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n honor of Black History Month, over the next three weeks we will made by African Americans throughout the course of American history. First on our list is George Washington Carver.

Born into slavery at the end of the Civil War, Carver overcame both poverty and racial discrimination to become the director of agricultural teaching and research at Alabama's Tuskegee Institute. During his tenure there, Carver and his students and assistants invented or discovered more than 450 new products ranging from margarine to library paste, a highly durable glue for repairing worn books. The library paste could be made from the peanut, sweet potato or other plants. By discovering uses for plants not often cultivated by Southern farmers, Carver encouraged them to diversify their crops, which

improved soil conditions. William J. Schieffelin said this about Carver: "Scientist and saint whose clear vision perceived in simple plants materials he transformed into products useful for nourishment and beauty. Always proclaiming kindly goodwill, generously giving the results of his patient research."

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



Amateur astronomer: Dr. Brian Kerman of Clarkston stands in front of an historic observatory in Lake Angelus, one of his favorite viewing spots. For a story on the observatory, see Page A4.

## Star-struck

## Clarkstonite cruises to Caribbean for eclipse

f you're not lucky enough to be going on a sun-filled midwinter vacation this week, you probably know omeone who is. One local amateur astronomer is combining a warm winter getaway with a once-in-a-life time opportunity to see a total solar eclipse.

Dr. Brian Kerman and his wife Char, one-year residents of Clarkston, will leave Saturday for a Caribbean cruise that will put them in perfect line to observe the eclipse somewhere near the island of Aruba on Feb. 26. Kerman, a Madison Heights podiatrist for 30 years, is thrilled to be seeing the last total solar eclipse in the Northern Hemisphere in this century.

A solar eclipse occurs when the moon passes between the sun and the earth. If the moon is not lined up exactly, it will only cover part of the sun. But a total solar eclipse is when the moon is at exactly the right distance

from the earth to perfectly cover the sun, darkening the daytime sky for the part of earth in its shadow.

"It's a huge coincidence — the distance of the moon from the earth and the moon's size are exactly right to allow the moon to line up perfectly straight between the sun and earth," Kerman said. "Lots of o have moons, but they could never have a total eclipse the distance is that fragile."

In order to experience the total eclipse of the sun, a person must be in the umbra, or the centermost part of the shadow that the eclipse casts. For the Feb. 26 eclipse, this shadow will cover a two mile wide strip running approximately from the Galapagos Islands through the

We won't be able to see the eclipse here in Michigan; only the southernmost part of the United States will have

Please see ECLIPSE, A4

## Robbers hold up **3 stores** in 5 days

■ Three businesses were held up in Independence Township in five days last week — an unusual crime spree for a community that normally has a handful of robberies a year.



BY CAROLYN WALKER STAFF WRITER

There is an adage that says "things hap-pen in three's" and these days Lt. Dale LaBair of the Oakland County Sheriff's Independence substa-

tion is hoping that old saying is true. Independence Township was the scene of three armed robberies between Feb. 8-12. They included two in which suspects showed hand guns and took money at a Shell gas station and at a Little Ceasar's Pizza restaurant; and one in which a suspect threatened employees of a Rite Aid Pharmacy with an alleged bomb before fleeing the

pharmacy with prescription drugs.

The robberies happened on three different days and there were no injuries.

By comparison, there were no injuries.

By comparison, there were five robberies of township businesses,— not all armed— in 1997, six in 1996 and nine in 1995, according to sheriff department records. The records do not indicate when firearms were or weren't

used. "We just don't have armed robbers." To Buir said Tues? fall out of the sky," LaBair said Tues-day, noting that armed robberies are a rarity in Independence. "It is unusual." Everybody says, 'It comes in three's' , I just hope this is the end of it for a

According to LaBair, police are investigating a link between the robberies of the Shell station on M-15 at Bluegrass Drive on Feb. 8 and the Dixie Highway/M-15 Rite Aid on Feb. 12.

LaBair said descriptions of the vehicles and suspects match in those two

Police believe a different pair is responsible for the robbery of Little Caesar's Pizza Treat on Sashabaw and Waldon roads, which netted two masked men more than \$920 Feb. 10. In that robbery, two men, one armed

with a hand gun, ordered clerks to lie on the floor before rifling the cash register and a safe and fleeing the pizze-

As of Tuesday, police had made no arrests in that robbery. The suspects in that case are described as males, between the ages of 18-20 years and wearing ski-type masks. One may have been Hispanic and was described as 5 feet, 8 inches tall and 160 pounds with long dark hair, wearing a white jacket. The other was described as white, 6 feet, 3 inches tall, wearing a blue

sweatshirt and dark pants.
During the incident at the Shell station, a single male suspect showed a hand gun and demanded about \$400

During the Rite Aid robbery, which received wide media coverage, a man placed a bag on the pharmacy counter and demanded prescription drugs,

Please see HOLDUPS, A2

## Getting into top dog show a 'breeze' for local vet's pet

BY CAROLYN WALKER

Dr. Susan K. Miles and her 3-yearold Chesapeake Bay retriever, Breeze, headed off to the granddaddy of all dog shows this week carrying a dream "

and a memory — in their hearts.
"It is the most prestigious in the country. It's like a Super Bowl. You get recognition nationally. Your name will be out there, your kennel, your breed," said Miles about the champions only Westmineter Kennel Club Show held Monday and Tuesday in Madison Squarescardens, New York! "You don't have to be invited to the show, butyl's really difficults to get in what really difficults to get in what really difficults to get in what really difficults to 2,500 dogs and everybody wants to

go. "I can't wait to see what it's all about," Miles said while declaying cats at the Clarkston Animal Medical Center in Independence Township last Thursday, "I hear it's crowded in the city and the show, but I don't care. Of

course, you go to win." While Breeze challenged 2,499 other dogs for the best-of-show award, Miles no doubt spent at least a few moments reflecting on the love that motivated

In 1995, Miles, a veterinarian, lost her beloved husband and dog co-owner, Chad Snover, at age 28 to an unexpect-

ed illness. Please see DOG \$HOW, A2



Proud owner: Clarkston veterinarian Dr. Susan K. Miles poses with her Chesapeake Bay retriever, Breeze, before leaving for this week's prestigious Westminster Kennel Club Show in New York.



## Robberies from page A1

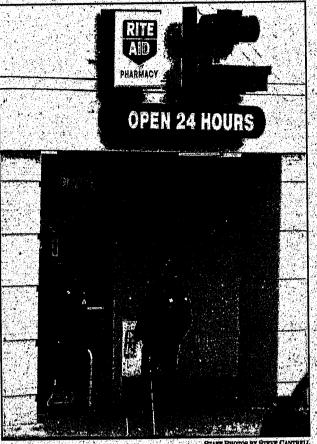
calling the druggist that the bag contained a bomb that could be detonated by remote control. He implied that he had an unseen

accomplice. .The drug store and businesses Burrounding it were evacuated during that incident and members of the Michigan State Police bomb squad were called in to dis arm the alleged bomb, which

furned out to be a telephone.
On Tuesday, LaBair said Oak-land County Sheriff's detectives were obtaining warrants for a

suspect in the Rite Aid robbery. He was arrested by police in Indiana on Saturday in connection with an incident there. LaBair did not know when the man would be extradited to Michigan to face charges here.

"We're so far down the food chain on this guy, we have no idea what will happen," LaBair said, estimating that it could take one week to several weeks. for the man to be arraigned in Oakland County.



Police line: Police stand guard at the Rite Aid on M-15 Thursday (above photo) after a robber left what he said was a bomb. Bomb investigators (left photo) confer.

## Tierra's closing gift, arts section of store

ly 25-year institution in down-town Clarkston, is closing the art supplies and gift portion of its business, according to co-own-ers Joan and Buck Kopietz.

The Kopietzes will continue to The Kopietzes will continue to operate the jewelry section of their business, which occupies about one-fourth, or 1,000 square feet, of the space in their building on Main at Waldon. The other three-quarters, or 3,000 square feet, once the art and gift section is closed, will be leased to another merchant or merchants. another merchant or merchants, Joan Kopietz said.

"We want to keep it retail," she said, adding that the Kopietzes have no tenants currently in mind. The Kopietzes have long contended that downtown Clark-ston needs more stores and

fewer offices to attract shoppers.
The Kopietzes hope to lease to merchants dealing in fashion designs, such as women's clothing, because fashion designs would be compatible with their jewelry business.

Tierra's is the latest in a series of downtown Clarkston businesses to close or make significant changes recently, causing some city officials and businesspersons to worry about the future of the downtown. Among the business-es that have closed, for a variety of reasons, are NBD, the Village Bookstore, Milieu Gallery and

Calcote Country.
A liquidation sale begins today

at Tierra's and is expected to run

at Tierra's and is expected to run about eight weeks.

The Kopietzes said the decision to close the gift and art portion of their business was an economic one. "The arts and gifts just weren't making it," Buck Kopietz's aid. That portion of their business sunlike the jewelry side, depended heavily upon foot traffic downtown. Buck Kopietz said! The couple also operates a bad, and breakfast in town, the Millpond Inn.

Tierra's has been in its current location for about 15 years. It has always been downtown.

The Kopietzes started out selling jewelry and gifts 24 1/2 years ago and added art supplies about two to three years after that.

About eight years ago, as

About eight years ago, as retail space was converted to office space downtown, the Kopi-etzes noticed a drop in the number of shoppers. I can remember when there were always people on the sidewalks," Buck Kopietz said. "And that's going to happen

Buck Kopietz said the political climate downtown has improved and he is encouraged. "People seem to be concerned, and there are solutions to the downtown that don't involve drastic

In the case of the art supply and gift portion of his business, however, he said he couldn't wait for those changes to occur.

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#### **OBITUARY**

**Pearl Agnes Cole** Pearl Agnes Cole of Clarkston

formerly of Greenville, died Feb. 14, 1998, at age 101.

Mrs. Cole is survived by her daughters, Virginia Soncrant of New Hudson and Sharon

(Patrick) McBride of Clarkston; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and greatgreat- grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home in Clarkston with Karen Geno officiating.

Interment was at Forest Home emetery in Greenville.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, O. Box 721129, Berkley MI 48072 or the American Cancer Society, 29350 Southfield Road, Suite 110, Southfield MI 48076.

#### Dog show from page A1

ond dog," she said. "My husband was looking for a hunting dog; and I was looking for a dog to do obedience. We picked her out

"It's one of the reasons we're going. He always wanted to go.

This is his baby girl."

According to Miles, who is 35 and who began showing dogs. with their first Chesapeake Bay retriever, Zeke, born in 1993, the Westminster Kennel Club Show the one that most dog trainers

aspire to enter. It is a "bench" show — one of five left in the country, she said, explaining that dogs are judged primarily on their appearance and that they have to spend their time sifting on benches over the duration of the event.

During that time, visitors are allowed to browse and speak with dog owners and their pets. During the competition phase of the show, the dogs are judged in rings and the best of 129 breeds are then chosen to compete for the best of seven groupings that include toys, sporting dogs, terriers, working dogs and the like. The winners from the seven groups then compete for best of

show.
"It's a real big public education noting type show,". Miles said, noting that 20 other Chesapeake Bay retrievers were expected to compete with Breeze this year

Dogs entered in the competi-tion are required to be champions that have acquired 15 points in other dog shows. "The more

winning they do, the more points they acquire," Miles said.

Breeze, a female, has compet-

ed previously in about 50 shows and has won awards for her hunting prowess.

That's her favorite thing to do," Miles said.

While competing in the Westminster Kennel Club Show may be the highlight of a dog's career, just getting into the running can be a feat for the owner, Miles said.

So many people want to enter from around the world, that managers of the show take applications by mail and fax, exclusively, during a tightly regulated time period in November. This year, the 2,500 entries were selected in just one hour's time, Miles said.

She submitted her applications by mail from Clarkston and Ortonville, where she lives, and by fax. It was one of her overnight mail applications that secured a spot for the pair.

"They try to make the show fair to everybody," said Miles.
(Editor's note; Miles could not

be reached before press time Wednesday for an update on how Breeze did in the show.)

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# Stitch in time: Azel Bertram and Cindy Benson (left to right) stand in front of the himono quilt they made to be raffled off March 16 in a fund-raiser for Clarkston High School students going to Japan. CHS

Japanese teacher Barbara Rice (farright) will accompany the students:

## New town hall tops Springfield's priorities for '98

BY CAROLYN WALKER STAFF WRITER

Twenty-six township goals and priorities brainstormed by the Springfield Township board of trustees last month have been whittled down to a kind of governmental "top 10" list earmarked for action in 1998.

The goals and priorities represent unfinished business within Springfield that are of importance to the board and which board members would like to see undertaken this year. Board members prioritized their list by assigning points to each topic.

Coming out at the head of the list was a proposed township government facility that could include new government offices, meeting space and a new library. With the concept still in its

With the concept still in its infancy, the board members hope to have an action plan under way by April that would help them locate potential sites and assess architectural costs.

"We need to focus on a site to locate the facility and then retain an architect," said Clerk Nancy Strole during a telephone

interview on Wednesday.

"The only way we're going to get to the list is to make assignments and deadlines," said Trustee Dennis Vallad at the February meeting. And the board agreed, informally, to begin creating drafts, formulating plans and making consultations on the 10 items.

Also under consideration on the top-10 list are having Supervisor Collin Walls draft a private road ordinance, completing the Bridge Lake Road paving project, revisiting the topic of employee salaries in cooperation with consultants, having a subcommittee report on 1998 millage issues that could include police renewal and the library operating millage as well as the parks and fire millages, and conducting joint meetings of the township planning commission and board.

"They're common issues in which the planning commission and township board have roles to play." Strole said, explaining why she hopes the two groups can meet together.

## Kimono quilt

## Raffle to raise funds for students' trip to Japan

BY JAN BAKER SPECIAL WRITER

In April, they'll smile and say, "Sayonara."

But before eight Japanese language students from Clarkston High School depart for Japan this spring on a first-time field trip there, they'll be focused on another key travel word: "Yen."

According to CHS Japanese teacher Barbara Rice, who will accompany Clarkston students on their 10-day oriental excursion, the trek requires a few more dollars than a week in Peoria. Rice said that round-trip airfare and transit on the country's bullet train will cost each student \$1,500. Food, lodging and souvenirs are expected to add several hundred dollars.

To defray their travel expenses, students will raffle a Japanese quilt at the high school

March 16.
Rice said that CHS parents.
Cindy Benson and Azel Bertram
helped sew and assemble the
decorative piece, which features
colorful Japanese kimonos.
Along with their assistance, a
Clarkston-area business — The
Impressive Type — donated
printing of the raffle tickets.
Now the group just needs a few

thousand people to purchase those \$1 tickets. "We're hoping to sell 3,000 tickets," the

Japanese teacher said.

Rice, who lived and worked in Japan during the late 1980s and early 1990s, said she hopes the Clarkston community will help her students make "the trip of a lifetime." In that dream-cometrue trek, the CHS group will arrive in Tokyo around April 10 and spend three days there. Then Rice and her students will travel to the city of Toyota and experience home-stays with Japanese families there for another three days. (Toyota lies south of the Olympic-site, Nagano.) From Toyota, the CHS contingent will make a one-day stop in Kyoto — hopefully another inexpensive home-stay, Rice said. CHS students will then follow that by a one-day tour of Nara, the oldest city in Japan and the country's first capital. Finally, the CHS crew will visit and depart from Osaka.

What does Rice specifically want her CHS students to see and do? "The No. 1 thing I want them to experience is the school system," Rice said. "With my contacts in Toyota, they will visit the schools. They will BE the

students in the classroom."

The teacher also said she wants students to witness Japan's congestion. But inbetween dodging the masses, Rice said she and her pupils will see the country's temples and shrines, taste its food, learn about its bathing traditions and appreciate its punctuality. "In Japan, if you're not there on time, they're gone," the teacher said with an "I-was-there-one-minute-late" smile.

And, of course, Rice said, she wants her students to practice their Japanese.

CHS junior Allyson Haller, 17, will go to Japan with Rice. Allyson said she's ready for the adventure, but maybe just a little nervous about it. "I'm sort of scared to stay with a Japanese family," she said, explaining that her command of Japanese will be put to the test during a three-day home-stay. A second-year language student, Allyson said she was drawn to the study of Japanese because "I'm into their movies and their animation. (The language is) hard, but it's more interesting than Spanish."

Jason Bertram, a CHS senior in his third year of Japanese, said he's looking forward to the

trip because he intends to live and work in Japan as a religious leader someday, "I'm going to pre-seminary to become a Lutheran pastor (after high school graduation)," Jason said. "Less than I percent of the population is Christian in Japan soit's a good place to start' (working after the seminary)."

With the possible exception of Jason, Rice said most of her students became interested in the Japanese language and culture because of a popular Japanese product. Those pupils — like most American teens — can pronounce the item's name as effortlessly as they can say sayonara to their entertainment yen. It's called, "Nintendo."

"We'll see that in Japan, too," Rice said with a smile, It's going to be an exciting trip."

Raffle tickets for the Japanese, quilt are on sale at CHS. For more information, call Barbara Rice at 625-0900.

## Township to employ planning coordinator

Members of the Springfield Township Board voted unanimously last Thursday night to hire a planning coordinator for the township

for the township.

The full-time position will pay up to \$25,000 per year to start and its job description will require the coordinator to be the "first contact" person to work with property owners, developers, engineers, site plan submissions and the like, said Supervisor Collin Walls.

Currently, those activities are undertaken by Walls.

Township officials have interviewed approximately six people out of 24 applicants for the position. They expect to fill the position soon, he said, but he could not give a specific date.

The planning coordinator will not replace Dick Carlisle, who will remain as the township planner.

#### POLICE NEWS

During the week of Feb. 9-17, fire and police agencies in Independence Township and the city of Clarkston responded to the following incidents:

#### Independence Police

Vandalism

On Feb. 13, unknown persons illegally entered the Clarkston High School under construction on Flemings Lake Road and reportedly did some \$2,000 in damage to the building. According to a police report at the Oakland County Sheriff's substation, the vandals poured hydraulic fluid and fire extinguisher fluid on floors, ruined light fixtures and did other damage.

On Feb. 9, a rock was reported thrown through a window of a vehicle while it was parked on M-15. In addition, stereo equipment on the vehicle was damaged.

On Feb. 9, windows were reported damaged at Clarkston Middle School on Church Street.

On Feb. 9, windows were reported damaged on a house under construction on Hilltop Estates.
On Feb. 10, tires were report-

ed slashed on a vehicle while it was parked on Westview. On Feb. 11, a glass door was reported damaged at Bailey Lake Elementary on Pine Knob

#### Indecent Exposures

On Feb. 10, a young woman reported that a man "flashed" her from his vehicle on Flemings Lake Road.

On Feb. 10, a man reported that an unknown male exposed his genitals to his daughter on Seneca Drive.

#### Thefts

On Feb. 9, a cell phone was reported stolen from a vehicle; parked on East Church Street.

On Feb. 9, a radio was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Ancroft.

On Feb. 9, business checks were reported stolen from a business on Ennismore. On Feb. 10. a cement mixer

and generator were reported stolen from a building under construction on Dixie Highway. On Feb. 11, radio equipment

was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on **Middle Lake Road.** On Feb. 13, a purse was

'reported stolen from a building on Dixie Highway. On Feb. 13, tires were damaged on a vehicle parked on Middle Lake Road and a hub-

#### Minors In Possession

cap was reported stolen.

On Feb. 14, minors were ticketed after they were found to be in possession of alcoholic beverages at a residence on Crimson King.

#### **Independence Fire**

During the week of Feb. 10-16, firefighters responded to 16 calls. Among them were 11 medical runs, one building fire and one investigation of carbon monoxide. They also included:

On Feb. 10, firefighters assisted a person having general weakness and a possible hip fracture at a residence on Lancaster Lake.
On Feb. 11, firefighters assist-

on Feb. 11, firefighters assisted a person having abdominal pain at a residence on Trans-

parent.
On Feb. 12, firefighters attended a bathroom fire at a residence on Dora Lane.
On Feb. 14, firefighters

On Feb. 14, firefighters attended a 71-year-old man who was experiencing weakness and difficulty breathing at a residence on Snowapple. He was transported to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac by ambulance.

On Feb. 14, firefighters assisted a person having seizures at

the Kroger grocery on Dixie Highway.

**Clarkston Police** 

On Feb. 13, officers investigated a traffic accident on Main Street at Washington Street. In that accident, a vehicle driven by a Clarkston woman rearended another being driven by a Clarkston woman. There were minor injuries and no one was

On Feb. 14, officers stopped a vehicle on Main Street near Clarkston Road for a speed violation. Three occupants in the vehicle were found to be in possession of alcohol. They were

cited for having open intoxicants.

On Feb. 15, officers stopped a vehicle on Main Street near Clarkston Road for an equipment violation. The driver, a 47-year-old White Lake man was found to have a warrant against him for failure to answer a citation with the Pontiac Police Department. He was also found to be driving on a suspended license. Officers accepted a \$100 bond on his behalf and he was cited for driving with a suspended

On Feb. 15, officers cited a 14year-old Davisburg youth for possession of tobacco products on Overlook near Middle Lake Road.

On Feb. 16, officers investigated an accident on Main Street near Washington Street. In that accident, a vehicle driven by a Detroit man rear-ended that of an Ortonville man. There were no injuries and no citations were insuled.

On Feb. 17, officers responded to a Main Street business, where employees were holding three youths believed responsible for the theft of cigarettes.

(Editor's note: Reports for Springfield Township were unavailable for this week.)

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## Historic Lake Angeles observatory looks to the future with modern-day technology

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sits in the shadow of the flosion of new outlet stores in tuburn Hills, hidden at the end a winding, one-lane driveway a forest of untouched pines. Walking through the doors of the McMath-Hulbert Observatory is ike taking a step back in time, and at the same time stepping into the future.

tr.The observatory has a rich history of solar research dating back to 1928 when father and son Francis and Robert McMath Woilt their first observation tower to study the skies. teday, members of the McMath-Hulbert Astronomical Society and energetic students are Bringing the 21st century into its old buildings.

Director James Ross organizes science, art and technology programs for the observatory. Activities for 7- to 18-year-olds include an ongoing youth science group that meets every Friday and a summer day camp "Discovery" program.

Ross says that the combination of science and art is changing the way we understand the universe, and he has his own theory about introducing technology to kids... "Get out of their way and let things happen," he said. Ross is also working with high

school students from several southeastern Michigan school districts to electronically link the observatory, the Detroit Zoo and

Working with two-way communications, the students will link the observatory with the zoo

or a classroom. Students in the classroom will be able to see and hear a live zoo exhibit or witness solar activity as it happens, and have their questions answered by experts, without leaving their

"We're getting kids in here to do something that's never been done before," Ross said, "A lot of teachers are intimidated by technology. These kids are taking it upon themselves to deliver this technology to the teachers who need to learn it themselves.

In addition to the educational programs, amateur astronomers who join the Astronomical Society stop in to use the telescope, towers, computers and nature trails. Members like Dr. Brian Kerman are all for renovating and restoring the old buildings. Everything in the observatory is

museum quality," Kerman said.
"It's one-of-a-kind equipment
that was brought here at tremendous expense when they

From the time the observatory was built in 1928 until 1979, it was partially funded by the University of Michigan. According to Ross, astronomers using the solar tower telescope were the first in the world to apply timelapse photography to astronomical instruments and did other original research of the sun.

In 1979, the observatory was sold to a Troy businessman involved in solar energy research. It changed hands again in 1991, when its current owner, area resident James Kinsler, bought it with the intent of restoring and renovating it as a "historic treasure" for community

Ross said that in addition to the solar telescope at the obser-vatory, Dr., Robert McMath designed and built the world's largest solar instrument, which is still operating at Kitt Peak in Tucson. He reminds the young people who come to the observatory of the legacy left by the ear-

lier astronomers
"These guys started out as amateurs, just like you and I," Ross said. "What they did here in the 1920's, observing, we're doing the same thing now only with more sophisticated technol-

The McMath-Hulbert Observatory is located at 895 N. Lake Angelus Road in Lake Angelus. It is open to the public on Sun-days from noon to 4 p.m. They can be reached by phone: (248) 335-4791 or e-mail: mcmathob@rust.net. Their web-site address is http://www.rust.net/~mcmath-

Astronomer from page A1

a nartial view.

The moon's mountain ranges, valleys, and craters from meteor hits give it a rough, bumpy surface. During a total eclipse, the depressed areas on the moon's edges such as valleys and craters will allow some of the sun's light to pass through, creating a thin ring of light that the astronomers will be able to see from the ship.

The Kermans will be on a cruise ship with hundreds of other amateur astronomers. Kerman said many ship lines advertised years in advance, and the cruises have been sold out for over a year. "The ships will all be lined up along the eclipse's path in the Caribbean on the 26th," Kerman said

Astronomers on the ship will present a program so that every one on board understands the phenomenon

..."A lot of people could care less why, but there's still a lot of camaraderie," Kerman said, adding that the actual eclipse won't last long.

"The whole event will last a couple of hours, and totality will only last four minutes. But it's an amazing sight.

Kerman, who bought his first telescope 30 years ago, says we're living in a time of transition. "This is probably the most interesting time to be alive on earth. The Hubble space telescope is able to bring back pictures that are opening up almost unlimited views. Before (the Hubble) we had to look through our atmosphere, like looking through cataracts.

Kerman is a member of the Astronomical Society at the McMath-Hulbert Observatory in Lake Angelus, where he has also become interested in sunspots, These magnetic fields on the sun can affect communication satel-

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Dr. Brian Kerman Clarkston astronomer

on earth.

He also observes the skies from his own home observatory. "Clarkston is a great area for astronomy." We're away from the lights of the city," Kerman said, "There are a lot of amateur astronomers right here.

A partial, or annular eclipse made news here in Michigan in 1994, but the last total eclipse in North America was in 1979. Kerman traveled to Winnipeg, Manitoba to see it. Photos of this and other astronomical wonders line the walls of his home observatory.

Anyone interested in observing the night sky can do so with a telescope, binoculars or the naked eye. But observing the sun requires special equipment that filters out most of the sun's light, or you can look indirectly at the sun's light through a paper box. Serious eye damage can occur if it is viewed directly. The McMath-Hulbert Observatory is a great place to look at the suri safely.

Kerman says humans have always been in awe of the move-ments in the sky. At one time, eclipses were feared by man as an ominous sign until astronomers eventually figured out they were predictable

"We all have an interest in astronomy to some degree," he said.

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## 'Corridor Summit' hits I-75 traffic

BY GERALD FRAWLEY EDITOR

nterstate 75 doesn't even travel through parts of north Oakland County, but actual mileage pales when compared to the freeway's sig-

North Oakland residents use I.75 to get to and from work, to frequent shopping centers, and to visit relatives.

And so does everyone else.

It should come as a surprise to no one, then, that the interstate becomes more and more choked with traffic and more and more of a safety problem with each passing day.

The question now is what to do about it

Officials from the Michigan Department of Transportation; the Road Commission for Oakland County; the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments; cities, villages and town-ships; local businesses; and educational institutions attended a special I-75 Transportation Cor-ridor Summit on Tuesday to

begin looking for an answer.

Frank Cardimen, executive director of the Traffic Improvement Association, said a prime reason for getting everyone together is to move from local initiatives that go nowhere to more regional thinking.

Separately, the many and various communities along I-75 have little power to influence the interstate, he said, Together they may be able to accomplish much

And there is much to accom-

Conversation ran the gamut from adding lanes to I-75 and high-tech solutions for moving traffic better to improvements on local roads and even changing the mind set of what is an acceptable use of I-75.

Other concerns raised included the casino being proposed by the Bay Mills Indian Community in Auburn Hills and its impact on local roads and state plans to take control (and responsibility

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for) more local roads.
The point, Cardimen said, is there is a clear and present need in Oakland County. To address that need and maintain Oakland County's quality of life, it is imperative the forces in the county join together and focus.

To that end, attendees at the I-

75 Summit agreed to form various committees (to address priorities and funding) and continue meet-

A good deal of the meeting was spent reviewing county and state plans for the interstate and the local roads that feed it. Even though there are few funds, plans for the road reach out to 2020.

Noticeably absent from those plans were proposals to increase

capacity on the interstate. More than a few local government offi-cials made note of that, too, and point blank asked MDOT for a commitment.

Commitment isn't that easy, said Susan E. Hohl, director of the project planning division for the MDOT.

The story on federal funding for I-75 is the same as the story for every other infrastructure - too many needs, not

enough money.

Hohl said the MDOT is aware of Oakland County and its needs, but the MDOT has a bigger audience. Hohl stressed that I-75 is not a local road, and its users are not strictly local.

"I am not trying to give the

impression that county users aren't important," she said. "They are

hey're just not the only users." By its nature, an interstate is used to move people and goods from one state to another. A lot of L-75's traffic in Oakland County involves people using the freeway

for short trips within the county. Which doesn't mean MDOT is ignorant to the needs of the county. Hohl said MDOT is looking at lower-cost projects with

great emphasis. That's the best way to use the limited resources

To that end, MDOT is also look. ing at forming partnerships wiff local communities or the private sector to accomplish its trans-portation goals. Some of the road work being proposed for the inter-change at Baldwin and I-75 will be at least partially financed by The Taubman Company, which is developing Great Lakes Crossing.

## Panel airs opposition to tribal casino in Auburn Hills

BY GERALD FRAWLEY

EDITOR

fter a slight stumble at an OU Student Council forum last week, where several students actually had positive things to say about a casino proposed by the Bay Mills Indian Tribe, casing opponents were back on the attack Monday.

Those opponents consider the forum to be a carefully orchestrated attempt by the tribe to elicit some positive public relations for the casino, which has drawn protest from north Oakland residents and elected officials alike.

In response, the opponents answered with their own carefully orchestrated attempt to step up a negative PR cam-

A panel of recognized opponents from state Sen. Mat Dunaskiss and Oakland County Sheriff's Cpt. Barnett Jones to Orion Township Supervisor Colette Dywasuk and county commis-sioners Larry Obrecht and Jeff Kingzett presented their views on the casino

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shirts, sportswear,

shoes and more.

The program was taped and will be replayed on Orion Cable channel 65 on Friday at 7 p.m.

Citizens Against Auburn Hills Casino president Beverly Luther said a tape of the program will be available for interested community groups, and her orga-nization will also make speakers available to explain what they consider to be the drawbacks to the casino.

Spokesman David Waymire said last week the tribe has had little opportunity to actually tout its casino proposal, which he said will provide both economic stimulus for the community and a revenue source for a variety of local governmental units.

Waymire said the tribe has developed a proposal promising roughly \$20 million to Auburn Hills, Oakland County and local school districts.

Waymire also said that the consistent opposition to the casino proposal has been made without actually having

plan in a special live telecast on Orion heard the tribe's ideas. Most opposition arose before the tribe completed its application to put the land in trust.

The Bay Mills Indian Tribe has asked U.S. Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt to put into federal trust 20 acres of land alongside Harmon Road, near I-75 and Joslyn Road in Auburn Hills. If Babbitt approves the application, the land becomes a sovereign state allowing the tribe to build a casino on up to six acres of the property.

The Bay Mills Native American tribe has acquired an option on the six-acre parcel of property, as a settlement in a awsuit with Ohio attorney James Hadley. Hadley is among 174 UP landowners the tribe filed a lawsuit ainst to reacquire land that the tribe claims once belonged to its reservation

In exchange for the six acres in Auburn Hills, Hadley maintains clear title to some 50 acres along the St. Mary's River in the upper peninsula.

Because the land was acquired as settlement of a land lawsuit, the 5.9 acres.

is eligible for being placed into trust and can be used for the construction of a

The tribe also has an option to purchase an additional 14 acres from Hadley. That 14 acres can also be placed into trust, but because it is being purchased and is separate from the lawsuit settlement, it cannot be used to build a casino under the Indian Gaming

It can, however, be used for supporting businesses.

If Interior Secretary Babbitt refuses to place the land in trust, the option will expire and revert to Hadley.

According to county commissioner Kingzett, the story may be even more complicated. Kingzett said that a property title search of the 20 acres and the surrounding 132 acres shows that Hadley may not even have clear title to the property.

Instead, a Troy based conglomerate of land speculators doing business as ANIRJOT Investment Company is the

actually owner of the property; Hadley and the tribe merely have options on the property and will only swap (the 50 acres in northern Michigan and the 6 acres in Auburn Hills) should the land be taken into trust.

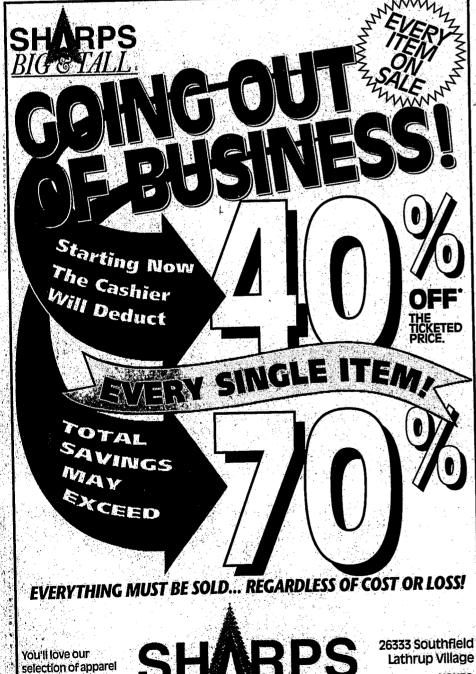
The other 14 acres the tribe has designs on is a cash deal, said Kingzett. The 132 acres surrounding the site, whether its owned by Hadley, the land speculation group or the tribe, could not be developed for with a casino, but would be valuable nonetheless.

"It's a unique way to acquire property, to say the least," said Kingzett.

The tribe applied to have the first 20 acres put into trust in November, but the application has stalled while the Minneapolis Minn. office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs of the department of interior reviews the application.

State Sen. Dunaskiss said that the only way that opponents can stop the casino is if there is a concentrated and resounding din of opposition.

"We must say, no, no, no," he said.



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## Big bang for your buck

## Help fund fireworks for Fourth

he Clarkston area puts on a dynamite Fourth of July celebration — a parade through town, an all-day festival of fun in Clintonwood Park.

The only thing missing has been fireworks

The Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, along with Independence Township, intends to co-sponsor a fireworks display at Clintonwood Park this year following the Festival of Fun.

That means Fourth of July revelers will be able to stay in Clarkston to top off their Independence Day celebration instead of having to travel to neighboring communities to get in their annual "oohs" and "ahhs."

"We feel that a fireworks display is the perfect ending for our Fourth of July celebrations," said Ann Conklin of Independence Township Parks and Recreation, who hosts the Festival of Fun at Clintonwood Park on the Fourth of July, "From the parade to the Festival of Fun; hot air balloon launching to the fireworks display — it'll be a perfect fami-

But the chamber, which is coordinating fund-raising for the pyrotechnics, needs help from area businesses and residents to make the fireworks a possibility.

It will take several thousand dollars to present a fireworks program, but we're really excited about this," said Chamber President Marc Cooper. "The chamber does a lot for our area and this will be a highly visible project. We hope area businesses and community members will appreciate and support this pro-

We hope so, too.

The chamber is seeking donations from area businesses. Those who contribute "spon-

sorships" in the amount of \$1,000 or donations in the amount of \$250 will be able to park in a reserved lot and be shuttled to a viewing location of their choice

The chamber is also seeking donations from individuals. Penny Shanks, the chamber's administrative assistant, said the chamber

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> Ann Conklin Independence Township Parks and Recreation

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display it can present. If you can, send a donation now to the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, 5850 Lorac, Suite C, Clarkston 48346.

If not, be sure to look for canisters in stores come May or June.

As Shanks said, any amount will help. Besides, whatever amount you give, you can be sure that you'll be getting a big bang

Courts, media must work together

Sheehy said "no way" to cameras and tape onorable judges in courts throughout the land, please take note. This is just a reminder, as gentle as we can

Courts are public property and the public needs to know, has every right to know, the

details of the cases decided therein. Therefore, court proceedings should not be closed to the public or the press, which "acts as a segment of the public in guaranteeing the openness and integrity" of the judicial sys-

The words are those of Blair Moody Jr., State Supreme Court justice, who in 1980 wrote the high court's opinion that a judge may close criminal proceedings to the public only under extraordinary circumstances when no other alternatives exist to protect the rights of the accused.

"It is important that citizens be free to " observe court proceedings to insure a sense of confidence in the judicial process," Moody's opinion continued.

And just how do the majority of citizens: ed by the media, print and electronic, of course. We are the eyes and ears of the public.

In the late 1980s, the Michigan Supreme Court modified its long-standing rule against cameras in court. Justice James H. Brickley was a promoter of the change

We reiterate the high court's opinions and stress the visual aspect — at this time in light of a decision last Friday by James P. Sheehy, veteran judge of the 52-3 District Court in Rochester Hills.

recorders at the preliminary examination of a Rochester Hills teen charged with first-degree murder in the shotgun slaying of his younger

The high-profile case had attracted the expected gaggle of media types from the Detroit-area newspapers and radio and TV stations. The judge's decision didn't raise many eyebrows; he seldom allows cameras in his courtroom.

Sheehy, who has always gotten along well with the local media, said his decisions about cameras have been based on a need to keep decorum in the courtroom and a lack of space.

"We have a little courtroom, 30 feet by 30, the judge said, "and we're not set up for that."

Well, while we realize that the judge has sole authority to grant permission for cameras and tapes (there is no appeal!) and acknowledge that the judge is the sole arbiter of what constitutes courtroom decorum, we still think it's unfortunate that this crucial ingredient is

being eliminated from the judicial mix. Not enough room? How about pool setup one still and one TV camera. It's better than nothing.

And let's make sure that, when cameras are allowed, the rules are followed so that decorum is maintained.

The Supreme Court has spoken on open courts and cameras. It's time for the courts and the press to work together to find ways of implementing the finding.

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#### LETTERS

#### SMART gets workers to jobs

here is truth to the main premise in Philip Power's recent "Public Transportation Victim of Competing Interests" column. As he pointed out, history has not been particularly kind to public transportation in the metro Detroit area for various reasons, and he is correct that coordination between SMART and DDOT is difficult due to a number of factors like "money, an election year, turf and histo-

However, there are a few inaccuracies in the column that I would like to address. Since one of SMART's main hurdles is to overcome biases of years past, public perception is very

In the article, you indicated that SMART will not duplicate the canceled routes. This is a misleading statement. In fact, the vast majority of DDOTs cuts came on routes that they designated just over a year ago, routes that duplicated previously existing SMART routes. Simply put, we have offered extensive service on a vast number of the affected routes and will continue to do so. Additionally, where need merits, SMART is adding service. For example, SMART expanded service to both Wonderland and Livonia Malls on the day DDOT made its cuts.

The column also noted: Workers without cars, mostly living in Detroit, are now unable to get to and from their jobs in the suburbs at shopping malls such as Twelve Oaks in Novi and in office corridors such as along Big

Beaver in Troy."

It's true SMART cannot pick up the Novi service. Unfortunately, Novi is an opt-out community that refused to participate in SMART's 1995 millage (though SMART did provide service to Novi prior to the millage) However, it is just plain wrong to make it sound as though most workers will not be able to make it to jobs along Big Beaver in Troy, Since the 1995 millage, Troy's office corridor has seen immense improvements in SMART

service.
SMART has added a Community Transit Job Express service during weekday rush hours to transport workers from the Somerset Collection bus stop to work sites along Big

SMART added a new weekday route (465 Limited) providing fast service from Detroit to both the Somerset area and Auburn Hills.

Weekday and Saturday service hours have been expanded on Route 460 (Woodward), ser-

vicing Somerset. SMART added Sunday service to Somerset on Route 460. Prior to the millage there was no service to Somerset on Sundays. Now outbound trips arrive hourly from 10:22 a.m. to 7:22 p.m., with inbound trips leaving at 10:28 a.m. to 7:28 p.m.

SMART has also added a new route (780/Fifteen Mile) which serves Somerset from its origin in Royal Oak.

Additionally, SMART has a number of business-based marketing programs designed to unite potential employees with employment

The SMART Jobline is a free telephone service where callers can find job openings along

SMART bus routes. The Get A Job-Get A Ride program enables new employees to get a free monthly SMARTCard to help ease the initial worries of transportation costs, and SMART's Buses to Business program allows concerned employers to offer a tax-free benefit to their employees in the form of subsidized trans-

portation, while claiming a tax deduction. We simply ask that your paper makes an effort to get both sides of the story. When DDOT director Al Martin is the only person quoted "...Transportation is the 'to' in 'Welfare to Work'," the public very likely jumps to the conclusion that SMART is turning its back on this issue: I hope you can see by now that is not true. In fact, SMART is taking approxi-mately 7,000 Detroiters to suburban jobs each

SMART is doing everything it can to make transportation to the workplace as efficient as possible. The fact that we are now experiencing record ridership suggests that we are suc-

> Doug Host **SMART Communications Specialist**

#### Remember the dentist

Did you have your annual dental check up in 1997? Regretfully any patient with den-tal insurance that expires on Dec. 31 has forfeited that benefit.

Dental benefits are one of the most underused perks, offered nationwide to the labor force. Each year, men, women and children have the opportunity to prevent, maintain, and treat their teeth (many with insurance coverage). However, neglect, fear and finances procrastinate their family visits and all unused benefits vanish at year end.

You should know that dentistry has delivered great advancements in cosmetics, root canal therapy, periodontal treatment, and pain control. The state-of-the-art materials and techniques for bonding, bleaching, veneers, and implants, along with new anes-thetic delivery systems and conservative periodontal treatments for "gum disease" are but a few accomplishments that are available to give you the smile you have secretly desired.

We place great value on our homes, mutual funds, and cars, but we often neglect the per-sonal investment in our teeth and gums. We work hard to get the best benefits the industry

offers but fail to utilize the service.

Just remember when it's time to enjoy the fruits of your labor, why not choose the crisp cool apple, instead of the applesauce!

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— Philip Power

#### POINTS OF VIEW

## Term limits upheld: It's in with new, out with old

federal judge has spoken. Unless someone is able to get to the Court of Appeals in Cincinnati quickly, term limits are alive and well in Michigan.

To bring you up to speed, back in 1992 Michigan voters approved by 58.8 percent a ballot initiative that restricted state representatives to three, two-year terms and state senators to two, four-year terms. This was called "term limits."

Since this is an election year, it means that 65 of the incumbent state epresentatives will be looking for hew work, come January 1, 1999.

A group of people went to federal court to ask that the voters' action be declared unconstitutional. Here we are in a democracy and some people

want to set aside the will of the peo-

Who are these people?

Corporate lobbyists, union bosses and other special interests who can influence legislation because their old friends are around to help them.

Will the state go to hell because the old timers are being shown the door?

It has been my experience that in any organization, including cities or cultural organizations, about a dozen people actually run the place.

This is true in the state legislature. Even though the seniority system is in place and the best and brightest are not necessarily in charge of important committees, cream does rise to the top and young legislators can





make themselves felt if they are reasonably intelligent and hard working.

Years ago when I served in the legislature, I came within five votes of being speaker pro tem in my second term. I was 28 years old at the time.

The Legislature will miss some of

the old guard because of their knowl-. edge and experience, but not many, Many of the long- serving legislators are contributing little to the process. They live in safe districts and do nothing controversial so they get re-elected. If they were really innovative, they may not have been re-elected.

What we are trading for this experience is new and fresh ideas.

What we want is a citizen legislature, who is in touch with the people, not a group of people who have been around for a long period of time and made this their "job."

New legislators are idealistic. Reelection encourages relationships with special interests that will help finance one's campaign. Special interests do not contribute to good government.

**III** The Legislature will miss some of the old guard because of their knowledge and experience, but not many. Many of the long-serving legislators are con-tributing little to the process.

Hold your breath, cross your fingers and maybe even pray. Michigan government may see new faces and new ideas.

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

## Teachers, parents, peers share blame for poor grades

friend of mine received her report card last week and she was really excited. "I didn't get any.E's this time," she said. Of course I thought she was being sarcastic because she is a great student who does her homework and goes to school every day. I looked for myself and her grades were surprisingly low.

What is shocking is the easy classes she took. No chemistry or 🥫 trigonometry. Just the average English and the social sciences. So what's the problem?

Low grades result from the failure of teachers, parents and peers. In combination, all contribute to the downfall of grades.

According to the students, teaching style is the No. 1 reason for low grades. Alisha Vezina, a senior, says

teachers need to keep the material interesting or students' minds will start to wander. "Class is so slow and boring," she said. "If it were more fun I would want to learn, but now I just want to sleep."

Every person has different ways of learning. Some people learn by reading or listening to lectures and others learn visually or with hands-on teaching. If individual teachers would teach in various styles, to incorporate all, they might see an improvement in . grades and interest.

Parents are also to blame. Many are too busy with their own lives to be involved with their children. Most parents don't go to parent-teacher conferences and almost never ask to: see homework. They work too much and just don't have time to ask chil-



KRISTIN FRENCH

dren what they are learning and if there are any problems. Parents stress education and college yet never check to see how their child is doing until report card time when it's already too late to correct mistakes. Parents need to involve themselves in their child's education instead of contributing to low grades.

The biggest contribution to the

downfall of grades are peers. Peers influence each other to goof off, skip school and disrupt class. Teens don't want to look stupid or get in trouble by themselves so they involve others to transfer the blame. Peer pressure starts early in life and enters its strongest stage between the freshman and senior year of high school. The need to feel accepted is almost an essential for survival in school. Doing things like cutting class, using drugs and clowning around interfere with learning. Teens need to be individuals and block out peer pressure in order to succeed in school.

Students are in school to learn and when they aren't learning, for whatever reason, it defeats the whole purpose of school. It is up to teachers. parents and especially the individual

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student to make sure kids are at school to accomplish something. If each takés a step toward better education, school may be both rewarding and interesting for all students.

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

## Higher education gets the shaft in governor's spending proposal

he devil, as they say, is in the details. And reading the fine print in the state budget proposed last week by Gov. John Engler proves

Coming into an election year, the governor wants the state general fund, the main source of discretionary spending, to grow just 1.5 percent, less than inflation and, therefore, by any measure politically correct.

Despite all the soaring language in the State of the State speech, much of what Engler wants to do in the coming fiscal year will be paid for by those nasty people at the federal government in Washington, D.C.

Remember the \$200 million in extra highway repairs? Comes from additional federal highway aid, as well as an increase in the state gasoline tax. What about the nice idea of subsidizing health insurance for 156,000 uninsured children? Paid for by a \$64 million federal

grant

And where does the \$500 million for the much-touted program in toxic waste cleanup and improvement in state parks come from? Borrowing, that's where. The governor wants to issue bonds, which is another way of saying he wants to borrow the money and let his successors figure out how to pay for it.

The only notable homegrown increase in the \$8.77 million general fund budget proposed by Engler is for – remember, it's an election year prisons. The governor wants to spend \$180 million to build space to house another 5,400 inmates. More prisons means more spending on prisoners, and the governor wants to channel enother \$56 million to the \$1.4 billion we already spend on the Michigan Department of Corrections, a 4.2 percent increase.

I suppose no one should be surprised at the priority given to making more slam space. After all, prison inmates don't vote, and the political pros say there's no downside to a sitting governor's wanting to spend more on warehousing criminals.

What's curious about Engler's proposal, however, is that he doesn't say a thing about the fact that costs per inmate in Michigan prisons are considerably above neighboring states such as Ohio. Before we go plunging into another orgy of prison construction, wouldn't it make sense to take a serious look at just why Michigan's costs per inmate are so much higher than other states? The idea of a Blue Ribbon Commission on prison costs, so far, has been received with a cold shoulder from the gover-

So who gets the shaft in the governor's spending plan?

Colleges and universities, mostly.



PHILIP POWER

Engler wants to increase higher education appropriations by just 1.5 percent in the coming year, well below the rate of inflation. There is no doubt that if his recommendation holds, universities will have no choice other than to bump up tuition yet again. But, heck, most college kids don't vote, and the governor can always blame college trustees for raising tuition.

There is no doubt that higher education benefited during the past two fiscal years from ... appropriations in excess of the inflation rate. But a quick look at the history of state spending on colleges and universities - well below the. rate of inflation for the past 20 years – suggests that just two years of catchup are not enough.

State Sen. John Schwarz, chair of the Senate Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee and the Legislature's main authority on spending for colleges and universities, will hold hearings on the state of state funding for higher education in Ann Arbor at 10 a.m. Friday, Another will be held at 10 a.m. March 2 in Oakland University's Meadowbrook Hall.

"There's no need to sound alarmist right now," said Schwarz, pointing out that the Legislature traditionally works to find extra money in the state budget to keep tuition at state col-

But that will be especially tough this year. Because of a Supreme Court decision, the state will pay \$1.1 billion to school districts to settle a suit over funding for special education. And Engler wants to do a tax cut in an election year, not to mention the extra spending on prisons. That's budgetary politics in an election year.

What you get the increased bill for your kid's tuition at college, don't call me. Call the Governor's Office at (517) 873-3400.

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#### CONFLICT LAW APPLIES

Public school academies, alias charter schools," are subject to the public servant conflict of interest law, Attorney General Frank Kelley has ruled.

The 1995 school code defines "public school" to include entities "operated by ... a public school academy cor-foration," he noted.

In an opinion requested by House floor leader Pat Gagliardi, D-Drum-mond, Kelley said the 1997 state Supreme Court ruling, declaring PSAs constitutional, said PSAs are public schools whose "board members are public officials and are subject to applicable law pertaining to public officials.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL BILL

The state House passed, 102-0, a bill to establish a set of environmental indicators to be used for an annual state environmental report.

If passed by the Senate, it would require the Department of environ-mental Quality to develop indicators and objectives for toxic releases, air quality, surface water quality, drinking water, solid waste, hazardous waste and others.

"It's time for Michigan to join the 37 other states who have undertaken environmental indicator, projects and the 16 states that have state of the environ-mental reports," said Rep. Barbara

Refer to House bill 4558 When writing to your state senator. State Capitol, PO Box 30036, Lansing, 48909.

Rep. Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, is sponsor of the Democrata' high-profile bill to require auto insurers to refund \$1 billion in "overcharges." The refunds would come charges." The retunds would come form the \$2.5 billion surplus in the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association. Democrats contend the MCCA assessment as tax on every car in Michigan.

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Heights, has introduced a bill to eliminate surcharge fees imposed by banks and automatic teller machine (ATM) operators for electronic trans-actions. Freeman's bill will allow ATMs to continue charging "interchange fees," usually \$1 to \$2; that pays for the network. But he says consumers are being double-charged when ATM owners impose a \$1,50 to \$3 surcharge.

#### APPOINTMENTS

Gov. Engler has appointed:

■ Albert Calille, of Plymouth, to the state Civil Rights Commission. He is legal counsel for Ameritech and replaces Rev. Robert Sirico of Grand-Rapids for a term expiring at the end of

/ Ten persons to the Workers' Compensation Board of Magistrates, which conducts hearings in disability disa putes. Area residents include Marg Brennan, Plymouth, previously with the law firm of Schellcase, Auld and Johnston; Patrick MacLean, Novi, previously senior trial attorney for. Reliance Insurance Companies with the law firm of McMurray, MacLean and Berg, PC; and Sharon Smith, Southfield, who was reappointed after being with the agency since 1987,

All terms expire Jan. 26, 2002.

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#### HEART TO HEART

The Oakland County Animal are Center celebrated Valenline's Day this year by attempt-ing to find loving homes for loving pets. An open house was held at the center, 1700 Brown Road in Auburn Hills, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 14. More than 100 homeless dogs and cats are available for adopn. For further information. call (248) 391-4100.

#### PET ADOPTIONS

The Animal Welfare Society of Southeastern Michigan will be hosting pet adoptions this month. Animal lovers can also adopt dogs, cats, kittens and puppies from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 21 at Classic Pet Supply, on the southeast corner of 12. Mile and Schoenherr in Warren. Adoption fee, sterilization deposit and screening are required. To obtain further information, call (248) 548-1150.

#### KEEPER OF THE DREAM

Oakland University's Keeper of fhe Dream Banquet, culminating OU's observance of African-American Celebration Month, is set for 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, in the Shotwell-Gustafson Pavil-ion. Robert J. Easton, chairman of Chrysler Corporation, will deliver the keynote address. Tickets are \$75 per person, of which \$35 is tax deductible. For ticket information, call Laren Herrington at (248) 370-4665 or Betty Green at (248) 370-4404.

#### QUÁRDIANSHIP VOLUNTEERS

The Oakland County Probate Court is looking for volunteers to periodically check on the care of the elderly and the very young who are in the care of court appointed guardians. The next Guardianship Volunteer training is Feb. 19 at the Oakland County Courthouse, 1200 North Telegraph in Pontiac. For more information, call (888) 350-0900, ext. 80041.

#### COMPANIONSHIP VOLUNTEERS

The Alzheimer's Association is seeking volunteers to provide nghin to p riencing memory loss. Those who volunteer receive an excellent brientation that provides them with the information and skills to brighten the life of someone with Alzheimer's. The next orientation is from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 5.m. on Saturday, Feb. 21. To Igarn more about volunteering please call Jeri Williams at (248) 557-8277.

#### MASTER COMPOSTER CLASS

Southeastern Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority is offering a master composter class, beginning from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, at the Royal Oak Senior Center, Topics byered include backyard composting, natural mulches, healthy lawn care, environmen-cal gardening and education outeach to the public. There is a ee. For program information, ontact SOCRRA weekdays at 248) 546-5818.

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sion is \$10, Call (248) 360-3186 . for more information.

#### QUEEN APPLICANTS WANTED

The Michigan Beekeepers Association is looking for applicants for the 1998 Michigan Honey Queen. To qualify, entrants must be a single woman between 17 and 21 years of age. The pageant will be held March 13 at the Kellogg Center at Michigan State University. Prizes include a \$500 scholarship and a trip to Nashville, Tenn, in January 1999 to compete for the national title. For applications, call Judy Schmaltz at (248) 627-4556:

#### QUILT CELEBRATION

The Oakland County Quilt Guild presents it's 1998 Quilt Celebration. A quilt exhibit and contest will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, April 17 at Lutheran High School North-west , located on Livernois, south of M-59. A merchants mall, refreshments, workshops and lectures will also be featured, Admission is \$5:

#### NURSES SOUGHT The Oakland University School

of Nursing in Rochester has launched its annual search for outstanding Michigan registered nurses to receive its 1998 1 Nightingale awards — a commemorative Nightingale bronze statuette and \$1,000. Nomination forms may be obtained by calling the School of Nursing at (248) 370-4501. Forms must be

returned by Feb. 20. Nominations are sought in the following categories: nursing administration, nursing research, nursing education, nursing practice, long term care practice and home care. Winner, runners-up and nominees will be honored at the 10th annual Nightingale recognition dinner, May 7 at the Troy Marriott Hotel.

#### HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS

Heartland Hospice in Southfield is looking for volunteers to provide services to terminally ill patients and their families. Tasks include home visits, phone calls, errands, companionship and general office work. Those interested will receive training

in areas of death and grief, communication skills, care and comfort measures, stress manage ment and understanding the disease process. To learn more or volunteer for this rewarding experience, call Volunteer Coordinator Kim Davids at (248) 948-1019.

#### PHOTO EXHIBIT HOSTS NEEDED

Host the Oakland County Parks photo exhibit and bring the excitement and natural beauty of 11 county parks to businesses community centers, schools and other locations. The free-standing, color display is available free of charge , set up by parks staff and comes with brochures outlining the offerings of the

Oakland County Parks. For more information or to reserve the photo exhibit, call (248) 858. 1086.

#### AFS SCHOLARSHIPS

The Metro-Detroit chapter of American Field Service Intercultural Programs is offering \$1,000 in scholarships to students wish ing to live an study abroad for a vear, semester or summer departing in 1998, Scholarship awards are based on merit and "" financial need. Candidates must have at least a 2.8 GPA, be between 15 and 18 years of age and be curious about the world around them. For more information and a catalog, call Ann Steglich at (248) 540-0144 or 1-800-AFS-INFO.

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### Plan ahead when you use those planners

started using a planner on Jan. 1, and in the month and a half since then, I have learned three important tips about using a planner:

You must use it and only it.

■ You must always keep it with

■ You must always write in pencil because no matter how well you plan your life, someone else's lack of planning will force you to change your

I learned all three tips the hard

In the beginning, I used my calendar at home and my calendar at work in addition to my planner, If I was at home and scheduled an appointment, I wrote the appointment on my kitchen calendar. If I was at work and scheduled an appointment, I wrote the appointment on my desk calen-dar. If I happened to remember I had a planner, I wrote the appointment in

After a few weeks, I realized that the purpose of a planner is to have all your appointments in one place. That lesson came after I discovered that I had scheduled myself to be in two places at the same time — in Southfield for a doctor's appointment for myself (I had written that appoint-ment on my work calendar) and in Clarkston for a dentist's appointment

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T-shirt art: Mitchell Baenziger, 4, stamps his name and other designs onto a T-shirt during Craft Day at Bay Court Park in Independence Township.



Winter break

## Kids take time out for play

larkston students who didn't go away this week for Winter Break are still having fun -

close to home. Independence Township Parks and Recreation sponsored a week's worth of activities for kids in grades 1-5. Starting the week off was Craft Day at Bay Court Park, where youngsters

like Emily Aldrich, 10, (left) decorated T-shirts with stamps. Other activities included an open gym and outdoor

While none of it may have com pared to a week on a tropical island or skiing in Colorado, the students seemed to agree, that any break from school is a vacation in and of itself.

## Teens' D.C. trip timed perfectly

By JAN BAKER SPECIAL WRITER

Two local high school students say they couldn't have picked a better time to go to Washington, D.C., for a weeklong civics lesson there.

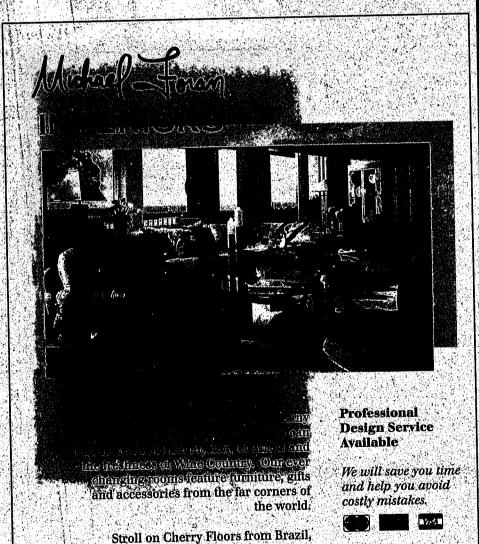
Sarah Bates and Ashley DiFalco, two juniors from Our Lady of the Lakes High School in Waterford Township, recently applied for and were accepted into the national "Presidential Class room" program, which will run March 7-14 at Georgetown University. Dur-ing their capitol visit, the two Independence Township residents — and other 11th-grade standouts from throughout the country — will participate in a variety of civics-related activities and

In a recent interview with Sarah and Ashley, the 16-year-old students described their upcoming trip as an exciting opportunity that will force them to stretch beyond their comfort zones. "The thing is, we can't room together." Sarah said with a smile, pointing out that she and Ashley have been best friends since their first-grade year together at Lakes.

Ashley echoed Sarah's sentiments. "You can't request any roommates," she said. "Two beds." Four people that you don't know. It's four (girls) to a room, two to a bed."

Some pre-travel jitters notwithstanding, the Lakes students said they felt confident of their leadership abilities. They explained that they qualified for the political trek by posting at least a 3.4 grade-point average in school and placing in the top 10 percent of their class. They also said they currently attend an honors history class. Both

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for my two girls (I had written that appointment on my home

Once I figured out the theory behind having a planner. I had to learn the importance of keeping it with you at all times.

Several times I would be in a doctor's office needing to sched-ule another appointment when I would realize I had left my plan-ner in, the car. Or, I'd be at home and someone would call to set hing up and my planner would be in the car.

It is not good enough to remember to take your planner with you when you leave the office or when you leave your house. You must also remember to bring it with you when you get out of the car and carry it in with you wherever you are going.

I have a friend who carries a pocket-size planner in her purse. Since she is accustomed to taking her purse everywhere, she can whip her planner out anytime anyplace. I've observed her schedule a weekend women's retreat from a bleacher seat at her son's basketball tournament.

Besides carrying your planner everywhere you go, you also need to carry a writing instrument with you everywhere you go. A planner is no good if you can't write in it. Ideally, this instrument should be a pencil.

At first, I wrote in my planner with pens and fine-tipped markers because I haven't been in the practice of using a pencil since I was in the third grade. But I soon learned that I was scrib-

■ The most important tip I learned is this: As organized as a planner makes you; you can't be totally organized as long as you're dependent upon other people who aren't organized.

bling out appointments that had been canceled and making new ones. My scribbles made my ones. My scribbles made ..., planner look messy and hard to

The most important tip it is learned is this: As organized as a planner maker planner makes you, you can't be totally organized as long as you're dependent upon other people who aren't organized.

I once planned weeks ahead for a meeting, arranging afterschool care for my younger two children and swapping days with another car pool driver so that I could be at the meeting. At the last minute, the meeting was canceled and rescheduled for just 48 hours later. All my planning, was for naught and I had to scramble all over again to arrange to be at the rescheduled meeting.

But even though planners aren't the end-all that beats all and they take some getting used to, I can't imagine how I lived so long without one.

Karen Hermes Smith is editor of the Clarkston Eccentric. She can be reached at 625-1900.

## Message-less thank-you note says a lot

n unadorned, cream-col-ored envelope—canceled by both the Denver, Colo., and the Royal Oak, Mich., post offices — came in the mail for me a week ago Wednesday.

Judging from the post marks the envelope spent 15 days mak-ing its way across the country. Rather a long time for that kind

Rather a long time for that kind of distance in this day and age. On its top side it has a Vestern-styled building half draped by Old Glory. And lightes my name and address as well, written in black ink in what I can only assume is an old lady's scrawl.

The scrawls of old ladies have a certain appearance to them, I have observed. Their letters are oftentimes unevenly spaced and they have a shakiness to their shapes and lines, which some-times run uphill. That shakiness says, "I have done the best I can with this life" and "I don't see as well now as I used to."

I was not expecting a creamcolored envelope from Colorado and it caught me quite by surprise. I fingered it curiously, turning it in my hands and wondering who had sent me what, before I opened it.

. Inside, fitting as snugly as a hand in a glove, I found a match



#### CAROLYN WALKER

ing cream-colored card that did not want to come out. It resisted

A fancy typescript on its front

If I should live forever

For one fleeting moment, I entertained the fantasy that I had received a love note from abandoned that fantasy and opened the card to read in more fancy typescript the following name: "The Deutschendorfs."

and then I paused and caught

my breath while reality set in.

Above "The Deutschendorfs" in the same black-inked, old lady scrawl that appeared on the envelope — were the words, "Family of John Denver." And nothing more.

Several months ago, I engaged

in a mother-to-mother mission that required a certain amount

I decided after reading about

John Denver's funeral in People magazine — and after weeks of thinking — to send his mother,

in care of the church that held

his funeral, a copy of a column I had written about the singer at

the time of his death last Octo-

I sent it because, in the col-

umn, I had described a special

ston and sang with the handi-

capped children from SCAMP.

— because I am a mother and I figured she would want to know

kindness her son had shown

day when Denver came to Clark-

I wanted his mother to know

about the simple, unheralded

here in our community. I wanted

her to know that we appreciated

that kindness. And him. And I

of courage on my part.

anything, other than to explain; the family name, in her card back to me. I know, as a writer, that some times that which is not written : is as important as that which is

written I am forced to read between the missing lines of Mrs. Deutschendorf's note. What's implied is a thank you for remembering her son. What goes much deeper is the terrible grief of a woman who outlived her

hoped she would find some small

I do not know what to make of

measure of comfort in that.

the fact that she didn't write

It shows itself in the big blank space of the card's inner page. It, shows itself in the words that weren't written.

I am confident in my heart, though I have never met her, that John Denver had a good mother, I saw that goodness come through him when he reached out to touch the clubbed fingers of my little daughter.

She taught him well. She taught him well.

Carolyn Walker is a staff writer for the Clarkston Eccentric. She lives in the city of Clarkston.

against my pulls before it finally relented, stubbornly, and eased its way into my finger

side said:

And all my dreams come true. ' My memories of love Will be of you.

some secret admirer. And then I

I drew a mental blank at first

#### Washington from page A9

play varsity sports. Both hold part-time jobs. And both serve on the Lakes student council.

On seemingly mirrored paths, the girls described college plans that may change that parallel course, however. Ashley said she'd like to pursue broadcast journalism. For Sarah, advertis-ing may be the ultimate career

But no matter where their futures take them, both students expect to enthusiastically dive into their presidential classroom activities next month. "It'll run from 7:30 in the morning until 11:00 at night," Sarah said of the seven-day stay. "We'll do debates, and what they call to debates. and what they call crossfire sessions' on subjects like affirma-

tive action and the role of the media in government. We'll get to meet with the head of the CIA. And they've teased us about meeting the president, but

I don't know about that." the two stu-dents didn't. mention M o n∘i c a Lewinsky, Kenneth Starr, Paula

Ashley DiFalco

Ashley Difalco aldson, they said they considered the scheduling of their Washington visit a stroke of good fortune.

I guess this is a great time to

go right now," Sarah said. "My dad called down there and asked a receptionist what it was like around there and she said, It's just crazy. Everything's going

Ashley

elaborated.

"It's like,

thing's

happening

and we're

going to be

the middle of it," she

there



Sarah Bates

remarked. Of course, before the girls can get into "the middle of it" and ultimately jot down that experience on a college entrance appli-

cation, they'll each have to raise about \$1,000 for the trip According to Sarah, the presi, dential classroom "package" costs \$895, plus air fare: "We're trying to get corporate sponsor ship," she said.

Are their parents supportive of the Washington visit?

Both girls answered esounding yes.

However, Ashley humorously expounded on those positive vibes from the homefront:

"Oh, my mom is just c-o-m-p-le-t-e-l-y excited, trying to do everything for me to help me raise money for it," she gushed; "And my dad is just ... 'EIGHT

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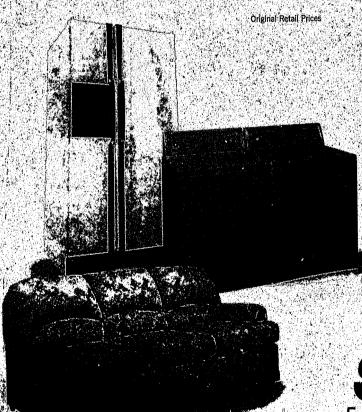
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## Clarkston church gave Habitat chapter its start

abitat for Humanity of North Oakland County had its beginnings in Clarkston. A dream of former Assistant Pastor Heidi Sommers of Calvary Lutheran Church became a reality when she sent out more than 300 letters to local congregations in the North Oakland County area.

A small group of volunteers responded to the "calling" and our chapter was born. In spring of 1997, our first Habitat home was started on Martin Luther King Boulevard in Pontiac, and there resides our first homeowner — Terrie Clark and her daughter. In that same summer. we had a "Blitz" build, and we built five homes simultaneously These homes were built through the cooperation of hundreds of volunteers who gave unselfishly of their vacation time and free time. Local businesses, churches and community organizations donated food, time and money to make this dream a reality for all of us. Never did we imagine that we could accomplish so much in

a very short amount of time. Our office is now located at 14 Judson St. in Pontiac. Our telephone number at the office is

ing opportunities are available to anyone who would like to help us

An example of our committees are: Fundraising, Building, Financial, Nurturing, Family Selection, etc. We are always looking for new ideas and volunteers to help us eliminate substandard housing in the North Oakland County area. Our fundraising committee has come up with many unique and exciting ideas on raising money, one of them being dinner with local celebrity Soupy Sales. The event is scheduled to take place Friday, May 1, at a restaurant in downtown Pontiac. Those in attendance will have the opportunity to dine with Soupy and enjoy an evening of "creamfilled" entertainment. Ticket prices and time have not been established, but we will let you know in plenty of time to purchase your tickets.

Local businesses and community groups are also encouraged to "adopt" Habitat as their charity of choice. A great opportunity is available to have local youth groups have pizza fund-raisers, and to have them work on the homes to be built. Our vision is to have a home paid for and built



by youth alone. Just imagine what that would do for their self-

Habitat for Humanity International was founded in 1976 by Linda and Millard Fuller. Habitat is an ecumenical, Christian housing ministry that seeks to eliminate poverty housing from the world. Our goal is to eliminate it in North Oakland County. Our need for volunteers and monetary donations is great. We must raise the money prior to building the next two homes. The cost of each home is approximately \$51,000. We will then sell the home to a new Habitat family. Our family selection com-mittee is extremely busy reviewing over 500 applications for one home. So you can see the need is there. Again, please give us a call if you can donate time or

money at (248) 338-1843. This column is shared by local community groups. Up next week: The Independence Land

#### CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Clarkston Eccentric publishes calendar items free of charge. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Type or print: Event, date and time, location, telephone number and any addi tional information and mail to the Clarkston Eccentric, 7151 Ortonville Road, Suite 2, Clark ston, MI 48346 or fax to (248) 625-5712. Deadline for calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper.

#### FRIDAY, FEB. 20 KID'S WINTER STAR-GAZERS

7 p.m. Indian Springs Metropark. Young galaxy-grouples can bring a white or light-colored T-shirt (for creating cosmic constellations) to this program and then prepare for blast off as we view the stars outdoors. Families only; no Scouts please. Fee: \$1 per per son. Registration required. Call (248) 625-7280 or 1-800-477-

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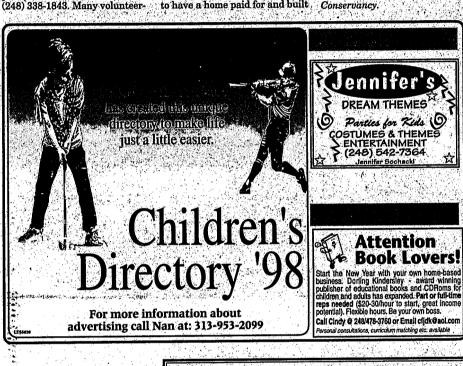
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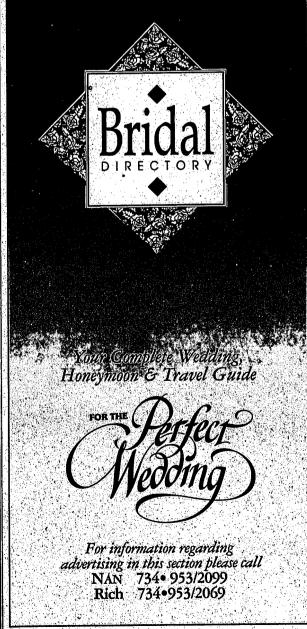
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## Breakfast the meal of champions

BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER

reakfast is the fuel that starts our day and just as important as brushing your teeth. Yet it's the most frequently skipped meal in America.

We may have children who would rather watch TV than eat breakfast," said Joanne Hughes, principal at Kennedy Elementary School in Livonia.

"In my opinion, nen children when don't eat breakfast they have less energy, lack of concentration and the ability to solve problems," said Hughes: "They're unable to learn at their appropriate level and could possibly be irrita-ble."

Gale Cox registered dietitian

"If you want your children to be

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healthy, you have

backs Hughes up. According to studies cited in the October 1995 issue of The Journal of the American Dietetic Association, students who missed breakfast demonstrated poorer performance in immediate recall. Data also suggested that the brain's functioning is sensitive to short-term variances in nutrition, possibly affect ing the information retrieval speed, and accuracy as well as, the memory of children who miss

A Tufts University study showed continuous low nutrition-

psychological factors such as

motivation, and attentiveness.
Skipping meals is not good for children or adults. Hughes is certain her students eat breakfast before coming to school, but occa-

sionally someone will forget to bring their lunch. "We won't allow kids to skip lunch," said Hughes. "If someone forgets, we take steps to make

sure they have lunch. Once in a while we get a the best thing is for their child to skip lunch so they won't forget it again. But we don't believe it is. We've got a job to do, and children need good steady nourishment so we can do it."

don't eat breakfast miss out o more than 25 percent of their daily nutrient requirements.

The bottom line is you're going to feel better if you have you breakfast," said Gale Cox, a registered dietitian and Health Pro grams Coordinator for Botsford General Hospital in Farmington

"You will do better in school-if you're charged, and your energy level is high. You might wake up feeling good, but around 9 a.m 9:30 a.m. or 10 a.m. your ability

Please see BREAKFAST, A13

## Get a healthy start

CRANBERRY OATMEAL

3 1/2 cups skim or low-fat;

1/4 teaspoon salt (optional) 2 cups oats (quick or oldfashioned)

1/2 cup dried cranberries

1/3 cup maple flavored syrup, regular or light

1/4 cup toasted wheat germ

In medium saucepan, bring milk and salt to gentle boil. (Watch carefully.) Stir in oats, cranberries and maple syrup. Return to a boil; ; reduce heat to medium. Cook 1 minute for quick oats, 5 minutes for old-fashioned oats or until most of milk is absorbed, stirring occasionally. Let stand until desired consistency. Stin in wheat germ.

Speen oatmeal into bowls, Drizzle with additional syrup, if desired. Serve with milk or yogurt, if desired. Serves 4.

Microwave directions: In 3-quart microwaveable bowl, combine all Microwave on HIGH 6 to 7 min-

utes (quick oats) and 9 to 10 minutés (old-fashioned oats) or until most liquid is absorbed. Let stand until desired consistency. Stir inwheat germ. Serves 4.

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#### WHOLE WHEAT PANCAKES

1 1/2 cups whole wheat flour

1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour 2 1/4 teaspoons baking powder

3 large egg whites

1 1/2 cups skim milk 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1/4 teaspoon salt 1 1/2 cups mashed very ripe

banana (about 3 medium or 17-18 ounces before

2 teaspoons vegetable oil

In a small mixing bowl, stir together flours and baking powder until well blended. Set aside.

In a large mixing bowl, whisk Please see START, A13

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#### **Eye-Openers**

Here are some breakfast suggestions from "Eating Thin for Life: Food Secrets & Recipes from People Who have Lost Weight & Kept It Off," by Anne M. Fletcher, a registered dietitian, (A Chapters Book Houghton Mifflin Company, 1997, \$14).

- Reduced fat bran muffin (2 ounce), 1/2 cup grapes, 6 ounces orange Juice.
- Yogurt "Sundae"; Layer in a brandy snifter: 1/4 cup fresh blueberries, 1/2 sliced peach, 1/4 cup sliced strawberries, 4 ounces raspberry (nonfat yogurt); repeat; top with 3 table-spoons reduced fat granola.
- 1/2 cup cooked oatmeal (made with skim milk) mixed with 1/2 cup nonfat sugar-free vanilla pudding, Toast with 1 teaspoon reduced fat peanut butter and 1 teaspoon honey.
- 🖿 Breakfast Shake: 6 ounces strawberrý (nonfat) yogurt, 1 medium banana, 1 tablespoon wheat germ, 1/3 cup skim milk, 1/4 cup orange juice. Blend all ingredients in a blender until. smooth.
- Veggle Scramble: Microwave or steam 1 cup mixed vegetables (chopped broccoll, onlon, green pepper, mushrooms) scramble with 1 whole egg, 1 egg white, 1/4 cup skim milk and 1 slice (3/4 cunce) crumbled low-fat cheese in a nonstick skillet: 6 ounces orange juice.

## Breakfast from page A12

to concentrate will be diminished if you don't eat breakfast. Your concentration will be off, and your energy level won't be as high,"

If she had to choose between being on time for an important meeting or eating breakfast, Cox said she would eat breakfast but admits many people wouldn't.

"A lot of people think from the neck up and totally abandon their hody. They don't think about it it's not a priority," said Cox. "You have to make breakfast a way of life. You have a responsibility to the world and to yourself."

If you want your children to be healthy, you have to set a good example.

"You can't leave it up to the kids to eat breakfast," said Cox. They won't do it. Plan ahead. Provide foods that appeal to kids.

Oatmeal is a favorite in the winter, but cereal with milk, and toast spread with a lower fat margarine, or a bagel with a lean piece of Canadian bacon are good choices as well.

"There's no reason kids have to eat traditional breakfast foods, any food that appeals to them is

Besides cereal, Cox suggests low-fat sausage on a bun, hard cooked eggs, or low-fat cottage cheese. "There's a lot to pick from," she said. "Take five minutes to jot down a plan. Figure out what you want your kids to have for breakfast the night before. Have cereal on the shelf ready to go. Make breakfast an established way of life. If it's important to you, it will be impor-tant to your kids."

### **Starters**

from page A12

together egg whites, milk, vanilla, salt, banana and oil. Pour liquid . ingredients into dry ingredients... and stir with a wooden spoon or rubber spatula just until blended.

Spray a large nonstick skillet or griddle with nonstick cooking spray. Heat over medium-high heat until hot enough to evaporate a drop of water immediately upon contact.

Spoon batter by 1/4-cup meaäures onto hot skillet or griddle. Cook until pancakes are slightly dry around edges and bubbles appear on top, about 2 minutes. Using a spatula, carefully turn over and cook 1 to 2 minutes more, until lightly browned. Repeat with remaining batter. (You may need to spray skillet or griddle with nonstick cooking spray between each batch. Lower heat to medium if pancakes are browning too quickly.) Keep pancakes warm in a low oven while you cook remaining batches. Makes 16 pancakes.

Serve with maple syrup or jam, or roll them up fajita-style with a thin layer of peanut butter or a sprinkling of cinnamon and sugar.

Recipe from: "Eating Thin for Life," by Anne M. Fletcher, (A Chapters Book Houghton Mifflin Company, 1997, \$14).

## Auditors report raps CMU for supervision of charter schools

By Tim Richard Staff Writer

Gleeful Democrats said "I told you so" as the House Education Committee took up the auditor general's scathing report on how Central Michigan University weakly supervised its public school academies.

"It greatly concerns me," said Rep. James Agee, D-Muskegon, "that CMU claimed the attorneyclient privilege 34 times (in holding back documents from the auditors). The people have a right to know. The attorney-client privilege is OK if there's pending litigation (lawsuits), but this is totally ridiculous.

Michael Mayhew of the auditor's staff said using the attor-

ney-client privilege was rare. Richard Stafford, the adminis trator who supervised the CMU audit, begged off answering what might be in the hidden papers because "we can't say what the documents contain if we did not see them.'

Agee, a former school superintendent, asked about a reported March 1997 meeting between CMU officials and Art Ellis, state superintendent of public instruction, to discuss the responsibilities of chartering bodies such as universities. "We don't know what happened:

Nothing came of it," Agee com-

The audit report said only that there had not been any aubstantive issues resolved regarding oversight."

Public "school academies (PSAs), commonly called "charter schools," were part of the 1994 school reform package. PSAs were pushed by Gov. John Engler, many legislative Repubicans and conservative ideologues such as the Mackinac

Most Democrats and some Republicans supported the bills only grudgingly, fearing they would be a tool for funneling state aid to former private and parochial schools. They also feared chartering authorities would fail to keep a close eye on

the fledgling PSAs. ."Was CMU invited to this meeting?" asked Rep. Penny Crissman, R-Rochester.

"A CMU representative responded, but then she left the job," replied committee chair Sharon Gire, D-Macomb County,

Rep. Alan Gropsey, R-DeWitt, sought to defend PSAs by suggesting they were being judged by standards different from pub-lic schools, "The charter schools were fighting for survival against the whole public school establishment," said Cropsey,

Noah Webster Academy, a school denied PSA status.

"It (the audit) didn't get to the heart of what students were

learning," Cropsey said. Two Democrats contradicted him, Rep. Bob Brown, D-Dear-born Heights, pointed to audit

findings that:

The PSAs had not obtained criminal records checks for some employees. Also, eight PSAs did not hire some staff as conditional employees pending the results of criminal records checks," as required by state law.

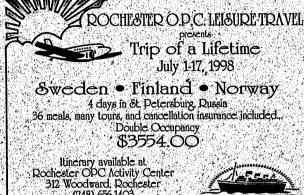
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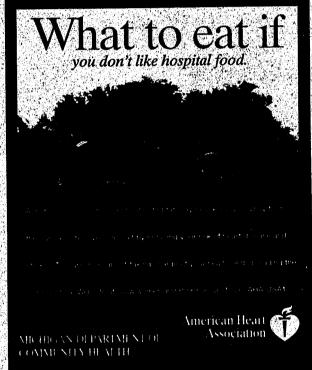
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viduals to teach who did not have certificates or permits to

One PSA "had students with special education needs who liad been attending the PS for more than one year without special education services' being provid

The audit said CMU needed to improve its monitoring of PSA boards for "potential conflicts of interest" — such as being interest" — such as being employed by the PSA or doing business with the PSA. CMU had not timely identified poten-tial conflicts of interest for nine







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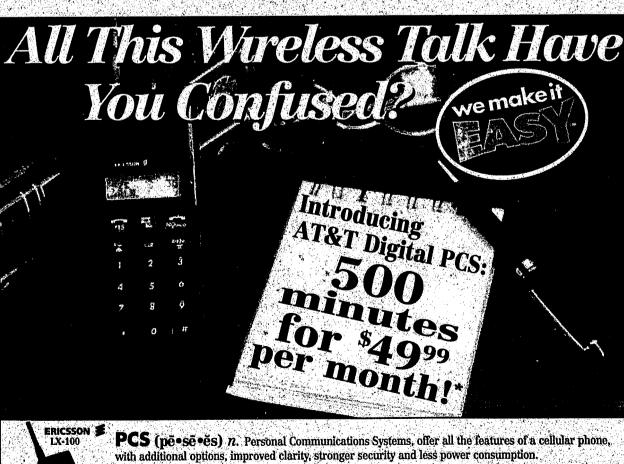
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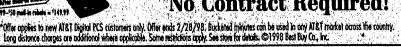
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## Appeals court rules State Police must open gun records

red Mager is inching closer toward obtaining Michigan State Police pistol inspection

The state Court of Appeals denied the State Police's request för å rehearing last week. The second highest court ruled 3-0 that the Redford Township resident was entitled, under the Freedom of Information Act, to the records.

My attorney (Daniel Bambery of DeWitt) has a date for March 18 in Ingham Circuit Court for summary disposition," said Mager, who wants the records in order to enlist pistol owners in a campaign for less restrictive

licensing laws. But Chris DeWitt, spokesman for Attorney General Frank Kelley, said his office has until Feb. 25 to decide whether to ask the state Supreme Court for leave to appeal. That has not been formally decided yet," he said.

#### Delays aid opposition

Time is critical, said Mager, who delivers pizzas in Detroit for a living. The longer the state can delay, the less information he has to mount political opposition to those who oppose liberalized

concealed weapons laws, -His particular target in 1996 was Rep. James Ryan, R-Redförd, who lost reelection. On Mager's 1998 list are Reps. Frank Fitzgerald, R-Grand

Ledge, who is running for the attorney general nomination, and Gerald Law R. Plymouth.

De Witt said there is no deadline for the Supreme Court to decide whether to take the case. It could be six months, he said. In Mager's suit, State Police argued unsuccessfully they may deny access to opistol. permit deny, access to pistol permit records because they are "of a personal nature where the public disclosure ... would constitute a

tlearly unwarranted invasion of an individual's privacy.' "The Court of Appeals concluded, however, "that the ownership

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felethon, which is also being sponsored by Pet Supplies "Plus" and Heinz Pet Products, are UPN Channel 50 and of Amyre-Makupson and Pavid Scott.

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or embarrassing details of an individual's life." Mager seeks names and addresses of those who have target-hunting and

nome business permits. Meanwhile, four state repre sentatives introduced a biparti-san package of bills aimed at uniform standards for issuing a concealed weapons permit. The group includes Alan Cropsey, R-DeWitt, sponsor of an earlier, failed bill to have a single state gun permit system. Co-sponsors

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include Democrats Candace Curtis of Swartz Creek and Howard Wetters of Bay County and Republican James McNutt, a for-

mer Midland County sheriff. "Cropsey caved in to the law enforcement lobby," Mager said.

He pointed to a section that would allow county gun boards to go behind closed doors to pore over an applicant's mental health records. "Michigan is

screwy with gun laws," he said, The new package says appli-

cants must be at least 21 years old, be a Michigan resident at least one year, complete a 12-hours firearms training course, and have no felonies or violent misdemeanors on their records.

The licensee must never have been acquitted for a crime by reason of insanity and not under a court order of legal incapacity or involuntary commitment.

A licensee with .02 percent blood alcohol content caught carrying a weapon could have his permit revoked. "Ridiculous! A

pilot can fly a 747 with a higher content," said Mager,

On the other side, one bill would exempt a person with a CCW (carrying concealed weapon) permit from having to obtain a pistol purchase permit and a safety inspection.

Under another bill, police who negligently or intentionally lose, or damage, a seized pistol no longer would be immune from a

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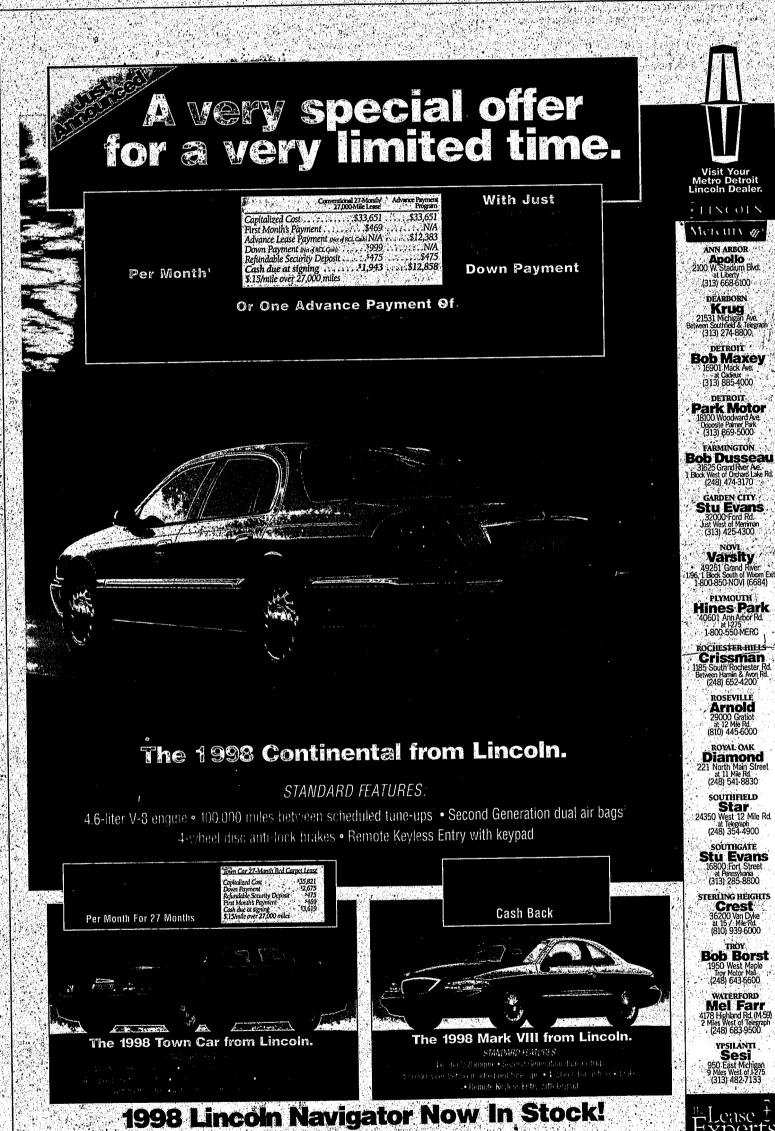
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## Girls win second straight ski regional title



Clarkston's girls' ski team won the regional in, if you'll pardon the expression, an avalanche. The boys, meanwhile, joined their teammates as qualifiers for state by finishing second to Rochester Adams.

BY DAN STICKRADT STAFF WRITER

Surprises were few and far between at the Mt. Holly ski regional Thursday, at least according to Clarkston coach Bruce Rosengren.

"I think things pretty much finished up the way the coaches anticipated, said Rosengren.

And it was Clarkston's girls' team that stole the show by winning their second straight regional title. The

Wolves nearly doubled-up runner-up Rochester Adams 47-89, while Grand Blane grabbed the third and final quali-

fying spot with 126 points.

In the boys meet, Adams took first with 59 points, while Clarkston (85) and Grand Blanc (158) followed suit. The top three teams and top four finishers in both the slalom and giant slalom not on qualifying teams advance to the Class A meet. Feb. 23 at Nub's Nob

resort near Traverse City. "Clarkston is annually a prolific team

and they really went out there and skied well and lived up to that reputa-tion," praised Rosengren, "Last year was probably one the best seasons at Clarkston and I think the (returnees) really wanted to taste it again. I'm proud of each and every one of them."

The Wolves dominated the girls

slalom, capturing the top three places. Junior Kristen Aktinson crossed first with a 57,41 clocking, while senior (59,94). Atkinson also won the GS (47.74) while Whipp was fifth in 49.73.

The Wolves, who already captured both the Pine Knob regular season and divisional meet titles, also received a lift from the freshman duo of Kelly Martin and Nicole Villiere, who both finished

inside the top 20 overall finishers.

at SEMSL finals at Mt. Brighton. "We lost 12 individuals from last year's team, boys and girls combined, and our freshmen have really stepped in nicely

In the boys slalom, Clarkston landed with a 57.41 clocking, while senior four top ten finishers, including senior Gretchen Pitzer was second (59.49) and David Whipp's runner-up finish (53.20). senior Megan Whipp claimed third Freshman Michael Atkinson was also fourth (55.34), and juniors Russ Parrott (55.78) and Brad Villiere (56.20) finished seventh and ninth, respectively.

Over on the GS, Whipp was the lone top ten finisher as he claimed eighth with a 47.17 clocking.

"The boys did well, its just that

Rochester Adams has a very "Those two were kind of surprises and team," said Rosengren. "We skied really they really helped us," added Rosenwell on the slalom, but they did really well on both and that was the big differ-

> With the state finals just four short days away, Rosengren added that a pair of Top 10 finishes are within reach for the Wolves.

"I honestly think our girls team can break into the top five," he boasted. Marquette and Traverse City will be at the top, but the next few slots should bewide open.

"As for the boys feam, I would like to think we could do as well, but I thinkwe will likely finish somewhere in the neighborhood of sixth, seventh or eighth."



STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

High flyer: Clarkston's Angelo Taylor (31) goes to the hole during the Wolves' easy win over Rochester Adams Friday night.

## Fife, Maitrott lead long-distance assault

BY DAN STICKRADT STAFF WRITER

Flint Northern knew exactly what Clarkston's Dane Fife's capabilities were After all, the 6-foot-4 Indiana-bound senior guard has been creating havoc for opposing teams for four years.

But someone should have warned the Vikings of Fife's backcourt mate, Mike Maitrott.

While Fife – the leading candidate for this year's Mr. Basketball award — was busy pouring in a game-high 31 points, it was the 6-foot Maitrott who, stole the show. The senior sharpshooter was a perfect 6-for-6 from beyond the 3-point arc and finished with a season-high 21 points as the visiting Wolves held off Flint Northern 68-60 Tuesday in a nonconference game before a near-packed

"I've been kind of out of sync this year. I haven't really found my rhythm this season," said Maitrott. "But coach (Dan Fife) has confidence in my shot and I felt really good tonight."

Confidence indeed. With the green light to launch, Maitrott drilled three triples during the fourth quarter individing one from pro-range with 2:13 left that gave the Wolves a 64-56 lead—which sealed the lid on Northern's coffin as the Vikings could not get any closer than six points the rest of they way.

Fife said he wasn't surprised that Maitrott had the Mides touch but was

Maitrott had the Midas touch, but was surprised with the perfect performance

from 3-point range.

"I knew Maitrott was a good shooter, especially from outside of the arc, but going 8-for-6 was not expected," said the

veteran Clarkston coach. "Mike is a twoyear starter with a lot of experience and we have all the confidence in his shooting

Maitrott also dialed long distance twice in the first quarter, when the Class A eighth-ranked Wolves (13-2) built an 18eighth-ranked woives (13-2) but air 3-8 lead. But the pesky Vikings would not go away. After closing the gap to 31-24 at halftime, Northern (10-5) opened the third quarter with a 7-2 run which brought them within two points at 33-31 with 4:07 remaining in the quarter. However, Clarkston had the answer to

every run by the Vikings and the Wolves eventually built their largest lead of the contest at 53-41 with 5:53 remaining in the game.

"Clarkston is a very good team and we knew that coming in," said Northern coach Tony Holiday. "They have more weapons than just Dane Fife and they proved that tonight. Every time we made a run, someone was always coming up with a big play for them."

The Vikings' trap defense did force the Wolves into commiting an uncharacteristic 15 turnovers, but Northern shot a dismal 23-of-62 from the field (37.1 percent), including just 5-of-23 from beyond the

"With all of the quickness they have, we knew we would be in for a game," added Fife. "We've played them for seven or eight straight years now and it seems like we usually wind up at the other end of the stick. It feels nice to come up here

and walk away with a win." Besides his 31 points, which included a 16-of-19 performance from the free throw

Please see HOOPS, B2



Wolves win: Clarkston's Ryan L'Amoreaux sticks it to Troy's Vikas Patel during their first-round 103-pound match at Friday's Oakland Activities Association Division I wrestling tournament at Troy Athens. L'Amoreaux won the individual championship at 103 pounds.

## Deja vu all over again

## Grapplers forced to share league title

It was nice of the Oakland Activities Association to invite all six of its Division I teams to its league wrestling tournament Friday at Troy

But it wasn't necessary.

Rochester Adams got medals from all 14 of its wrestlers, two better than Clarkston, and ran away from the Wolves in the final rounds. The Wolves came into the tournament as the division leader by virtue of its 38-27 win in the dual meet, but the second-place Highlanders earned a share of the OAA I championship by scoring 230 points at Friday's league 207.5 despite its 12 medalists.

This year's league championship scenario was eerily similar to last year's, when Adams won the dual meet, then watched the Wolves cap-ture a share of the title by winning the tournament

Lake Orion finished a distant third with 97.5 points, followed by Troy Athens with 88 points, The Red Hawks finished fourth in the tournament after finishing the regular season winless and in last place. Troy finished with 83.5 points and Hazel ixth with 72 point

The Highlanders earned five firstplace medals, five second place fin-.

ishes and four bronze medals, Clarkston, meanwhile, also finished with five golds and five silvers, but managed only one third- and one fourthplace medal.

"It didn't surprise me," Clarkston coach Mike DeGain said. "When they got all 14 kids in the top four and we missed two weights, that was all the

The finals featured six matches between Adams and Clarkston wrestlers, four of which were won by the Wolves. Jon Robinson beat James Pack of Adams, 3-1, in the 275-pound final, avenging an overtime defeat in

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## Netters drop OAA match to Dragons

BY BRAD KADRICH SPORTS EDITOR

Clarkston volleyball coach Gordie Richardson thought his Wolves played well. enough to win at times in Thursday's Oakland Activi-ties Association Division I match with Lake Orion.

But only for awhile. The Wolves rallied from a 6-2 deficit in the first game, and actually had a 13-11 lead late in the second game. But Clarkston couldn't finish things in either game, drop-ping a 15-7, 15-13 match to the Dragons, The loss came on Parents' Night in the final regular-season home game for Clarkston's seniors.

"I'm really disappointed we lost," Richardson said. "I'm sorry for the seniors, playing for the last time in the old gym. I tried to get them all in to experience something good together, but we just couldn't

pull it off."

It didn't look like they were going to get the chance early on. Lake Orion jumped out to a 6-2 lead after the Wolves scored the first two points on serves by Amber Mitchell and Jenny McCue, Dayna Maynard's block of a Georgia Senkyr pass gave the Dragons their 6-2 lead.

But the Wolves battled right back, scoring four straight points behind the serving of Aimee Giroux to tie it 6-6. The string included a pair of aces by Giroux.

The Dragons then rattled off seven straight points over their next six service opportunities, the final point of the surge coming when Maynard blocked Mitchell at the net. Clarkston's Senkyr stopped the bleeding by blocking Orion's Sam Miller off a Mitchell serve to make it 13-

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Strong set: Clarkston's Kara Bergkoetter (right) goes to the net against Lake Orion's Candice Emeigh during the Wolves' loss Thursday.

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That played on the coaches' minds more than it did for me," said Robinson, They told me to keep pummeling and attacking, and (Pack) would get called for stalling, and that's what hap-

Clarkston's Ryan L'Amoreaux won the 103-pound title when Adams' Brett McKown didn't come out for the final due to ill-ness. A.J. Grant remained unbeaten by stopping Adam Cross of Adams with a 21-5 tech-nical fall. Ryan McAleer won the 119-pound title with a 7-5 win over Jeff Brown of Hazel Park.

Pat DeGain of Clarkston fought off illness and earned his second win in the last two weeks ver Kevin Boyd of Adams. DeGain won the 189-pound title

with a 5-2 win over Boyd, "It was hard to breathe and it was hard to concentrate," said DeGain, who is also unbeaten. "I just wanted to keep my winning

streak going. Clarkston's other individual title came from 171-pound Matt Edwards, the second seed who stopped Ed Atar of Troy, the top seed, 8-3 in the final. But his þest match maý have been his

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> Jon Robinson Clarkston heavyweight

semifinal win over Vince Furrie of Adams. Furrie had a 6-0 lead with about 1:30 left, but Edwards cradled Furrie three times in the last 90 seconds earning back points every time — for a 9-6 comeback win.

The Wolves also had two silver medalists — Kevin Turnbull lost to Troy's Scott LeMay 18-3 in the 140-pound final, and Andy Auten fell to Luke Lazzo 3-0 in the final at 152. The win was revenge for Lazzo, who lost 12-11 to Auten in the dual meet in a match that featured an incredible comeback by Auten.

Clarkston's other medals came from Aaron Sailor, who was third at 145, and Dave Welanko, who finished fourth at 125.



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Any questions regarding the value or classification placed on properties may be reviewed with the assessor. Anyone wishing to appeal the assessment or classification before the Board of Review must make an assessment or classification before the Board of Review must make an assessment or classification before the Board of Review must make an assessment or classification before the Board of Review must make an assessment or classification before the Board of Review must make an assessment or classification before the Board of Review must make a second to the s aspointment in advance. All appointments should be made before 4:30 p.m.; appointment in advance. All appointments may be made from 9:00 to 12:30 and 1:30 to 4:30 daily by phoning 625-4802 or 634-8873. The Board of Review meetings are scheduled as follows.

March 3rd: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. March / 9th: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. March 10th: 1:00 p.m. to

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If it is not possible for you to appear in person, you may appeal by letter to the Board of Review, Springfield Charter Township, 650 Broadway, P.O. Box 1038, Davisburg, Michigan 48350-1038, All letters must be received before 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 10, 1998.

JUDY L. SHIRK, Ass Springfield Charter Township

Despite falling just short of achieving a division champi-onship, the Clarkston hockey team completed a very success

ful regular season last weekend. The Wolves defeated Troy on Saturday 5-1 at Lakeland Ice Arena to finish 14-2 in the Suburban League North Division good for second place behind Royal Oak.

Andy Cote scored three goals and Anthony Facione added a goal and three assists for Clarkston, which was outshot 29-27 for the contest.

"The ultimate goal we had was to win the league title and we did our darndest to do it," said Clarkston head coach Rich Rowden. "From a coaching standpoint, we were able to learn the difference between having a young team and an older, more enced team.

Unlike the division champion Blades, Clarkston is stocked with underclassmen, with only two seniors on the squad. The Wolves' only two league losses were to Royal Oak, by scores of 7-3 and 6-5.

One troubling trait which has plagued Clarkston all season long has been poor first periods: They struggled again in the first 15 minutes against Troy, but sophomore goalie Steve Badger proved to be solid, particularly in the first period when the Colts outshot their hosts.

Facione scored the only goal of the first period, his 16th of the season, and Steve Janowiak gave the Wolves a 2-0 lead at the 5:26 mark of the second period. D.J. Thomas assisted on both

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**II** 'They were the most, disciplined team we've seen all season long, and we learned we weren't quite as disciplined as we need to be to play at that level.'

> Rich Rowden Clarkston hockey coach

goals.

Fern Kidder beat Badger with just over a minute remaining in the second period to give Troy the momentum heading into the er room for the second intermission, but the Wolves played well defensively early in the third period. Cote scored 54 seconds apart in the first four minutes, and achieved the hat trick with 1:53 to play in the contest.

Assistant head coach Glenn MacDonald said the difference in Clarkston's play between the first and third periods was very

"Troy was really pressing at the end of the game, but we played well defensively," he said. För some reason we've had that problem all year in the first period. We seem to come out a little lackadaisical."

Rowden agreed, saying Badger's play was one of the main reasons Clarkston never fell behind the Colts. The first time the two teams met this year, Troy jumped out to a 4-0 lead before the Wolves fought back for an exciting win.

"Steve was great. We started slow again and were fortunate to be ahead." Rowden said. "It was a real key that we never fell

behind, and the guys were able to take control in the third peri-

"It was a positive thing to come away with the win to end the season. Hopefully this will give us some confidence heading into the (state playoffs)."

The Wolves are off again until Monday, March 2, when they begin district play against division foe Waterford Mott at the Flint IMA at 5:15 p.m. The long layoff is due to the difficulty in scheduling ice time at area ice arenas, which are already in such high demand for hockey

and free skating. Rowden said he would have liked to schedule a couple of non-league games to fill the time, but since each school which utilizes Lakeland Ice Arena is only offered so many home dates. division matchups took a higher

It'll be tough with that big of a layoff, but we just need to keep upbeat and stay positive," he said. "The league schedule was kind of jammed in on us, but that's the way it is.

The Wolves (16-6-1 overall) were given a lesson in team hockey on Wednesday, Feb. 11, when they lost a non-league contest to Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook 6-0 on the road. Cran-brook, perhaps the best team in the state's Class B-C-D division, outshot their guests 45-10 and controlled every aspect of the game, However, neither McDon-ald nor Rowden felt it was because of a higher level of tal-

"(Cranbrook) doesn't necessar ily have better players, but they play together so well," McDonald said. "Our kids really learned

Cote hat trick sparks icers in 5-1 win what it takes to compete at that high of a level."

Badger played well in goal for the Wolves, stopping 39 shots, as Clarkston allowed the most shots on goal in any game all season. Cranbrook jumped out to season. The season of the seas

plined team we've seen all season long," Rowden said, "and we learned we weren't quite as dis-ciplined as we need to be to play at that level.

"As a coach, I looked at (Cranbrook's team) and they clearly weren't playing as a group of

Overall, Clarkston showed a great deal of promise, and appears to be in good shape for the next couple of years with such a high number of underclassmen. They had a balanced: attack on offense with Adam Leech, Bret Postal and Ryan Peters all collecting 29 goals for the season, followed by Facione with 28. Together, those four were among the top seven scorers in the Suburban Division.

Royal Oak's Nick Luxon was the leading scorer in the division with 19 goals and 20 assists. Leech led Clarkston with 17. goals, and Rowden praised his winger for his work effort throughout the year. "Adam showed his maturity in

making plays all season," said Rowden, "He's a great two-way player and dedicates himself to

becoming stronger."

If Clarkston defeats Mott, they will have the opportunity to play Waterford Kettering in the district final the first week in

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line, Fife added four rebounds, three steals, three assists and a pair of blocked shots. Angelo Taylor, a 6-4 senior center, sup-plied eight points — including a thunderous two-handed dunk in the game's final minute — to go along with a game-high 12 rebounds and two blocks, and enior guard Dan Neubeck had a fine floor game with six points

and nine assists for the Wolves. Clarkston is off Friday, then hosts Southfield-Lathrup Tuesday. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Senior guard K.C. Cavette tossed in 18 points with five rebounds and three assists to lead Northern, while senior guard Arite Smith added 14 points and four assists for the Vikings.

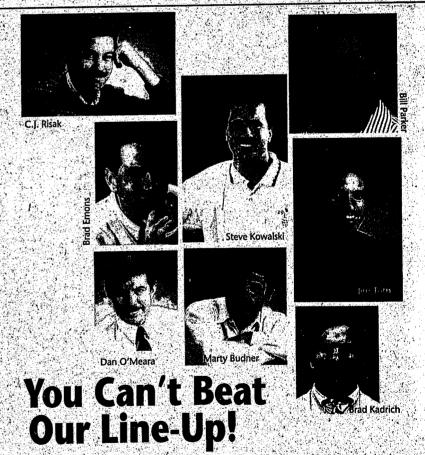
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**Outdoor Calendar** 

#### ACTIVITIES SPRING WALK

Bill Graig will lead a spring walk beginning at noon on Sat-urday March 21, at the William P, Holliday Nature Preserve in Westland, participants should. meet at the parking lot at New burg Road, north of Warren. Call (313) 522-8547 for more information.

#### **ARCHERY**

#### JUNIOR OLYMPICS

The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (810) 623-0444 for more information.

#### JUNIOR ARCHERS

A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Satur-days at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

#### **CLUBS**

game win.

Clarkston lead.

#### SOLAR

The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation, a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

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Clarkston scored the first two

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was called for a carry on Kara

Bergkoetter's serve and, after one of the match's best volleys,

the Dragons' Bobbi Conner hit

the ball into the net for a 2-0

#### METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School, Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information. MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club

meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

#### FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Senior Citizen's Center in the Livonia Civic Center. Call Jim Kudej at (313) 591-0843 for more information.

#### FISHING BUDDYS Fishing Buddys Fishing Club meets monthly in Rochester Hills. The meetings are open to all anglers. Call (248) 656-0556

CLINTON VALLEY BASS ANGLERS Clinton Valley Bass Anglers is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford, Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

#### BASS ASSOCIATION

for more information.

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Pro bass angler Marty Wiebelhaus

but Jenny McCue grabbed the

lead right back for the Wolves

with two service points, getting

an acrobatic block and return against Tami Ledbetter, then

another Senkyr block against

Sights for a 4-3 lead. After the

teams traded side outs.

Bergkoetter served an ace in

front of a diving Bobbi Conner

But the Dragons fought back

for a 5-3 lead.

will be the guest speaker at the Feb. 24 meeting, Call (734) 676-2863 for more information,

#### DINNERS

#### SAFARI CLUB

The 21st Annual Detroit Chapter Safari Club International Wild Game Dinner and Fund Raiser begins at 5 p.m. Saturday, March 7, at Penna's of Sterling Heights. Tickets are \$60 for individuals and \$500 for a table of 10.

#### **MEETINGS**

The monthly meeting of the state Natural Resource Commis-sion will be Wednesday and Thursday, March 10-11, at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing.

The Michigan Big Game **Hunters Association presents** Mark Ennett, a conservation officer with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, who will speak on the tree stand issues at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, at Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (313)

MICHIGAN BIQ GAME HUNTERS

#### **METROPARKS**

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS Most Metropark programs are

287-7420 for more information.

free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are

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required for all programs, Call Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

#### 1998 PERMITS

The 1998 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

#### STAR QAZERS

Ages 8-12 will paint winter constellations in t-shirts and observe the night sky during this program, which begins at 7 p.m. Friday at Indian Springs.

#### SKY SEARCH

Junior girls scouts can earn their Sky Search Badge during this program which will be held Saturday at Indian Springs, Par-ticipants should call ahead for times (248-625-7280).

#### WINSOME WINDOW WILDLIFE A craft workshop for ages seven

and older in which participants will make attractive window decorations begins at 10 a.m. Satur day at Kensington.

#### **OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS**

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS Advanced registration is

required for all nature programs

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at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

#### NATURE NAME GAME

Explore some interesting fea-tures of various Michigan animals and learn the origins of their names during this pro-gram, which begins at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, at Independence Oaks.

#### PLANET PARTY

Join nature center staff and vol-unteers form the Oakland Astronomy Club to learn about and view (weather permitting) winter constellations during this program, which begins at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, at Independence Oaks.

#### STATE PARKS

#### STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2433. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

#### Charter Township of Springfield

#### NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 61 LAND DIVISION ORDINANCE

On February 12, 1998, the Charter Township of Springfield adopted an amendment to Ordinance No. 61, the Land Division Ordinance. A copy of the amendment, as adopted, follows:

THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD ORDAINS:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 61, LAND DIVISION ORDINANCE, OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BY AMENDING SECTION 6.4, SUBSECTION B (iii).

#### SECTION ONE - AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE

- A Section 6.4; subsection B (iii) of Springfield Township's Ordinance No. 61; Land Division Ordinance, is amended by deleting the current language and substituting in its place the following:
- "A separate property tax assessment may be developed for such separate parcel based on the assumption that such parcel has received approval for on-site sewage disposal and possesses adequate land/area for a building side."
- B. The Balance of Ordinance No. 61 shall remain in full force and effect ccept as specifically modified herein

#### SECTION TWO SEFFECTIVE DATE

This amendment is declared to be an emergency ordinance pursuant to MDL 42.20. This amendment shall take effect seven (7) days after publication and shall be published in the manner provided by law. This ordinance was duly amended by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield on the 12th day of February, 1998.

A copy of the ordinance showing changes made from the preceding version is on file and available for review at the Clerk's Office, Charter Township of Springfield, 650 Broadway, P.O. Box 1038, Davisburg, MI 48350. Anyone needing a special accommodation should contact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk Charter Township of Springfield

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

The Dragons took a 3-2 lead, with six straight points to take a

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 26, ZONING ORDINANCE, OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BY AMENDING AND ADDING SECTION 23.00 TO PROVIDE THAT A VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE SHALL BE A MUNICIPAL CIVIL INFRACTION.

#### SECTION ONE - AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE

Section 23.00 of Springfield Township's Ordinance No. 26, Zoning Ordinance, is amended and added to read as follows: Section 23.02 - PRESUMPTION OF CIVIL INFRACTION

A violation of the Springfield Township's Zoning Ordinance shall be deemed to be a municipal civil infraction.

#### Section 23.03 - VIOLATION AND PENALTIES

- A. The following civil fines shall apply in the event of a determination of responsibility for a municipal civil infraction, unless a different fine is specified in connection with a particular ordinance provision:
  - The First Offense. The civil fine for a first offense violation shall be in an amount of Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00), plus costs and other sanctions, for each offense. ii. First Repeat of Offense. The civil fine for any offense which is a first repeat offense shall be in an amount of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00), plus costs and other sanctions, for each offense.
  - iii. Second (or any subsequent) Repeat of Offense. The civil fine for any amount of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00), plus costs and other sanctions, for each offense. offense which is a
- B. In addition to ordering the defendant determined to be responsible for a municipal civil infraction to pay a civil fine, costs, damages and expenses, the Judge or Magistrate shall be authorized to issue any judgment, writ or order necessary to enforce, or enjoin violation of this ordinar
- C. Continuing Offense. Each act of violation and each day upon which any such violation shall occur, shall constitute a separate offense.
- D. Remedies Not Exclusive. In addition to any remedies provided for in this ordinance, any equitable or other remedies available may be sought. E. <u>Judge or Magistrate.</u> The Judge or Magistrate shall also be authorized impose costs, damages and expenses as provided by law.
- F. Default on Payment of Fines and Costs. A default in the payment of a civil fine, costs, damages or expenses ordered under Subsection A or B or an civil fine, costs, damages or expenses ordered under Subsection A or B or an installment of the fine, costs, damages or expenses as allowed by the court, may be collected by the Township of Springfield by a means authorized for the enforcement of a judgment under Chapters 40 or 60 of the Revised Judicature Act, MCL 600.101, et. seq., MSA 27A.101, et. seq., as amended.
- G. Failure to Comply With Judgment or Order. If a defendant fails to comply with an order or judgment issued pursuant to this section within the time prescribed by the court, the court may proceed under Section 1.
- H. Failure to Appear in Court. A defendant who fails to answer a citation or notice to appear in court for a violation of this ordinance is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), plus costs and / or imprisonment not to exceed ninety (90) days.

#### I. Civil Contempt.

- (1) If a defendant defaults in the payment of a civil fine, costs, damages, expenses, or installment as ordered by the district court, upon motion of the Township of Springfield or upon its own motion, the court may require the defendant to show cause why the defendant should not be held in require the detendant to show cause why the detendant should not be held in civil contempt and may issue a summons, order to show cause, or beach warrant of arrest for the defendant's appearance.
- (2) If a corporation or an association is ordered to pay a civil fine, costs, damages or expenses, the individuals authorized to make disbursements shall pay the fine, costs, damages or expenses, and their failure to do so shall be civil contempt unless they make the showing required in this subsection.
- (3) Unless the defendant show that the default was not attributable to an intentional refusal to obey the order of the court or to a failure on his or her part to make a good faith effort to obtain the funds required for payment, the court shall find that the default constitutes a civil contempt and may order the defendant committed until all or a specified part of the amount due is paid.
  - (4) If it appears that the default in the payment of a civil fine, costs,

damages or expenses does not constitute civil contempt, the court may enter an order allowing the defendant additional time for payment, reducing the amount of payment or of each installment or revoking the fine; costs, or damages or expenses.

- (5) The term of imprisonment on civil contempt for nonpayment of a ril fine, costs, damages or expenses shall be specified in the order of mmitment and shall not exceed one day for each Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) due. commitment and shall be accessed as a constant of the control of t Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) per day.
- (6) A defendant committed to imprisonment for civil contempt for nonpayment of a civil fine, costs, damages or expenses shall not be discharged from custody until one of the following occurs:
  - Defendant is credited with an amount due pursuant to
  - (b) The amount due is collected through execution of process or
  - The amount due is satisfied pursuant to a combination of Subsections I(6)(a) and (b). (c) (7) The civil contempt shall be purged upon discharge of the defendant
- pursuant to Subsection I(6).

#### J. Lien Against Land. Building or Structure.

- If a defendant does not pay a civil fine, costs or installment ordered r Subsection A or B within 30 days after the date upon which the under Subsection A or B within 30 days after the date upon what the payment is due for a violation of this ordinance involving the use or occupation of land, a building or other structure, the Township of Springfield may obtain a lien against the land, building, or structure involved in the violation by recording a copy of the court order requiring payment of the fine and costs with the Register of Deeds for Oakland County. The court order shall not be recorded unless a legal description of the property is incorporated in or extended to the court order. attached to the court order.
- (1) The lien is effective immediately upon recording of the court order with the Register of Deeds.
- constitute the pendency of the lien. In addition, a written notice of lien shall be sent by Springfield Township by first class mail to the owner of record of the land, building, or structure at the owner's last known address.
- (3) The lien may be enforced and discharged by Springfield Township in the manner described by its Charter, by the General Property Tax Act, Act No. 206 of the Public Acts of 1893, being Sections 211.1,211.157 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, or by an ordinance duly passed by the Township, However, property is not subject to sale under Section 60 of Act No. 206 of the Public Acts of 1893, being Section 211.60 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, for an installment of a civil fine or costs or an installment ordered under Public Acts of 1893, being Section 21.00 of the interface of civil fine or costs or an installment ordered under, Subsections A or B unless the property is also subject to sale under Act No. 206 of Public Acts of 1893 for delinquent property taxes,
- (4) A lien created under this section has priority over any other lien unless one or more of the following apply:
  - (a) The other lien is a lien for taxes or special assessments.
     (b) The other lien is created before the effective date of the amended ordinance that added this section.
  - amended ordinance that added this section.

    (c) Federal law provides the other lien has priority.

    (d) The other lien is recorded before the lien under this section is
- (5) The Township may institute an action in a court of competent jurisdiction for collection of the fines and costs imposed by a court order for a violation of this ordinance. However, an attempt by the Township to collect the fines or costs does not invalidate or waive the lien upon the land, building, or structure.
- (6) A lien provided for by this subsection shall not continue for a period longer than 5 years after a copy of the court order imposing a fine or cost is recorded unless within that time an action to enforce the lien is

#### SECTION TWO - EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effective seven (7) days after publication, This Ordinance shall be published in the manner provided by law.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of amendments to Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance. No. 28, adopted, at the Regular Meeting of the Springfield Township Board held on the 12th day of February, 1998. A copy of the entire zoning ordinance may be inspected or obtained a the office of the Springfield Township Clerk, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, MI 48350, at all times said office is open for business. Anyone needing a special accommodation should contact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance. in advance.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk Charter Township of Springfield

Publish: February 19, 1998

#### Charter Township of Springfield

#### SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING February 12, 1998 SYNOPSIS

7:30 P.M. by Supervisor Walls CALL TO ORDER: PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Approved minutes of January 8, 1998 Regular Meeting and January 29, 1998 Special Meeting as submitted Accepted Treasurer's Report for January
- Accepted January reports: Building Dept., Litigation, Fire Dept. and Ordinance Officer
- Authorized payment of bills
  Adopted resolution to continue use of County Board of Canvassers
  Waived township policy prohibiting contracting with relatives due to
  emergency situation with snow removal for township property
  Amended Parks Budget
  Authorized \$100
- Authorized \$100 payment to co-sponsor Open Space Development
- Authorized Stop payment to Cosponers
  workshop
  Approved and authorized Supervisor and Clerk to sign 1998 Gypsy
  Moth Agreement with Oakland County
  Adopted resolution requesting legislation requiring MDOT to notify
  prior to sale of excess property
  Authorized bank accounts for EPA Grant fund and Bridge Lake Road
- Amended Land Division Ordinance (No. 61) Sec. 6.4 (iii) under Emergency Provisions
  Authorized Fire Chief to acquire Fire & Emergency Training network
- system conditioned on acceptable agreement with revisions
  Adopted 1997 & 1998 budgets for Bridge Lake Rd... SAD Fund, 1998
  budget for Susin Lake improvement and 1998 EPA Grant Fund
  Amended CDBG Special Assessment Policy to eliminate First Come
- First Serve provision Adopted Fire Dept. Policies
- Received Communications and placed on file

PUBLIC HEARING:

- Liquor License for 221 B. Baker street Restaurant: Received no oral or OLD BUSINESS:
- 1. Tabled to September 1998 meeting the continuation of 1st Reading of ers Power Franchise Ordinance.
- 2. Adopted amendment to Ordinance 26, Section 23, Civil Infractions
- Authorized Clerk to publish for Second Reading amendments to Ordinance 26, Section 17, Environmental Performance Standards Fieldstone Heights: Granted 1 year extension of Final Preliminary
- Plat approval
  Discussed 1998 Township Board goals and priorities and established
  committees to implement

- NEW BUSINESS:
- Adopted resolution consenting to transfer of Cable TV franchise from North Oakland Cablevision to Frontiervision. Susin Lake Weed Control Program: Tabled to March meeting action on 1998 program; authorized payments totaling \$885.00 to Susin Lake Association and Harbortowne Village Association for 1997 program
- Conditionally recommended approval of Class C on premise Liquor License to 221 B. Baker St. Restaurant.
- Townsend Estates Drainage: Authorized payment to County Road Commission, not exceed \$6000, to fix drainage problem.

  Authorized hiring Planning Coordinator, salary not to exceed \$25,000.
- Authorized retaining Bond Counsel and Financial Advisor for transactions related to bonding.
- Autumn Shores: appointed Developer to review grade plans for lots except lots in Exclusive Home Site area.
- Fine Fund Amendments: amended budget increasing Revenues and Expenses to \$368,250, including increase in Capitol Outlay cost center and revisions to line items in Personnel cost center.
- e to go into Closed Session to discuss Dixie Lake Manor litigation. and land acquisition
- 10, Reconvened to Open Session: a) Diric Lake Manor litigation: Authorized Township Attorney and Supervisor to negotiate settlement discussed in Closed Session. b) Land Acquisition. Authorized Michigan Trust Fund application for land acquisition and payment to Planning Consultant to assist grant

application. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: Adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

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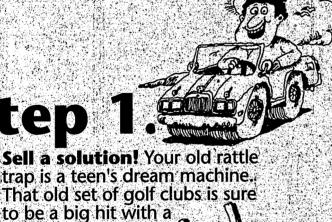


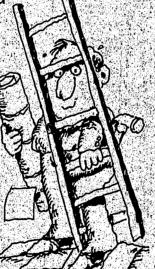
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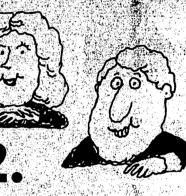




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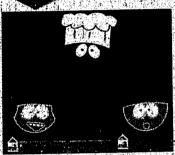
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## LIFE MIRRORS UNBEATABLE STORY LINE

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ordon Michaels is a lot like the lead character he plays in the film "Unbeatable Harold"determined against all odds to bring the story

to the big screen.

Michaels sat in the Caribou Coffee Shop in Royal Oak undaunted by the lack of funds necessary to produce his film. Michaels was here visiting his mother, Elvira Karmineke, in Westland before leaving for

Reno, Nev.; to shoot the film.
"I like comedy," said Michaels, who's also directing and producing the film. "There's so many action and shoot-em-up movies out there so why not focus on a love story and throw in a dance number and some

A graduate of John Glenn High School in Westland, Michaels wrote the screenplay for "Unbeatable Harold" after a one-act play by Randy Noojin. Michaels originated the role of the Elvis wannabe Off-Broadway Bringing the play to film marks a nine year commitment for Michaels, who's also acted the part on Los Angeles and Miami stages.

"Unbeatable Harold" is about a dreamer and hope-less romantic, living 20 years behind the times in

1970s clothes and platform shoes, who's fallen in love with Wanda (Christine Cavanaugh, the voice of "Babe" the pig)," said Michaels. "It's your boy meets girl, boy loses girl, boy finds girl and lives hap-

pily every after." Filming is complete except for a few scenes postponed until March because Dylan McDermott's shooting schedule for the popular ABC-TV show "The Practice" conflicted with filming "Unbeatable Harold." McDermott plays Wanda's ex-boyfriend. Michaels has appeared in several episodes of "The Practice" with McDermott and is currently in negotia-tions to extend his part in

"Dylan's a friend, it's a favor for him to do the explained Michaels. "His salary would equal half our budget."

Although this is Michaels first attempt at directing, he's no stranger to the screen, having acted in films such as "Air Force One" with Harrison Ford, Jurassic Park: The Lost World" directed by Steven Spielberg, "Leaving Las Vegas," "Destiny Turns on the Radio" and "Hacks" with Tom Arnold and John

"I have such a vested interest, I couldn't let someone else direct," said Michaels, "Maybe if it were

another play, but not this one."

Elvira Karmineke had no hint her son would even tually choose a career in film and theater. He wanted to be a chiropractor. So it was only natural she worried when Gordon told her about applying to the Neighborhood Playhouse until learning of the school's prestigious reputation. When she saw him perform on the stage of the New York playhouse, Karmineke real-

tne stage of the New York playhouse, Karmineke realized the talent which lay buried all those years.

"He was very funny when he was a child, but I never had any idea even though he played in the band and he could sing," said Karmineke. "When I saw him in the play, I couldn't believe this was my son. It was beautiful."

Michaels never let on to his mother, but by the time he was playing varsity basketball at John Glenn High School, and even before injuring a knee, the bright lights were his future. After graduating from the Westland high school, Michaels moved to Arizona in 1981 where he attended acting school in Phoenix before moving to New York.

"It really hit me when I was a junior," said Michaels

"I always sang in choir at school and was in rock bands in high school (Flash

Experience).

Even though the theater in New York holds special memories for Michaels, that's where he acted in his first production, "Pippin," he eventually left in search of golden opportunities in California's film industry. For the last eight years he's lived in Venice on the

"I wanted to get involved with film so I had to move to LA," said Michaels. "To make some money you have to go into film. I didn't want to be a struggling actor in

Michaels is planning to remiere "Unbeatable premiere "Unbeatable Harold" in early summer at either the Royal Oak or Birmingham theaters. Although far from home now, Michaels visits Michigan often and has no plans to write the state out of his life. In fact, he plans some day to produce in Detroit a one-act play written in New

"Because I'm from Detroit, I thought it would miere of 'Unbeatable Harold' here," said Michaels."Even though I don't miss the Michigan winters and scraping two inches of ice off the windshields, I do miss the Michigan summers and my family.

### Local talent line up for place to 'Rent'

By JULIE YOLLES SPECIAL WRITER

They came from Miami, Cincinnati, Windsor, Ann Arbor, Grand Rapids, Detroit and the suburbs. They wore black leather, black spandex, black cords, black velvet, black polyester, black jeans, black fishnets, black che-nille, Kenneth

Cole belts and chunky silver ball necklaces: They were sport-ing Doc Martens and Spice Girl platforms from beneath their used Levi 571 bell bottoms. They had pierced ears, navels and

Natalie Ross

tongues. They wore Hard Candy Superman blue metallic nail polish, MAC Alumina lipstick and glitter eye makeup. It was East Village retro all around.
What seemed more like a precursor

what seemed more like a precursive of fashion shoot for the Salvatiph Army on the streets of Royal Oak, was really 700 hopefuls looking for a new lense on life. Or just looking to "Rent".

When the rock opera "Rent" comes to the Fisher Theatre April 8 to May 31,

perhaps one or more of these 700 aspir-ing actors will be a part of the ensem-ble. That's what the production team of "Rent" was hoping for when they sched-uled a one-day open casting call at the Detroit Opera House Thursday, Jan.

"We're seeking authentic kick-ass singers in Detroit because we heard Rent it's the most rockin', hip-hop-When: Show opens Wednes-day, April 8, and pin', stompin', soul-searchin' city in the coun-

continues through Sunday, try," stated the casting notice, May 31. which was blan-Where: Fisher Where: Fisher Theatre, 3011 W Grand Boulevard, keted throughout the state and out-Detroit. lving areas.

And rockin', hip-hoppin', stompin' and soul-searchin' is what they got — starting at 7:15

a.m., on that 18-degree morning, when the line started forming on Detroits Madison Avenue outside the theater. Auditions started at 10 a.m. and didn't wrap until 12-1/2 hours later — long after Cathy Rigby and her "Peter Pan" cast, who were performing that night at the Detroit Opera House, had gone off to never-never land.

Tickets: Range in

price from \$60 to \$24, call (248)

645-6666.

Natalie Ross, a senior at Churchill High School in Livonia, skipped school to audition. She signed in at 9 a.m. and finally got to sing at 12:30 p.m. for Heidi Marshall, casting director of New York's Bernard Telsey Casting. Ross made the first cut, learned a song from the show with a piano accompanist and sang four hours later for Marshall at

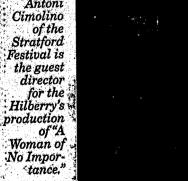
"I always wear black pants to auditering," said Ross, who saw "Rent" on Broadway and heard about the casting call from her friend at Western Michigan University. "I wore the orange shirt to be seen."

The desires were intense. The competition fierce. Nothing was going to deter the hordes of twenty-somethings from auditioning. Practically the entire University of Michigan Musical

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#### COLLEGE THEATER

Stratford director: Antoni Cimolino of the Stratford Festival is the guest director of "A Woman of No Impor-<tance:



## Director gives heart to 'A Woman of No Importance'

Unbeatable love story: Gordon

and the girl of his dreams:

Michaels writes, directs, produces, and

acts in a film about an Élvis wannabe

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\*Children begin by loving their parents. After a time they judge them. Rarely, if ever, do they forgive them."

– Oscar Wilde "A Woman of No Importance"

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

Irish playwright Oscar Wilde was the master of the epigram, the bon

mot, the pithy, sardonic phrase. Many of these epigrams have become a part of the language, noted for their rueful truths or their outrageousness, But to produce an Oscar Wilde play, you have to make the epigrams seem natural even though Wilde himself admitted he never let a story get in the way of a good epi-

#### A Woman of No importance

What: Oscar Wilde comedy-drama Where: Hilberry Theatre on the campus of Wayne State University, Detroit. When: In repertory through Thursday,

Tickets: Hange in price from \$10 to \$17. Cell the box office, 11 s.m. to 8 p.m. Mon-dey-Fridey at (\$13) 577-2972

Wayne State University's Hilberry Theatre has recruited Ontario director Antoni Cimolino, associate producer of the Stratford Festival, bring life to one of Wilde's more difficult works, a play that begins as a comedy of manners and develops into

a soul-wrenching melodrama. Cimolino, 36, wants to emphasize Wilde's big heart.

"He said his talent went into his writing, but his genius went into his life," Cimolino said. "I'm interested in what's underneath. He's very humane and caring about people. He was a socialist, but I think that was just lip service. He was really a humanist. His interest wasn't in economics but in the soul."

"A Woman of No Importance," is set in the late 1800s among the aristocrats of England. A promising young man has been offered the position of secretary to the pleasure-loving, snobbish Lord Illingworth.

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Divided family: Standing, Wendy Gough as Mrs. Arbuthnot and Bret Tuomi as Lord Illingworth are the parents of the devas tated Gerald played by Matt Troyer, kneeling.

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bers, Troyer will not be playing beyond his years.

"When we're trying to act 40 or 45, we have to project what that's like. But when I'm playing

a 20-year-old, I say, 'Hey, I've been there," he said. Troyer came away with a new

respect for Wilde, a controversial figure who was sentenced to twoyears of hard labor on sodomy charges, "It's eerie how this play pre-

dicts the suffering he would go through. I have a better appreci-ation for the man. He's not just witty, but he has this darker, side, Troyer said.

Sara Wolf of Rochester Hills plays the young American woman, Hester, whom she says moves from Old Testament to New Testament in her judg-

ments of people.
"The way I see her she's very young," Wolf said. "I was just her age a couple years ago. I remember how idealistic I was, my ideas would change the world."

Wolf said her character has an opinion about everything, an empathy for the middle and lower classes and stands for both the best and worst that Wilde saw in America

Wolf doesn't have to master an

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English accent, but she does have to adapt a different voice.

"I'm trying to use standard American dialect and trying to weed out my Michiganisms. I'm trying to make the words beautiful without making them melodramatic," she said.

Cimolino said the play can be directed in many ways. The witty epigrams and high style of Lord Illingworth and his set can seem quite attractive opposed to the moralistic ideas of the other characters.
"You have to choose where

you're going and where you're going to put the weight," Cimoli-no said. "You could make this really evil. ... You could make all the good people dislikable and make the bad people interest-

He said that oddly it is Lord Illingworth who represents

Wilde, himself, in the play.
"The point of the play is that in the end, he's made to hurt," he said, "It's very weird that he teaches himself this lesson."

Cimolino said he has been working with the cast since December to get the tone just This summer he will be taking

on a very different kind of writer when he directs Tennessee Williams' "Night of the Iguana" at Stratford.

"Both were homosexual, or bisexual in Wilde's case, But one wrote in the 1940s and the other in the 1890s and that 50 years literally meant the difference between life and death," Cimolino said. "But both had an affinity for women, they wrote wonderful woman characters and both really liked women." Cimolino is the son of Italian

immigrants who grew up in Sud-

from the University of Windsor. He has performed as an actor at Stratford but over the last few

tive work and directing. As asso-ciate producer he handles

years has move into administra-rehearsal and performance tive work and directing. As assor schedules and special projects)

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Theatre Départment came out for the auditions - many having pulled an all-nighter at Kinko's, copying sheet music and preppit.g "Rent" songs — in case they made it to callbacks.

Heather Bell and Jamie Richards, who perform at St. Dunstan's Guild of Cranbrook and Nancy Gurwin community theaters, among others, came prepared for a long day of waiting. In the massive gymnasium-like registration room, they were bulking on carbos with Pepperidge Farm chocolate chunk cookies, Ritz Bits and Nutter Butters: Others imbibed on Gatorade, Diet Coke or water. Or munched on pretzels, apples, Einstein Bagels, potato chips, oranges and Schlotzky's Deli food from around the corner. Natalie Ross never goes any where without Kleenex and Ricola lemon mint lozenges.

When Hilary Hernandez arrived at 7:30 a.m., she was 21st in line. The senior at Lake Orion High School also skipped class to be there. "But it's OK; because I've got really good attendance," she quickly chimed

With her Mariah Carey audition song firmly ensconced, Hernandez had been meticulously planning her outfit for the big day for over a week: "Something that would make me look somewhat older and like a role in the

The result? Hip-hugger faded jeans, black zip-up sweatshirt, cherry red crop top sporting the

nonsensical words "Jet Curl" in lemon yellow type and her everyday silver hoop earrings peeking through her long, straight ash blonde hair. And a 1990 penny for good luck.

After all, it was lucky for Anthony Dixon of Lake Orion who gave Hernandez the penny after he survived the first cut. And when she made callbacks, Hernandez gave her just-met friend a 1989 penny, in keeping with their newfound tradition.

With his guitar in hand, Dixon belted out "Ziggy Stardust" by

David Bowie. "Do you know Amazing Grace?" Heidi Marshall asked the baritone from behind her rectangular table in the third floor rehearsal room, "If not, just make up the words. Or, you could just sing 'Happy Birthday.' But sing full out. I want to hear your range ... The thing that's important is to hit that high 'C."

Dixon did just that, in his olive green Detroit Technology T-shirt, jeans and tennis shoes and:with more than his lucky penny. For starters, there was his African necklace with the gold beads and black leather strips that a fellow actor passed on to him years ago when they were shooting a local film togeth-er. On his left wrist, he wore a weathered leather bracelet with even white seashells that he got in seventh grade.
"It reminds me of my sister

who gave it to me," said the 22-year-old Oakland University Shakespeare Sonnet Competition runner-up, "And if she had-n't loaned me her car, I wouldn't be here today."

While actors were doing group vocal warm-ups with Royal Oak musician Luis Resto at the piano in the main room, others were singing solo in the stairwells and bathroom stalls. They sang a cappella. They sang with their

"Rent" tapes and Walkmans. Sopranos, mezzos and more than hree tenors. Meanwhile, back in the third

floor rehearsal room, beheath the ornate crystal chandelier, Marshall was taking copious notes: "Not sexy for (the character) Roger ... not quirky for (the role of) Mark ... too squeamish ... too young ... too conservative ... too legit ... not of the 'Ren!' world

"Kill the vibrato. It should come from an easy, relaxed place in your gut," she directed one nervous actor in a reverse base, ball hat, "It's all about the text."

The text earned "Rept" com-poser and playwright Jonathan Larson a Pulitzer Prize, just 20. days before "Rent" opened on Broadway April 29, 1996.

Though Karen Newman of Franklin – the "Red Wings Own National Anthem Singer" – was nursing a bad cold, she wasn't about to miss this audition.

"It's an opportunity that you can't just ever turn/your nose up at," said Newman, who just released her first solo debut album, "Moment in the Wind," locally in Detroit. "I don't have any kids, and I'm at a point in my career where I can pick any and go where the work takes

If cast, they were all ready to ick up and go. All 700 of them. By the next morning, before barely making her 1:15 p.m. flight, Marshall had called back and worked with 40 potentials. On Feb. 5, she came back with the show's director to further audition the final 15. Of the 15, two will be making a trip to New York for final auditions. As of press time on Monday, the two people chosen were not yet noti-

Life as a "Rent"er could be a very good thing.

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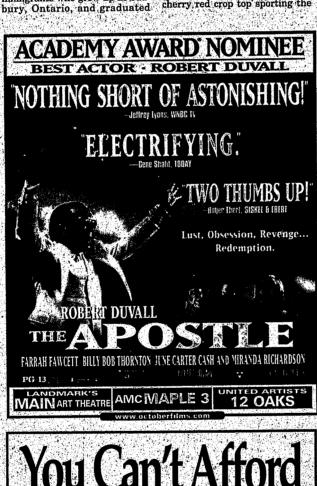
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e R&B band wants its echo throughout the its fans. After two the business, The Sun ers have released its "Late Night Cruise." don't know us as a

act. We've been pri-own as a live act. Our Detroit music history established, but we're lengthen our legacy," k Steiger, the band's ho plays the baritone axophones

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Serenading The Palace: The Sun Messengers - from left, Tipp Hayes, William Elijah, Terry Thunder, Russ Miller, Dan Mayer, John "T-Bone" Paxton, Arthur "Speck" Colden and Rick Steiger.

four-song 12-inch EP. The band n't have time. never put out a full-length "Actually four of the tracks recording simply because it did- were recorded in February of

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1996. Then there were two fac-tors — after about May we get really busy plus we believe in road-testing the material. We don't just put it together and record it. We have to develop and play the material for awhile."
"Late Night Cruise" features a

mix of original and cover tunes including the Count Basie-inspired "Splanky," and a revved-up version of Teddy Pendergrass's "I Can't Leave Your Love Alone." The eight-piece band honors Motown with "Imaginary Heaven," a medley of The Temptations' "Just My Imagination," written by South-field resident Barrett Strong and his partner Norman Whitfield, and "Heaven" by the group Solo. The title track, penned by key-boardist Arthur "Speck" Colden and Valerie McCullers, infuses funk and jazz.

The Sun Messengers is one of

the few bands in the area who isn't struggling to get its music heard. From high atop The Palace of Auburn Hills, The Sun Messengers serenade Pistons fans with original and cover

Playing in front of 20,000 people a night adds to the name recognition. It really helps. It's the final piece in a puzzle," Steiger said.

"It's part of a great thing. This is the prime time for basketball but a slow time for the band business

As a tribute to the 1996-97 Detroit Pistons, band member William Elijah, trumpetor/vocalist, wrote "Who'z Got Da Skillz?" a bonus track on the 14-song CD, available at The Palace Locker

Room store at the arena.

"William Elijah knocked it right out. He said, OK, you do this. You do that and boom. he wrote the words right at the game. Now that they're (The Pistons) playing better again it'll give us more inspiration to write songs. There's been a lot of frus-trating losses," Steiger said.

This is the third season that The Sun Messengers has served as "the official band of the Detroit Pistons." The Harper Woods-based band was hired after Palace Sports and Entertainment executives saw The Sun Messengers's performances.

Over the years we had seen them playing at various spots in the metropolitan Detroit area and always thought that they displayed a fun style and atmosphere. (But it's) not only that. They're a quality group of musicians. They were just what we were looking for," said Peter Skorich, vice president of broad-casting and multi-media for Palace Sports and Entertain-

The organization wasn't looking for a "house band" but created the position for The Sun Messengers. Having the band play at Pistons and selected Detroit Vipers home games, hearkens back to the days when stadiums and arenas provided live music during sporting events.

"It's a live sporting event, a lot of the live entertainment has been extracted from the game. player, now it's all canned music. There's nothing wrong with Everybody used to have an organ 's nothing wrong with canned music but after you play 40-50 games in a season and

your fans are only identifying with the same 15 songs all year, then that's when you add a live element like The Sun Messengers and make it more a divers entetainment event," Skorich explained.

The eight-member group — which also includes Terry Thun-der (drums and vocals), Tipp Hayes (bass), Russ Miller (sax), John "T-bone" Paxton (trombone and vocals) and Dan Mayer (gui tar) - plays throughout the

We play a half hour before the game, and then we play a lead-in to time-outs, and then we play in and out of time outs and sometimes through the whole time outs, and then one song at the end of the game," he said.

For Steiger it's a dream come.

"I'm a big basketball fan. I've seen a lot of good basketball."

Although it has taken 20 years for The Sun Messengers to put out its first CD, it's going to take a lot less than that for the next CD to come out. A follow-up will be in stores this year as a way of celebrating The Sun Messengers 20th anniversary.

"We took the month of January off from rehearsing. We're back into rehearsals and now we're sort of deciding and choosing the songs. You can imagine a band that's been around as long as us, we have quite a few songs," he said. "I'm dead set on creating a

presence for the band as a recording act. Even if it's just

The Sun Messengers performs at home Detroit Pistons games at The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (1-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills, Tickets are \$15-\$28. For more information, call (248) 377-0100.

The band also plays 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, at the Tandem Bar, 651 W. Baltimore, in Detroit's New Center Area, Call (313) 873-1739; At 9 p.m. Satur-day; Feb. 21, at Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak, (248) 542-9922; And from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, at The Moose Preserve Bar and Grill, 2395 Woodward Ave. (north of Square Lake Road) Bloomfield Hill: The show is free and open to those 21 and older. For more information, call (248)

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olay into a half hour? he Compleat Works of kepr (abridged)" by the Shakespeare Company. w's a fund-raiser for the y Theatre, so I called State's Blair Anderson coop. "They did this play ar, and I completely it. They do everything! ond act is 'Hamlet,' first le time, then in triple d then they do it back-Does Shakespeare lend o comedy? "All three lay various roles. Classiou had men playing roles, and in camp you

have the same thing. ..."

Isn't it almost theatrical sacrilege to skewer the almighty Bard? "I think there's enough of a Hasty Pudding atmosphere to this farce that it's almost reverent irreverence. There are also some touching moments. One of the monologues is played straight and it really sucks the audience in. The contrast demonstrates the power of Shakespeare's work."

Blair made special note of the actors involved. "There's something special that all three of grad students - Karl Kippola, David Engelman and Bret Tuomi - know the classics very well. So the material speaks to theater-goers but is also funny for neophytes. They play it on many levels. They're the creme de la creme of the department. And they did this in their free time for the love of it, for the joie de theater if you will."

Next we take a look at a sixweek happening in Ann Arbor that explores surrealism, the Exquisite Corpse. I asked Backstage Pass producer Katherine Weider to explain. The exquisite corpse was a name invented by the surrealists around the turn of the century. They played it in cafes and parlors, and it can be a

literary game, of a visual game.
"Visually what you do is get a iece of paper. One person does the head and you cover most of it up, leaving a little bit showing at the bottom so there's some kind of connection. The next person does the torso, and you cover it up in the same way. The last person does the legs, then you uncover it all and see what you've got. And these terms are you've got. And these terms are loose, so you wind up with odd things — a banana for a head, a rooster's body, webbed feet, whatever. The media can also vary, so you have part collage,

part drawing and so on." Other than freaking out snow boarders, what's the point? "It's designed to bring out non-rational or incongruous thought. The images are disjointed and dreamlike at the end. You don't have a feel for the whole thing, you have parts. The surrealism movement as a whole is defined by art that is non-rational, even anti-rational. It taps the unlimited power of the imagination, tries to free it up.'

So what can people expect in Ann Arbor? "Sharon Curry organized 60 or 70 artists to participate in this exquisite corpse exhibition. They either had to find collaborators of be assigned

them, and they had about six months to get together to do these games on a large scale. The exhibit at the Ann Arbor Art Center is the result of these games, and it is really the heart of the festival.

There are all kinds of events there's a literary series being done at Borders, lectures, even do-it-yourselfer exquisite corpse kits in cafes. Customers can find passed down things and finish them, or start a body and leave for something else to finish, or do with a group. It's kind of nice. The whole community is involved, plus all the different elements of the art world. You tend to think of surrealism as inaccessible, but you can actually do this! And it's really fun. The whole thing is this crazy little body. It frees people up, because it doesn't have to be good, it's a game. It's really bringing it back to the place of its inception, but without as much smoke and wine as the

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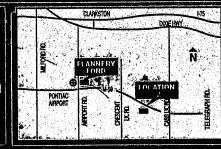
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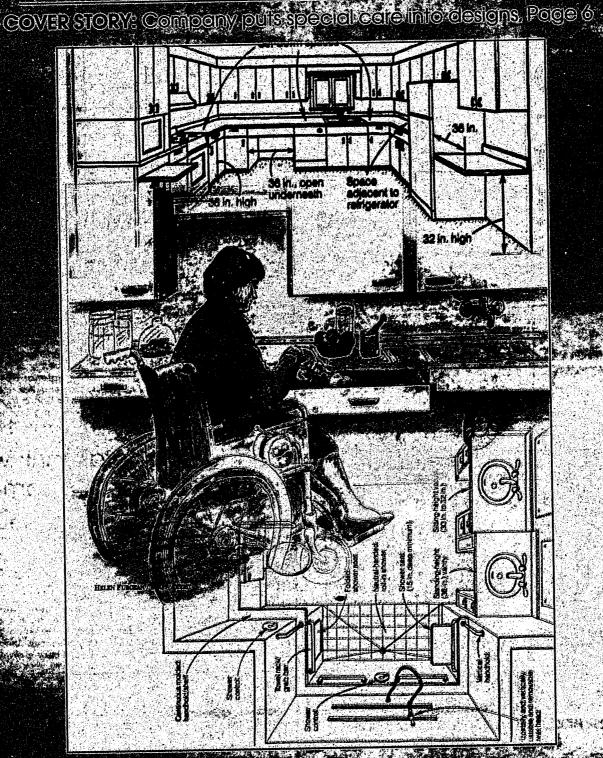
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tural possibilities.

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### Standard Federal Bank will sponsor: Detroit A'Bloom'

Standard Pederal Bank will be the sponsor of "Detroit A'Bloom" at the Builders Home and Detroit Flower Show, the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) has announced.

"Detroit A'Bloom" is the theme. The show runs March 12-15, at the Cobo Conference-Exhibition Center.

"The show's entrance garden will feature over 25,000 tulip, daffodil and hyacinth flowering spring bulbs," said Mark Guidobono, president of BIA and chief executive officer of Cambridge Homes in Northyille.

"The show's grand entrance garden has been inspired by a display of 25,000 flowering bulbs that made up the central feature of last year's Philadelphia Flower Show, which is considered the best of America's flower shows and draws more than 300,000 attendees in Philadelphia each year."

"Detroit A'Bloom will bring a new sense of beauty to the Builders Home and Detroit Flower Show," said Garry Carley, vice chairman of Standard Federal Bank.

"In addition, Detroit A'Bloom marks the beginning of a great new flower show for Detroit that will help celebrate Detroit's renaissance as a world-class city and bring many new visitors to our city as well.

Standard Federal Bank is proud to join the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan in the development of Detroit A'Bloom. We hope that Detroiters will get in early spring start by visiting Detroit A'Bloom at the Builders Home and Detroit Flower Show."

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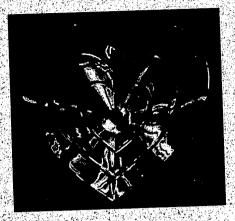
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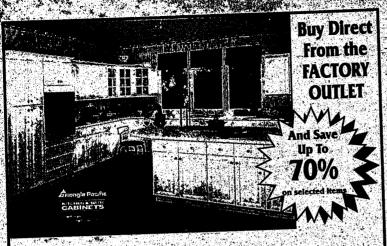


#### From the Market

Artistic Elements: Detroit Artists Market, the confemporary gallery in Stroh River Place, Jos. Campau at Atwater in Detroit, is displaying Sam Nadon-Nichols' paintings this month. The vividly colored oil paintings are featured in the Elements Gallery, a retail space within the non-profit DAM that highlights noteworthy local artists with solo, one-month exhibitions. Call (313) 393-1770. The Elements Gallery focuses on the sale of smaller works and acts as a venue for Introducing the new collector to contemporary art. Nadon-Nichols paintings, primarily of shoreline scenes and white pines, were inspired during time the artist spent on the beaches of Wisconsin. The canvases are available in a variety of sizes.

AT HOME, Mary Klemic, editor (248) 901-2569. We are looking for your ideas for At Home and for the Marketplace roundup of new ideas. Send your comments to: Mary Klemic, At Home,

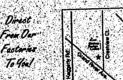
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## appliance doctor Senator/needs help on repair bill



I first met Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville, two years ago while speaking to a senior citizens group in Livonia. This softspoken gentleman walked up and introduced himself said and admired what I was

doing on behalf of consumers. The conversation wasn't long and even though I get very nervous around politicians, this man made me feel at ease, At that time I was again working on getting a bill passed in Lansing to prevent consumers from getting ripped off by the unethical appliance service companies

He pointed out that it was a good bill and should have no problems becoming law in the state of Michigan. Last year when the bill came up for a vote in the house, it FAILED to pass and my heart. was broken. Rep. Lyn Bankes, R-Redford, and I had worked so hard to gain support etc. for passage of this law.

The manner in which it was defeated was a pure example of why we have an attitude toward government. A lobbying group which has members within the appliance service industry used their influence to defeat the bill. Today, the appliance service technician who comes into your home is one of the very few in any service profession who answers to no one and can do what he or she pleases when charging you for service.

This is wrong and always has been, and unless Sen Geake can do something to help the Michigan consumer, it will

Up until now, a technician who fixes your appliance does not have to explain. any of the charges on the invoice. They don't have to write a part number, or you might be able to check with another company as to what the part sells for. They don't have to explain how much a service call charge is, or for that matter how much labor is charged per hour. They can simply put a dollar figure down on the invoice which you have to

A repaired appliance that might cost a homeowner \$100 to get fixed could be charged off at \$300 and that consumer would never know the difference. These companies have been in business for years for years. I've seen it all folks and I'm sick of it: I'm ashamed of the tar-

■ Many of the good, honest appliance repair companies already stand behind the Appliance Repair Act. They have for years explained charges and parts costs to their customers and they, too, want to see these few unethical operators stop ripping off consumers.

nished image that goes with being involved in my own business and now I'm praying that Sen. Geake can do something about it. How can you help may be a question some you are asking while you read this column.

Before I give you information on how you can help, let me say this. Many of the good, honest appliance repair companies already stand behind this new law. They have for years explained charges and parts costs to their customers and they, too, want to see these few unethical operators stop ripping off consumers. They again, as in the past, are ready to go to Lansing and testify in support of SB 861 - The Appliance Repair Act

I would ask you to send a short letter to Sen. Geake at the State Capital in Lansing, and if you have been ripped off, please send a copy of your service invoice with your letter. If you want to drop me a note, please do so using the address of this paper. If you can afford the phone bill, please call Sen. Geake's office and ask-to speak with Doug Novak of Bill Knox and ask them to send you a copy of the SB 861. The senator's number at the capital is 1(517)373-1707. He's going to need all the support he can muster, and this is a chance for you to make a difference.

Joe Gagnon, the Appliance Doctor, will answer your questions about maintaining and repairing large appliances. Gagnon is president of Carmack Appliances in Garden City and does a weekly radio program on WJR-AM. He is author of First Aid from the Appliance Doctor," available at area bookstores.

focus on photography

## Monument Valley is photo paradise



People often ask where my favorite spot is for photography. Well, I've traveled to many parts of the world and have photographed numerous exciting

But, as far as my favorite, I come right back to the good old USA and head west to a spot

along the Arizona/Utah border about 50 miles west of Four Corners (that's where Arizona, Utah, Colorado and New Mexico all touch). It's called Monument Valley and in my opinion offers some of the most breathtaking, photogenic scenery anywhere in the world.

Monument Valley contains the most awesome monoliths found anywhere in the world. These are towering, unusually shaped rock formations that arise majestically from flat desert floor to dramatic heights.

Named centuries ago by the American Indians who inhabited the area, the monoliths resemble animals such as "Elephant Rock" and people such as the "Five Sisters." The most famous formations are East Mitten and West Mitten, which produce sensational photographs.

· You'll get good shots any time of the year in Monument Valley. It will be hot in the summer and dramatically snowcovered in the winter. There are unusu-

ally good cloud patterns to enhance your pictures and sunsets and sunrises are especially impressive. There is subject material to accommodate all lenses from wide angle to telephoto. And be sure to use a polarizer filter to darken the vivid blue skies often seen in Monument Valley.

You can tour Monument Valley your self along a rough dirt but passable road (15 mìles round trip) or hire one of many guides who will lead you through Adjacent to Monument Valley is Mystery Valley, well worth seeing, but you must have an American Indian guide for entry. It's sacred ground and tourists aren't allowed unescorted.

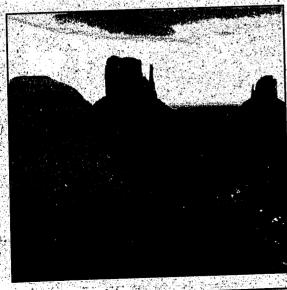
Where to stay when photographing in and around Monument Valley? The best place is Gouldings Lodge, which is right in the valley. From right in your room in the early morning, you can capture dramatic silhouettes of the monoliths as the sun rises in the east.

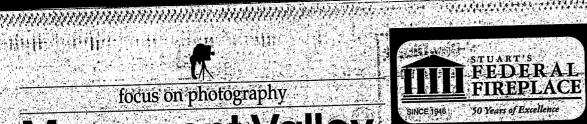
Other places to stay can be found in Kayenta, Ariz., a 20-mile scenic drive south of Monument Valley.

So the next time you head west, be sure to include Monument Valley on your itinerary. It's truly a magnificent place that will reward you with extraordinary photographs.

Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave him a message by dialing (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then his mailbox number, 1873. His fax number is (248) 644-1314.

Monumental mittens: This is a picture of Monument Vallev's famous East and West Mittens, Notice ... how the large rock in the foreground adds extra impact to the shot.





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#### cover story

# **Company designs** solutions with care

BY MARY KLEMIC At Home Editor

You have an elderly relative who can't get around his or her own house easily these days but is happy with the independence of living there.

Or someone in your family is physically disabled.

Or you must use a wheelchair because of an accident.
Each of the above situations brings special challenges
to the home. How can the elderly, handicapped or
injured person be safe and comfortable there, going
about daily activities?

Looking for a caring solution? Contact Caring Solu-

tions.

Caring Solutions is a new Troy firm that designs living and working—environments for the disabled. The
company specializes in the design of residences, both
new construction and renovation. It helps multi-tenant
buildings, offices, businesses and older structures comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

"There's really no one doing this," said Don Zavis, an office furniture designer for The Furniture Brokers in Troy who came up with the idea for the company.

"There are so many things (that can help) out there."
The company's caring solutions do more than eliminate obstacles They can help make a person's life comfortable and productive; and extend the benefits to soci-

ety as well.

"The importance of a company like Caring Solutions is very important for the physically challenged person," said Joseph Pellerito Jr., manager, occupational therapy professional practice, at the Rehab Institute of Michigan at the Detroit Medical Center.

"What Caring Solutions does is provide expertise in the area of barrier free design with a certified architect and ... the full spectrum of services, including the build-

ing phase."

Physically challenged people include those who use wheelchairs, who are visually impaired, who have difficulty walking for long periods and whose balance is

challenged

Caring Solutions, which started in November, has offices in the Liberty Center at 50 W. Big Beaver Road. It is headed by Michael Jarman, president of Jarman Architectural Group in Birmingham. Janet Zavis, owner of the Art Loft in Birmingham and a partner in The Furniture Brokers, is Jarman's partner and director of sales and marketing.

The company's solutions for businesses could be beneficial to the work force. Redesigning an area—maybe doing something as basic as altering a desk so it could be tilted—can attract skilled employees who happen to be physically impaired.

"There are so many people that have so many abilities," Janet Zavis said.

Finding solutions

Whether for a private residence or public place, Caring Solutions helps come up with a custom plan, from architecture to interior designs to features to items. It also has information on catalogs for barrier-free and specialty products

"Even for those who require a permanent installation, we can make it in such a way (it blends with the environment)," said Jarman, who has 18 years experience in home and office design and renovation.

Jarman will visit the site, and meet with the client and any physicians, case workers or occupational therapists to determine what is needed.

"They recognize the need to work with occupational

therapists," Pellerito said.

"There's this team concept that is developed, with the architect, the builder, physician ..., occupational therapist, sometimes physical therapist, and most importantly the family or significant other and the patient is at the center of it."

Jarman will offer suggestions for barrier-free accessibility with unobtrusive plans that blend in with the building and landscape. Caring Solutions personnel do the installation. The first consultation and itemized pro-



Helping hand: Architect Michael Jarman works on one of the Caring Solutions projects. Staff photos by Tom Hoffmeyer.

posal are free; costs after that are around standard architect fees of \$100 an hour.

If a ramp would have to be extremely long because the door is so high above the ground an electric lift may be more practical.

Inside if a resident cannot step over a threshold into the shower, the shower floor may be slightly tilted so water won't rush out

Oven doors that open to the side instead of down, and stoves with all of the ranges in the front, are some aids for the kitchen

"It's a very humanistic thing." Don Zavis said.

"Yes it is a business but (toward) solutions to help

The people at the company don't claim to be therapists. They will refer clients to occupational therapists or others at Detroit Medical. Center, and help with red

"We have been patient advocates," Janet Zavis said, Call Caring Solutions at (248) 524-3652.



Coling Parimers Joe Smith (Cirit), Jamen, Janet Zavis and Don Zawis in the Certing Scluttons office light Troy. The company works an unobirusive bonder ince designs, and offers dillocary of corologs on related products.



Custom service: Janet Zavis and Jarman discuss a project. Jarman will meet with clients, physigians and therapists in planning designs to provide as much independence as possible.

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## Fill evening with comedy, fun foods



RUTH MOSSOK JOHNSTON

Life presents its own series of adventures, and we all could use a good dose of humor, just to keep us going. Different things tickle us and make us laugh (and sometimes at the most inopportune times). Slapstick silliness just doesn't do it for

some of us, some of us relate better to Andy Rooney.

Wherever you find your humor, put it together and make it work for an evening of fun with friends. Try to put a group together that will all find the same type of humor entertaining (now that may be a real task!).

If you have a friend who thinks he or she is a comedian, recruit that person to do a standup routine, pair or group your friends and have an evening of comedic skits, or do it the simple way and rent a favorite funny video.

If this party included my son, Jordan, he would definitely do a Seinfeld Evening, Jordan has most of the shows taped and ready to go — along with his own series of monologues filled with dialects, voice inflections and excerpts from the shows — all of them! Apparently, Jordan isn't the only one out there so Seinfeldized, based on the daily reruns and amount of products related to the comedy series and its characters.

When I do this kind of evening, you can be guaranteed that Woody Allen and Billy Crystal will head the entertainment list. I still laugh every time I see Allen's "Zelig" or the more recent "Forget Paris" with Billy Crystal.

To incorporate this humoresque theme, it is essential to do some fun foods.

When most of us hear the term "bad hair day," we not only understand its meaning but can often relate. "Bad Hair Day" has a totally different meaning for the falented Chef Takashi Yagihashi from Tribute, the hot, cutting edge restaurant at 31425 W. 12 Mile in Farmington Hills,

Takashi, who is a truly gifted chef with a delicate touch that encompasses Asian and French Cuisine at its finest, didn't develop this dish to be furny. It is absolutely delicious, but makes for a fun food. I got so carried away with his dish 1. began to experiment on my own and came up with a "Brie Bad Hair Day" and "Veggie Bad Hair Day."

I might add that Takashi does a lot more than just this fun food. He has been called by many a "rising star," Keep your eyes on this one 'cause he's goma seek great heights!

Other fun foods to try:

## Pizza Caricatures - make your
pizza toppings look like a face, or a face
you all know!

■ Food Sculptures - have lots of prepared foods that can be assembled into a sculpture before serving; have the guests participate in this one.

Long bread sticks wrapped in Prosciutto and fixed into different types of melon pieces.

■ Bagels made into different flying saucers by adding a base of cream cheese (colored with food coloring, or plain) and adding fun toppings. Make sure you choose a funny sci-fi video to go with this one!

■ Strudels of unusual ingredients: use sheet Phyllo dough to make this

Napoleons of Layered Grilled Vegetables and Cheeses - make sure to stick a sprig (it's best to use something with a woody stem) of a favorite herb in to hold your tower of food together!

■ Huge Dagwood Sandwiches -stacked high with fun and unusual ingredients; think ethnic!

■ Dessert Pizzas - make them sweet

■ Hard boiled eggs, shells lightly cracked after cooking, and soaked in flavored teas, then peeled, sliced and

served make delicious flavors and unusual presentations.

■ Crepes filled with interesting and unusual ingredients—how about using stir-fried Asian vegetables laced with black sesame seeds (Goma) or unusual flavored caviars!

CHEF TAKÁSHI'S SHRIMP BAD HAIR DAY

WITH SPICY CILANTRO
VINAIGRETTE

Yield: 4 servings

Ingredients for Shrimp: المراجعة المراج

8 pieces 16/20 count fresh Gulf

8 pieces Ohba leaves (Japanese basil found in Asian markets)

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

liegg + 1 tablespoon water for egg wash

1/2 pound shredded Phyllo dough (kataifi)

Vegetable oil (for frying)

Ingredients for Spicy Cilantro Vinalgrette: Yield 2 cups

2 teaspoons fresh horseradish, finely minced or from the jar.

2 teaspoons red onion, finely minced

1 garlic clove, finely minced

1/2 jalapeno, seeded, develned, and finely minced

1 cup extra virgin olive oil

1/2 cup white wine vinegar

1/4 cup lemon juice.

2 tablespoons fresh cilantro, chopped Sea salt and freshly ground pepper (to taste)

Directions for shrimp:

Peel and devein the shrimp - don't remove the tails. Roll with Ohba leaf, lightly salt with salt and pepper; place in egg wash, then roll with shredded phyllo dough. Heat vegetable oil to 220 degrees F. Deep fry the shrimp until golden brown (about 3 minules). Remove from oil and drain on paper towels; salt and pepper to taste. Directions for vinaigrette:

Put all ingredients except cilantro and olive oil in a blender or food processor. With blender running, add olive oil slowly to make an emulsion, Add cilantro and add salt, and pepper to taste.

Chef's notes: If you can't find oliba leaves (usually found at Asian markets, specifically Japanese markets), use fresh basil.

Shredded Phyllo dough can be found at Vic's World Class Market, Merchant of Vino and some upscale groceries.

Ruth's "Vegetable bad Hair Day" can be done the same way as Chef Takashi's Shrimp, with or without the Ohba leaves! This would almost be like a vegetable tempura with funky batter. Serve with the same vinaigrette in Takashi's recipe, make up your own or use a soy-sauce base with lots of fresh ginger added for dipping.

RUTH'S BRIE BAD HAIR DAY

This fun cheese is great as an appetizer. Serve warm with biscuits and crackers of your choice. Dried fruits can be added as a layer under the shredded Phyllo dough.

Ingredients:

Shredded Phyllo Dough (kataifi)

Brie Cheese (sold in a round) - the brand and size of your choice

Non-stick cooking spray

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

Spray a pie plate or fluted quicke pan with the non-stick cooking spray.

Carefully remove the shredded Phyllo dough from the package (use as much as desired) and place over the brie.

Lightly spray the covered cheese with non-stick spray and place in oven to heat.

Let cook until shredded Phyllo is light brown or to desired doneness.

To leave Ruth Mossok Johnston a voice mall message, dial (3.13) 953-2047, malloox 1902.

#### at home calendar

The Southfield Paylition Antiques Exposition will take place Friday Sunday Reb. 20 22 a fithe Southfield Civic Center 2000 Evergreen at 10-1/2 Mile. Hours are 2-9 pint ligiday, noon to 8 pint. Saturday, and noon to 5-pint. Sunday Admit sion is 55 with any adsor lights of the event 55 regular, free for age 12 and under Oriepial admissioning good for all three days of the show. Breview the show at the web after www.higher.

■ The Hardy Plant Society will meet 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, at Congregational Church of Birmingham, 1000 Cranbrook Road at Woodward, just south of Long Lake Road in Bloomfield Hills. A panel will discuss "What's This Thing Called Natural Landscaping?" The public may attend. Admission is free, Call Jim Mackinder at (248) 879-3272 for information.

■ The Metro Detroit Hosta Society will meet 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23, at Congregational Church of Birmingham, just south of Long Lake Road at the southwest corner of Woodward and Cranbrook Road. Guest fee \$3. George Papadelis of Telly's Greenhouse will speak on "New Perennials for 1998." Call Jan at (248) 642-1619 or Jim at (313) 822-3345 for information.

■ English Gardens conducts seminars on a variety of gardening topics 7 p,m. Wednesdays in February at the West Bloomfield store, 6370 Orchard Lake Road, north of Maple. Call (248) 851-7506. The next topic, Feb. 25, is "Doit-yourself Landscaping: The Design Process" by Kevin Collins.

■ Crimson Rose Antiques in Birmingham is having an antique jewelry trunk show and sale through February. The shop is on the upper level of the Merrillwood Collection on Merrill Street, south of Maple and across the street from the Birmingham Theatre, Call (248) 203-2950.

# Make plans for vegetable garden



MARTY FIGLEY

If you are going to have your first vegetable, garden this year, now is the time to begin planning, but before you do one other thing, look at your landscape and see if there is a place for

Vegetables like and need a sunny

place. Another consideration of the garden site is the availability of water. Nothing is more discouraging than having to lug buckets of water for a distance or to drag a heavy hose to the garden.

Also, is it readily accessible? We often suggest that herbs be grown near the kitchen because often only a few sprigs are needed by the cook, but the vegetable garden can be more out-of-theway and should be, especially if the children play in the yard.

A vegetable garden isn't always the most beautiful piece of real estate (although with strategic planning it can be pretty), because the ground is dug up every year to prepare the beds for annual planting.

As you make preparations, keep in mind that weeding, watering and the like need to be done on a regular schedule. Who's going to do what, when?

If you have space, paths will assure that the soil around the plants won't become compacted. Wood chips, gravel, brick, etc. are all suitable. A layer of landscape fabric under the chosen material will help to deter weeds. Remember, though, that the ground will be tilled each year.

Another thought is to make the garden small enough so that the center can be reached from the edges. Several garden squares will work. This will eliminate the need for paths;

Make a drawing of the proposed garden and find out how much space each chosen vegetable will need to grow successfully. This will help with the decision of what to grow. That brings up the subject of who decides. You might want to get the family together and have a discussion of their favorites and select from that list.

If you are salad lovers, lettuces can be seed-sown rather early, as can other-greens. Carrols are fun for the little ones especially when they pull the orange vegetables from the ground. Cucumbers, squash and other "viney" plants oftentimes ramble all over the place, but now you can grow compact varieties that will do fine in a smaller area, or can be grown on a little trellis. Corn, which is so luscious directly from the garden, takes up lots of space, but if you love it a lot, perhaps you'll want to concentrate on that and enjoy it for the whole season.

Seeds are now available at the nurseries, or they can be ordered from a seed catalog. The information on each pack-

age is very thorough and important, so follow the directions for each vegetable:

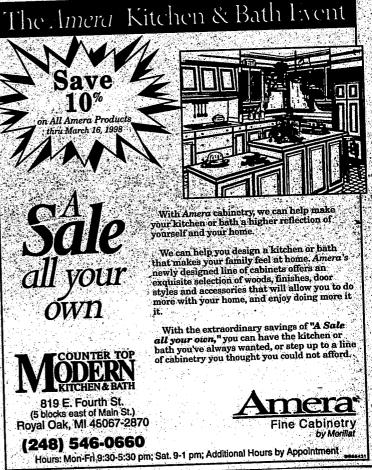
If you wish to grow a perennial vegetable such as asparagus or rhubarb, plant it at the end of a bed so that it won't be disturbed when the ground is tilled. They also like plenty of sun.

April will be here before we know it and as soon as the ground has warmed up enough and some of the moisture is out of it so that it won't clump up, some seeds can be sown directly into the ground. Be sure to read the information on the package.

Have fun with a vegetable garden; don't take it too seriously. Try something new and different if you have space. I believe if the children can help plant and harvest, they will find that they do like vegetables after all!

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# Cure family's winter break boredom



LISA LUCKOW-HEALY

If your children are off school this week or one of the upcoming weeks due to your school system's winter break, you may be panicking over what to do to keep the kids busy while they are away from their structured daily environment.

The experiences your children have when they are away from school can be just as important as their schoolwork.

Communication and social skills are learned both in and out of the classroom, whether youngsters are working on a teamwork exercise in the classroom of out on the field during an extracurricular activity.

Time away from school seems like a dream come true for many children.

Family vacations keep curious minds busy while building family bonding. Some working parents send their children to all-day camps at local gyms or

sports clubs. Teens often take advantage of winter break to pick up extra work hours at their afterschool jobs. Other kids find themselves in front of the television for a lack of friends to hang out with and parents who are too busy or at a loss for ideas on how to keep their kids busy.

While your children are home for winter recess or spring break this school year, and not enrolled in a week-long camp or working extra hours at their part-time job, you can help cure winter break borgdom with activities as close as your own back yard.

Hit the slopes. If you aren't planning a family ski vacation to one of Michigan's many ski resorts this winter break, savor the splendor of Michigan winters at one of four local ski facilities.

Pine Knob, Alpine Valley, Mount Brighton and Mount Holly offer seasonal skiing for the beginner to the expert. Within a short drive, your family can enjoy weekday, weekend and night skiing.

It is always a good idea to call the ski facility to check the skiing conditions, schedule of events and prices before you make the trip. You may be able to get a better rate if you go at a particular time of day.

Sled into fun. Adults and children of all ages enjoy the thrill of a snow-covered hill and their favorite sled. Snow permitting, there are dozens of local parks, golf courses and sledding sites just waiting for sledding enthusiasts to grace the hills.

If you aren't sure where to go, check with your local parks and recreation department, or contact a nearby metropark for more information.

Animals, animals, animals, Young children are often mesmerized by animals. This winter break, plan a trip to the Detroit Zoo, open year-round. Your children can enjoy the thrill of a petting farm at Domino's Farms in Ann Arbor or one of the Huron-Clinton Metroparks' Nature Centers.

Indoor activity away. Lace up your skates and glide around the ice at your nearby ice arena's open skate time.

Some arenas permit you to push a young child seated in a stroller or on a chair around the ice, giving the child the opportunity to get comfortable with the ice skating experience.

Older children might prefer to put on a helmet, knee and elbow pads, and Rollerblades to roll around U.S. Blades in West Bloomfield, or roll at the Pontiac Silverdome if scheduled blading times coincide with winter break.

Movie mania. The nice thing about winter break is that many local movie theaters recognize that youngsters are out of school and change their scheduling to offer more show times and new children's movie releases:

Dine out. Winter break is a great time to spend quality lunch or dinner time eating out. There are no television or telephone distractions to draw anyone away from the table. Menus generally offer a wide variety of selections to suit even the most finicky eater.

Winter break activities are limitless if you and your family put your heads together and plan to do what you all really enjoy.

Does your daughter look forward to grocery shopping with you to buy favorite snacks for a winter break sleepover? Would your teenage son appreciate you taking him and a friend with you to the Pistons game? Do your preschoolers enjoy puppet shows at your local library? Has your family had time to master a new board game?

If you are at a loss for ideas and feel like your family is in a winter doldrum rut, try checking out your local bookstore for books about metro Detroit and Michigan adventures and cure your family's winter break boredom.

To send Lisa Lückow-Heally a message from a touch-tone phone about how you celebrate family, call (313) 953-2047, then her mallbox number, 1903, or e-mail your suggestions to LiHealy@aol.com

# Composter training set

Southeastern Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority master composter training begins Wednesday, Feb. 25, at the Royal Oak Senior Center.

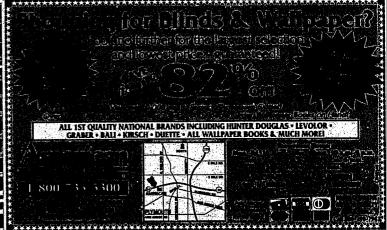
Topics covered include backyard composting, natural mulches, healthy lawn care, environmental gardening, and education outreach to the public.

Fee is \$15 for SOCRRA community residents and \$25 for residents of other communities. For information, call SOCRRA weekdays at (248) 546-5818.

SOCRRA communities include Beverly Hills, Birmingham, Lathrup Village and Troy.







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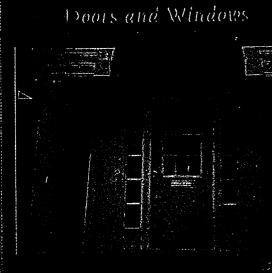
Please join us March 1 - April 11 as we embrace spring in all its glory.

Nobody welcomes spring like The Somerset Collection. And there's no better place to see such a breathtaking array of beautiful flowers and home decor than at this year's Home & Garden Collection. Many of the area's leading experts in gardening, cooking, travel, home decoration and much more will be offering valuable tips and ideas through exciting and educational seminars. And with spectacular shows by the Children's Theatre of Michigan and cabaret performances from local jazz and R&B artists, the Home & Garden Collection is a terrific way for the whole family to celebrate the wonder of spring.



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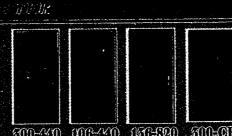
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# Industrial, office markets sizzling like the economy

### See office markets, E2

BY DOUG FUNKE

If industrial and office markets best reflect the economy—as some commercial Realtors maintain—it's still hot, hot, hot in southeast Michi-

Anecdotal evidence presented last month by local members of the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors along with an annual report issued by their national association paint a pleasant picture here.

Vacancy levels are fairly low for. both industrial and office.

Only 5.6 percent of nearly 218 million square feet of manufacturing/ high-tech space in suburban Detroit was available as of mid October, according to SIOR.

The vacancy rate for higher-quality, well-placed office buildings outside of Detroit's central business district was 6-1/2 percent of nearly 48.8 million

square feet of inventory.
"That's positive for employment, jobs," said Scott E. Elliott, senior vice president with CB Commercial in Southfield. "The trend for Detroit is

"As the real estate market goes, so goes business," said Kenneth B. Lipschutz affiliated with the Friedman Real Estate Group in Farmington

"If you go back a few years ago when the real estate market was in the toilet; banks were taking properties back, development lagged, you. found high levels of unemployment," he said: "People were underpaid or in positions lower than what they were

"As the economy has improved, business expanded and moved to southeast Michigan: These were high-tech, engineering jobs that had-

"People are making more money have better job security ... better quality of life," Lipschutz said.

What happens if industry wants to come but there's no room in the proverbial inn?

"There's less jobs available until down the line," said Dennis J. Dilworth, affiliated with Treric Tosto in Bingham Farms, Not good, considering most families today are two-wage earners.

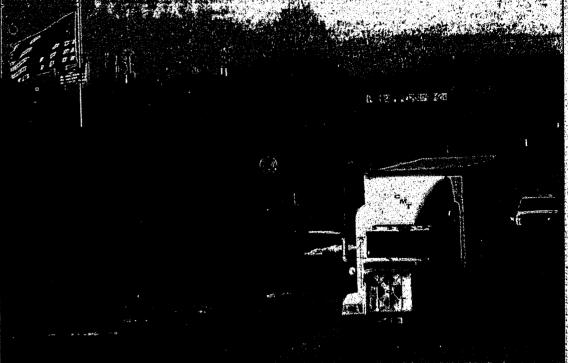
But there's another aspect to consider, Dilworth said. "If you don't tax base, you don't have schools, don't have fire, don't have police."

Shopping centers, industrial parks and offices with all kinds of empty space also can detract from a community's image, added Jerome L. Reiss, a

West Bloomfield commercial Realtor.
"Just like people, reputation of a community is important," he said. \*Folks who work in or live near

industrial facilities along the 1-275 and I-75 corridors have observed the growth first hand. "Livonia remains very strong," said

Gary F. Sallen, partner with Signature Associates in Southfield. "It has tremendous ingress/ egress off 96, very central to the entire market. Business finds Livonia to be very cooperative.



Doing great, The local economy is booming and industrial, manufacturing, high-tech space is at a

"Livonia essentially is out of land. You can ditto Plymouth... (Robert) DeMattia has done a fine job. Vacancy rates are extremely low," Sallen

Geoffrey S. Hill; president of L. Mason Capitani in Troy, sees similar trends along I-75 on the East Side:

"Traditionally, it's very automotive driven ... with engineering, prototype operations," he said: "Madison Heights and Troy have extremely low vacancy. The Auburn Hills market has just taken off over the last two

The Chrysler Technology Center probably is the big reason.

"We have a very strong, vibrant market:" Sallen summarized. "If you're not here, you're not going to do business with the Big Three. It's that—industrial property types in Detroit, expansions.

simple.

Office also is doing well in suburban

"We're seeing an incredible amount of competition among tenants for space," Lipschutz said. "Some have to take their second or third alternative... It's a complete turnaround from 2-1/2

Absorption finally has caught up with overbuilding of the late 1980s, and it's definitely time to consider new product; Lipschutz said. Favor able interest rates and terms, availability of investor money and a vibrant economy will lead that move.

Highlights of the SIOR national

Substantial shortages exist in all

especially for spaces greater than 60,000 square feet.

■ "Nearly 5 million square feet (of industrial) were under construction during the latter part of 1997 including almost 3.5 million square feet of speculative construction.

The concentration of automotive technology will continue to spurexpansions of suppliers and research.

"Availability is especially scarce

in prime (office) properties.

■ "In 1997, real estate investment trusts pursued trophy (office) property

"Lasting automotive suppliers." plus auto-related research firms are generating (office) demand due to

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fulls; pancy nate: just over 90 by on average, was the Clevelfat the start of a incesting annual survey

As a result, of the tightness, or directly course during the thyear - up.8 percent in Live-

nia, nearly 7 percent in Bloom-field Hills, nearly 6 percent in

Birmingham and 5 percent in The Mand Southfields "Landlords typically held the cards' at the negotiating table, often entertaining multiple suitors for the same space in their buildings," wrote Joel I, Feldman, associate broker and author of the report.

"Furthermore, with little new speculative product of any significant size currently under construction or coming on line for the next 12-18 months, landlords of suburbia should continue to see a favorable marketplace with

itability," Feldman reported. That's a far cry from the early 1990s when overbuilding and an economic downtown resulted in high vacancies and landlord con-

"Tenants who haven't been in the marketplace for the past five years or so should be prepared for 'sticker shock' and, in certain cases, a rude awakening," Feld-man wrote, "Tenants should allow for more time to explore their options, more patience and flexibility in lease negotiations.

Here's the Friedman Report with breakdown by community of

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all occupancy, and minimum, weighted average and maximum adjusted quoted rental rates:

annually per square foot.

Bingham Farms – 13 buildings; 1.6 million square feet; 98 ercent occupied; \$16/ \$19.42/ \$23.50.

Birmingham — 18 buildings; 903,000 square feet; 98 percent occupied; \$20.50/ \$28.53/\$28.50.

■ Bloomfield Hills – 28 buildings; 2.4 million square feet; 99 percent occupied; \$18.50/ \$22.90/

■ Farmington Hills - 43 build-

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ever-increasing rents and prof-number of office buildings and ings; 3.1 million square feet; 92 itability," Feldman reported. / total square feet surveyed, over-percent occupied; \$15.50/ \$19.16/

■ Livonia — 11 buildings; 1.5

million square feet; 92 percent, occupied; \$18.95/\$20,67/\$24.

Southfield — 106 buildings; 13.6 million square feet; 89 percent occupied; \$12/\$16.98/\$23.50.

Troy - 63 buildings 8 million square feet; 97 percent occupied; \$15,25/\$19.34/\$26. West Bloomfield - 24 buildings; 595,000 square feet; 94 percent occupied; \$14/\$18.72/\$21.55.

Increased profitability, a minimum of existing space and the cost of new construction have

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drawn the attention of investors drawn the attention investing of the companies, pension funds and real estate investments trusts—here.

"An unprecedented amount of office buildings and often major

office buildings were sold during 1997," Feldman reported. "The sale price of existing facilities should again reflect record-setting heights."

Sales last year included First Center Plaza in Southfield, Crystal Glen in Livonia, Maple Research Park in Troy and Wabeek in Birmingham, Feldman said.

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### BUILD WEALTH CLASS

The Birmingham Bloomfield Rochester South Oakland Association of Realtors sponsors a two-day course, "Building Wealth Through Residential Real Estate Investment," 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Feb. 23-24, at the Columbia Center in

Cost is \$300. To register, call Karen Albers at (248) 879-5730.

CERTIFICATION CLASS

The Building Industry of Southeastern Michigan presents a four-day class to meet requirements for the Certified New Home Sales Professional designation 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Feb. 24, 26 and March 3, 5 at the Northfield Hilton, 5500 Crooks,

Cost, including continental breakfasts and lunches, is \$299 for Sales & Marketing Council members, \$349 for BIA and Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$449 for non-

\$88,000

To register, call (248)-737-

### WILD GAME DINNER

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan oresents a wild game dinner, table top displays and an update of association activities 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, at Vladimir's restaurant, 28125 Grand River, Farmington Hills.

Cost is \$45. To register, call (248) 737-4477.

HOME BUYING CLASS

Loree Partrich and Michael Kepes, Realtors with the Michigan Group, and their financial management services team present a free, no-obligation class on lhow to go about buying a home 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, at the Michigan Group office, 7499 Middlebelt, West Bloomfield.

For reservations, call (248) "851-3914 ext. 339 or 329.

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Tower Pinkster Titus Associates, an architectural/ engineering firm with offices in Bloomfield Hills, Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids and Battle Creek, announces the addition of three employees

Ronald G. Masek, ASLA, joins the firm as manager of the landscape architectural services department.

He holds a bachelor of science degree in landscape architecture from Purdue University and is a member of the Michigan Society of Planning Officials and the American Soci-

ety of Landscape Architects. Craig S. Van Eck, AIA, CSI, joins the firm as an architectural designer and job captain

He holds an applied science degree in technical studies for drafting and design from Edison Community College and an associate of arts degree from the University of South Florida.

Van Eck is a member of the American Institute of Architects and the Construction

Specifications Institute:
Pamela Meeker-Watts joins the firm as a computer systems technician. She holds a bachelor of arts degree from Western Michi-

gan University. Michael D. Samueloff, a Troy resident,

has been named business development direc-tor with ABC Paving. He holds a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from the University of Buffalo and a master of science in administration from Central Michigan.



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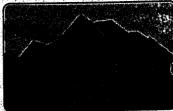
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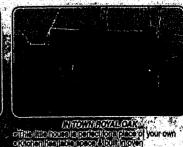
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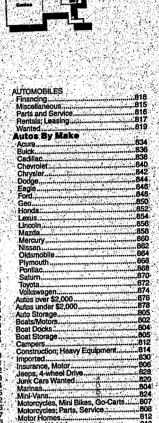
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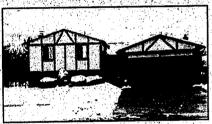


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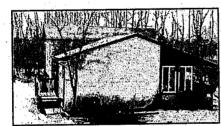
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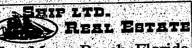
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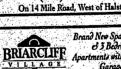
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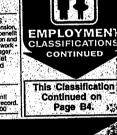
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