-mail 7279. kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

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GOLDEN MUSHROOM French Wine dinner, Monday, May 3, 18100 W. 10 Mile Road, Southfield. Cost \$90 per person, plus tax and gratuity, call (248) 559-4230 for information and reservations.

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Mother's Day brunch and dinner, 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., adults \$24.95, children ages 6-10, \$12.95, children age five and under, free. Regular menu noon to 7 p.m., 6676 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 865-9300. Andiamo Italia, 7096 E. 14 Mile Road, Warren is serving brunch and dinner 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Brunch \$19.95 adults, children \$9.95; dinner buffet \$24.95, children \$12.95. Call for reservations/information.

WINE TASTING

Thursday, May 13, 7-9 p.m. Napa Valley Wine Tasting to benefit J.P. McCarthy

Foundation at The Kingsley Inn & Suites, 1475 North Woodward, Bloomfield

Hills, \$50 per person. This is a Napa Valley Vintners Associa-tion 1999 tour

stop. Among participating vineries are Anderson's Conn Valley, Benessere,

Cosentino, Staglin, Robert Pecota, Silverado, Stonehedge, Turnbull Trefethen

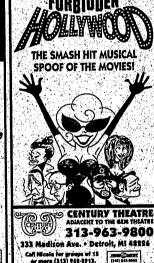
Duckhorn and William Hill. For tickets phone (248) 3552

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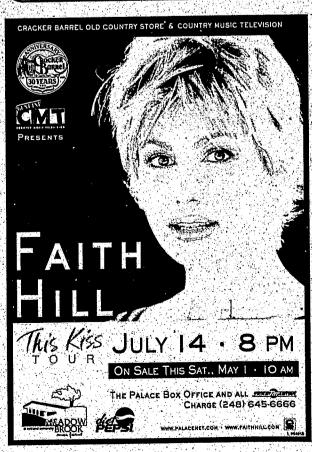


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