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s Black History Month ends and we finish our brief look at African American history, March, which is Women's History Month, begins. The Library of Congress has opened an "on-line" exhibit called War, Women and Opportunity in honor of Women's Hisonth, and over the next few weeks we will look at the lives of seyeral women who served as journalists during World War II.

/ Because so many men went off to fight, World War II opened many doors for women in photography or journalism. Before the war ended, at least 127 talented and determined women had secured official military accreditation as war corréspondents. Many were given front-line assign-ments, suffering and surviving the same hardships as the soldiers they wrote about. The War, Women and Opportunity exhibit features the stories of eight women who changed American society forever by securing a place for themselves in the workplace, in the newsroom, and on the battlefield.

In our four-week series, we will examine the history of women in jour-nalism; and look into the lives and careers of three women — Therese Bonney and Clare Boothe Luce, both of whom covered the war in Europe and the Pacific; and Dorthea Lange, who reported on the suffering of Japanese Americans placed in camps for the duration of war.

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



# Downtown renewal: Who's to pay?

■ A committee will recommend April 15 which of two firms the city should hire for revitaliz-ing its downtown. Meanwhile, city officials and business owners want financial commitments from each other for such a project.

Clarkston seems to be a common objective among those who live and work in the community, but city council mem-bers have a few concerns about how to achieve, implement — and pay for

such a vision.

"This is going to be a big responsibility," said council member Karen. Sanderson, who favors transforming the downtown area into a more viable.

Having a future vision of downtown shopping district but has concerns about the nuts and bolts of implementing a revitalization plan over the long

Currently, the council's downtown revitalization subcommittee is review-ing the services of two consulting firms that help communities refurbish their downtown districts.

Formed several months ago and charged with the task of studying

downtown development, the revitalization subcommittee plans to report its findings to the city council by April 15.

"It's fine to have experts come in," Sanderson said, "but who would follow through with the project?"

Like Sanderson, council member Walter Gamble is nervous about committing city money to hire professional ervices without a commitment from local business interests and community members.

We do not have the full input of the community.— both business and residential." Gamble said. "And we have no sing the planning services of HyettPalision statement. You cannot throw out \$25,000 and do a study if we really

don't know what the people want."

Both Sanderson and Gamble also said they believe the lion's share of downtown revitalization services; should be paid for by local business; interests: interests.

Funding, however, isn't at issue, according to council member David. Savage, who is chairing the revitalization subcommittee.

"In fact, we've already had a number of business owners say that they're

willing to fund the program," he said, The subcommittee, which is review-

Please see DOWNTOWN, A4



Making les mingstuti. Dahbie Latozás (center), named Teacher of the Year by the Clarkston Foundation, uses a board game to teach mily aplication to (left to right) Catlin Bennett and Meghan Hausman at Balley Lake Elementary School.

# Teacher of the year

# Math coordinator fits equation for district's best



Game's a winner: Meghan Parker lets the dice fly.

This Clarkston schools' educator a she maintains tactful and effective touts such a full calendar of meetings with people who count, she almost makes U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright look like a welldressed slacker.

(Well, okay. Albright does have a few things going on in the Mideast.)

Even so, Debbie Latozas, the district's math coordinator, is sum local contributor: And that's why the Clarkston Foundation — a nonprofit organization that supports the arts and sciences — honored Latozas as Teacher of the Year" during its annu-

al luncheon Friday. Chris Turner, principal of Bailey Lake Elementary, Latozas' home base as a math instructor, described the 18-year teaching veteran as "a true hero. She's an exemplary teacher," Turner said. "Children who enter her (math support) room with trepidation in their eyes leave with a confidence they never had before. She also works with teachers and has the ability to understand their needs. And

communication with parents.

In an after-school interview Monday, Latozas — the single mother of three school-age sons — displayed her crammed March calendar and her beeper. She commented on her busy computerized schedule as the district's K-12 math coordinator, head of K-5 math instructional support and math instructional specialist for Bai-ley Lake. "It's crazy," the Lake Orion resident said with a chuckle. "All these things have sort of grown over the years. It's almost like, if anyone them all on right now, they would go nuts."

Latozas said her work — and her meetings — multiplied because she was willing to figure out solutions to problems.

"Somebody would say, Can you do this?" she recalled. "And I'd say to myself, 'Do I have 15 minutes to do that? Sure, I could do that next week Tuesday at such and such a time.

Please see TEACHER A6

# Man arrested in indecent exposures; teens credited

Clarkston Police Chief Paul Ormiston is crediting two teenage victims, who kept their wits about them, with providing vital information that led to the arrest of a man suspected in multiple incidents of indecent exposure over

the past several months.
The 29-year-old, married, Independence Township man was arraigned before Magistrate Kelly Kostin in 52/2 District Court on Tuesday on three counts of indecent exposure stemming from complaints in Independence and Brandon townships and the city of Clarkston. Indecent exposure is a mis-demeanor punishable by up to 90 days

He was released on a \$3,000 personal bond and a pre-trial examination was scheduled for him on April 3. The man stood mute at his arraignment and a

not-guilty plea was entered on his behalf. As a condition of his bond, the man was required to seek counseling, said a spokesperson for the court.

The man is not a suspect in an inde-cent exposure case that took place near the intersection of Dixie Highway and White Lake Road last week, in which a black car was involved, nor is he a suspect in an indecent exposure that happened several weeks ago at a plaza on Sashabaw and Waldon roads, according to Oakland County Sheriff Detective Tom Cavalier. In the latter incident, a man appeared near a restaurant, undressed from the waist down.

Police are still investigating those two occurrences.

The Clarkston incident happened on Feb. 25 when a man reportedly

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#### Happy birthday, Dr. Seuss



Kickoff celebration: Teacher Pat Andrus assists in a birthday celebration for Dr. Seuss, which included a giant birthday cake, at Springfield Plains Elementary School Monday. The program kicked off activities for March Reading Month.

# Clarkston Middle School Honor Roll for '97-'98 2nd Quarter

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# Assessment hike anger hard to find this year

people to appeal the taxable values for property they own has arrived again.

Board of review dates have been established for Independence and Springfield townships and the city of Clarkston.

So far, at least in Independence Township, things have been a little quieter than in the past, said Assessor Dave Kramer. He attributed that quiet to the fact that people are being taxed according to the rate of inflation, and not based on the assessed values of their homes, as was done in Michigan prior to

"There's not much of an argument there," he said, explaining how tax rates are set.

"I think there are more people who are aware of assessed value and taxable value under Propos-

Prior to Proposal A, in 1994, taxes were based on the state equalized valuation of homes, or 50 percent of a home's value. In 1994 the assessed values and taxable values were the same, Kramer said. And in 1995, taxes based on taxable values kicked in, using an index based on the rate of inflation or 5 percent, whichever is less, he said.

Currently, the taxable rate of inflation is 2.7 percent.

In explaining the taxation and board of review process, Kramer cited an example of a typical Independence Township homestead, located in the Clarkston

Independence Township Assessor Dave Kramer attributed this year's lack of anger to the fact that people are now taxed according to the rate of inflation, and not based on the assessed values of their homes, as was done in Michigan prior to 1995.

School District, with a market value of \$146,000 as determined

The assessed value of that home would be \$73,200. The taxable value of that home, with a millage rate of 29.515 mills, and based on the rate of inflation, √ould be \$58,300 — a difference of \$14,900.

The annual taxes for that homestead would be \$1,720, Kramer said. If that property was not a homestead but was a business or second home, the taxes would be \$2,770.

Kramer added that there is an exception to the rule, and that is that the taxable value of proper-ty could go up higher than the rate of inflation if the owner added something to the property in the form of construction, such as a garage or addition.

"The board of review is a citizen body that sits in review of assessors' values, classifications

of properties and need or lack-ofneed for poverty exemption,"

To appeal taxable rates, residents in the three communities need to make appointments.

In Springfield Township, the board of review process began March 3, But times will be available 9 a.m. to noon and 2-5 p.m. Monday, and 1-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. Tuesday.

The Springfield board of review meets at 650 Broadway, Davisburg. All appointments for Springfield should be made before 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday by calling 625-4802 or 634-6873.

In Independence Township the board of review will meet 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday and 1-9:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday. To make an appointment, call 625-

The Independence board of review will meet in the annex building behind township hall at 90 N. Main Street, Clarkston.

The city of Clarkston board of review is scheduled to meet 1-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. Monday and March 16. Appointments should be scheduled through the Oakland County Equalization Division, (800) 350-0900, ext. 81861.

The Clarkston board of review will meet at city hall, 375 Depot

#### Kildee pays a visit



HI Dale: Sashabaw Middle School student Kate Kelley meets with U.S. Rep. Dale Kildee Monday following his receipt of a letter she wrote expressing environmental concerns regarding her school.

# Student's letter to congressman sparks visit to middle school

ighth-grader Kate Kelley says she likes just about anything that doesn't have to do with sports

Someday, that anything might just be politics, or lobbying or creating laws.

Kelley had a personal meeting with U.S. Rep. Dale Kildee (D-Flint) Monday when the congressman came to Sashabaw Middle, School in response to a letter the 13-year-old wrote him

"I just wanted a more environmentally and chemically clean school," she said during a tele-phone interview on Tuesday. Kelley said she did not suggest to Kildee how that task could be accomplished when writing him during seventh

Kildee's office called her immediately after she wrote the letter, she said, but it took until for the school to coordinate a visit. She said she decided to write a letter on her own and

# 1 just wanted a more environmentally and chemically clean school.

Kate Kellev Sashabaw Middle School student

selected him as the recipient after her mother, suggested his name.

Speaking of her meeting with the congress-man, she said, "He said that he was really happy that I wrote him and he wants other kids my age and younger to write him letters.

She expects a story about their meeting to be published in the school's newspaper, With

In addition to her interest in the environment, Kelley enjoys computers, art and cooking.

# 2 Clarkston teen orators to compete in regional event

If they were nervous, it sure didn't show

Sixteen Clarkston and Sashabaw middle school students, ages 11-14, took deep breaths and impressed the adults around them with four-to five-minute speeches before three male and three female winners were selected by a panel of judges in the 12th annual Clarkston Optimist Club Oratorical Contest.

The contest was held at Clarkston High School

The students spoke on the topic of "My Commitment To The Future." The top boy and girl winners will have their names engraved on a traveling plaque and will move on to a regional competition to be held in Lake Orion in early April.

This year's first-place winners both came from Sashabaw Middle School. They are Maggie Ness, 14, for the girls and Jeffrey Driscoll, 13, for the

Second-place winners are Stacey Mercado, 13, from Sashabaw Middle School and Matthew Pruente, 11, from Clarkston Middle School. The thirdplace winners are Jade Jackson, 14, from Sashabaw Middle School and Michael Pruente, 14, from Clarkston Middle School.

■ This year's first-place winners both came, from Sashabaw Middle School. They are Maggie Ness, 14, for the girls and Jeffrey Driscoll, 13, for the

The students were required to speak on the commitment topic and were judged on a variety of aspects including presentation, poise, appearance and logic.

Winners of the Lake Orion contest will move to the district competition, where the top boy and girl winners will receive \$1,500 scholarships.

All contestants received a certificate of participation and the top three boys and top three girls were awarded medallions.

Also participating in the contest were: Marissa Combs, Lauren Trager and Angie Regiani from Clarkston Middle School; and Megan Garrett, Lauren Hunt, Caitlin McLean, Taryn Emerick, Kirsten Partyka, Lyndsay Wylie and Christine Witkowski from Sashabaw Middle

#### **POLICE NEWS**

The following incidents were reported to police and fire agencies in Springfield and Independence townships and the city of Clarkston Feb. 26-March 2.

#### **Springfield Police**

Home Invasion

On Feb. 24, jewelry was reported stolen from a residence on King Road.

On Feb. 26, a computer, cam-corder and printer were reported stolen from a residence on Big Lake Road: 🥢

Unexpected Death

On March 1, officers responded to a Gibbs Road home, where an 80-year-old man was found dead at the bottom of a staircase by family members. On Monday, a spokesperson for the Oakland County Medical Examiner's office said the medical examiner had ruled the death accidental.

#### Independence Police

#### Vandalism

On Feb. 28, landscape lights were reported damaged at a resi-dence on Little Walters Court.

Thefts

On Feb. 28, a compact disc changer was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Parview.

On Feb. 28, lottery tickets were reported stolen from a business on Ortonville Road.

Possession of Substances

On Feb. 27, an 18-year-old Holly man was found to be in possession of what was believed to be marijuana while at a site off Sashabaw Road.

On Feb. 27, persons on South Marshbank were found to be in possession of possible marijuana. They were cited with appearance tickets and released.

On Feb. 28, a 30-year-old man was found to be in possession of what was believed to be cocaine during a traffic stop on Maybee

Felonious Assault

On Feb. 27, a 9-year-old Waterford Township girl reported that she was verbally harassed by three teenagers driving past her while she was walking a dog along Meyers Road. She reported to police that they swerved near her with their vehicle, forcing her to flee into a ditch. The incident has been turned over to the detective bureau for investigation.

Indecent Exposure

On Feb. 26, a woman reported that a man who was naked exposed himself to her at a plaza on Dixie Highway.

#### Clarkston Police

On Feb. 27, officers responded to a residence on Surrey Lane twice after complaints of disturbing the peace were called in. There were no citations.

On Feb. 28, officers responded along with the Independence Township Fire Department to a chimney fire at a residence on North Main Street. There were no injuries.

#### Independence Fire

Between Feb. 26-March 2, firefighters responded to 13 incidents. Among them were eight medical runs and one building fire. The incidents included:

On Feb. 27, firefighters attended a patient having cardiac arrest at a residence on Cecelia Ann. On March 1, firefighters

assisted an 83-year-old woman who was having a possible stroke at a residence on Andersonville Road. She was transported by ambulance to William Beaumont Hospital in Royal



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# Additional senior housing sought Downtown from plage A1

A short supply of local senior housing coupled with expecta-tions that demand for the spe-cialized facilities will swell has prompted Independence Township trustees to prepare for their future developmen

it "The idea is that it is impor-tant that we have zoning regula-tions that properly reflect the ponditions occurring in our world. One of those conditions is that people are aging," said township planner Richard Carlisle, who will help trustees address senior housing projects through the township's zoning

requirements. Township trustees were slated Tuesday night to read through a proposed amendment to existing ezoning laws. However, the first reading of the text was post-goned until April 7, as requested by Independence Township Supervisor Dale Stuart, who could not attend Tuesday night's

in Many statistics indicate that inver one-third of the population will be over 65 (in the near future), and there has been a lot nof concern both on the part of the township and the nation that the Meed for elderly housing is not being met," Carlisle said.

ir Independence Township Senior Center coordinator Lan-

#### INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP

nette Amon couldn't agree more with that concern.

"There is a great need for senior housing," she said. "We need all we can get because there's nothing in existence and we're playing catch up in terms of other communities."

Currently, there are several adult foster care facilities in Clarkston. Plans to build an 20bed assisted living facility at Parview Drive near Dixie Highway in Independence Township are under way with a ground

breaking expected in April.

Amon not only has had to refer local seniors to facilities that are 10 or more miles away from the community, but also worries some local seniors will have nowhere to go.

In fact, one of Amon's recent clients came close to homelessness, she said.

The local senior didn't have the option of living with relatives and, because of income, could not afford to enter an elderly facility.

Although subsidized housing is available to low-income seniors, the wait for most applicants is a year or longer, Amon said.

This senior had nowhere to go," she said, recalling the heart-

breaking situation. "But, we were finally able — by an act of God — to get this lady into a fed-erally subsidized program in Rochester Hills."

The senior, however, was a longtime resident of the area and the move cost her proximity to friends, not to mention familiarity with her surroundings, she

"She was very happy to find a place to go. ...I know that she had concerns, but this was really a situation of basic survival. It's really kind of sad," Amon said. "I'm sure that when she left and we lost contact that those concerns set in.

Although Independence Township has not received "any hard-and-fast proposals" for senior housing developments, Carlisle said, amending the local ordinance will appropriately prepare the community for when developers do approach.

It's also a response to commu nity members' needs, he said. "We have a lot of young families moving in and one of the things that we've heard from these peo-ple is that they would like to have places for their elderly relatives to live that are close to

Similarly, Amon said she receives at least; 10 phone calls each week from local residents

seeking information about senior facilities in the area. Another benefit of addressing

elderly housing through zoning is that developers may consider the area for the use and be more attracted to the community, said Tina Abbate Marzolf, community/transportation planner at the Area Agency on Aging 1-B in Southfield.

Northern Oakland County, like other rural areas in the country, has not experienced the explosion in senior housing projects that urbanized areas have. Therefore, the number and selection of facilities for older adults is limited, she said.

"You don't see as much variety in the different types of facilities for seniors in rural areas," she said. "But I've talked to a few developers who are looking into (northern Oakland County)."

While developers had sought to build senior housing in com-munities with large populations and high traffic volume, competition has become so fierce that they are now targeting new mar-

And amending local zoning laws before a possible burst of development proposals hit the community also affords officials a measure of control, Marzolf

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ma Inc. and National Trust for Historic Preservation, will most likely recommend that the city of Clarkston contribute no more than \$5,000 for the project, he added.

The rest would have to be paid for by business owners and other

private entities, he said. Both firms, according Savage, would provide comprehensive planning services, which include both the creation of an action plan and help in developing a community vision statement

Buck Kopietz, owner of Tierra's Fine Jewelers in downtown Clarkston, said he also believes business interests should pick up most of the tab for the project However, his own support is con-tingent on local government involvement, he said.

"As a business person, I would-n't want to participate if (local) government wasn't going to par-ticipate. And for that reason, I would want to see them participating in the financial aspect," Kopietz said.

It's going to have to be an effort by business owners, landlords, the citizens and the gov-ernment," he said. "Each has a critical role to play."

HyettPalma's services have been estimated to cost about \$25,000. The cost of hiring National Trust for Historic Preservation has not yet been determined, but will be reported along with the subcommittee's recommendation on which firm to contract, Savage said.

Currently, the subcommittee is

also looking into the option of forning a downtown develop-ment authority in Clarkston and will report its findings on or before April 15, along with their recommendations for revitaliza-

Since city council members have some trepidation about entering into a long-term project without a commitment from business owners, the issue on both sides seems to be one of insuring that all parties are duly

"We can offer a unique shopping experience," Savage said of revitalizing the downtown area. But the city council must take an active role and have a stake in the process for it to be successful.

"It's, not just enough to preserve our historic architecture. We need to preserve a way of life and a way of doing business," Savage said.

"I don't mind spending the \$5,000," Gamble added. "But I also feel that you have to have some qualifications." Public support, he said, is as

ecessary as a commitment from Incal business owners.

"Some people say it's good. Some people say it's bad," he said. "There has to be some vehicle — whether it's a public meeting or survey — to determine how the community members feel."

But obtaining feedback from the community is integral to conducting a downtown study, according to Savage. "No one gets excluded," he said. In reality, this is part of the vision process starting up."

#### Clarkston boys say they were attacked

Four 17- and 18-year-old boys from Clarkston told Troy police they were "jumped" as they walked out of the basketball game Friday night in Troy after the Clarkston High Wolves defeated the Troy High Colts for the second time this season.

Police said the Clarkston youths came into the police station the next day to report the incident. They told police they were attacked by three persons they believe are Troy High students as they made their way to their cars parked in the school lot. The Clarkston youths said they did not provoke the attack and had to defend themselves.

Police are investigating the incident. -







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HI guys: Gov. John Engler (at left) has a friendly greeting for Oakland County Prosecutor Dave Gorcyca (center) and Michigan Sen, Spencer Abraham at last week's gathering of Republicans in Troy, The outing provides candidates with a chance to thank supporters while lining up volunteers for the November election. Around 650 people attended.

# Engler parties with party. faithful, lines up support

John Engler and L. Brooks Patterson, Spence and Candice Miller, pencer Abraham

A Who's-Who of state Republican leaders wined, dined and waxed political during Friday's Lincoln Dinner at Troy's San Marino Club.

The outing provides candidates with a chance to thank supporters while lining up vol-unteers for the November election. Around 650 people attend-

ed. Troy resident Dave Lambert said he's eager to back Engler for a third term as governor.

"I think he's doing a great job," Lambert said. "I think he's provided a lot of leadership and put the state on stable footing. I'm more concerned about what's going on nationally and interna-

Rochester Hills, resident Rochelle Heyniger, a candidate for the Oakland Community College Board of Trustees, also tout-

ed the governor.
"I have the utmost respect for John Engler," she said. "I don't



'I think he needs to tell how much he's accomplished during his reign of governor. I'm absolutely thrilled to be part of these changes.

Penny Crissman

who can handle the state as well as he can

Gena Helmstetter has already signed up as an Engler volun-teer. The Rochester Hills resident will serve as Oakland County Co-Chair for the governor's 1998 campaign.

"He did a great job with our taxes and he's doing a better job with the roads, considering what he inherited," said Helmstetter. "In my opinion, he's improving them little by little."

Secretary of State Candice Miller introduced Engler as 'America's Greatest Governor;' praising him for cutting taxes 24 times while reforming the state's welfare system.

"So while others were afraid, all of us, everyone in this room has stood by our governor," said

Engler himself praised Oakland County and its thriving

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### Foster parents sought

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The St. Vincent and Sarah Mile and Northwestern Highway

The sessions last two hours. Information regarding qualifica-tions and training will be provid-

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#### Teacher from page A1

You have to be extremely orga-

. With an eye for detail and a desire for challenge, Latozas said she applied for and obtained the K-12 math coordinator position in 1987. The next year, she pioneered the district's math support program with Clarkston elementary colleague Debbie Shotwell. As a result, the two elementary classroom teachers became roving math specialists who divided their instructional time among the district's then five elementary buildings. A math major during her undergraduate years at Michigan State University, Latozas said she was excited about the opportunity of specializing in math.

She liked the idea of reaching more students and helping gen-eral classroom educators discover more effective ways of teach-

ing the subject.
"At that time, we had reading support at all the buildings, but we had no math (support)," Latozas said, "Our scores weren't that great on the MEAP test and things were sort of rough at the middle schools. We thought, Well, if we boost up the elementary kids, that'll help out at the secondary level."

The program blossomed over the years. Today, each elemen-tary building houses a math support specialist as well as a math assistant who goes into class-rooms to work with students, the math coordinator said. And for the first time this year, Bailey Lake and Clarkston elementaries offer math study rooms similar to those at Clarkston High School. However, unlike the CHS study rooms, where students choose to go to be tutored, elementary math study rooms are teacher-directed. "Kids can come down at the end of the day for any help that the classroom teacher decides they need," Latozas said. That additional instruction period lasts about 45

Whether the elementary support plan is to reteach a math concept to small groups of students or to enrich those who are tearing through their times' tables, Latozas oversees it. She also teaches math demonstration classes throughout the district to help students and teachers tackle math concepts with different methods. "It's staff development on the spot," she said: It's a great program — and it's work-

minutes.

ing." What did she consider to be

her biggest current challenge?
Ironically, Latozas said, "Student numbers. We have kids who don't quite fit into special education, but who need extra help. Trying to reach all those kids can sometimes feel overwhelming."

However, the K-12 math coordinator said she felt Clarkston schools were moving in the right direction. "The math program in Clarkston is so much stronger than it's been in the past," Latozas said. "More kids are Latozas said. More kids are staying in math longer (at the high school) and more kids are taking higher-level classes. And if someone comes up with an (instructional), idea, it's encour-

She also said she has experienced the ultimate thrill of her profession many times over the years.. "It's so gratifying when that light bulb goes on in a child's head and he or she 'gets it," she said. "The Teacher of the Year' award was a great pat on the back, but that's truly the ultimate pat on the back."

Arrest from page A1

exposed himself to the girls in the parking lot of Clarkston Middle School off Church Street and then circled the block and repeated the act on Church Street near Buffalo Street.

"They had a couple of younger kids with them. They kind of shielded them and got a complete and accurate description of the vehicle and (license) plate," Ormiston said, Ormiston said the man was driving a red 1995 Pontiac Grand Am.

Ormiston released the names of the girls, 15-year-old Lindsay Russell and 14-year-old Leslie Bailey, and said they deserved "credit where credit is due" for protecting the younger children, whom they were baby-sitting, and getting a description of the suspect's car.

He said he hoped future young victims of similar incidents would use the girls as role mod-els and behave in a similar fashion; maintaining their composure and coming forth with information.

He also said, since the police are investigating the possibility of other unreported offenses, he urges area parents to talk with

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> Paul Ormiston Clarkston Police Chief

their children and come forward if they have information. "Look for signs," he said. "Ask your children if they've been subjected to this. There are other incidents."

In Independence Township, Oakland County Sheriff's Department Detective Tom Cavalier said police are investigation the possible involvement of the Independence man in other incidents in which two sisters were flashed on two different

On Feb. 10, a 16-year-old reported that a man exposed himself to her on Seneca Drive. Her sister reported being flashed on Feb. 23 at the intersection of Sashabaw and Maybee roads.



#### Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS of

NOTICE IS HEREBY CHAPTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD will hold a meeting on Thursday, March 19, 1998, beginning at 8:00 p.m. at the Springfield township Hall, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, Michigan, to hear the appeal of:

- Bruce Hynes, 13650 Neal Road, Davisburg, to permit the construction of an attached garage which would bring total accessory structure floor-area on site to 10,022 s.f. rather than the maximum permitted of 5,000 s.f. Currently, 8,289 s.f. of accessory floor area exists on site. P.1, #07-31-
- Dennis McClure, 3295 Watkins Lake Road, Waterford, to permit the Dennis McCutte, 3230 reposition of a deck with a front yard setback of 42 feet rather than the required 50 feet. A new home has been constructed on the subject lot at 9201 Davisburg Road, P.I. #07-14-226-027

- NEW BUSINESS:

   Brian Cox, 6384 Lahring, Linden, Michigan to permit the construction of a home with the following variances; 1) Install a septic system 50 feet from the ordinary high water mark of an adjacent pond rather that the required 100 foot minimum setback. 2) Construct a house 45 feet from water rather than the required 50 feet. Subject parcel is vacant lots 37, and 38 of Weine's Subdivision; P.I. # 07-28-353-014.
- Harding Leasing, Robert Harding, Jr. 4546 Clawson Tank Drive, Clarkston, Michigan, to allow the construction of an industrial building with a height of 36 feet rather than the maximum permitted height of 25 feet within a light industrial district. P.I. #07-36-401-002
- Bruce Hurren, 7360 Ormond Road, Davisburg, Michigan to allow variance from Sec. 16.01(3) b to allow demolition and reconstruction of more than 50% of the house at 206 Broadway, P.I. #07-17-202-005

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the maps and variance requests may be examined at the Springfield Township Clerk's Office, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, Michigan, during regular office hours Monday through Friday until the date of the meeting. Anyone needing a special accommodation at the meeting should contact the Township Clerk at two (2) business days in

NANCY STROLE, Clerk Charter Township of Springfield



#### Charter Township of Springfield

#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD **PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD will hold a PUBLIC HEARING at its regular meeting on Monday, March 16, 1998, beginning at 7.30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Hall, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, Michigan to consider the following:

Request from Saturn North Properties, L.L.C., 3118 E. Hill Rd., Grand-Blanc, MI 48439 to amend the approved Planned Unit Development (PUD) and automobile dealership site plan for the following described

13.82 acres located north of Dixie Highway and east of Lavon, near the northbound 1-75 exit to Dixie Highway P.I. #07-24-202-012.

The purpose of the requested amendment is to install a six foot high.

black PVC coated chain link fence across the northern parking lot and along the northern boundary lines of its property.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the application for the Planned NOTICE IS FORTHER GIVEN that the application which has been submitted may be examined at the Springfield Township Clerk's Office, P.O. Box 1038, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, MI 48350 during regular business hours. Written comments may be submitted to the Township Clerk up until the time of the Public Hearing. Anyone needing a special accommodation should contact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance. should com-of the Hearing.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk Charter Township of Springfield



#### Charter Township of Springfield

#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Commission will be The Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Commission will be holding a public hearing to receive comment on and discuss a proposed grant application through the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, the Land and Water Conservation Fund and Recreation Bond Grant for acquisition of land adjacent to the Shiawassee Basin Preserve Park.

Tuesday, March 10, 1998
7:00 P.M.
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Information on the proposed acquisition and grant request is available for review at the Park Office. The Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Commission welcomes comments from the public, Anyone unable to attend the hearing may submit written comments to Springfield Township Park & Recreation, 495 Broadway, P.O. Box 1038, Davisburg, MI 48350.

Anyone needing a special accommodation at the hearing should contact the Springfield Township Parks Office at least two (2) business days in

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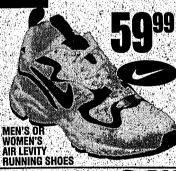
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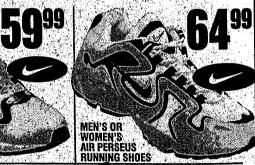






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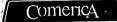
Building bird houses: Karen Blake of the nature center at Indian Springs Metro Park in Springfield Township instructs participants in how to build a bluebird box during a program Feb. 21.



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#### **OBITUARIES**

#### Richard A. Schulz

Richard A. Schulz of Clarkston, formerly of Waterford, died March 3, 1998, at age 53.

Mr. Schulz is survived by his wife, Sandy; daughters, Nichole (Keith) Richmond of Pigeon and Nanette of Clarkston; and son, Richard, also of Clarkston. He is also survived by his father, Reinhold Schulz of New Baltimore; mother- and father-in-law, Leona and Carl Breuhan of Clinton Township; two grandchildren and a sister, Carol (Richard) Mead of Caseville.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, 5929 S. Main, Clarkston, Visitation will be 5 - 9 p.m. Thursday, 3-5 and

7-9 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. until the time of service Saturday. The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 5005 McCandlish, Grand Blanc, MI

Memorials may be made to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church or the Kidney Foundation of Michigan, 2350 S. Huron Parkway, Ann Arbor MI 48104.

Edwin C. Barnhart Edwin C. Barnhart of Clarkston died March 2, 1998, at age

Mr. Barnhart retired from Pontiac Motors. He also served as Sunday school superintendent and lay minister at St. Trinity Lutheran Church, Clarkston.

He is survived by a daughter Jeanne; sons, Mary (Carol) and Daye (Gayle), all of Clarkston; two grandchildren, four greatgrandchildren and many brothers and sisters.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home in Clarkston.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Trinity Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw, Clarkston, with the Rev. Michael Klafehn officiating, Interment will be held at White Chapel Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Association for Retarded Citizens, 1641 W. Big Beaver, Troy

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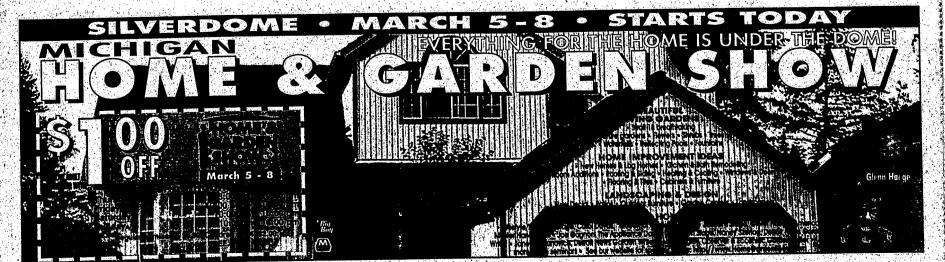
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## Party from page A5

business climate.
"My state of the county for Oakland County can be summed up in five words: As good as it gets," Engler said. "We stick together and we're going to win together everything in sight."

State Rep. Penny Crissman, R-Rochester, who also represents the Orion/Oxford area, said the governor deserves to boast a lit-

"I think he needs to tell how much he's accomplished during his reign of governor," she said. "I'm absolutely thrilled to be part of these changes."

Crissman remains coy about her future, as term limits will force her and state Rep. Greg Kaza, R-Troy, to step down after serving six years in Lansing at the state Legislature.

"I've always felt when one door closes," she said, "another opens somewhere else."



Friends: Oakland County Executive Brooks Patterson (at left) sat next to Gov. John Engler last week as state Republicans gathered in Troy.

# Austin Lounge Lizards to perform at OCC

You" entertainment series presents the Austin Lounge Lizards at 8 p.m. Friday, March 27, at the Highland Lakes Campus Student Center Arena.

Featuring life situations and political

seure set to a country beat, the talented quintet's latest release, "Employee of the Month" recently received rave reviews in People Magazine's Picks & Pans column. Tickets are \$10 for the general public, \$8, for students and senior citizens. Call (248)

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#### CORRECTION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD

A Notice for SECOND READING for the Springfield Township Board was published on February 26, 1998, to amend Article KVII & Environmental Performance Standards. The Notice contained a

Subsection 1; under Section 17.02 - Airborne Emissions, should liave read as follows:

Section 17.02 - Airborne Emission:

1. Smoke and Air Contaminants, It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to permit the emission of any smoke or air contaminant from any source whatsoever to a density greater than that permitted by Federal Clean Air Standards and those standards promulgated by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources according to Act 348 of 1965 as amended. There shall not be discharged from any source whatsoever such quantities of air contaminants or other material which cause injury, detriment or nuisance to the public or which endanger the comfort, repose, health, or safety of persons or which cause injury or damage to business or property.

A complete copy of the proposed amendment may be examined at the office of the Springfield Township Clerk, 650 Broadway. Davisburg, Michigan during regular business hours Monday through Friday. Anyone needing a special accommodation should contact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance.

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#### OAKLAND DIGEST

Oakland Digest provides a summary of headline stories from around the county during the week leading up to March 5...

BLOOMFIELD HILLS Institute additions nearing completion: A host of new exhibits will be featured at the newly expanded Cranbrook Hills, including Tides of Ice exhibit and Water Gallery, the

Institute of Science in Bloomfield Science Garden enclosing a natural amphitheater and hands-on activities. Two openings are scheduled; June 13-14 to debut the new wing and traveling exhibit, Robot Zoo and Oct. 10-11 to premier the new permanent exhibits. The entire project, including renovation of the old wing and exhibits, is expected to be completed by January 2000.

Clarkston eyes child care facilities: With the need for day care in the Clarkston area rising, child care operators are responding. Little People is currently being constructed on Cita-

CLARKSTON

tion Drive off M-15 across from the new fire station and should be opened by the end of April. Pee Wee Patch, which would be located on M-15 between Oakhill and Hadley, has conceptual approval from the Independence. Township Planning Commission Plans for the third facility, Rainbow Rascals, to be located in the new medical building at Dixie Highway and M-15, haven't received approval from the commission as of yet.

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

Theater complex to open: The new United Artists 14screen movie theater, featuring stadium-style seating and digital sound, is planned to open later this month. Located on the northwest corner of 14 Mile and Haggerty, the theater will open the evening of March 26 with a \$1 per movie, \$1 per concession fund raiser for Big Brother and Big Sisters of Metro Detroit. With a capacity of 2,367, seating will vary from 106 per unit to 416. Call (248) 960-5801 for show times and information.

LAKE ORION

Students win award: Orion Oaks Elementary fifth graders from Nick Colwell's class earned the school's top prize in the second annual Yahooligans Head Bone Derby scavenger hunt on the Internet. Students spent about two hours a week scouring the Internet in search of answers to questions about the U.S. Constitution. For their efforts, the school will receive an eight-title CD ROM library

OXFORD TOWNSHIP

New park plans surface: Oxford Township Parks and Recreation Commission is planning to ask the Michigan Land Trust Fund for a grant that will enable them to purchase roughly 300 acres of land north of Oakwood on Metamora Road to be set aside for a passive use, mostly as undeveloped park land. The earliest the township would approve the grant application would be July. Under the requirements of the grant process, the community would have to supply almost half of the

\$1.539 million total price for the land.

ROCHESTER

State funds walkway extension: The Michigan Department of Transportation awarded Rochester \$152,500 in a matching grant to extend the Paint Creek Walkway from University to Second Street. Construction is expected to begin in 1999.

SOUTHFIELD

Resident chooses assisted suicide: Roosevelt Bartran-Andrew Dawson died Feb. 26 after being injected with a poisonous substance. Dawson, an Embassy Towers resident and quadriplegic, was the second Southfield resident to seek Jack Keyorkian's help with assisted

TROY Jumpers raise money: Students at Hamilton Elementary in Troy spent a day jumping rope to raise money for the American Heart Association. The students participating in the annual Jump Rope for Heart marathon which promotes fitness and good nutrition, raised more than

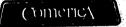
\$12,000. A "Princess Di" Beanie Baby raffle also helped raised funds for the nonprofit group.

WEST BLOOMFIELD

Schools charge for drivers ed: It will cost students \$100 01 take driver education in West 🕻 Bloomfield, under the pilot program adopted by the school board. The fee includes \$75 for 32 hours of instruction in June and July. A second segment of six hours of instruction will be offered at various times from November to March at a cost of \$25.

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Third Place—West Bloomfield-Lakes Eccentric, Lakes Café

Best Editorial Writing

First Place—Oxford Eccentric, Closed Doors

Second Place—Lake Orion Eccentric, Lake Orion Editorial

Best Column Writing

First Place—Clarkston Eccentric, Carolyn Walker

Second Place—Rochester Eccentric, Jay Grossman

Third Place—Birmingham Bloomfield Eccentric, Judith Doner Berne

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Best Coverage of Local Business & Economic News

Third Place—Birmingham-Bloomfield Eccentric

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First Place—West Bloomfield-Lakes Eccentric,

Not Quite Spring Training

Second Place—West Bloomfield-Lakes Eccentric, Riding the Wave

**Best Sports Section** 

Second Place - Livonia, Westland Observer

First Place—West Bloomfield-Lakes Eccentric, Watching

Second Place—Garden City Observer, Clinton Rally

Third Place—Rochester Eccentric, Ride Me Down Easy

Best Feature Photo Story or Series

First Place—Livonia Observer, Derek's Day

Third Place—Westland Observer, Festival

Third Place—Rochester Eccentric, Handful of Hope

Best Breaking News Story

First Place—Plymouth Observer, Fire Destroys Courthouse

Third Place—Birmingham-Bloomfield Eccentric, Bungled Robbery

Best Local Election Coverage

Third Place—Farmington Observer

Best Young People's Coverage

First Place—Plymouth and Livonia Observer, Life in the 6th Grade

Best Coverage of Local Education/School District

Second Place—Farmington Observer, Back to School series

Third Place—Southfield Eccentric, Professor who Survived Holocaust



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# **School site selection**

## Process was perfect — until the end

he Clarkston School Board, in selecting a site for its new elementary school, did a good job of keeping community leaders informed and involved during its decision-making process.

For example, the school board invited the Independence Township Board of Trustees to a meeting Feb. 23 at which it discussed its top two choices for a school site — M-15 between I-75 and Rattalee Lake Road, the site ultimately chosen; and the school district administration building on Clarkston Road near where the new high school is being built.

Since both of the sites are in Independence Township, the school board wanted input from the Independence Township Board. In the past, some members of that board have accused the school board of not communicating effectively with them about their construction plans, particularly with the new high school

Unfortunately, the school board appears to have not made the same conscious effort to involve the public in its site-selection process.

The joint meeting at which the two school sites were discussed was closed to the public and the press. The neighbors living across from the new school site did not know of the school board's intentions until a reporter seeking their reaction contacted them after the decision had already been made.

We recognize that the school board was under no legal obligation to open the meeting with Independence Township officials to the public. The school board acted within the law The neighbors living across from the new school site did not know of the school board's intentions until a reporter seeking their reaction contacted them after the decision had already been made.

when it considered the purchase of real estate in a closed meeting. If the school board had advertised which property it was considering, another bidder could have bid up the price.

We also realize that the school board involved the public early on in the decision process when it held hearings to establish criteria for selecting a school site. That was commendable — and the right thing to do:

And, we realize that the school board needed to whittle down the number of sites to a manageable few before involving the public again. Certainly, it would have been a monstrous task — and a waste of everyone's time — to publicly discuss every potential site, no matter how realistic.

However, when the school board narrowed its choices to two, it could have discussed the general locations of those sites — without specifying exactly which sites. — in a public meeting, where residents could have had input and warning. The school board, of course, wasn't required by law to discuss its final choices in a public meeting, but it would have been a first step toward building a trusting relationship with its new neighbors.

#### Who is your favorite author, and why?

This question was asked at the Independence Township Library

QUESTION:



Katherine
Neville, I think
that she has
really good character development.

Susan Aho Independence Township



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'Louis L'Amour. I've read all his books.'

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> Julie Meredith Independence youth librarian

# Governor cuts taxes, but increases fees



n an election year, we can expect a governor's budget to be as much a political document as a spending plan. The journalist, however, is under no obligation to make a case for or against incumbent Republican John M. Engler. So here are some random reflec-

TIM RICHARD

Engler may indeed beat Democrat Jim Blanchard's job creation record by year's end. Blanchard boasted 600,000 new jobs during his tenure (1983-90). Engler, after seven years, boasted 550,000, and his economic outlook predicts 51,000 more jobs during 1998. That would add up to 601,000 new jobs on his watch.

Headline on Engler's news release: "FY 99 Budget Reflects Twin Goals of Tax Relief and Spending Priorities." He now counts 25 tax cuts, including some that you won't see until 1999 and one you won't see until 2000 that hasn't been enacted yet. "Tax burden continues to tumble," says the text in Chapter

Meanwhile, the fine type in Chapter O gives us the other side of the coin. "Oil and gas regulatory fee increase. Wetlands permitting fee increase. Air quality fees — eliminate sunset. Court fee fund ... Diesel tax increase," the last with this footnote: "FY 98 initiative not yet enacted; passage built into budget assumptions for FY 99."

Sorry, there's no detail about how much new revenue he expects to collect from the fee hikes and diesel fuel tax hike. Just don't be fooled about the tax-cut talk when there are many, many fees that are still governmental

■ Big winner in Engler's budget, as many media have pointed out, is the Department of Corrections, up 4.2 percent to \$1,45 billion. Prison population is 42,000, and the governor expects to expand it by 5,420, or 13 percent, in just four years.

Engler's message concentrates on locking, 'em up and throwing away the key: "Now is no time to retreat. If you're serious about getting tough on violent criminals, then you'd better get serious about building the prisons to lock them away," said he.

His data: In 1989 we put away 51 percent of prisoners for violent felonies for an average of 7.2 years. Today, 60 percent are being commit-

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ted for crimes of violence, and the average sentence minimum sentence is 8.1 years.

Parole is harder to get. In 1991, under the civil service parole board system, inmates had a 54 percent chance of being released after their minimum sentence. Today, their chances have shrunk to 42 percent.

I looked in vain for any mention of English as a second language (Spanish-speaking inmates need this) or more job training (it's practically non-existent). Remember, most of these guys and gals will be back on the streets at some time, even if Engler wins a third term.

■ State elected officials had little to applaud. Engler's budget proposes 0.5 percent, for the executive office (his or his successor's), 0.5 for the Legislature and 0.4 for the judiciary. This is in an era where his economic forecasters see 2.3 percent inflation.

The judicial budget is particularly interesting. There are few line items. Engler is giving the judiciary a lump sum and letting the judges divvy it up. He's confident that the new local trial court system will result in efficiencies. The "user-friendly" system of creating a family division of circuit court, to replace the boundary-laden system of circuit and probate courts, is expected to save us money.

Overall, Engler's general fund is up 18.5 percent since fiscal 1992, the first one for which he was totally responsible, to \$8.77 billion.

■ Total state spending, which includes federal aid and non-discretionary funds like transportation and school aid, has soared more than 54 percent, from \$20.7 billion to \$32 billion. The transportation fund is fed by our new 4-cents-a-gallon fuel tax. The school fund is fed by our new by our increased 6 percent sales

Those tax cuts aren't all they seem, are they?

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#### LETTERS

#### **Optimists give thanks**

The Clarkston Optimist Club wishes to thank this year's judges for the 12th annual Oratorical Contest that was held at Clarkston High School on Feb. 25. The judges include Leah Harroun (Oxford Bank), Eileen McCarville (Clarkston News), Clair Needham (CHS English teacher), Greg Seaman (CHS staff and forensics coach), Dan Travis (Independence Township trustee), and Carolyn Walker (Eccentric Newspaper). Their job was difficult considering the talented speakers who took part. Without quality volunteer judges, the contest could never achieve success for the program.

For all of my fellow Optimist members who gave of their time and talents for this year's contest, my sincere thanks:

To Maggie Ness and Jeffrey Driscoll, the ... Optimist Club congratulates you on your winning the contest and wishes you well in the next level of competition.

> On behalf of the Optimist Club Jim Wenger Oratorical contest chairman

#### Middleton thanks task force

The first community meeting I was involved in regarding needed changes on M-15 was held at Brandon High School on Sept. 19, 1994. That meeting attracted hundreds of concerned residents and business owners in the Ortonville/Clarkston area and resulted in the forming of the M-15 Corridor Improvement Task Force. The task force has met regularly since that time, and continues to do so, hammering out solutions to our growing traffic problems on M-15. Recently, there

has been notable citizen involvement in the meetings; giving community residents the opportunity to voice their specific concerns and provide valuable input to the process.

I want to personally thank the members of the task force for their time and expertise in heading up this very challenging project. Although it seems like a long time since that initial meeting, there has been progress, and many significant improvements have been made to M-15. According to the Michigan Department of Transportation, there are several important projects planned for this sum-

A new traffic signal will be installed at, Glass/Road and M-15 by the end of summer (before school starts).

■ At M-15 and Deer Ridge, a center lane for left turns will be added in 1998. ■ At M-15 and Oakhill, a center lane for left

turns will also be added.

Intersection improvements will be made at M-15 and Seymour Lake Road.

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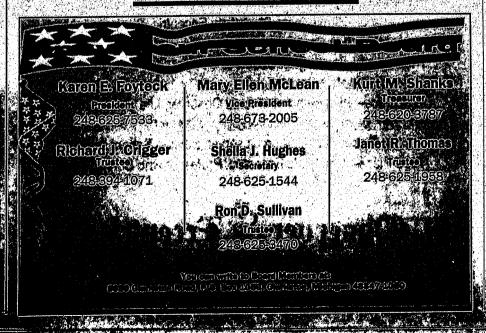
■ Relocation of the intersection at M-15 and Allen Road is scheduled, creating a right turn lane and passing lane.

Again, on behalf of the community, I want to thank the members of the task force and MDOT for their diligence as we continue to work together to create traffic solutions for this rapidly growing area.

> Tom Middleton State Representative

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#### POINTS OF VIEW

# I can't wait to start wearing summer clothes

ECCENTRICITIES

arch came in as a lamb, but will it go out like a lion? I don't mean to be a pessimist, but we always have a big blest of weather around St. Patty's Day.

This has been a very mild winter and in another week or so, spring will officially be here. But it really has been here for the last two or three

I can't wait to start wearing summer clothes.

February set a record for the least amount of snow since they started recording such statistics.

We've even seen the sun, which improves everyone's attitude: We can hear the birds singing when we get up in the morning.

The real estate industry is going

bonkers because people think it is spring. This is probably true for the used car industry. When the suncomes out, people buy.

Plants and buds on trees are poking their little heads out of the ground. Let's hope they know more about the weather than we do so they don't get frost bitten.

People are rollerblading instead of cross-country skiing, They are walking coatless downtown

Salads and lighter fare are replacing heavy dinners and things like chili.

The Dairy Queen on Dixie is open. This doesn't usually happen this early.

Schools should get out early this, year because they haven't had the usual closings due to the weather.

#### HANK HOGAN

The other side of the coin is that ski resort operators down here must be moaning. People who sell snow blowers can't be too happy.

What about the people who plow driveways? The average number of times our subdivision usually gets plowed in winter in the past has been E The real estate industry is going bonkers because people think it is spring. This is probably true for the used car industry. When the sun comes out, people buy.

10. We've only had ours plowed twice this year. Will the plowers who charge for the season give a refund?

You still see piles of logs outside of people's houses, which would normally be used up by now. Winter coats and boots rest in the closet.

At this time of year we usually see little fishing shanties out on Deer Lake, but last Saturday we saw fishermen in boats, not fishing through the ice. The people who normally go to Florida to find the sun in the winter didn't have to. Those who went didn't find the weather all that great this year.

Travel agents tell me that they are busy with summer travel plans earlier than usual.

The retail clothing industry will have to get rid of a lot of winter clothes. Their ads are now stressing spring and summer apparel.

Winter is almost over, Spring is a glorious time. When I was a kid I looked forward to snow and sledding and all the wonderful things you do in winter, but this has sure been a wonderful winter for adults.

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

# Society overemphasizes the appearance of women

hey are on television, in the movies and on the cover of magazines. Beautiful women dominate today's media, but they do more than turn heads. They set the standard of what women should look like. The women we see are tall, very thin, with silky hair and perfect skin. We don't see the average looking make-up artist who works magic behind the scenes. The problem with these "perfect" women is the damage they do to the self esteem of the female gender.

If 10 women are asked if they are satisfied with their bodies, only two of them will say yes. Most women complain about being fat at least once a day. Even though their significant others insist on their beauty, they still complain or wish they could erase the not-so-hot spots.

This happens to women of all ages but is dominant in teens. Being insecure through adolescence is normal. Being bombarded with the beautiful models and actresses who they think they are supposed to look like doesn't help the situation. Girls start reading magazines like Seventeen and YM at very young ages. Such magazines teach girls to do their hair better, buy newer makeup, and dress to look thinner. They teach girls at a young age that a good hair day is more important than being a good person.

With magazines such as these, teenage girls are losing sight of their self worth. Once low self esteem sets in, it takes a lot of work to get rid of it. A friend of mine said that if she couldn't curl her hair in the morning, she wouldn't go to school. She is a senior in high school and has been



#### KRISTIN FRENCH

this way since middle school. She cares more about being pretty than about her own feelings. It's sad to think over 80 percent of teenage girls think the same thing.

Society puts pressure on women to be thin and beautiful but never fails to preach that beauty is only skin A friend of mine said that if she couldn't curl her hair in the morning, she wouldn't go to school. She has been this way since middle school. She cares more about being pretty than about her own feelings.

deep, Everyone claims beauty comes from within, but how many people really believe that?

Not many women do, and they prove it every time they go to the store.

Buying makeup, hair styling products and wrinkle cream proves that you must look good to feel good.

The question is, do they look good according to their own standards or to

somebody else's?

Too many women view themselves by other's standards rather than their

They think about presenting themselves rather than feeling well, about looking nice rather than getting enough fleep, about what people will say rather than what they know to be true about themselves.

The point is not to look bad.
Every woman wants to look nice
and presentable, but mixed-up priorities rule in our society, and it's time
women rebel against the notion that
they have to be tall, thin and beautiful.

Kristin French is a student at Clarkston High School. Her column alternates with that of Clarkston Schools Superintendent AI Roberts.

# Keep testing those students

he debate over our schools keeps taking fascinating twists and turns. Released last week, the results from the most comprehensive and rigorous international comparison of performance in science and math revealed that American high school seniors score among the industrial world's worst., "This study has burst another myth," said Michigan State's William H. Schmidt, who coordinated the American part of the study. "Our best students and mathematics and science are simply not world class."

In January, the Detroit Free Press published an enormous series on the MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program) tests that have become the main basis for comparing student achievement between schools. Relying on complex regression analysis, the Free Press concluded that simply comparing numerical scores between districts was inherently unfair because other factors — the number of single parent households, unemployment, students eligible for free lunch and school per pupil revenue — had a big effect on the results.

Quite possibly in response, The Detroit News last month ran its own analysis of MEAP test results, poncentrating on per pupil spending, hiring more teachers and raising teachers' salaries. The News concluded that the relationship was "minimal," observing that school scoring "in the top half statewide on MEAP exams and HSPTs differed little from schools that scored in the lower half."

So a House Education subcommittee now holding hearings on the MEAP test has a lot to think about.

First question: Is the test as now designed a useful indicator of how our kids are doing in a school?

Not entirely, says Earnest Bauer, a consultant for Oakland Schools, the countywide intermediate service agency. There appears to be a disconnect between the scores kids actually get on the MEAP and the scores required to get a "broficient" ranking.

"The latest fourth grade reading results showed that just under 50 percent of the students were 'satisfactory'." Bauer told the sub-dommittee. "Most educators and parents are amezed that the most common score in the state for those same fourth grade students on the narrative reading test is 19 out of 20 possible."

Second question: Can the tests be improved?

When the Legislature passed laws last year on the MEAP, it agreed on a bunch of bipartisan improvements. Time to take the test, for example, was cut from 505 to 370 minutes in 1998. The hated labels of results — "proficient,", "novice" and "not yet novice" — will be scrapped. New labels, to be set by the State Board of Education next month, will appear on transcripts.



not diplomas.

Fine tuning is required. That's why the Legislature keeps holding hearings on testing.

PHILIP POWER

Third question: Other than the State Board of Education, a few in the Legislature, many school people who administer and are evaluated by test results, does anybody care?

Despite concerns about form and content, test results are turning out to be pretty good indicators of how well students perform in their freshman year at college, according Bauer.

Art Ellis, state superintendent of public instruction, told the State Board last year that it will take up to five years for employers and college admissions officers to ask consistently to see MEAP scores on student transcripts. That sounds about right, given how slowly employers and colleges react to change:

The main point, however, is that students are for the first time being tested to measure what they learn in school. The tests are not perfect, but they are being improved. They are setting a de facto standard of achievement that eventually will be adopted by employers and higher education institutions.

This is the way we will improve our education system. Not by a silver bullet, but row by row, classroom by classroom, school by school.

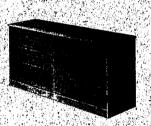
Liberals can grumble that there are lots of factors other than school effectiveness that affect MEAP scores. Conservatives can complain there doesn't seem to be much correlation between the amount spent on schools and what kids learn. Educators can pick holes at any test design.

But at the end of the day, the idea of testing kids to see what they are learning is an idea whose time has come and is becoming solidly entrenched in the realities of our schools.

That is the good news coming out of the debate over schooling in Michigan.

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# **Universities** want "more state money

Students attending state universities could be faced with a larger than normal tuition increase, if the Legislature doesn't provide more aid than pro-posed by Governor John Engler.

After several years of hefty uition increases, Engler pro-posed a flat, across the board. hike of 1,5 percent from the curent \$1.44 billion to \$1.46 billion for fiscal year, 1999, But univer-pity presidents testifying Monlay in front of the Senate Appro-priations Subcommittee on Higher Education at Oakland Univerity said that amount is not

The governor's budget is now up for approval by the Senate and House of Representatives.

OU, President Gary Russi said the university is one of 15 public Stuition and fees because of rising costs of technology and maintenance. However, none of them announced tuition increases for the fall semester.

"Oakland University is the second fastest growing public imiversity in Michigan, "Russi said. "While we are pleased that the university has become more attractive, competitive and accessible, we are concerned that any budget recommendation that does not include a reasonably funded per student floor puts growing universities ar their students at a distinct di advantage.

Between 1990 and 1997, OU's student population has grown from 12,400 to 14,379. Russi estimates 15,000 will attend the university by the year 2000. OU recently added a food court, Science and Engineering Building and computer lab upgrades and expansion.

Russi suggested raising the existing floor of state aid per stu-dent, allowing every university Russi, along with the presi-

## Tax cut proposal lauded

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson's proposal to cut the county tax rate sits well with Commissioner Sue Douglas.

"Tax decreases are always a positive thing to strive for," said Douglas, R-Rochester. "When we're able to propose a decrease in taxes instead of an increase, you know something is going right. I think this county is, as always, moving in the right direction."

Proposing a tax cut and providing other measures to help communities finance bonds to help fix the Twelve Towns Drain, a network of old pipes and underground retention tanks that service 14 southeastern Oakland County communities, was one of the items pinpointed in Patterson's State of the County address last Thurs day. Patterson's combined tax cut/drain plan would cut the tax rate from 4.35 mills to 4.19 mills and would save the owner of a \$200,000 home about \$32 a year.

Lawrence Obrecht, R-Lake Orion, said the county tax decrease would still allow local governments, which are effected by the drain, to assess residents to fix the drain.

"With this proposal, it seems like a win-win situation," Obrecht said, "The communities that use the drain can seek extra assistance from their own resi-

Servicing about 400,000 residents, the 40-year-old drain is faced with \$140 million in repairs ordered by the state. The current system overflows during rain storms, floods basements and sends sewage into Lake St.

Clair and surrounding streams. While Commissioner Frank Millard, Jr., R-Clarkston, supports Patterson's tax proposal, he said the "Automation Alley" concept is a good tool to boost the county's private sector into the national spotlight.

Automation Alley is a consoli-dation of about 120 high-tech companies along I-75 and I-696 highways in Oakland County. "I think Automation Alley is a

good vision for the county because it is promoting the gen-eral business," Millard said. "I'm very excited to carry out Brooks' plans for the county."

Wayne State and Michigan Tech expressed their budget concerns . Maple Birmingha at the hearing. They also presented growing trends and

expansion projects.
WSU President Irving Reid said 53 percent of the university's students are part time and 98 percent of those students Over 7,000 students attend the Farmington Hills and Detroit campuses.

"We think it is important to

offer affordability to our students," Reid said. "Fortunately, we have been able to show restraint in tuition since 1983."

Reid also said the state and federal cuts would effect the WSU medical school, which was ranked 25th nationally this year, by the National Science Foundaby the National Science Founda-

Sen. John Schwarz, subcommittee chair, said even if state funding is increased, the raise wouldn't go into effect until next

The Appropriations subcom-mittee will meet again at 10 a.m. Friday, March 6, in Albion Col. ABIW (lower level). Speaker is legge Baldwin Hall, Albion, The Association of Independent Col. Southeast on the topic of how legges is scheduled for 10 april 10 OAKLAND JOURNAL

BUICK CLUB SWAP MEET

The Southeastern Michigan, Buick Club's 17th annual swap meet and flea market from 8.

a.mato 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15,
at Jim Fresard Buick-Pontiac,
460 N. Main in Royal Oak. Admission is \$3. For more infor-mation, call (248) 649-2396 or Gary at (248) 477-2565.

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Family support meeting — south of the Alliance for the Mentally Ill'meets at 7 p.m. March 16 at the Community Mental Health Building, 15920 West 12 Mile Road, Southfield, for relatives of those who suffer from mental illness. AMI general meeting is at 7:30 p.m. March 19 at Beaumont Hospital, 3601 West 13 Mile Road, Royal Oak, in the adminis-

tration building, classroom ABIW (lower level). Speaker is Tim Thornton of Hope Network Sontheast on the topic of how

e Series at OCC's sion, an after clow and book sign-ing follow in the lobby of the campus' Lila Jones-Johnson The ater, 739 S. Washington Avenue at the corner of Lincoln. Admis-

sionals free CRAFTERS NEEDED

Oakland Community College's Highland Lakes Campus, 7350 Cooley Lake Road in Waterford, is inviting crafters to participate in the Twigs & Sprigs Country Craft Show scheduled from 10. a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 28.

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 1086.

presents it's 1998 Quilt Celebra-tion. A quilt exhibit and contest will be heldfrom 10 a.m.:to 5 p.m. on Friday, April 17 at Lutheran High School Northwest, located on Livernois, south of M-59. A merchants mall, refreshments, workshops ectures will also be fea tured. Admission is \$5.

HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS

Heartland Hospice in Southfield is looking for volunteers to pr vide 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 management and understanding the disease process, To learn more or volunteer for this rewarding experience, call Volunteer Coor dinator Kim Davids at (248) 948-1019.

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tural Programs is offering \$1,000 in scholarships to students wish ing to live an study abroad for all year, semester or summer departing in 1998 Scholarship awards are based on merit and financial need. Candidates must have at least a 28 GPA, be between 15 and 18 years of age. and be curious about the world around them. For more informa-tion and a catalog, call Ann Steglich at (248) 540-0144 or 1-800-AFS-INFO.

OCC CALLS WRITERS

Entries are now being accepted for Oakland County Community College's Second Annual Writers at Work Census. Authors of poetry and fiction are invited to submit un published pieces on any subject. Winners in each genre will receive a \$50 prize and an invitation to appear on the "Art in the Air" radio show heafd locally on WPON. Works must be typewritten and accompanied by the writer's name, address and phone number. A fee of \$5 per story will be charged per story of 500 words or less, or for three poems. Manuscripts cannot be returned. Entries be mailed to: Conne Hollander, OCC Highland Lakes Campus, 73450 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford 48327/ Entries must be postmarked by April 15. Win ners will be announced in May.

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#### New Olympic event proposed: Potato pitch

he continuing adventures in the ongoing saga of our heroine, Installment Eight.

#### I Am Stewed

I didn't get as much time as I would have liked last month to watch the Winter Olympics on tele-

I I removed the hot dish of potatoes, turned towards the table, took a few steps and suddenly tossed the potatoes in the general direction of my family.

vision. Nevertheless, what I did see of the exciting series of games sort of inspired me, you might say.

It set me to thinking about possibilities even for myselfi In my off hours (and

hours (and they are few), I conceived an idea that I think could work for count-

less female and male competitors when the Summer Olympics roll a around again.

It may be that this event would work for the couch potato in all of us. But I digress:

I call my idea the "vegetable pitch" (not to be confused with the

Please see SPUD PITCH, A14

# Pheasants get them all aflutter

An Oakland County chapter of Pheasants Forever, a group dedicated to preserving natural habitats for game, will hold a fund-raiser in Clarkston March 21.



As is true with that of so many animals, pheasant populations are suffering at the hands of an upwardly mobile and ever-aggres-

and ever-aggressive society. Once seen frequently in the fields and farmlands that dot Michigan, taking to the skies with raucous flapping to offset any predators, pheasants have begun to dwindle in the state as development progresses, according to Lois Helzer, president of Oakland County chapter No. 183 of Pheasants Forever.

The chapter will hold its ninth annual fund-raising banquet on March 21 at Deer Lake Racquet Club in Clarkston and proceeds will be used to enhance pheasant habitats with seed plantings.

"They promote habitat. They promote education. They promote youth hunting," said Helzer of the conservation organization, which has 33 chapters in Michigan.

ters in Michigan.

Neither pro- nor anti-hunting, Pheasants Forever is an organization devoted to maintaining natural environments for pheasants and other animals and to educate children about the land and its many treasures.

They accomplish the latter feat by sending local educators to the Leopold Training Workshop, a seminar that outfits educators with ways to incorporate conservation values in classrooms; and by sending children to a camp near Alpena sponsored by the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, where children are introduced to canoeing, archery, swimming and bird watching.

And they accomplish the former feat by providing thousands of dollars worth of seeds and planting them at various recreation facilities for food and shelter.

The beneficiaries of the Oakland chapter's seedings include Heather Highlands Golf Course, Pontiac Recreation Area and Highland Recreation

"All the stuff we raise are not only good for pheasants, they're good for deer and any type of bird. It's places for rabbits, It's places for squirrels. It does a lot for all animals," Helzer said.

"Every time a subdivision goes in there are not enough places for the animals to go. We're there to put the pheasants back, but we also like to the them."

Helzer said she and her husband, Jack, raise and release pheasants on their 13-acre homestead in White Lake Township.

"I just think they're the greatest birds. We raise them and turn them loose. We've been trying to reintroduce them in our area," she said.

Despite the fact that they love to raise pheasants, the couple also appreciate hunting, as do many members of Pheasants Forever.

And they see no contradiction between the two activities. Balance is the key, Helzer believes.

"There has to be some kind of land management," Helzer said. "And one method of land management is hunting." She estimated that 80-90 percent of the Pheasants Forever's membership are hunters. "We would like to see our children and grandchildren be able to hunt if they want to."

Helzer, who enjoys the out-of-doors with her husband, but who is not a hunter like he is, said she became interested in Pheasants Forever after being invited to one of the organization's banquets about 10 years ago.

"I like what they stood for," she said of the dish that they stood for," she said

"I like what they stood for," she said of the club that was founded in the 1980s. "I really think it's a wonderful organization. I think it does a lot to help a lot of people and animals. It brings together a lot of people of different beliefs: gun people, dog people, people who don't hunt. And they work together well."

A part-time bus driver for the Holly

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Pheasant lady: Lois Helzer is president of Oakland County chapter No. 183 of Pheasants Forever. The group plans a fundraiser

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HURSDAY; MARCH 5 OK DISCUSSION GROUP

≥ 1d a.m., Independence waship Library, Heritage om. Informal discussion of eresting fiction and nonfiction by Catherine Lobb. Book for arch is Personal History by Kätharine Graham. Evervone is welcome. No registration needed. The library is at 6495 Clarkston Road. (east of Main St.) in Clarkston, Call 625-2212 for more information.

WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP 7 p.m. Topic: Expressing Feelings. Facilitator: Christine Spencer, M.A., L.P.C., Director of Bereavement Services at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home. Objective: To discuss feelings openly, please bring a picture of your loved one to share. Walk-In, no registration. Free of charge. For men and women of 4 all ages recently widowed, Refreshments served, All area residents welcome. Any ques-tions or if anyone would like to be on our mailing list, call Lewis

E. Wint & Son Funeral Home (810) 625-5231. Meeting is held at The Independence Township Senior Center located in Clintonwood Park on Clarkston Road in Clarkston.

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 6 MOVIE & PIZZA NIGHT

6:30-9 p.m. Activity for people with physical or mental limitations. Held at Independence Township Senior Citizen Center, wood Park: Ages 12 & up, Cost: \$4 per person resident, \$5 per person non resident. Call 625-8231.

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ACT OF IMAGINATION

7:30 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays Clarkston Village Players present Act of Imagination by Bernard Slade in association with Samuelt Fench, Inc. A very successful mystery writer has turned out a very sight and very skillerous very, vivid and very adulterous romance. His wife, son and his woman editor all maryel at the truthfulness of the work, espe-cially since it is inconceivable that he has ever had an affair. Enter the other woman-intent on blackmail with an airtight story. When she disappears, the evidence points to the writer. A conspiracy plot develops as this whodunit unfolds. Theater is located at 4861 White Lake Road in Clarkston. Call (248) 625-8811 for ticket information.

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 7 MAKING MAPLE SYRUP

1:30 - 3 p.m. Independence Oaks Nature Center. One of the first signs of spring is smoke from making maple products. Maple trees run sap in early spring to feed new leaves and flowers. The extra sap is boiled down to produce maple syrup. Enjoy a hike, sample "sugar bush" products and learn how nature's maple magic really works. Cost: \$2 per

person, Reservations required. Call (248) 625-6478.

#### **MONDAY, MARCH 9** SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION MEETING

6:30 p.m. Oakland Soil and Water Conservation District's annual meeting will take place at the Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road, Clarkston, Two members will be elected to the Board of Directors: Larry Elliott, Anchor/Reporter for WJRT ABC 12 in Flint, will present a program on Great Lakes Shipwrecks, including the Edmund Eitzgerald. For further information or reservations, call (248) 673-4496

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH

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Program designed to assist lower income individuals with much needed surplus food purchased by the state. Seniors, 60 years and older, qualify for this program if their monthly income is below \$1,032/single or \$1,381/double. For additional information or to enroll in the program call 625-8231.

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1 - 2:30 p.m. Celebrate St. Patrick's Day by visiting Ireland with Rick Steves, Visit Western Ireland, Dublin and Belfast. Then trace the history of The Irish in America, the Irish who fought in the American Revolution, the "paddies" who built industrial American, and how the Great Potato Famine of the 1840s forever changed Irish and American history. Independence Township Library, Youth Activities Room, 6495 Clarkston Road. ree. Refreshments provided. Registration not required.

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 13 SENIOR PICTURE ID

10 a.m. - noon. Smile for the camera as the photographer from Oakland Livingston 🦿 Human Services Agency makes a stop at the Independence Township Senior Center located in Clintonwood Park at 5980 Clarkston Road in Clarkston.

game of squash) and I probably, if I had my druthers, would make it a field event on a par with the jayelin or discus throws — even though this field event would require the pres-ence of walls, and not so much running or spin-

Spud pitch from page A13

ning space for the athlete. I guess it would have to be held in a field house.

Anyway .

This whole notion of mine evolved out of an episode that happened in our dining room one recent Sunday evening, and it even has a theme that goes like this: "If life throws you spuds, make mashed potatoes."

This will all make sense to you soon, but first you must envision the scenario:

The two youngest children were seated across from one another and The Perfectionist was at an angle to them, considering a variety of steaming delicacies that I had placed on the table. They were poised for action. (The family members, not the delicacies, that is.)

Suddenly, I remembered with the sound of a "ding, ding, ding" that I had six little red potatoes reheating in the microwave oven, leftover from the day before.

With the well-practiced grace of a gazelleturned-athlete, I began my approach.

Opening the microwave door, I removed the hot dish of potatoes, turned towards the table (a sporting 2.5-degree of difficulty when undertaken with a half-twist), took a few steps and — for reasons that still aren't clear to me - suddenly tossed the potatoes in the general direction of my family

Since there were six potatoes, they naturally went in six different directions. North; south; east, west, heavenward and . . , well, you get the

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The bowl followed the sixth potato downward with a resounding, almost deafening CLANG! that alerted The Perfectionist to the fact that something was happening that would require the attention of a judge. And all but one potato lost its skin, .

I thought about doing the same, since by this point. The Perfectionist had quit considering the

#### And all but one potato lost its skin.

tableload of delicacies and was, instead, concentrating on me.

Somehow, he did not blaspheme.

Nor did I.

What I said was, "Oops!" — to the apprecia- 🛴 tive laughter of my child audience, who were happy to see this half-baked side of mom. And I - a turned around and went back into the kitchen to find one of those great big spoons that I save for just such occasions.

I scooped a little here. And I plucked a little there (most of the plucking took place over my new throw rug). And I let my mind race back through time, to approximately 15 years ago, when my sister threw a bowl of mashed butternut squash across her dining room.

Even to this day, she has maintained her form. She can, at a second's notice, recall the event and recreate for the attentive, imaginative : viewer the languid, effortless body motions that she put into her pitch.

Her arm goes back. Her hand, filled with an imaginary bowl, aims toward the ceiling. Her face twists all askew. And her right leg bends

awkwardly before her. Suddenly, the foot slips. Then comes the toss:

The imagined bowl of squash goes aloft about, seven feet, arcing, arcing its way over the table, over the hungry masses. It comes down, just as ... she had hoped it would, against the far wall. It adheres briefly and then slides, leaving a trail of. squash behind it.

Point

This award-winning toss went unchallenged, unappreciated, all but unheard of until I undertook to let fly my potatoes.

You know, don't you, that all great athletes got their starts this way. And so did all great thinkers. The medal winners in life simply put their prowess where they wished their mouths had been.

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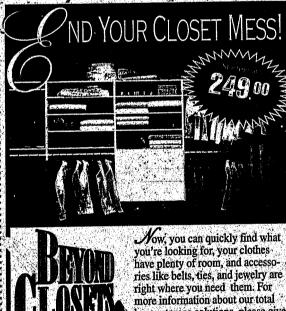
school system and a part-time travel agent, Helzer, 60, is also a member of Michigan United Conservation Clubs, Oakland County Sportsmen's Club, Friends of Pontiac Lake and Big. Bucks. She welcomes calls about Pheasants Forever and may be called for information about

fundraiser tickets. Her number is (248) 889-1217. Members of the public are wel-

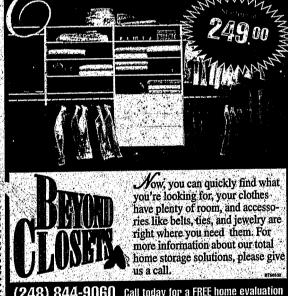
come to attend the banquet, which will feature a silent auction, live auction, raffles and door prizes. Tickets are \$80 per couple and that price includes a White La \$20 membership in the National Highway.

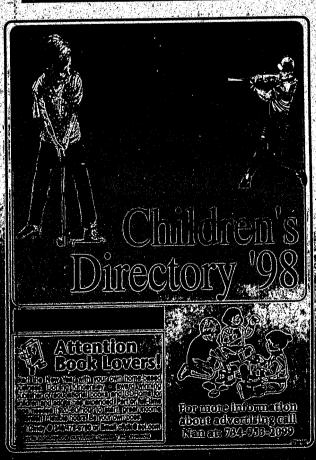
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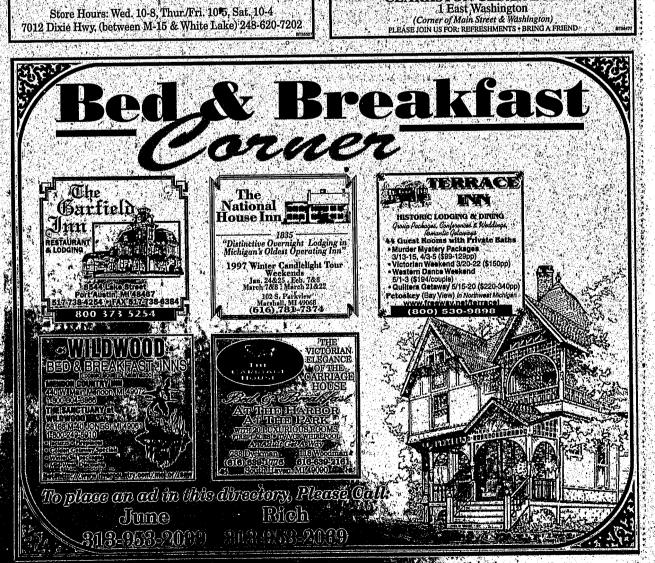
All the money that is raised at the fundraiser will stay in the Oakland County chapter and will be used to augment pheasant habitats, Helzer said. Deer Lake Racquet Club is located on White Lake Road near Dixie the state of the state of



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#### People's real-life stories tell more than statistics

The first two months of 1998 have proved to be especially busy for the Clarkston branch of Lighthouse Emergency Services During this time, we have assisted 1,017 people with food, 1,830 with clothing and household items, 13 with prescription medications, and 26 families with utility shut-off notices. We have also partnered with other area agencies to prevent 32 families

from becoming homeless. Lighthouse is very fortunate to be in a position to provide these services to low-income families and seniors because of the donations of many individuals and businesses in northern Oakland County. Statistics, however, are never a substitute for the real life stories of people in need. The following situations are representative of a typical day at

Sherry, a single mother of two young boys, was struggling in an abusive relationship. This past November, she rallied the strength and courage to escape with her children to a shelter with little more than the clothes on their backs. After moving her young family from place to place, Sherry turned to the Clarkston branch for help with permanent housing. By networking with

other agencies and churches, Lighthouse pulled together enough funds to enable Sherry to

ority," said president Marc Cooper.

move into an apartment and make a fresh start. Sherry was given essentials such as towels, bedding, clothing and dishes to set up housekeeping, all items that were donated to our clothing closet. In the midst of this turmoil, Sherry's youngest child was approaching his birthday with no party or celebration planned. Because children are often the silent victims of domestic violence, Lighthouse was determined that his birthday would not be forgotten. 'A birthday bag filled with cake mix, frosting and candles, balloons, toys, wrapping paper and bows turned a child's forgotten day into a joyful celebration.

Recently, four Clarkston fami-lies became homeless after a fire. Lighthouse was able to immediately assist these families with food, clothing and temporary shelter. One victim, a student at a local middle school, came to Lighthouse the following day wearing the only clothes she owned since surviving the fire. Volunteers working in the clothing closet were able to provide her with new clothes and a win-ter coat. Without community support, Lighthouse could not be there when emergencies occur. Want to help out? Treat someone special to a night of mystery and intrigue and help us to raise funds! Join us for a benefit per-



formance by the Clarkston Village Players of "An Act of the Imagination," a British mystery about a writer who got caught up in his own work. The event will be held on Wednesday, March 11. The night begins at 6 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres served with a British flair at the new 221B Baker Street restaurant.

Enjoy Stilton cheese, English finger sandwiches, Celtic chicken and leek pasties, Boar of Sher-wood skewers, Rich Henry stuffed mushrooms and sweet treats. Then, lights, action! The curtain goes up at 8 p.m. at the

Tickets can be purchased for

\$30 per person. reserve your tickets for the British mystery evening, please call Lighthouse at (248) 673-

Your donations allow us to continue helping others, whether it's to recover from a fire or to help a troubled family start over.

This column is shared by local community groups. Up next week: Clarkston Community Task Force for Youth.

#### Chamber gives \$5,000 to all-night senior party

The Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce is once again donating \$5,000 to the Clarkston High

School Senior All Night Party. The chamber raised most of the \$5,000 during

its business expo in November. The chamber believes that providing a safe and fun celebration for graduating seniors is a high pri-

"The All Night Party is always a quality event, attended by over 90 percent of graduating seniors. This kind of successful event can only happen through community support."

"When so many of our members give additional donations, services and support for this event, it is a natural fit for the chamber to step forward," said Don Brose, committee chairman.

The Senior All Night Party will be held at Deer Lake Athletic Club, which donates its facilities for the event. Deer Lake is a member of the chamber.

"It was the interest and support of chamber members like Deer Lake ... that encouraged the chamber of commerce to accept the challenge of being a corporate sponsor at the \$5,000 level," said Penny Shanks, administrative assistant for the

Cooper noted that chamber members are the professionals and businesses who care about making the Clarkston community better.

"We hope that the graduating seniors and their families remember that and, in turn, support the members of the chamber when they need products and services," Cooper said.

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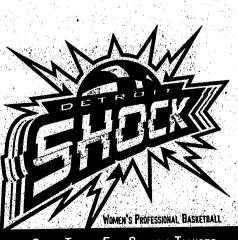




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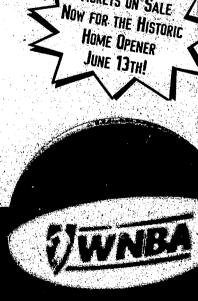
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# **World prayer day celebrated**

When Lisa Ahijeyych of Southfield was plunked in the middle of an Australian rainforest to study cultural ecology, her thoughts quickly drifted to Church celebrations she used to enjoy with her mother at home. "The first person she saw was

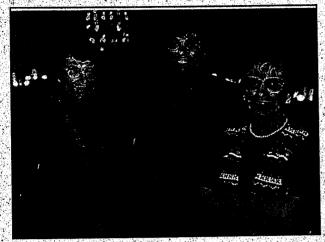
a woman putting up a poster for the World Day of Prayer," said Karen Ahijevych, the Cornell University student's mother, "It was the same poster we have hanging up in our church adver-

On Friday, March 6, the Oak-land County mother and daughter will offer their prayers from across the globe as they celebrate the Church Women United. event in cooperation with mil-lions of Christian women from 170 countries.

The local observance of the Birmingham unit begins at 10 a.m. with coffee and conversa-Tion at the First Baptist Church, 300 Willits, in Birmingham. The one-hour service follows at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. It was written by the Christian women of Madagascar based on the theme, "Who is my Neighbor?"

"It's an anointing with oil service and as we do it, we speak to each other saying, You are my neighbor," said event coordinator Barbara Diederich of Franklin, a member of the host church. "A lot of the prayers are for health and against the violence of women and children around the world, which is one of the goals of Church Women

Ahijevych is one of eight Oak-land County women leading the 111th annual service, which features songs, and proverbs from the tropical island country in the Indian Ocean. The guest speaker is Hazel Boltwood of Southfield, director of Detroit American Baptist Churches. The soloist is Carol Olsen of Birmingham. Boltwood and Olsen are members of the host church. The event is expected to draw 100



Prayers: Luanne Fisher, Karen Ahijevych and Barbara Diederich of the First Baptist Church of Birmingham will join millions of Christian women from 170 countries in the World Day of Prayer.

local women. "I love it because of the ecumenism," said Diederich, a CWU member for 25 years, "Everyone comes from a different background. They practice their Christianity in different ways, but we're basically all the same

in our hopes and desires." Church Women United is an international movement of diverse Christian women who have been joining together to express their spirituality for

more than a century.
Organized in 1937, the Birmingham unit now includes 26 congregations in Bloomfield Hills, Farmington Hills, Franklin, Pontiac, Royal Oak, Southfield, Troy, Waterford and West Bloomfield.

The organization's three annual global events are held in a different Oakland County church each time

World Day of Prayer originated in 1887 as a day to reflect on "confession of individual and national sins with offerings that fitly express the contrition." Members are encouraged to

make the event a time of "informed prayer and prayerful action." A portion of the day's free will offering will be used for grant projects in Madagascar. A member of Beautiful Savior

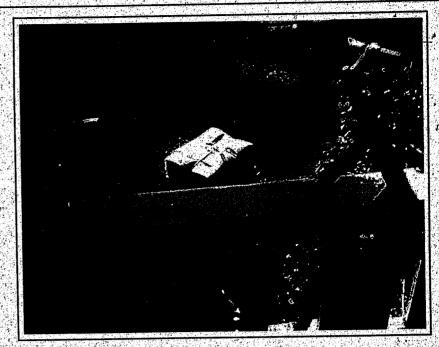
Lutheran Church in Bloomfield Hills, Ahijevych joined the CWU-Birmingham unit 10 years ago and often brought her daughter

along to share the experience.
"I was impressed with the women I met," said Ahijevych, who currently serves as the group's treasurer. "I think it's a wonderful organization. There's

always something to learn."

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# Unbeaten Grant, DeGain lead 5 to state



■ Clarkston didn't waste any time stewing over its team regional loss to Rochester Adams, taking 10 wrestlers to the individual regional at Clio and getting half of them through to the state meet March 13-14 in Battle Creek.

t didn't take long for Clarkston's wrestling team to get over the sting of a team regional loss to Rochester

Three days after falling to the High-landers in the regional semifinal, the Wolves took 10 wrestlers to Saturday's individual regional at Clio High School and advanced half of them through to the March 13-14 state meet in Battle Creek.

Clarkston had two individual champi- unbeaten junior A.J. Grant and sophomore Pat DeGain — to go with one silver medalist, a bronze and one fourth-

Grant and/DeGain both swept through the tournament, but took different paths to their respective titles. Grant had a relatively easy day, which included a win, over a teammate

He started the tournament by pinning Ryan Anderson of Alpena in 1:30, then stuck teammate Brian Chism in 2:43 of their semifinal match.

Chism had reached the semifinal by pinning Antonio Brown of Flint Northern

Grant then handed Jim Borowski of Romeo a 16-4 major decision in the 112-

DeGain's day was decidedly tougher, though it didn't start out that way. DeGain slapped an 18-3 technical fall on Brent Pirochta of Owosso in the first

But it got harder in the semifinal, where he beat Chris Bettridge of Lake Orion, 10-4,

DeGain then met Kevin Boyd of

Rochester Adams in the final. It was the fifth match of the season between the two, and DeGain's fifth win. He beat

Boyd, 3-2, to win the 189-pound crown.
Junior, Ryan L'Amoreaux was the
Wolves' silver medalist, reaching the
103-pound final before dropping a 5-3 overtime decision to Scott Norton of

L'Amoreaux reached the final by pinning Bryan White of Saginaw Heritage in 3:45 in the opening round, and with a 4-1 decision cover Brian Vaneman of Rochester in the semifinal

Ryan McAleer had to battle through consolation bracket to his third-place inish at 119 pounds after suffering a pin at the hands of Tony Smith of Midland Dow in the opening round. McAleer then pinned teammate Dave Welanko in 46 seconds, and beat Brian Cisneros of Romeo, 7-4, in the consolation semifinal in the match that earned him a trip to

McAleer then faced Smith again, with decidedly different results. McAleer pinned Smith in 2:06 and finished third.

Bubba Clement's route was similar to McAleer's, in that he lost his first match and had to make it through the consola-

After dropping a 13-6 decision to Pat Herriman of Flint Kearsley in the first round, Clement battled back with a pin of Josh Wainz of Utica Eisenhower. He then pinned Tim Brouhard of Rochester meeting Herriman again in the bronze



in 3:44 of the consolation semifinal before Back points: Clarkston's Pat DeGain scores on Chris Bettridge of Lake Orion during their 189pound semifinal at Saturday's Division I wrestling regional at Clio. DeGain won the match, 10-4, Please see WRESTLING, B2 and went on to win the regional title with a 3-2 decision over Kevin Boyd of Rochester Adams.

# Home finale a wild one

Clarkston holds off Falcons in 54-52 victory

The final basketball game played in the old Clarkston field house will go down in the history books as a memorable one — and the Wolves can thank Rochester for that

The upset-minded Falcons gave Clarkston everything it could handle before the Wolves rallied for a nail-biting, 54-52 Oakland Activities Association Division I triumph Tuesday in

front of an overflow crowd. The win moved Clarkston's record to 17-2 overall and 10-1 in the division, which clinched at least a share of the school's fifth straight league title and 13th in the past 16 years. Rochester slipped to 8-11 and finished 4-8 in the division.

"The players that are sup-posed to step up at the end did tonight," said Clarkston veter-an coald Dan Fife. And the heroes down the

stretch were 6-foot-4 seniors Dane Fife and Angelo Taylor. Fife scored eight of his gamehigh 23 points in the fourth quarter, and Taylor grabbed two offensive rebounds inside the game's final 20.6 seconds to go along with a block of Rochester sophomore forward Eddie Hillary with two ticks left to lift the Wolves, who outscored Rochester 10-4 in the fourth quarter.

"I think/it was the whole fourth quarter that was the difference, said Fife, who was honored before the game as being named a McDonald's All-American. "We stepped it defensively and we were able

to make some big plays late." Coach Fife said he felt lucky to escape with the win.

I can't say there have been many times that I've thought that we were lucky to win a game, he offered. "I don't judge our performance on how we do offensively, but I do judge us how we play defen-sively. Tonight, we did not dic-tate the game with our defense, and we just can't do

that and expect to win.
You have to give Rochester credit, though," he added.
They played a very good

The Falcons scored the final four points of the third quarter on a lay-up by junior forward

Please see HOOPS, B2

Three's a crowd: Clarkston's Angelo Taylor found himself surrounded by Rochester defenders, but managed to score 13 points in the Wolves' victory.

#### Boys basketball district

Clarkston plays in the Lake Orion district, which begins Monday at 6 p.m. The Wolves drew a first-round bye and face the Lake Orion-Lapeer East winner Wednesday at 8 p.m.The Lapeer West 3-11, 6 p.m. Holly Romeo 3-13, 6 p.m. Lapeer East

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# **Netters fall in OAA tourney**

Wolves survive pool play despite schedule glitches

With 28 teams competing in the single-day event at four dif-ferent sites, the Oakland Activi-ties Association volleyball tournament has been known to have its fair share of glitches. And this past Saturday was surely not an exception.

"There was plenty that went wrong," said Clarkston veteran coach Gordie Richardson, whose squad was one of seven teams competing at the Bloomfield Hills Lahser pool, 'Oak Park showed up late, and both (Ortonville) Brandon and Pontiac Northern had bus problems and showed up late to our site. So instead of playing everybody in a (two-game) match. played some teams three times and some teams only once.

The Wolves finished up pool play with a 4-1-1 record, but a 15-7 defeat by Bloomfield Hills Lanser dropped Clarkston into second in the final pool play standings.

The result? A date with defending tourney champion Birmingham Seaholm in the round of 16, where the Wolves were ousted by a 15-10, 15-9 count. Seaholm went on to advance to the finals before they lost to Rochester Adams. "I really think that because of

the way our pool was all messed up that we really shouldn't have had to play Seaholm right after pool play," said Richardson. "But what are you going to do.

"We played pretty well on the day and we played Seaholm awfully tough," Fontinued Richardson. "We were down 12-3" in the second game against them but came back and made a game of it. We really started to regain our vigor, so to speak." Senior middle-blocker Georgia

Senkyr led Clarkston on the day with 17 kills and 12 blocks. Senior outside-hitter Jenny McHue was 36-37 serving with six aces, senior outside-hitter Aimee Giroux was 19-21 serving with six aces and 12 kills, and senior outside-hitter Amber Mitchell added seven kills for the Wolves before a sprained ankle left her on the sidelines for the match with Seaholm.

The Wolves also got a solid outing from freshman prospect

Please see VOLLEYBALL, B2

Setting up: Glarkston's Kelly Hanna makes the play during the Wolves' first-round matchup the Bloomfield Lahser in Saturday's Oakland Activities Association tournament.

#### Girls volleyball district

Clarkston plays in the Waterford Mott district, which begins play Saturday at 10 a.m.. The Wolves drew a first-round bye and will face the Lakeland-Kettering winner at 11:15 a.m. The title

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Good times: The Clarkston Wolves celebrate a good play during the Oakland Activities Association volleyball tournament Saturday.

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Angela Humphreys, a 5-foot-9 middle-hitter who was recently called up from the junior-varsity.

"She came in a gave us another strong presence in the middle," praised Richardson of Humphreys.

Clarkston is idle until Saturday, when they travel to the fiveteam Waterford Mott district. Richardson added that his team

has confidence heading into the Class A tournament.

"We've had our up and downs this year, but were looking forward to (the districts)," offered Richardson, whose squad has captured district titles in three of the last four seasons. "Its a wide-open district this year and we feel like we have just as good of a chance as any."

Balanced ice attack buries Mott

# Wolves get goals from 8 different players in easy district win

The third time was definitely move charm for the Waterford Mott hockey team on Monday as they fell to Clarkston, 8-0, in district semifinal play in Flint.

Eight different players speed

Eight different players scored for the Wolves (17-6-1), who outshot the Corsairs 15-1 in the first period alone. The Wolves exploded for three tallies in the

second period to seal the game.
Anthony Facione, D.J.
Thomas, Jason Stocker and
Andy Cote each had a goal and
an assist for Clarkston to lead a balanced attack. Jay Manojlovich added a pair of assists. The Wolves didn't let Mott get

any momentum from the opening faceoff and continued to pour on goals against the Corsairs as they had in 11-3 and 8-3 victories against their Waterford rivals earlier in the season.

We talked about the fact that here was a team which could surprise us because they knew our team so well," said Clarkston coach Rich Rowden. "But the guys did a good job of coming out and taking control of the game. In the playoffs you need to have 20 guys coming out and playing hard, and that's exactly what we

did." Facione began the scoring just over four minutes into the game with assists going to Cote and

Tom Newman. That pinpoint passing continued throughout the period, leading to a power play goal for Stoecker with 6:38 to play in the period. Although the Wolves completely dominated the period, Mott's goalie held his squad in the game, keeping

it a two-goal margin. Clarkston goalie Steve Badger made an outstanding save in the opening minutes of the second period, and that proved to be the Corsairs' best chance to score. At the 4:58 mark of the second period, Thomas scored from Stoecker and Bill Kalush. Bret Postal then added an unassisted shorthanded goal five minutes later, and Josh Babe made it 5-0 before the second intermission.

"Everyone rose to the occasion and it was a great team effort," Rowden said. "This time of the year you can't afford to have individuals playing on your

Clarkston started the third period with a double minor penalty, but Badger continued to prevent Mott from scoring while the Wolves added to their lead. For the game, Clarkston outshot the Corsairs 40-15. Assistant head coach Glenn

MacDonald said Mott was noticeably discouraged after being dominated in the first

period. "That broke their backs," he said. We had the pressure on them the whole period. Our kids backchecked really well and four of our goals came from the point.

Rowden said Clarkston played to their strength of controlling the puck and keeping it in the Waterford Mott zone. He praised his defense for bringing the puck out of their own zone and starting offensive rushes.

And everyone came back on defense when they needed to," Rowden said.

The Wolves advanced to play Grand Blanc in the district final Wednesday, but results were not available at press time. Grand Blanc upset Waterford Kettering in overtime in the other semifinal game, preventing Clarkston from having to face the Captains for a third time as well. Kettering gave the Wolves a couple of good games this season, most notably a 3-2 Clarkston win in December.

MacDonald said Grand Blanc plays a physical style of hockey, particularly from a defensive standpoint. But he felt the Wolves would play better as a team in the district final, and said the depth of his team should be an advantage.

'All three of (Grand Blanc's) goals came from one guy, so we'll clamp down on that," MacDonald said. "We have three good, solid lines and a fourth line which can skate pretty well. I think that will help us down the stretch."

At the end of the regular season, the Wolves played a couple of games versus Port Huron Northern and Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook which should help them to prepare for the state playoffs. In particular Rowden felt the loss to Cranbrook showed his players how to com-pete as a team and not a group of individuals.

"Hopefully our quality schedule will help take us a long way in the state playoffs," Rowden said. "I hope it will mean a lot as we continue to play better teams

along the way. Pending the result of Wednesday's game with Grand Blanc, the Wolves have the opportunity to play for a regional champi-onship Saturday at Flint IMA Arena against a Flint-area team. If Clarkston captured a regional championship, they would likely face either Grosse Point South or Redford Catholic Central, both perennial powers in high school hockey, in the state quarterfi-

#### HOOPS from page B1

Craig Trebesh and an off-balance scoop by Hillary, and then opened the fourth with a runnerin-the-lane from junior forward Vito Ciaramellano which gave the Falcons their biggest lead of the game at 50-44. But the advantage was short lived as Fife reeled off seven straight points and Taylor's lay-up off a Fife feed gave Clarkston a 53-52

advantage with 2:32 to play.

Rochester's performance did
not catch the Wolves off guard.

"We kind of expected it," said Dane Fife. "When we played them down at there place, we hit-virtually every shot in the first half and we won by a dozen or

Pontiac Northern close last week and if we came out cold tonight, that they have the capabilities to

hang around." Clarkston's biggest lead of the game came at 18-13 with 26 seconds left in the first quarter, But the pesky Falcons stayed within four points throughout the second quarter before going ahead 41-40 with 2:21 left in the third period on a three-point play by

Trebesh.

"They have great size and athletic ability, so I'm not surprised that they played us that close," said Dan Fife. "We stepped it up on both end of the floor in the

so. But we knew they played, fourth quarter and that's what, we needed to do to pull this one

> To go along with his 23 points, Fife added seven assists, six rebounds and three blocked hots. Taylor scored 13 points, had a game-high 13 rebounds and two blocks, 6-6 senior forward Justin Dionne contributed nine points and six boards, and despite being held scoreless, senior guard Dan Neubeck supplied six assists, four rebounds and three steals for the Wolves, who can win the division title outright Friday with a win at

It's nice to win the final game

here," said Fife. "now we must concentrate on (Ferndale)."

Senior forward Scott Cunningham topped Rochester with nine points before fouling out with 18.6 seconds left. Senior guard Jeff Buelow added eight points and four assists, Craig Trebesh had eight points and Hillary added seven points and four assists for the Falcons.

Marlon Shelton, a 6-9 senior center, also added seven points, 12, rebounds and two blocks for Rochester, while 6-5 senior forward Kevin Trebesh chipped in with six points, 11 rebounds, six assists and four steals for the Falcons.



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medal match. Herriman won a

13-5 decision. Other Wolves wrestlers who made it to the regional didn't fare as well.

Heavyweight Jon Robinson lost his first match before coming back to beat B.J. Mays of Swartz Creek, 6-4.

But Robinson lost to Lee Crupenink of Carman-Ainsworth in the consolation semifinal, leaving him one win short of the

Chris Gomez's day went the same way. He dropped his first match, then beat Tony Geneseo of Bay City Central 4-2. But he lost his final match 13-3 to Brad Herd of Swartz Creek.

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This year, for the first time in the 74-year history of the breakfast cereal, a champion fisher-man will be featured on the Wheaties package.

No fooling! The Wal-Mart FLW Tour and General Mills recently announced that Wheaties will become the official cereal of this year's \$3.65 million Wal-Mart FLW Tour, competitive angling's most lucrative tournament series. The 1998 Wal-Mart FLW

Tour Angler of the Year will be

package of Wheaties. This is the Fish Michigan updated OUTDOOR INSIGHTS first time a professional angler has graced the Wheaties box since the cereal's association with sports began in 1933.

This is great news for the fishing fraternity. Exposure of our sport on the box of the popular breakfast cereal will bring fishing to the table of millions of fishing and non-fishing families across America: Maybe, just maybe this exposure will shed some light on the excitement of fishing and enlighten children, if even just a handful, that it is still cool to go fishing.

Launched in 1996, the Wal-Mart FLW Tour was designed and produced for television and is the first such series created to enhance viewer involvement in fishing. Each Wal-Mart FLW Tour tournament is aired on ESPN two weeks after the event. The tour features the largest cash prize in the history of fish-ing - \$250,000 for winning the Wal-Mart FLW Tour championship. The tour is named in honor of Forest L. Wood, founder featured on a special edition of Ranger Boats.

After six years and six printings, Michigan's most popular mapped guidebook to southern Michigan's best fishing lakes has been revised. Fish Michigan -100 Southern Michigan Lakes has been revised and includes 50

"I chose 50 new lakes never before featured, and I updated the 50 other lakes I decided to keep because they still offer excellent angling opportunities, said the book's author, Tom Huggler.

This series of mapped guide book is a invaluable addition to your fishing gear. The maps are detailed and accurate and include the best areas for each species of fish living in the respective lakes. In addition, everything you need to know about the area - access sites, local bait shops and accomodations, DNR offices, recent master angler catches - is listed with the maps.

Several area lakes remain in the book including Maceday,

Orion, Belleville and the Stony

Creek Impoundment.
Copies of the new book are available at bookstores or by calling 1-800-824-4618. ..

#### Sea Grant survives

Michigan Sea Grant is alive and well, and poised to carry on with its Great Lakes research and outreach programs into the next millennium.

An extension of the National Sea Grant program and one of 30 such programs across the country, Michigan Sea Grant is a joint program of the University of Michigan and Michigan State University, Since 1969 Michigan Sea Grant has spent more than \$25 million in support of Great Lakes research and outreach ranging from studying exotic nuisance species to developing new approaches to fisheries

management.
The U.S. Congress recently unanimously approved legislation to renew the National Sea Grant Program through 2003.

This is extremely important legislation," said Russell Moll, dent.

director of Michigan Sea Grant. The funding that Congress has recommended will enable our program to respond to important problems affecting the coastal areas of our state. We are grati-fied by the overwhelming support that Congress has shown

for Sea Grant."
In addition to researching aquatic nuisance species, Michigan Sea Grant works extensively in fisheries, aquaculture and marine engineering to help maintain a healthy Great Lakes ecosystem as well as support Michigan's economy. Another program gaining attention is Michigan Sea Grant's Great Lakes Education Program, which is conducted aboard ship in Lake St. Clair.

(Anglers and hunters are urged to report your success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birm-ingham, MI 48009. Fax information to (248) 644-1314 or call (248) 901-2573.)

Bill Parker is an Oxford resi-

#### SPORTS SCENE

#### **Baseball tryouts**

Tryouts for North Oakland Federation Baseball will be conducted March 19 for 12-year-old boys at Scripps Middle School in Lake Orion.

Tryouts go from 6 to 9

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

Weather permitting, tryouts may be held outdoors, prior to March 19, so interested players should call one of those coaches immediately.

#### Soccer tryouts

June tryouts will be held for the Clarkston Select Soccer Club 1998 Fall season. The club is recruiting girls for the 11-18 year old Clarkston Shadows and boys for the 11-14 year old Clarkston Impact.

Tryouts are open to area amateur soccer players June 23-26 at Clintonwood Park on Clarkston Road. Sessions are set for 5 to 7ap.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. as determined by age. It is strongly recommended participants attend both. tryout sessions.

Tryout registration forms must be turned into the Independence Township Parks and Recreation Department by June 1.

#### **Bomber tryouts**

The Bloomfield Bombers North Oakland Baseball Federation baseball team is conducting tryouts for 10-year-olds.

Players cannot be 11 years old before Aug. 1. Serious players only should call George Lekas, (248) 641-8097 after 7 p.m.

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#### **ACTIVITIES**

#### MADIF SHOADING

Enjoy a spring walk to the sugarbush and learn the techniques for making maple syrup from tree sap during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Sunday at the Henry Ford Estate Ter-race at U-M Dearborn. Call (313) 593-5338 for more information.

#### MAYBURY MUSH

Join members of the southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a moderate 5-mile hike beginning at 1 p.m. Sunday, March 8, at Maybury State Park. Call (313) 562-1873 for more informa-

#### COTTON IS OUT

Eric Stockinger, a veteran kayaker and backpacker will bring participants up to date on the latest and newest new fabrics during this program, which begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 12, at REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

#### WHAT'S IN DAVE'S PACK

Dave Tate, a veteran backpacker, alpine skier and outdoor photographer and an Eagle Scout will present a clinic on back country must haves and every day backpacking necessities during this program, which begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, march 19 at REI in Northville, Call (248) 347/2100 for more information.

#### **SPRING WALK**

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

LIFE LINKS

Learn about some of the fascinating connections between plants and animals and their habitats during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at U-M Dearborn. Call (313) 593-5338 for more information.

#### LAND NAVIGATION

The School of Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR) presents a class on land navigation on Saturday, March 28, at the Waterloo Recreation Area. Call Linda Burke at (248) 471-9185 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.

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

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#### BALD MOUNTAIN

**Bald Mountain Recreation Area** in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours are 10 a.m. to dusk on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd. (three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills). Call (810) 814-9193 for more information.

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#### **TOURNAMENTS**

#### SALMON STAKES

The 20th annual River Crab Salmon Stakes benefit fishing tournament will be held Satur-day, May 2, in St. Clair. Proceeds from the tournament will be used to support the Blue Water Mental Health Clinic and other programs across the state that serve troubled children, adults and their families. Raffle/entry tickets are \$10 each and enters the holder into a raffle and the fishing tournament. Raffle prizes include a four night cruise for two adults and two children in Cape Canaveral, Florida; use of a private suite at a Tiger baseball game; a week-end for two in Chicago; gift certificates and a charter fishing trip. Tickets are also redeemable for \$10 off dinner for two or Sunday brunch at any Chuck Muer restaurant. Anglers can win \$250 cash for the heaviest total catch in one boat as well as \$250 for the largest fish in each of four categories - king salmon, steelhead, brown trout and coho salmon. Tickets are available at

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#### OAKLAND **COUNTY PARKS**

#### COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS Advanced registration is

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

#### MAKING MAPLE SYRUP

Take a hike to the sugar bush and learn how maple sap is: boiled down into syrup during this program, which begins at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, at Independence Oaks.

WATCH WILDLIFE
Ray Rustem, of the Michigan
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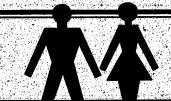
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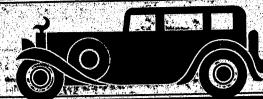
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A. A homeowners association has a responsibility to follow the dictates of the declaration of covenants and conditions, as

The bylaws of any community association should be reviewed periodically and obvious ly if there haven't been changes in 20 years, there are beneficial provisions that could be implemented to assist the association in the collection process, as well as other enforcement processes.

The board must collect assessments in a uniform, consistent and aggressive fashion. Failure to do so could result in liability for the board of directors.

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In a day's work

# Realtors deal with all kinds of needs

The hours can be exhausting. Client loyalty might be transient. Buyers aren't always considerate of time constraints of other people involved in the process. Sellers don't listen to their Realtors' advice.

These are just some of the headaches real estate professionals encounter as part of their work.

Not that they're complaining. The money can be good, and they're their own bosses. But like any career, it has a less attractive side. Deborah Field Cavanaugh, a Realtor

with Hall & Hunter in Birmingham recorded sales last year of nearly \$4 million.

"The price I paid was I worked morning, noon and night, very little time for personal life," she said. "Sometimes, I'd be in here 7, 7:30 in the morning and ... and go from one agent to another to remain until 9 or 10 at night trying to another looking for the best deal." catch up with paperwork. It's not just showing houses.

Cavanaugh loves her work – "this is a business where you make your own luck" - and has learned not to be con-

"I scheduled important events in my kids' lives like they were appointments. If I miss a deal for that, I guess I miss a deal." she said.

Time management is the biggest difficulty facing Sherry Mifsud, a Realtor with Century 21 Castelli in Garden

You try to please the family, try to please the customer and a lot of time ou end up shortchan Like eating lunch at 3:30," she said.

offer on the way to her husband's com-pany picnic. "We missed the food, but still enjoyed the fun."

Mifsud has learned to juggle over the

You have to have a strong support. system, a spouse there for you," she said. "If you go to show a house at eight and your husband wants to go to

a movie ... you go to a later movie.". Finding a colleague in the office to step in during family emergencies also is part of a support system, Mifsud said.

Joseph P. Durso, broker/owner of RE/MAX West in Livonia, finds a lack-of loyalty among some lookers discon-

This thanks-for-the-information maybe-I'll-see-you-later approach doesn't develop rapport.

"If you come to me and say, Joe, I want to buy a house and use your services, I will do everything I can. Most agents work on ego. If you like me, I like you. You work hard for someone you like."

Alfonso Griffin, a veteran Realtor with Red Carpet Keim Walker & Associates in Southfield, has been burned by buyers who were less than forthright that they were working with other agents, putting commission splits

Mifsud recalled the time she took a money in this business. You should be the going's good."

change of clothes to present a purchase. fair with them (Realtors) if you want them to be fair with you. And what about sellers?

When they put the home on the market, they have to do everything they can to make it sharp and available," Durso said.

"I have seen people have a \$200,000 house and let the teenage daughter throw clothes on the floor. Come on I've had to change light bulbs and clean

cobwebs at an open house," Durso said.
"Sellers, very often we'll give them advice on what to do to make their home marketable: keep it neat and clean, paint rooms, replace the carpet. they won't do it," Cavanaugh said. "Listen to your agent, who knows the mar-

Sellers who have unrealistic price expectations and sellers who want a daily update can be frustrating, Mifsud

While sellers should try hard to accommodate prospective buyers, buyers should be mindful of the needs of their Realtors and sellers, Cavanaugh said. Many aren't available with an hour's notice.

On the other hand, Mifsud, said, buyers may have to be ready to move quickly when the ideal house hits the Multilist.

"A couple of times last year I had to pull my buyers out of work," she said. On one, they were the second people to the house and an offer was already "It's a letdown," Griffin said. "Time is in, but they got it. You have to go when

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# How lenders monitor credit decisions

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whether all of a consumer's payments are on time. Others look at account batances in relation to the total credit limit. Some lenders review their accounts frequently. Others review accounts annually.

Often, the benefits to you are easy-to see. You'll receive notice in the mail that your credit limit has been increase

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Account, monitoring also allows lenders to better manage the business risk of extending credit. When they're successful, their losses are minimized and they don't have to pass the costrof others' bad debts on to you in the form of higher fees and interest rates.

Federal law specifically permits lenders to monitor their accounts. You gave the lender permission to access your credit report from when you signed your credit applica-tion. Most credit applications make you aware of this.

What are inquiries? The word inquiry refers to someone

you or an credit agency customer – ask-ing to review your credit report. A record of that review appears on your credit report. At Experian, account monitoring inquiries stay on your report for one year. Other inquiries remain on a credit report for one to two

This is important because inquiries can indicate you've applied for new credit, which could result in additional debt. Therefore, potential lenders may view multiple recent inquiries as a sign that you're beginning to overextend yourself.

You have the right to see both types of inquiries, so both appear on your Experian credit report.

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lish the Internet addresses of companies that have their own web sites and that provide services to consumers relating to home buying or selling. If this describes your company, please submit your web site address to Dave Mully. To participate or to find out more about this, call Mully at 1-800-521-0026 Ext. 227 or fax your name, company name, telephone number and web site address to Attention:: Dave Mully at fax 248-669-6875. Or fax your name, company; name, telephone number and web site

# Low mortgage rates mean long hours

Low mortgages rates and refinancings continue to keep processors hop-ping at financial institutions serving the housing industry here.

More activity means more hours on the job, and, in some instances, more

temporary job opportunities,
"We're at least three times as busy as
we normally are for this time of year," said Mike Lubig, senior vice president and director of retail residential lending for Standard Federal Bank.

We have a lot of temporary people we brought on site," he added. "Branches are working overtime. Before I left on vacation 3-1/2 weeks ago, a lot of those guys were working Saturday and Sundays to accommodate

Standard Federal, headquartered in Troy, is the largest lender in Michigan in terms number and dollar volume of residential mortgages issued. "Rates are driving it," Lubig said.

As of Monday, March 2, a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage at Standard Federal was 6-3/4 percent with 2 points, an adjustable rate mortgage 5 percent the

first year with 2 points.
"I saw a report this morning that 70-75 percent of the autivity is refinanc-W 479 120

ing," Lubig said. "Probably at least 80 First Chicago NBD Mortgage, said his percent of the refinancing volume is a firm quickly jumped out of the gate long-term, fixed-rate loan, 30 years. "A lot of people are confident about

the economy and their financial situation," he said.

Dan Smith, senior loan officer for Republic Bancorp Mortgage and Plymouth branch manager, said business is up 300 percent for his firm in southeastern Michigan through the first two months of this year. "It's absolutely unbelievable," said

Smith, attributing the jump to "good weather, good consumer rates and high consumer confidence."

Employees don't seem to be overbur dened with the extra work, he added. People are working more hours, and

we hired some temporary people to come in. In the past, this would have been a major headache. Now, it's getting done quicker due to advancements

Smith estimates that 65 percent of recent mortgage applications were for

gages now," Smith added. "One quarter

refinancings, 35 percent for purchases.
"I've never seen as many big mort-

million dollars now isn't unusual. Paul Swan, senior vice president for during January and February.

"If we continue where we are now, we'd do twofold what we were planning to do for the year," Swan said. "We're heavy refinancing in the portfolio." Business remains steady even though interest rates have risen slight-

ly since the first of the year. "People have pulled together," Swan This is a business that moves tremendously when rates move. We've been through this before. We're taking

care of customers and working long hard hours." Dave Green, national sales manager for Comerica Bank, said business at his firm

is 60 percent higher than anticipated. "We are working overtime hours as needed," he said. "Most people the last four weeks have been working evenings and most Saturdays."

Technological improvements have expedited the mortgage application process at Comerica, Green said.

First, we have a telemarketing unit to handle applications over the phone. We've established an automated prequalification system. That's handled the overflow."

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Spennachio also lives in West Bloomfield.

Kathrine Matthews-Moody has joined Prudential Accent Realty in Plymouth as a sales

She formerly worked for Multi Building as a construction coordinator and lives in Canton.

Realtors in Bloomfield Hills, has received the professional designation of Certified Residential Specialist.

Browning is president of both the Chestnut Run Gourmet Club and the Chestnut Run Garden Club and is a member of the National Federation of Music Clubs.

Ted Robinson has been promoted to chief conceptual estimator at the John M. Olson Co., general contractors and construction managers.

Robinson has 20 years construction experience and earned a bachelor of science degree in construction engineering from Lawrence Technological Univer-

Kurt C. Frisch, director of the Polymer Institute and professor of polymer engineering and chemistry at the University of Detroit Mercy, has received the 1998 Gold Award, the most prestigious honor bestowed by the Affiliate Council of ESD, the Engineering Society,

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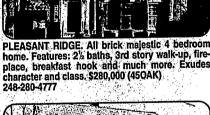
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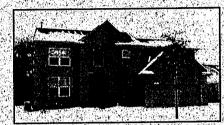
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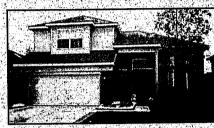
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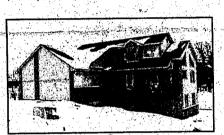
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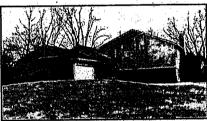
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## appliance doctor

# Be informed before going shopping



JOE GAGNON

The conversation between service technicians as they meet on the street or wherever is usually technical talk. One will tell the other about a new problem he discovered with such and such a product, the other will talk about the

price of parts.

Many times the conversation carries into the quality aspect of major appliances. They compare the products of today to those made 10-15 years ago and most fechnicians will concur that they don't make 'em like they used to.

Let's say your 15-year-old washer has given up the ghost and you need to go shopping. The first inclination is to go out and buy the same brand that gave you all these years of excellent service. This could be a smart move on your

part, but then again it might not be. The brand name you have now may have been built like a tank, the same brand name today might be compared to a straw hat.

How would you know this fact if you were reading this column? Would you take the time to call or visit a service shop to ask what's good or the best-product to purchase? These people fix them every day and they can give you some straight answers.

Go to the library and read the most recent issue of Consumer Reports which can be very helpful in your decision. Why not call a friend or relative who you know has purchased a new washer in the past few years and get their input on a certain brand? There is very little to read on the subject in this column. The next time you are in your favorite book store, try to find something which will help you in shopping for a major appliance.

Shopping for something which we have little knowledge about means that

we must rely on the person doing the selling. We must also depend on a business which we hope will be around for several more years. There were many consumers who held a worthless service contract when two major retailers went bankrupt just a few years ago. Again, it's the same old story, let the consumer heware

In my conversations with thousands of homeowners, I talk to so many who are displeased with the operation of their new appliance. These people have to live with these products for years to come and I always say, "Be aware, be smart and be an educated consumer before you go shopping."

In our world of major appliances, most of us in the service field will agree that quality has suffered and they don't last as long. We have a lot of negatives to say and some of it is well founded. I must also tell you that there are still some quality products out there. In the service world, they stand heads tall over other brands. So many people will go

shopping with one thought in mind and that is price. They should have the perspective of price and quality, and how else will they know anything about quality unless they make some effort to find out?

If you purchased a washer for let's say \$600 and the average life span was 15 years for this product, I would say that's pretty good. Now, if you bought one for \$350 and it lasted for seven years, and then you had to buy another at the inflated price of seven years later. let's say \$450. That's not a good deal. Good luck in your shopping and drop me a note.

Joe Gagnon, the Appllance Doctor, will answer your questions about maintaining and repairing large appliances. Gagnon is president of Carmack Appllances in Garden City and does a weekly radio program on WJR-AM. He is author of "First Aid from the Appllance Doctor," available at area bookstores. He can be reached at 313-873-9789.







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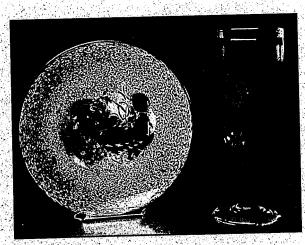
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# Clarification on flag disposal

The U.S. flag is only to be disposed of by a proper and discreet burning when it is torn, soiled or badly faded.

That is according to information sent in by William Holland, an Eagle Scout candidate from Shelby Township, related to the Feb. 12 At Home cover story on flagpoles.

The federal flag code was revised in 1976, said the Scout, who has been heading a year-long project to build flag etiquette awareness in his community. The suggested procedure for disposing of a U.S. flag is:

1. Fold the flag in its customary man-

 Build a fire that is sizable and of sufficient intensity to ensure complete burning of the flag.

3. Place the flag on the fire.

 Come to attention, salute the flag, recite the Pledge of Allegiance and have a brief period of silent reflection.

5. After the flag is completely consumed, the fire should be safely extinguished and the ashes buried.



focus on photography

# **How to be** sure about exposure



MONTE NAGLER

Understanding exposure can be frustrating to the many beginning photographers who often throw up their hands in exasperation and turn the whole thing over to their camera's meter.

Unfortunately, they will never develop a good knowledge of this very important aspect of

photography.

Well, I'm going to make the complex world of exposure easy to understand. All you have to do is sit back, read slowly, and concentrate on the following

Imagine yourself sprawled lazily on a sandy beach about to get a suntan on a hot, bright summer afternoon. Now, let your imagination go and assume two things:1. There is such a thing as getting a "perfect tan" – not too much and not too little sun. 2. There is an adjustable diaphragm between you and the sun over which you have complete control.

Stop and think for a moment of the many ways you can reach your "perfect tan." If you open the diaphragm wide and let the sun's rays pour in on you, you'll obtain your "perfect tan" quickly. Just the opposite, if you close down the diaphragm to a small opening so the sun is just trickling in on you, it will take much longer to reach the "perfect

tan." A middle opening will result in a time to get your tan somewhere between the quick tan and the slow tan

The important thing to remember is that the end result is the same in each example: a "perfect tan." It just takes a longer time through a small opening and a shorter time through a large opening

If you should lie in the sun too long or let the sun in through too large an opening in the diaphragm, what happens? You get overexposed! Conversely, too little time in the sun or too small a diaphragm results in underexposure.

Further, with a given opening and a given time, some people get their "perfect tan" faster or slower than you. What this means is that they have more or less sensitive skin than you do. You might even say that people have different ASA skin ratings!

Now let's shift gears slightly and come back to reality. What I've actually been discussing isn't getting a suntan through an imaginary diaphragm, but giving film (your skin) proper exposure (perfect tan) through your camera's lens opening, and realizing that there are many shutter speed/aperture combinations to accomplish this.

And those films that reach correct exposure more quickly than others at a given lens opening and shutter speed simply have a higher ASA. That is, they respond faster to a given amount of light just as someone's skin might.

More on exposure in the next column.

Gazing at grazing:
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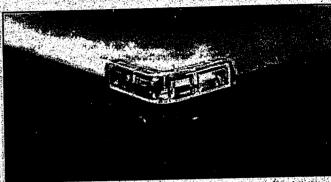
Danger is often a part of exploring surroundings.

But when the explorer is a baby or young child, the territory takes on extra dangers - even if that environment is the baby's home.

Look around every room in your residence from the level of a curious baby or toddler and you'll see lots of interesting, fascinating items to touch or climb on. As a concerned adult you know some of them can hurt. But you can make rooms

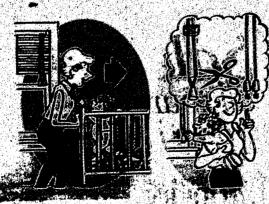
in kits. The items include drawer and cabinet locks, door knob covers, cord shorteners; corner cushions, soft spout and knob covers for the bathtub, and plug locks for power tools. For electrical outlets there are plugs and a variety of covers, including a style that swivels shut when the socket isn't in

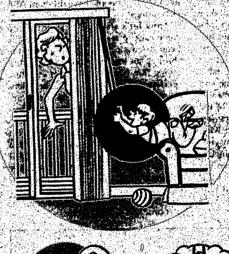
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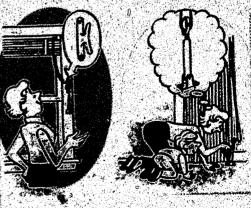


On the edge: A corner cushion helps protect a toddler from a sharp edge on a table.









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gle infants and toddlers. Many window treatments hild-safe as well as fashionable. For example, wands lower shades and tilt blinds, cord tensioners keep the and automated systems eliminate operating cords

ler looped products can still be found in homes. ts need to know that looped cords on older window d shades represent a potential strangulation hazard to ildren and need to be fixed," said Peter Rush, executor of the Window Covering Safety Council.

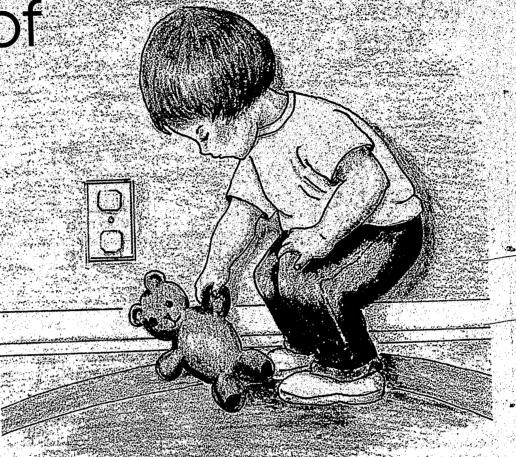
ng cribs and furniture away from windows - and then checking for and childproofing any looped window cord - are basic

keys to child safety." In most cases, the looped cord can be cut and tassels placed at the end of each cord, or breakaway tassels can be installed to keep anything from getting lodged between the cords. A tie-down device can pull cords tightly to the floor, wall or window jamb.

Concern about child safety was one of the reasons Paul Scaglione of Farmington Hills developed Knife Safe®, a 9-by-10-7/8-inch rack for storing such sharp items as knives, scissors and ice picks. Just 11/16-inch wide, it can fit inside a cupboard door out of a youngster's sight as well as out of his or her reach.

The rack, which sells for \$4.99 at Meijer stores, is made of the FDA-approved plastic and can be mounted on any hard surface.

house ... we moved in with a very active 3; year-old and a baby



and we were concerned about the safety of knives," said Bea Scaglione, Paul's wife.

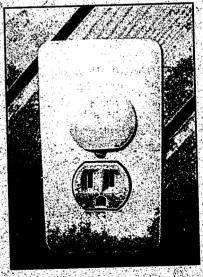
Paul put a notched wooden strip across a cupboard door and hung the knives there. The idea worked like a charm. About 28 years later, the Scagliones decided to market the product.

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# The Somerset Collection Presents March 1st - April 11th



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# Schedule of Events: MARCH 1 - MARCH 7:

Arranging Fresh Cut Flowers
Sunday, March 1 - 1:00 p.m. (North)
Presented by The Flower Company

Sculptures To Accent Your Garden Sunday, March 1 - 3:00 p.m. (North) Presented by Black Forest Building Company

All About Perennial Gardening
Monday, March 2 - 1:00 p.m. (South)
Presented by English Gardens

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# Tollgate Center growing strong



MARTY FIGLEY

The master gardener program, sponsored by state agricultural colleges, provides a wonderful way to learn many aspects of gardening and allows participants a way to share their knowledge with their community.

Our master gardener programs are sponsored by Michigan State University.

MSU Tollgate Center in Novi is an educational conference center at the corner of Meadowbrook and 12 Mile. Let me give you some background on Tollgate that Greg Patchan, Oakland County Extension agent, shared with me:

In 1987 60 acres of the 160-acre Adolph Meyer farm were donated to MSU by the Americana Foundation with the intention that the facilities be used for education.

"Original farm buildings were renovated into conference facilities. MSU master gardener volunteers have been enhancing the farmhouse area with herbaceous plantings and smaller scale demonstration gardens.

"Recently a rose collection was plant" ed near the farmhouse, and a high-density apple production; demonstration orchard was planted. The farm pond has been restored for aquatic and wetland education. However, much of the site remains open farmland and provides ideal opportunity for horticultural plantings that could be used for educational programs.

"Three areas were targeted for horticultural development: a reception area surrounding a parking facility, a woodland trail connecting the open farm area to native forest, and a five-acre rolling site ideal for a landscape arboretum."

A volunteer horticulture development committee composed of Kathy Miller of Miller Landscape, Eileen Stahl of Ebscape Consulting and garden designer Linda Schorr has completed the design for the first area.

"The demonstration garden surrounding the 250-by-120-foot reception area will provide a wide variety of plant material in a site enhancing, landscape focal point," Patchan said.

"Not only will the design be useful for studying the concepts of landscape design and its challenges, but the plant material will be immensely helpful for educational programs on identification, cultural practices and integrated pest management.

Firms are being sought to install a portion of the garden.... Donors will be recognized in printed materials and with on-site signs.

"The Woodland Tree Trail, about 200 yards in length, is now available for the planting of larger tree and shrub species.

"As development progresses, a wide variety of horticulture products and services will be needed. For example, (we need) plant material, mulch, pavers, sod, turfgrass seed, use of landscape construction equipment, landscape and construction labor, and financial donations. All donations would be tax-deductible as donations to MSU:

"Also, this development program has been endorsed by Global ReLeaf of Michigan, Master Gardeners of Southeastern Michigan, Metropolitan Detroit Landscape: Association, Michigan Forestry and Parks Association, Michigan Horticultural Society, Michigan Nursery, Landscape Association, and Michigan State University Extension."

If a firm or private donor wishes to help in any way with this worthwhile project, contact Patchan at (248) 858-0887, fax (248) 858-1477, or, e-mail patchan@msue, msu. edu

Plans call for a Memorial Tree Planting Area at Tollgate under the auspices of Global ReLeaf. Patchan also said that he is working with the Elm Institute to grow elm seedlings at a site on the property, which will be a valuable educational experience for those involved.

Master gardener classes are open to all. For information in your county call the following: Oakland, (248) 858-0887; Wayne, (313) 494-3148; Macomb, (810) 469-6440.

#### Seminar ::::-

A seminar on backyard fruit tree pruning, pest management and renovating old fruit trees will take place 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at Tollgate. The seminar is open to and intended for the public. The speaker is Bob Tritten, MSU district extension horticulture, marketing agent.

The cost of \$25 includes the reference book "The Backyard Orchardist" (retail value \$14.95), Register by Wednesday, March 11, Make check payable to County of Oakland and mail to: MSU Exten-

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# Puppy love: Pick pet with care



LISA LUCKOW-HEALY

children they were too young to take care of a family pet. They began to show signs of responsibility. You bought a goldfish. The fish grew and grew. He became the fish with nine lives.

You promised your children they could get a puppy when they reached a certain age. Now

they have arrived.

The new debate around your household isn't about the age of puppy responsibility. It is about what breed of puppy you will get.

Will your family adopt a dog from the Humane Society, hunt through the newspaper, visit a pet shop or select a breed and contact a reputable breeder?

Will your puppy have short or long hair? Do you prefer a pet that doesn't shed? How does a particular breed suit your family's home and lifestyle? Who will train the puppy? There are so many questions to be answered before your family makes a long-term commitment to another member of the family,

Make sure your family is ready to commit to a puppy before making a permanent decision that could be both unfair to your pet and your children if your family isn't ready to properly care for and love the puppy.

Do your future pet a favor by helping your family do some research into different breeds. Your perception of the perfect family companion may not be the book's definition. A dog bred for hunting is probably not the ideal lap dog. Dogs that look good but demand a

great deal of attention may be invitations to household destruction for families with children in school all day and parents who work away from home.

Book research won't give your family all the answers to choosing the right family dog. Often, you may not know what you want or what the right fit is until you see it or spend time with it.

If your family has narrowed down the list of pet possibilities, begin making telephone calls to recommended breeders to request a visit to see their dogs. Your local kennel clubs are good sources for breeder referrals.

The advantages to buying a puppy from a breeder include knowing about the puppy's heritage, its anticipated size at adulthood and its temperament. Visit the breeders and spend some time getting acquainted with their dogs. Are they comfortable with your children? What kind of exercise do they require? What are their grooming needs?

Allergies sometimes pose a problem in selecting a new puppy if any member of your family has a reaction to dog dander. Consider the intensity of the allergy. If the person with the allergy can withstand a dog with less dander than others, and a dog that sheds very little, there are several breeds suitable for your family. The soft-coated wheaten terrier, poodle and miniature schnauzer are a few choices.

If your family has done its research and is ready to accept the tremendous responsibility of welcoming another member into your family, you will know you have found the right puppy when you see it.

To leave Lisa Luckow-Healy a message about how you celebrate family, call (313) 953-2047, then her mailbox, 1903; or e-mail LiHealy@aol.com

### **Figley**

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sion-Oakland County, Attention: Fruit tree seminar, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac 48341.

The seminar is limited to 50 students. Lunch isn't included; you may bring a bag lunch. Call (248) 858-0887 for a registration form.

#### GOOD GARDEN TIPS

■ Clean and organize your garden tools to have them ready and handy for the coming months.

Prune grapes this month, also fruit trees - just shape the young ones. Wait until just before peaches flower before

■ Take advantage of all the seminars

being offered throughout the area.

■ Inspect your gardens and as the weather warms begin to pull aside some of the mulch to allow sun to warm the

■ It's possible you may find chickweed blooming now, but pull it up before it multiplies.

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (313) 953-2047 on a touchtone phone, then her mallbox number. 1859. Her fax number is (248)

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# Don't wait: Lamb it up this month



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March 1st didn't come in like a lion this year, it came in like a lamb, and messed up the old adage for me, it works!

Last month's heat wave pushed spring to the limit, and put me in the mood for LAMB!

Regardless of

the weather, for days I have craved Chef Rudy's (Sheik Restaurant in Orchard Lake) deliciously marinated and grilled lamb chops, a fashionable Greek Gyros andwich, a Lamb Shawarma Salad, Sliced Roasted Leg of Lamb, a Lamb Ghallaba Sandwich, or a simple Lamb

Herbs, flavors and sides that go with

■ Fresh mint/dried mint/varieties of mint -(orange mint, apple mint, spearmint, etc.)

- Fresh rosemary/dried rosemary
- Fresh oregano/dried oregano
- Fresh thyme/dried thyme
- Fresh garlic, elephant garlic
- Curry
- Roasted shallots, onions and chives
- Olive oil
- Fresh tomato/tomato sauce
- Thick yogurt (laban); with or without yogurt, garlic and thinly sliced cucumbers)
  - Mint or olive pesto
- Dried fruits (apricots, currants, cranberries, cherries, dates, etc.)
  - Mint jelly, jam or curd
  - Couscous, orzo or quinoa
- Roasted potatoes, mashed potatoes/sweet potato.
- Traditional rice flavored or plain
- White beans
- Leafy spring greens.
- Green beans
- Artichokes
- Eggplant

#### BONELESS LEG OF LAMB STUFFED WITH FRESH SPINACH AND HERBED CHEVRE CHEESE

Yield:8-10 servings Ingredients:

1 pound fresh baby spinach, washed well, stems discarded, and leaves chopped coarse

6-8 large garlic cloves, peeled and sliced thin,

4 tablespoons olive oil ·

3/4 cup Chevre Cheese, plain or herbed and crumbled or cut into bits (make sure it's cold)

8-pound leg of lamb (approximately 4-1/2 to 5 pounds boneless), boned, butterflied and well trimmed

Sea salt and freshly ground black pep-

1 teaspoon dried mint

1 1/2 teaspoons dried rosemary

3 medium-sized onions, sliced

1 cup dry red wine (good quality)

1 1/2 cups beef broth (homemade or

1/2 cup water

1 tablespoon cornstarch dissolved in 2 tablespoons cold water (if thicker consistency is desired)

Additional materials: Kitchen twine Directions:

In a heavy saucepan steam the baby spinach, just until willed. Drain the spinach and squeeze it dry.

In a medium-sized skillet, saute the garlic in 2 tablespoons of the oil over moderate heat. When it is golden, transfer the garlic to a bowl. To the same skillet, add the wilted spinach, saute briefly and then transfer it to the garlic bowl. Once the spinach cools, add the Chevre cheese and mix all ingredients together.

Prelient the oven to 325 degrees F.

Pat the lamb dry with boned side up, season with salt and pepper. On a flat surface, evenly spread out the spinach/cheese mixfure over the lamb, leaving a 1-inch border

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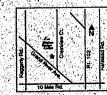
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around the edges. Roll it up like a jelly roll, and tie it tightly with kitchen twine,

Transfer the tied lamb roast to a roasting pan and rub it all over with the remaining oil, the mint, I teaspoon of the rosemary, then salt and pepper to taste.

Roast the lamb in the middle of the preheated oven for 30 minutes. Place the onion around the roast and continue to cook, for 1 to 1-1/4 hours more (20 minutes of cooking time for each pound of boneless meat), or until a meat thermometer reaches 140 degrees F. for medium-rare. Transfer the lamb roast to a cutting board and let it rest for 20 minutes.

While the lamb is resting, skim off the fat from the pain drippings, and set the roasting pan over the store. Add the wine, deglaze the pan over medium-high heat, scraping any brown bits. Boil the mixture until it is reduced by half.

Then add the broth, the remaining rosemary, the water, and any of the meat juices Hiat have accumulated on the cutting board, then again boil the mixture until it is reduced to about 2 cups. If a thicker consistency is desired, restir the cornstarch mixture and add it to the wine mixture. Whisk to mix all ingredients and let thicken.

Adjust seasonings. Discard the twine front the lamb – slice and serve with your favorite sides.

### at home calendar

Classes for beginning quilters, or those wanting to brush up on their quilting skills or learn new skills, will begin Thursday, March 5, at the Orion Art Center, 115 Anderson in Lake Orion. Call (248) 391-0360.

Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty in Livonia, offers classes on landscape design (9 a.m. to noon for four Saturdays, beginning March 7) and basic perennial gardening (7-10 p.m. for four Thursdays, beginning March 12), You must register in person. Fee for each class is \$61. Call (313) 462-4448. Instructor for both classes is Merritt Wolson, owner of Merrittscapes Inc., a full-service landscape company and perennial

A Belleek artisan will sign purchases of the Irish Parian china - including the event-only piece, the "Thomond Tower" vase (\$30) + 1-4 p.m. Saturday, March 7, in the china department at Hudson's at the Somerset Collection, Big Beaver Road and Coolidge in Troy, and 1-4 p.m. Sunday, March 8, in the china department at Hudson's at Westland Center, Warren and Wayne roads.

A home design seminar on area rugs will take place 1 p.m. Saturday, March 7, in the furniture department at Hudson's at Northland in Southfield.

Charles Kroell, who has been growing and hybridizing lilies for more

than 30 years, will speak on "Lilies 101 -Plus New Kids on the Block" at the Troy Garden Club meeting noon to 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, at the Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernois, north of Big Beaver Road. Refreshments will be served at noon. Guest donation \$3. Call Barb at (248) 879-1393 for information.

English Gardens will conduct a free seminar 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, at the West Bloomfield store, 6370 Orchard Lake Road. The topic is "The Basics of Perennial Gardening" by Susan Greener.

Call (248) 851-7506.

Internationally renowned interior decorator Nina Campbell Will speak at a brunch 11 a.m., Thursday, March 12, at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham. Cost is \$50 per ticket; reservations are limited. Call The Community House at (248) 644-5832, Ext. 423.

■ The Roses-West Rose Society will meet 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 5, at the Novi Community Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile, west of I-96 and Novi Road. The topic is "Rose Photography" with Dick Schmidt of English Gardens. The meeting will feature handouts and a social hour; guests are welcome. Call

(810) 347-0400.

■ The Metropolitan Rose Society will meet 7 p.m. Friday, March 6, at the Royal Oak Senior/ Community Center, 3500 Marais. The public may attend.

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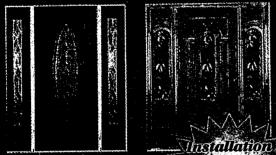




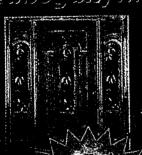


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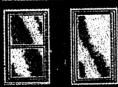


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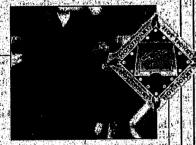
Black Lab (pictured) and Headswim open for Our Lady Peace at 7 p.m. Friday, March 6, at Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Tickets are \$15 in advance for the all-ages show. Call (248) 333-2362 or visit http://www.961melt.com for more information.



Metro Theater Company brings their "Stuff" to Youtheatre, 1 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Music Hall, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$7 in advance, \$8 at the door, call (313) 963-2366.



Local Celtic favorités Blackthorn will be appearing at the Concerts-in-the-Garden series, 3 p.m. at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. Tickets \$8, call (248) 424-9041 to charge tickets, or (248) 424-9022 for information.



Hot Tix: Lots of breeds will be dog tired after competing, the 80th Detroit Kenne Club Dog Show 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 7-8 at Cobo Center, One Washington Boulevard, Detroit. Tickets \$9 adults, \$6 for children under 12 and senior citizens available at the door, or Ticketmaster. Ramily,ticket also available. Çall (248) 352-7469 for information.



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Aiding program: Matt Watroba, an English teacher and advisor of the PCEP Perspective student newspaper at Plymouth Canton High School, will perform Friday, March 20, at the school's Little Theatre. The show benefits Plymouth-Canton's journalism program. Watroba, also the host of WDET's "Folks Like Us" program, plays a free show Friday, March 13, at Borders in Birmingham.

# Musician returns to source of inspiration for

Matt Watroba remembers the day vividly.

He was sitting in a classroom at Plymouth Canton High School in the mid-1970s when his English teacher: played, a Tom Paxton album to demonstrate satirical

"Something about it really spoke to me. It was fun to listen to," Watroba said.

The folk legend proved inspira-

tional to Watroba. "It really wasn't long after that that I went to The Ark to perform? Ironically, I was kind of influenced in the very same room where I teach now," Watroba said.
The 1978 graduate of Plymouth.

Canton High School returned to the school in 1990 to teach English. In 1993, he became the advisor of the Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem high schools' newspaper, the PCEP Perspective.

Watroba has returned to his roots to pay his respects to those who inspired him. On Friday, March 20, his performance in the high school's Little Theatre will benefit the high schools' journalism program.

His debut CD, released in late 1997, honors the room that launched his folk-singing career. "Live at the Ark" is a collection of some of his favorite songs includ- writi

Who: Matt Watroba What: Performs

When: 8 p.m. Friday, March 20 Where: The Little Theatre at Plymouth Canton High School, 8415 N. Canton. Center Road, Canton. Why: It's a benefit for the journalism program at Plymouth Salem and Plymouth Canton high schools. How: Tickets are \$10 for adults and

\$8 for students, For more informat call Watroba at (734) 416-2922.

He also has two free Borders shows: ■ 8-10 p.m. Saturday, March 7, at Borders Books and Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington

Hills. For more information, call (248) 737-3980. ■ 7:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, March 13, at Borders Books and Music, 34300. Woodward Ave., Birmingham, Call

(248) 203-0005 for more informa-For Information about Watroba's upcoming shows, write to him at P.O. Box 629, Hartland, Mich., 48353 or MattW41469@aol.com. He can also be reached at (810) 750-3420.

Jimmy Rodgers, "Handful of Songs" by Jerry Rasmussen, and "Home to Me is Anywhere You Are" and "Peace Will Come," both by Tom Paxton.

Watroba chose to release an album of cover songs because writing doesn't come easily to

Writing for me takes a lot of time. I'm so busy that it doesn't leave a lot of time for me to write. Even if I started writing like crazy, I don't know if T'd record

them.".
"Plus, there's so many great songs. I'm happy to pass along those songs as well."

Besides teaching and performing, Watroba also hosts the radio show "Folks Like Us" from noon to 3 p.m. Saturdays on radio station WDET (101.9 FM).

In planning the recording of his album, Watroba didn't set his sights on the Ann Arbor venue. "I thought, This is it," I'm going

to go into the studio and record 12 to 14 of my favorite songs. Then it occurred to me, these songs were born and raised for me to sing live in front of an audience.

"It's a good decision I think. The audience on the CD is part of the band. These songs did come alive that night."

Ark patrons act as background singers on "My Sweet Wyoming Home" by Bill Staines whom Watroba considers "one of our country's best songwriters."

Besides the audience, the local folk singer Jan Krist joins Watro-ba on "The Bramble and the ba on Rose," by Barbara Keith, and

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# Big band swings OU students

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

Swing is on the upswing. From New York and Los Angeles dance clubs t college campuses, young people are lis-tening to the music that reached its peak when their grandparents were

"The reason is you always have to distribute to melody," said trombonist Ron Kishuk. "In big band music you have "" questions and answers in the music; \*\*\* it's music that makes sense from begin ning to the end and that winds up appealing to people. As baby boomers get older, they lean toward that music.

and when young people get tired of the rhythms

Sax man: Marvin 'Doc' Holladay will lead an enemble of Oakland University alums in a celebration of big band music.

> Big Band Sound

What: Oakland University Jazz Ensem Kischuk performs theme songs from the big band era: under Marvin "Doc Holladay performs big band charts of Dizzy Gillespie. Recital Hall on the campus of Oakland University campus. When: 8 p.m. Sat-urday, March 7. Tickets: \$12 for general seating. \$10 for senior citi zens and \$6 for students. For reservations, call (248) 370-3013. Tickets are avail able one hour : mance in the Varn-

er Recital Hall Box Office.

they start to listen to it, too.". Kishuk will lead the Oakland University Jazz Ensemble March 7 in a selection of theme songs from the Big Band era, followed by an Alumni Ensemble performing the big band charts of Thad Jones and Dizzy Gillespie under the direction of former OU jazz

Holladay. Kishuk teaches music at OU and Wayne State University. He has played with some of the biggest. names in jazz including Gille ... spie, Freddy Hubbard and Mel

studies director;

Marvin "Doc"

Lewis: Kishuk became involved in jazz in the late 1970s while a music student at Wayne State.

"It interested me more than other music. It wasn't just read ing notes off a page," he said. "It was more fun, more challenging and harder to play than classical music." Kishuk said

that to play jazz you not only have to have command over your instrument but you have to be able to compose on your. feet, handle

music theory while you play. He said he admires jazz trombonists like J.J. Johnson and Carl Fontana and trumpeters like Freddy Hubbard.

"I like any hard playing, aggressive players on the edge," Kishuk said.

The March 7 performance is part of the university's Celebrate the Century arts festival. ""We're going back to the '40s. We'll' do the big band theme songs such as

Glenn Miller's Moonlight Seranade, Duke Ellington's 'Caravan,' Charlie

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### THEATER

# Dreamgirls' actor plays dreamy uncle in Birmingham

Michael Goddard's about to lead a nore plush vagabond existence. A prod-ict of an Air Force family, Goddard's ed to moving around – having already ed in nine places in his 30 years – not hiting the 18 cities that hell have set counting the 18 cities that hell have set up temporary residence in within an eight month period this year. Three days ago, he packed up his clothes, lappop and favorite body pillow in Clevelland and boarded the bus with the cast and convert Dreamings and headed to Deboat forta the deweek run of the north Actal Winning invited at the Detroit Operallouse.

But this times Golddard work he start

castmates. Instead, he's campin' out at his big sister Julie Brettschneider's house in Birmingham, along with her husband, Brad and their two daughters. Blair, 9, and Lane, 6-1/2.

In between e-mailing messages to Goddard, including Blair's and Lane's Girl Scout cookie order form, Julie Brettschneiders been busily coordinat-ing ticket sales for "Dreamgirls" with her friends - she's planning on seeing the show at least three times. One of Goddard's and Brettschneider's sisters will also be flying in from Tucson to catch the show. She'll be staying with the Brettschneider's, too.

Goddard's Detroit agenda is getting

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pretty full. Brettschneider's got him lined up to speak at Quarton Elementary, Blair's and Lane's school. And, of course, there's delivering the 81 boxes of Girl Scout Cookies that Uncle Michael



sold by proxy to the ensemble, on behalf of his nieces. In between extra rehearsals to tweak and polish the show for an expected spring of '98 Broadway opening, Goddard has places to go and

things to buy, starting with lunch at Pronto's in Royal Oak, Greektown, the Ren Cen, shopping at Somerset and a cast dinner at the Brettschneider's. Plus, a visit to the Motown Museum

for sure. A logical choice, indeed, since "Dreamgirls" takes the audience on a musical behind-the-scenes journey of. three young African American singers The Dreamettes - in 1967 at the famed Apollo Theatre and follows their glitzy rise to stardom over a 10-year period, ultimately blossoming into The Dreams Though many are quick to point out

that "Dreamgirls" is really the story of Diana Ross and the Supremes, "Dream-girls" composer Henry Krieger has said

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# Concert from page E1

Detroit bluesman Robert Jones helps out with "Amazing Grace/That Kind of Grace."

On the album, Watroba explains the background and the inspiration of the songs. Before going into "Miss the Mississippi,"

he explains it reminds him of his father and the late Gamble

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"It was a really cool night. I've only been talking shout doing it time Gary and Neil and Tegot only been talking shout doing it together back when we used to for 15 years," he said about the making music."

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He delves into his personal life by revealing that the Tom Paxton song "Home to Me is Anywhere You Are" was sung at his wedding to his high school

for 15 years," he said about the recording of "Live at The Ark."

Watroba explained that he is honored that he's been able to play The Ark since he was 15;

"In terms of folk music, it's the finest acoustic music room in the country. I feel really fortunate that I've been able to play there. People all over the country are dying to play there.

Since that day in high school, Watroba hasn't strayed from his

"What's kept me in folk music is it's shared music of our people.

The thing that makes folk music different (from other genres) is that it holds on to the tradition that brought it here. It doesn't seem to change like everything

During his career, Watroba has shared the stage with Tuck and Patti, Don McLean, to whom Watroba's voice has been compared, and Donovan.

"He surprised me mainly because I didn't know what to expect. He told me stories for the whole hour and a half between

Watroba has had a successful career in teaching, radio and performing. But most importantly, he's opened for his hero, Paxton.

That kind of stuff is just pre-

# Big Band from page E1

to it out of the realm of songs you always hear from those bands," Kishuk said.

every number will be played the way you might remember it, either, Kishuk said. The OU group will involve various ensemble, solo and vocal performances. He said some num-bers, such as a rendition of Miller's "In the Mood," will follow

tradition while others will pur-sue new arrangements.

The student ensemble players will include beginners as well as advanced performers who play

around the metro area The alumni band will be inviting back several name performers who studied at Oakland University, Holladay, who now lives in South Carolina, was director of OU's jazz studies program

from 1972 to 1988 and was a member of the Stan Kenton Orchestra.

Players coming back include Walt Szymanski on trumpet from New York: tenor saxophonist Scott Peterson from San Francisco; guitarist Steve Carryer, director of the jazz guitar program at Wayne State; tenor saxophonist Steve Wood; tuba player Brad Felt; and percussionist

Kischuk points to the big bands of Toshiko Akiyoshi, Mel ewis, Kenton and trombonist Dimitri Pagalidis as his

The big band sound has had cycles of popularity since its hey-day in the '30s and '40s. More recent bands led by Thad Jones and Mel Lewis, Akiyoshi and

McCoy Tyner have taken new approaches to jazz in a large ensemble setting, which Kischuk said is necessary to keep the music alive.

"In Detroit you have big bands that can't get arrested and ... you have Top 40 bands that make \$5,000 a night: It's not so much economics as selling people that you can play other kinds of music," Kischuk said. "Some peo ple think, 'This is what a big band sounds like,' but bands can play other things. Certainly, that's what Thad Jones was trying to do with his big band."

On March 7, the vintage sounds of Glenn Miller and Duke Ellington and the newer sounds of Thad Jones will take center stage at Oakland University.

thing when Barry Williams was

in town. A tennis enthusiast,

Williams had his stage manager

arrange a tennis game at " Franklin Racquet Club, Turns",

out Williams' partner was God-

dard's brother-in-law Brad

"You know, customer tennis,"

Unlike her father, Blair has opted to forgo sports and follow in the footsteps of her Uncle

Michael. Her most recent performance was with her sister, Lane,

in the Birmingham First Theater

Guild's production of "Hansel

lines," advised Blair. "And if she misses one, or somebody skips her line, I told her that she

"I told Lane to practice her

Brettschneider, Williams won.

says Brad.

and Gretel."

# Dreamy from page E1

that the Motown sound was not his only inspiration. Krieger's musical influences also included Etta James, James Brown, Aretha Franklin, Dionne Warwick, Burt Bacharach, the Drifters and Ray Charles, "Dreamgirls" won two Grammy Awards for its Broadway cast album, in addition to six Tony Awards in 1982: Book, Tom Eyen; Musical Actors, Ben Harney, Jennifer Holiday and Cleavant Derricks; Choreography, Michael Bennett; and Lighting, Tharon Musser.

"Show biz is just show biz, which is the ongoing theme of the show, said Goddard from his hotel room in Cleveland on his one day off. "Everything good and bad that happens to the characters is just because it's show biz – a lesson that's proven in real life. In the end, it's just a

Goddard, who now lives in New York when he's not on tour with a show, was cast in "Dreamgirls" as The Dreams' Press Agent, Frank, in May '97. Rehearsals began in August, and the first stop was Providence, R.I., in September.

Frank is a pretty interesting character," says Goddard. "In the '60s, in order for (African American artists') dreams to be heard and presented in the right places - such as stories in newspapers – they needed someone like Frank, a white person, to convey the right things."

Goddard's been conveying his craft quite steadily since 1990, following graduation at Arizona State University, when he turned his lifelong hobby of theater into

Ironically, Goddard made his stage debut in "The Music Man" with his sister Julie in 1976 in Lucson when he was his niece

Blair's age, "When Michael was little, he had all these Fisher Price People," recalls Brettschneider. He used to lock himself in his room and create elaborate scenes with his toys. We'd all be listening on the other side of the door and kid him about it later. We were mer-ciless. We knew he'd end up being an actor.

None of my siblings went into

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acting. I was the baby of five, so I had to do something to get noticed." Goddard jokes.

At 6-foot-4, the tallest member in the show, the Greg Bradyclone has no problem getting

'I only like it when people tell me that I look like Greg Brady and they say he's cute – the younger Greg Brady, that is, before he lost his hair."

In fact, Goddard remembers the time that Barry Williams, who played Greg Brady on "The Brady Bunch," was performing in "Promises, Promises" at the Birmingham Theatre in 1988. "Ever since Julie moved to

Birmingham, I always wanted to perform in a show at the Birm-ingham Theatre," says Goddard. Though that won't happen now

that the Birmingham Theatre is a movie house, the play was the

shouldn't announce it out loud and nobody will know." Spoken like a true Dreamgirl.

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mystified as anyone about the success of "Fargo," their offbeat black comedy about a string of mur-ders in Upper Minnesota. The movie copped an Oscar for star

brothers are as

Frances McDormand and gave the Coens the award for Best Original Screenplay.

Since their debut feature "Blood Simple" in 1984, the filmmakers have long been testing the waters. They do it again with The Big Lebowski," one of the quirklest and most maddening movies to hit the screen since, well, "Fargo."

The advertisements have stressed the bowling, but that's only a backdrop for story that's not much of a mystery at all.

Jeff Bridges plays the Dude, a sort of 70s throwback who bowls with his buddies and smokes large quantities of pot, "a man," by the Coens' own definition, "in whom casualness runs deep." The twist here is that the film: makers obviously see him as their version of the modern Western hero.

The Dude is enlisted by the title character (David Huddle-ston), a wheelchair-bound mil-lionaire, to locate his kidnapped young trophy wife (Tara Reid). Along the way the Dude hooks up with the Lebowski's other

daughter Maude (Julianne Moore), a sophisticated avant-garde artist who gets romantically involved with him.

Sound familiar? It should. From the title to the basic plot, the Coens are riffing on Ray-mond Chandler's "The Big Sleep," but with a decidedly quirky outlook The Dude doesn't spend that much time deducing and when he does figure some-thing out, he's usually wrong. Making matters worse is Viet-nam vet buddy Walter (John Goodman), who hits on the bright idea to keep the ransom money the Dude is supposed to deliver. Add to that a group of nihilists (led by "Fargo" co-star Peter Stormare) and this shaggy dog story gets even furrier.

"The Big Lebowski" does examine the Zen of the bowling alley, where Dude relaxes even more than usual, the pressure of a big tournament notwithstand-ing. Major competition lies in John Turturro's Jesus, a cocky hispanic bowler in a purple jumpsuit and hairnet who threatens to mop up the lanes with our heroes.

Where any other filmmakers would stage a climactic battle of the bowlers, the Coens leave it alone. In fact, they are so intent on being unpredictable that they often leave us wanting, especially with some of these smaller

Turturro's Jesus spends maybe three minutes on screen, tops. Then there's Coen veteran Steve Buscemi, who always enters a conversation seconds too late, so is constantly told to shut his

Coen Brothers strike again in Big:Lebowski'... mouth: We could stand to see, more of him and less of Goodman's Walter, who is the film's

least unique creation. The Coens still have a knack for the visuals, especially in the bowling sequences. I knew they'd try a shot from a bowling ball's point of view – that was a given. Even better is their image, in profile and slow motion, of bowlers stepping up to the line and letting the balls sail. Bowling has never appeared this

The character of the Dude exists in the 1970s, but he's also part of the "it's about nothing" mentality in the age of Seinfeld. The part was specifically written for Bridges, who has a fun time with his patented laid-back per-sona as he's buffeted around in a situation spinning more and more out of his control.

The Coens, who work hard to mine the uniqueness of their locales, show the blue collar side of Los Angeles. That's refreshing. but also not all that interesting, except in ironic contrast to the city Phillip Marlowe hoofed around in "The Big Sleep."

If "The Big Lebowski" isn't the best movie the Coen brothers have ever made, it definitely fits their tradition of giving people exactly what they don't expect. At this point, I'm game for any-thing they want to show me

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# Ridgedale Players presented a spirited Brigadoon'

BY HELEN ZUCKER SPECIAL WRITER

The Ridgedale Players production of Lerner and Loewe's Brigadoon" is spirited. Codirected by Barbara Anne Gowans, Dan and Annette See and Susan Borin, the cast of 12; the female and male chorus and the tech staff manage to make this nostalgic musical stay

Kevin Branshaw shines as Harry Beaton, the unhappy lover of Jean Maclaren, Beaton, the son of a weaver who "canna" go to Edinburgh to make something of himself, who cannot leave the town of Brigadoon and who has nothing to live for is a square pet. Branshaw conveys a Hardyesque sense of unearned

misfortune, of claustrophobia, especially in the forest scene where he is hunted by the wellintentioned menfolk and carelessly killed.

Megan Hughes is very fine as Fiona Maclaren, the girl who induces Tommy Albright to move from New York to Brigadoon Hughes has great sweetness and she conveys it when singing "The Heather On the Hill," and "Almost Like Being in Love."

. Bob Higle as Tommy, the fickle lover from the Big Apple who learns to be true in Scotland, is decent, restless, earnest and believable, Tommy walks away from a good job, a girlfriend who's let him call off their wedding umpteen times and his best friend. Tommy is definitely not a

man for the nineties. Higle does a good job with the moving lyric, "There But for You Go I."

Carl Jones as Jeff Douglas, the fashionably drunk best friend who carelessly kills Beaton and gets to leave his bottle in a Scottish forest, does a fine job. Jones handles his wisecracks well.

Rebecca Hyke as the soughtafter Jean Maclaren is a graceful dancer. Daryl Ziegelman as Charlie Dalrymple, the lad who gets her (and Edinburgh), brings lots of zest to his role. Roger Nowland as Andrew Maclaren, father of the two lassies, has a great accent and a commanding manner of speech that seems true to 1722, the year "Brigadoon" takes place: true to

Tania Velinsky is lusty and

funny as the dairy seller who is half Gypsy, half Scot and 100 percent man-crazy. Michael Jerries looks the part of Mr. Lundie, the schoolteacher who explains the mystery of Brigadoon. Cheryl Adams does a solemn, graceful turn as Maggie, the sole mourner as Harry's funeral. Frank Gerace is a totally believable bartender. Jules DeWard does a great

cameo as Jane.

Costumes by Doris Harmon and crew ar good. The kilts are wonderful. The bagpines before the wedding scene are the best thing about the production. The sword dance is effective, and sorting out the Scottish clan names is fun. The energy exhibited by the large numbers of people involved is awesome.



Musical: Bob Higle, (left to right), John Farley (of Ply mouth), and Megan Hughes in a scene from , "Brigadoon.'

# Funny man producer meets star animator

this is easier than others.

Writing this space has been one of my favorite outlets since we started Backstage Pass over a year ago now at Detroit Public Television. It gives me

Some weeks

a chance to talk

to all the great segment hosts he have contributing in the various artistic disci-. plines. They're all top-notch professionals with real-world experience in their fields of expertise. They hail from respected places like WDET, Wayne State, the Detroit Institute of Arts and the

Then there's this week. This week, I'm talking with Jimmy Rhoades.

Jimmy's a tough interview. He's ostensibly one of the show's producers. Ask him what that means and he gives vague answers like, "I sometimes roll around in a big pile of press

releases while my voice mail fills up." Then he laughs maniacally.

Jimmy's also an on-air contrib-utor. "Why?" you ask. "What is his area of expertise?" Well, for 8-1/2 years Jimmy worked the road as a standup comedian (this is a self-reported description on his part). So when we have subject matter that we think might lend itself to a comedic touch, we send Jimmy to: a) incise and enhance said comedic offering, b) wring the comedy right out of. the thing, leaving a sad, lifeless mess in its place, or c) it's a coin toss between a) and b).

Last week, he filled in for me on the air while I was out of town, and now he's contributing a report from the field. Is he behind the camera? In front of the camera? Apparently, he can't. decide, caught in a Jekyll-and-Hyde-like duality that threatens to prevent him from even being a wholly actualized human being, or even from catching up on his

So when we heard that Gallery Animato in Birmingham was bringing in cartoonist Paul Carl-son for its exhibition of UPA Stu-

dio animation cels, we put Jimmy on the case, "When I was a kid, I wanted to be a cartoonist," Jimmy said, "and Paul Carlson is an example of why I should have done it. He's the nicest guy in the world, generous with his talent, and has absolutely loved his career."

And what a career he's had, Jimmy ran down his history "Mr. Carlson wanted to be a cartoonist, so when he was 19 he moved to California hoping to get a job at Walt Disney Productions as an animator. They told him he had to have two years of college he had none - so they turned 'him away He told them, "Call me if you have any openings." Two months later he started out in the mail room. That was a great start because he delivered mail to everybody, Walt included. He expressed his interest in cartooning to some of the old animators and they took him under their wings.

"His credits at Disney include 'Sleeping Beauty,' '101 Dalma-tians,' Lade and the Tramp' and 18 'How to Draw' books of Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck, Goofy,

Pluto, Chip and Dale and Jiminy Cricket. He rose so high through the ranks that he was one of the few people who was cleared to sign Walt Disney's name to drawings.

"Mr. Carlson went up to UPA Pictures, who produced cartoons like Gay Purree, Dick Tracy and, of course, Mr. Magoo, He did a lot of work on Magoo, working in all phases of production, including the voice sessions with Jim Backus. He was the voice of Magoo and later played Thurston Howell III on Gilligan's Island. Paul says that Backus was Magoo, that 50 percent of his lines were improvised.

"These animators never knew that these production cels would become collectibles. He says they threw most of the work away! He drew some characters for us, signed and dated them. He just loves to bring a smile to people's

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# Avon's female 'Odd Couple' brings laughs

There is nothing odd or trivial about Mary Whiting's performance in the Avon Players' newest production, the feminized version of the 30-year-old classic "The Odd Couple." It's another of playwright Neil Simon's rewrites, this one a very light. amusing synopsis of divorce, American, Spanish and feminine style, obviously not biographical for the playwright.

As the dumped-by-her-husband Florence Unger, Mary Whiting has a bright appealing delivery as a neurotic, compulsive neatnik blond more interested in cleanliness and gourmet cooking than people's feelings. Florence's husband has kicked her out for obvious reasons. She lands at slovenly Olive's ill-

kempt apartment during the women's weekly Trivial Pursuit Game.

It is an odd assortment of women: Mickey, appropriately and mannishly portrayed by Kendra Knight; Mary Bogrette Pagnani and Pamela Shaw Heath are particularly coarse as Renee and Sylvia; and Nan Frederick manages to be believably dumb in the difficult role as Vera. Together these married women feed on Olive's green sandwiches and warm pop. (The "frig" is broken.)

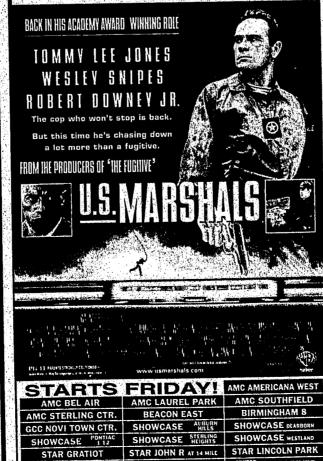
In a moment of loneliness, the recently divorced Olive, played by Kimberly Cruchon, takes in the tearful, suicidal Florence Immediately, the problems begin when Florence proceeds to clean

up Olive's trashy mess doing things like sorting the mixed nuts and sterilizing the cards. Olive doesn't appreciate Florence's "Martha Stewart" type domicile interests and the friendship develops into another "divorce" situation. As in other Simon plays, there is excessive arguing, taxing for an audience when overplayed. Whiting manages, though, to thoroughly irritate the sloppy Olive but succeeds in making the audience laugh at the predicament.

It Whiting is successful, it is due to the foil created by Kimberly Cruchon as Olive. She is rough around the edges, has particularly unpleasant mouth movements and walks like a jock who is hot to trot. One of the best scenes in the show is when she invites the Spanish neighbors over for an unsavory dinner party. Chuck Thompson and Lonnie Luzod are extremely funny as the Spanish-speaking Manole and Jesus Costazuela. These Gazpacho Brothers lookalikes are Florence's first date since her separation and the conversation between these misfits is hilarious. Florence doesn't understand their colloquialisms, "the ship comes home when the sailor is

Nobody's ship comes in during this story, but the surprises never cease. The ultimate one is who Florence ends up with last or next to last - or next to next

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DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE "Fences," through Sunday, March 22, at the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson Detroit, 8:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, 3 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays, \$15. (313) 868-1347 FISHER THEATRE

"Stomp," through Sunday, March 8, Fisher Theatre, Fisher Building, Detroit. (248) 645-6666/(313) 872-1000 JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE "Taking Sides;" 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 5, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 7, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 8, Aeron DeRoy Theatre, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. \$13-\$23 with discounts for seniors, stu-dents and groups. (248) 788-2900 MEADOW BROOK THEATRE

What the Butler Saw," a comedy abou a philandering psychiatrist who's chas-ing his would be secretary while his wife has an affair with a hotel belihop." 8 p.m. Thursday, March 5 (\$22), 8 p.m. Friday, March 6 (\$26.50), 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 7 (\$22 and \$32, respectively), 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, March 8 (\$22), at the theater in Wilson Hall on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. (248)

NATIONAL THEATRE OF THE DEAF With Pilobolus Dance Theatre perform Ibsen's "Peer Gynt," 4 p.m. Sunday, March 8, Mercy High School, 29300 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, \$20, (248) 473-1888/(248) 473-1875 (TDD) PURPLE ROSE THEATRE COMPANY "Julie Johnson," Wendy Hammond's polgnant story of an uneducated young mother who seeks a better life for her-self and her two children, through Saturday, March 14, at the theater 137 Park St., Chelsea, 8 p.m. Thursday March 5 (\$20), 8 p.m. Friday, March 6 (\$25), 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 7 (\$25), 2 p.m. Sunday, March 8 (\$20), Tuesday, March 10, show can-celled, 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 11 (\$20), 8 p.m. Thursday, March 12 (\$20), 8 p.m. Friday, March 13 (\$25), and 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 14 (\$25). (734) 475-7902, group sales

#### OPERA.

NEW YORK CITY OPERA NATIONAL

Donizetti's "Daughter of the Regiment 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 12-13, 2 p.m. 75-minute family show Saturday, March 14, and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 14, Power Center for the Performing 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor. \$22-\$44, (800) 221-1229 or http://www.ums.org

### COLLEGE

Anne of the Thousand Days, Maxwell Anderson's epic tale of the lives of Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 6-7, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 8, and 8 p.m. Thursday Saturday, March 12-14, Quirk Theatre Saturday, March 12-14, Quirk Theatre on Eastern Michigan University campus, Yosilanti. \$7 Thursday, \$42 Fridays and Saturdays, and \$10 Sunday matines. \$2 discount for tickets purchased in advance. (734) 487-1221. ST. MARY'S COLLEGE

"Love Letters," a touching and often humorous play about a relationship bétween two people from childhood to middle age based on letters, a Skarga middle age used on letters, a Skage Society production of J.R. Gurney's play, 7: 30 p.m., Friday-Saturday, March 20:21, at the college, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake, \$7; \$4 students. (248)

WSU BONSTELLE THEATRE Twelfth Night," by William Shakespeare, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, March 6-7 and 13-14, 2 p.m. Sundays, March 8 and 15, 10 a.m. student matinee Tuesday, March 10, at the theater, 3424 Woodward Ave. on the campus of Wayne State University, Detroit. (313)

WSU HILBERRY THEATRE "Two Gentlemen of Verona," by William Shakespeare, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 6-7, 10 a.m. student matinee Tuesday, March 10, and 8 p.m. Thursday Friday, March 12-13; "Of Mice and Men," by John Steinbeck," 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, at the theater 4743 Cass Ave. on the Wayne State University, Detroit. (313) 577-2972 WSU STUDIO THEATRE

"Crimes of the Heart," by Beth Henley, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 5-7, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Merch 8, at the theater below the Hilberry Theatre, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. (313) 577-2972

### COMMUNITY

ANN ARBOR CIVIC THEATRE
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seniors, students, (734) 971-AACT
AVONPLYTES



Dog show: Owners wait for instructions during obedience competition at the Detroit Kennel Club Dog Show 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 7-8 at Cobo Center in Detroit. This year, the show has been expanded to two identical one-day shows for the first time ever. Admission is \$9 adults, \$6 for children under 12 and senior citizens. A family pass for two adults and three children is available for \$25. Tickets available at the door and Ticketmaster outlets, or call (248) 352-7469.

"Annie," the delightful musical about an orphan, 8 p.m. Fridays Saturdays. March 13-14, 20-21, and 2 p.m. Sundays, March 15 and 22 at Lahser High School auditorium on Lasher Road. Bloomfield Hills. (248) 433-0885 BURNS PARK PLAYERS

Celebrates Its 15th year with "My Fair, Lady," 7:30 p.m. Friday Saturday, March Tappan Middle School Auditorium, 2251 E. Stadium Blvd., Ann Arbor, \$7. 734) 994-3508

DEARBORN HEIGHTS CIVIC THEATRE "The Carpenter," 8 p.m. Fridays Saturdays, March 6-7 and 13-14, and 4 p.m. Sundays March 8 and 15, at the Berwyn Center, 26155 Richardson (three blocks west of Beech Daly, two blocks south of Warren Avenue). Dearborn, \$7, \$5 students and seniors. Group discounts available. (313) 277-

THE NOVI THEATRES "Oliver!" the musical, 8 p.m. Friday. Saturday, March 13-14, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road.

Novi. (248) 347-0400 PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS "The Wizard of Oz," Saturdays and Sundays through Saturday, April 11, Historic Players Club, 3321 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit. Noon lunch and 1 p.m. show Saturdays, and 1 p.m. lunch and

2 p.m. show Sundays, \$7.50 includes lunch. (810) 662-8118 PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN \*Crimes of the Heart," a heartwarming story of three sisters in Hazelhurst, Miss., in the early 1970s, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, March 6-7, 13-14 and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at the theater, 21730 Madison (southeast of Monroe and Outer Drive), Dearborn \$10, \$8 for students younger than age 18 with proper ID. (313) 561-TKTS

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS "Brigadoon," Friday Sunday, March 6-8. and and Thursday Sunday, March 12:15, at the theater, 205 W. Long Lake Road (1/4 mile west of Livernois Road). Trov 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Thursday: and 3 p.m. Sundays. \$13. \$12 Thursday and Sundays for students and seniors, coffee and sandwich after-Included. (248) 988-7049

ST. DUNSTAN'S THEATRE GUILD "A Delicate Balance," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, March 13-14 and 20-21, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15, St. Dunstan's Quild of Crahbrook, 400 Lone Pihe Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-0527 SRO PRODUCTIONS

"The Sunshine Boys," by Nell Simon, Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, Friday-Sunday, March 20-22, and Friday-Sunday, March 27-29, Burgh Site, on Civic Center Dr., between Berg and Lahser roads, Southfield. (248) 827-

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE "Around the House," featuring a variety of comedians, dancers, musicians rangor comedians, dancers, musicians can ing from alternative to folk, actors, storytellers and multi-media performers in a cabaret-style environment; 8 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays; March 67 and 13 14; at the theater 38840 W. Six Mile Roadi (at 1275), Elvonia, \$7. (734) 464-\*frin-\*

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Beanles, Saturday, March 7: \$9.65 for dren, \$11.65 for adults, includes the show, mini luncheon of soup, bread, salad, mostaciolli, chicken legs, dessert, tax and tip. (248) 349-0522 JACKSONN PRODUCTIONS DINNER THE

The Retirement Murders," an audience participation murder mystery comedy, 6:30 p.m. Saturdays through March 7, Florelli's Restaurant, 26125 E. Huron River Dr., Flat Rock, \$28 in advance, \$33 at the door, includes dinner, show, tax and tip. Non-smoking dinner the eter. (734) 782-1431

#### YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

MARQUIS THEATRE
"Charlotte's Web," 2:30 p.m.
Saturdays, March 7, 14, 21, 28, and
April 4, 18 and 25, and Sundays, March
8, 15, 22 and 29, and April 5, 19 and the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. \$6.50. Children ages 3 and younger will not be admitted. (248) 349.8110

PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS "The Wizard of Oz," Saturdays and Sundays, through Saturday, April 11, Historic Players Club, 3321 E. Jeffersor Ave.. Detroit, Noon lunch and 1 p.m. show Saturdays, and 1 p.m. lunch and 2 p.m. show Sundays, \$7.50 includes

YOUTHEATRE "Stuff" by Metro Theatre Company, as part of the Movin' Up Club Season for those ages 3-6, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, March 7, and 2 p.m. Sunday March 8, at Music Hall, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$7. Children younger than 3 will not admitted to the theater. (313) 963-2366

### SPECIAL EVENTS

ANTIQUE AND COLLECTIBLE SHOW Featuring antiques and collectibles both nostalgic and vintage, rare and old books, Victorian period furniture, pattern glass, porc pottery, noon to 9 p.m. Friday, March 13, 10 a.m., to 9 p.m. Saturday, March 14, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 15, Gibraltar Trade Center, 15525 Rancho Road (Eureka Road and 1-75), Taylor. (734) 287-2000 BUILDERS HOME AND DETROIT

FLOWER SHOW-With more than 25,000 tulips, daffodils and hyacinths, Steve Thomas, host of PBS's "This Old House," "America's Master Gardener" Jerry Baker, and PBS's "Victory Garden \* guest host Gary Koller, Home and Garden Television's "Fix-it-Up!" host Pat Simpson, how to clinics, Michigan Kitchen and Bath Show, Pool, Spa and Recreation Show, 2-10 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 12-13, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, March 14, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 15, Cobo Hall. \$6,50, \$4,50 seniors, \$4 children ages 6-12, free for children ages 6 and younger, Family tlokets for two adults and accompanying children are \$9 at

Farmer Jack, Discount admission coupons at the Home Depot, Target and Huddon'ts stores. (248) 737-4478 of http://www.bulldera.prg. (248) 738-4478 of http://www.bulldera.prg. (248) 738-748 of h Opm ideredykaery Miodo GG. 100 cm. (o 9 80 pm. (filly, Mad) 7.

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and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 8, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Chemplonship Dr. (1-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. \$7.50, \$3.50 chil-dren ages 6-12, free for children ages 5 and younger. (248):377-0100 or //www.palacenet.com **GUN AND KNIFE SHOW** Featuring games, rifles, hunting sup-plies, ammo and more, rioon to 9 p.m. Friday, March 6, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday, March 7, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 8, Gibraltar Trade Center, 15525 Rancho Road (Eureka Road and I-75), Taylor, (734) 287-2000 "ROAD TO WRESTLEMANIA XIV" 8 p.m. Saturday, March 7, Cobo Hall, Detroit, \$12-\$22. All ages. (313) 983-6616/(313) 396-7902 TROY NIGHT AT THE OSCARS

The Troy Public Library is offering the chance to win prizes for correctly guessing the Oscar winners; fillin critionary Lawson of the Detroit Free Press, Kurt Ell Mayry, president of the Motion Picture Institute of Michigan, and film critic John Monaghan of the Observer & Eccentric Nespapers will assist you in predicting the winners, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12 at the Troy Public Library, 510 West Big Beaver, east of 75 in the Civic Center Complex. (248) 524-3538

### BENEFITS

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION'S HEART BALL

Lewis from WXYZ-TV, and honorees Dr. Joseph S. Bassett of Bloomfield Hills and Jimmy Launce of Farmington Hills, 7 p.m. cocktells and 8 p.m. dinner Friday, March 6, Dearborn Inn. 20301 Oakwood, Dearborn, \$200, benefits the association's education programs and research, (248) 557-9500, ext. 451 DINNER DANCE

Bishop Foley Knights of Columbus Council No. 2660 Dearborn is sponsor-ing a dinner dance to benefit religious Days, 5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 15, dancing to Joe Vitale's Band 7-11 p.m. 15800 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. \$20. (734) 422-1072/(313) 565-3656 TASTE OF THE TOWN

The fourth annual fundralser for Notre Dame Prep/Marist Academy includes 35 restaurents offering a variety of food samplings, a live and silent auction of more than 100 items, and entertainment, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 7 at the San Marino Club, Troy. \$45. (248) 373-5371. Individuals interested in donating items to the auction, call (248) 373-8382/393-1998 THE CHENILLE SISTERS

Presented by the Birmingham Musicale to benefit the its scholarship and philanthropic programs, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 14 in Varner Recital Hall. Oakland University, Rochester. \$25, \$15 students, \$35 patrons, \$50 benefactors. (248) 651-2316

### FAMILY EVENTS

"DISNEY ON ICE — HERCULES" 11 a.m., and 730 p.m. Thursday, March 5, 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 6, 11:30 am, 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 7, Sqd-1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Syndey, March 8: Joe Louis Arens, 600 Oldic center Dry Detroit, \$11.50, \$14,50 and \$7,50 with limited \$30 (for discounted rink sides sats, \$2.0ff okets (for klosst 2, and younger for 11, mands/150 pilm, Titur day, March 6, no (4, 20 cilm) Saturds/, March 7, nowo (892) 99333606/(248) 645 3067(248) 645 GGGG CHRIN (GIRCU) Noon crái 7 pmi (Monday), Eridby), 10060 cm., 2.20 pm. cnd 7/pmi,

Saturdays, and 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Sundays, from Friday-Sunday, March 6:22, Michigan State Fair Colleaum, Detroit, \$6-\$14. (313) 831-1620/(313) 366-6200

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN -

"Maple Sugaring" teaches the techniques of making maple syrup from tree sap, 1-4 p.m. Saturday, March 7, Henry Ford Estate terrace, on the campus of U-M, Dearborn. (313) 593-5338.

#### CLASSICAL

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALE "Crusade for Strings," 1 p.m. Thursday, March 12, Birmingham Community House, 360 S. Bates St., Birmingham. (248) 475-5978 . KEVIN BYLSMA AND FRIENDS

Plamis and five singers perform "Kennst du das Land – Songs of and Sacrifice," by Wolf, lb, Schumann and Britten, 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor, \$7 general seating, \$5 students. (734) 769-2899 or http://www.peus.com/kch PENELOPE CRAWFORD

Classical planist, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 12, Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor, \$25 rows 1-5, \$15 rows 3-5, \$10 general seating. (734) 769-2999 or http://www.peus.com/kch DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA With conductor Jerzy Semkow and vic-linist Emmanuelle Bolsvert perform all-

Mozart program, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 5-6, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 7; With Conductor Yur Temirkanov, performs Elgar's "Enigma Variations" and Rachmaninoff's "Symphony No. 2," 8 p.m. Friday, March 13, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 14, and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 15, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave Detroit. \$17-\$60. (313) 576-5111 or http://www.detroitsymph EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY Eastern Michigan University's Department of Music presents a performance of Johannes Brahms' "A German Requiem," performed by the EMU University Choir, EMU Festival Choir, First Presbyterian Church Choir of Ann Arbor and the EMU Symphony Orchestre under the direction of Kevin Miller, associate professor of music, soloists are faculty members Glenda Kirkland, soprano, and Donald Hartmann, bass aritone, 8 p.m. Friday, March 13 in Pease Auditorium, corner of West Cross Street and College Place in Ypsilanti. \$5, \$3 students/seniors, and available at the Quirk Box Office (734) 487-

1221, or Pease Auditorium one hour before the performance. LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA With conductor Volodymyr Schesiuk, perform music and songs from Broadway shows and light classics; at its annual cabaret concert, 7 p.m. Friday, March 6, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft Road (west of Inkster Road), Livonia, \$25, includes hot hors d'ouevres. (734) 421-1111/464-2741

MARINERS' CHURCH OF DETROIT Presents a series of organ concerts with Kenneth Sweetman and Kevin Bylsma playing the music of Bach, Brahms, Franck, and Pachelbel during lent, 12:35 p.m. Thursdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26 and April 2, visitors welcome to attend services at 12:10 p.m. and stey for the concerts at the church, 170 East Jefferson, Detroit. Free parking in Ford Auditorium Underground Garage entered in the median of Jefferson Avenue at the foot of Woodward Avenue. (313) 259-2206 MACOMB SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Presents "DanceXotica" featuring

planist Leszek Bartklewicz and tap dancer Scott Johnson 8 p.m. Friday, March 13 at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, M-59 and Garfield Road, Clinton Township, \$15, \$12, seniors/students, (810) 286-2222/(248) 645-6666 JEAN-YVES THIBAUDET

Pianist performs French impressionist piano works, 8 p.m, Tuesday, March 10 University of Michigan Museum of Art, 525 S. State St., Ann Arbor. \$25 includes concert and pre-concert view-ing of the art exhibit "Monet at Vetheull: The Turning Point." (800) 221-1229 or http://www.ums.org. JEREMY VAN HOY

Trombonist performs 8 p.m. Monday, March 9, Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$10 rows 1-5, \$7 general seating, \$5 students. (734) 769-2999 or http://www.peus.com/kch

### POPS

PINO MARELLI

Sings international pop standards and originals in English, Italian and Spanish 6 p.m. Tuesdays through March, Ardo's Grill N' Chill, 27900 Hoover Road, Werren, Free, All ages, (810) 582-0080.

Plays regtime 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15 at the Livonia Civic Center Library Audititorium, Five Mile east of Farmington, Livonia. Free. (734) 421-

# AUDITIONS/ WORKSHOPS

MUSIC THEATRE OF MICHIGAN

Presents an Audition Workshop with Broadway actor Daniel Cooney who Will present many sepects of professional suditioning including "Acting Technique," "How to Connect

Emotionally With Your Work," and "Basic Vocal Technique," classes limited to 10 students per session, ages 15 . ed to 40 students per session, eges 15 and up only, 6-9 p.m. Monday: Wednesday, March 16-19, (\$45); audi-tions for talented singers ages 15 and up for "Broadway in Concert," 5-9:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 19-20, (734) 425-5782

PETER SPARLING & CO.

Auditions for two male dancers to Join. Peter Sparling's professional modern dance company, noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at Dance Gallery Studio, 111 Third St. (off Huron Street). Ann Arbor, Audition is a modern class format. Dancers should bring a resum Rehearsals begin in May for July 10 per-formance at the Ann Arbor Summer estival. (734) 747-8885

WOLVERINE SILVERSPUR DANCERS Host workshop, Friday-Saturday, Marchi 13-14, Italian American Cultural Center, Warren, (313) 526-9432/(810) 573-

#### CHORAL:

SONGS BUBBIE NEVER TAUGHT YOU An interactive program of secular and Jewish songs presented by Judy and David, family entertainers from Toronto, program includes material from the newest release "Livin' in a Shoe," the album has recently been named by Child Magazine as one of the year's 10, best children's albums in North America and was recently nominated for the "JUNO" Award (Canada's version of the Grammy's), 4 p.m. Sunday, March 15 at the Jewish Community Center, 15110 West 10 Mile, Oak Park. \$4 adult mem-bers, \$3 child members, \$5 adult nonmembers, \$4 children non-members, and available at the center. (248) 967-

4030/661-1000 SPEBSQSA CONCERT The Wayne Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America annual show features the chapter's Renalssance Chorus, international medalist quartet Michigan Jake, 17member ensemble Fanfare, and Sweet Adeline quartet Harmonix, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 6-7, Mercy High School, 29300 11 Mile Road,

Farmington Hills. \$12, \$10 seniors 62 and older, and full-time students. (313) 438-2364 ST. MARY'S CHURCH CHOIR FESTIVAL The fifth annual festival features four participating choirs with a massed force of 50 singers, in addition to hymns in which the audience will be vited to join, there will be massedchoir music from the English Cathedral tradition, 3 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at the church, 646 Monroe, in Detroit (Greektown). Free. (313) 961-8711

### JAZZ

PAUL ABLER

7:30-11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, Fleetwood on Sixth, 209 W. Sixth St. (between Main and Washington streets), Royal Oak. Free. All ages. (248) 541-8050

SEAN BLACKMAN AND JOHN ARNOLD 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. ("acoustic gypsy jazz") (313) 861-8101

REGGIE BRAXTON 7:30-11:30 p.m. Thursdays, March 5 and 12. Fleetwood on Sixth, 209 W. Sixth St. (between Main and Washington streets), Royal Oak. Free.

All ages. (248) 541-8050 JUDY COCHILL TRIO 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, March 6, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham, Free, 21 and older. (yocal/plano/bass trio) (248) 645-

KURT ELLING WITH THE LAURENCE HOBGOOD TRIO

9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 6-7, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$15 in advance. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310 or PAUL FINKBEINER TRIO

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, March 7, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (trumpet/plano/bass trio) (248) 645-

DOUG HORN TRIO

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7-11 p.m. Thursday, March 12, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birminghama; Free, 21 and older (sax/plano/bass , w trio) (248) 645-2150 INTRIGUE 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 6-7, D.L.

Harrington's Roadhouse, 2086 Crooks, Road (at M-59), Rochester Hills, Free. ISABELLA 8-10 p.m. Saturday, March 7, Espres

Royale Caffe, 214 Main St., Ann Arbor. Free, All ages, (734) 668-1838 PHIL KELLY TRIO 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, March 13. Edison's, 220 Merrill St.,

Birmingham, Free, 21 and older (plano/bass/drums trio) (248) 645-

SHEILA LANDIS

10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 6-7, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, Free, 21 and older: 9 n.m. rarms. Free, 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester, Free, All ages. (313) 861-8101/(248) 652-1600 MATT MICHAELS TRIO

With guest vocalist Eric Brandon, 8 , 11:30 p.m. Thursday, March 5, and guest vibist Jack Brokensha, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12, at the Botsford Inn. 28000 Grand River Ave., Farmington. \$5 cover welved with din-

ner (5:30-8 p.m.) plus \$5 drink mini-Please see next page Tue Bankeen

Making contact: Please submit popular music items for publication to Christina Fuoco; all others to Linda Chomin, two weeks in advance to the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or by fax (734) 591-7279

Continued from previous page mum. (248) 474-4800 LARRY NOZERO

7:30-11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 67, Fleetwood on Sixth, 209 W. Sixth St. (Between Main and Washington streets), Royal Oak. Free, All, ages. POIGNANT PLECOSTOMUS

9 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, as part of Mood Indigo night at Bird of Paradise 207 S. Ashléy, Ann Arbor, Cover charge 21 and older. (734) 662-8310 LARRY RIVERS AND THE CLIMAX BAND 7:11 p.m. Friday, March 6, at the Michigan Fine Arts Competition's

awards ceremony and exhibition open ing at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road Birmingham, \$60 includes dinner and (248) 644-0866 GARY SCHUNK TRIO

7.11 p.m. Thursday, March 5, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham, Free, 21 and older, (plano/bass/drums trio) 248) 645-2150 URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON

With Dan Kolton, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays and Fridays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham, Free, 21 and older. (248) 594-7300 PAUL VORNHAGEN

Pp.m. to midnight Saturday, March 7, Agape Caffe, 205 Fifth Ave. (at Center Street), Royal Oak, Free, 25 cent sur-charge on drinks during live entertain-ment, All ages: (248) 546-1400

#### WORLD MUSIC

7:30 p.m.: and 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. wednesday, March 11, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, \$15. All ages: (Irish) (734) 761.1451 of http://www.a2ark.org BEENIE MAN AND THE BLAZE BAND With Tonto Metro and Little Kirk, 9 p.m. With Torto Metro and Little Kirk, 9 p.m Friday, March 13, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit, \$20 in advance: 18 and older, (reggae/dance-hall) (313) 833-9700 or

http://www.99muslc.com "CELTIC FIDDLE FESTIVAL" With Kevin Burke, Johnny Cunningham and Christian LeMaitre, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 5, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$17.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or

GREAT BIG SEA 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 3, in the Capitol Theatre's Pentastar Playhouse, 121 University Ave. West, Windsor, Ontario, Canada, \$20, Canadian. All ages. (Celtic) (519) 253-8065 or capitol@mnsl.net or

nttp://www.minst.net/~capitol 9;30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 6-7, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township, Free

21 and older, (reggae) (248) 360-7450 MARY JANE LAMOND Featured in Ashley MacIsaac's song "Sleeping Maggie," 8 p.m. Saturday, March 7, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, \$12,50. All ages. (Gaelle) (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

8 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$17,50 and \$19. All ages. (Celtic) (313) 961-5451

### FOLK/BLUEGRASS

EDDIE ADCOCK AND RFD BOYS 8 p.m. Friday, March 6, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11, \$10 mem bers, students, seniors. All ages. (blue grass) (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org ANN ARBOR COUNCIL FOR

TRADITIONAL MUSIC AND DANCE Open Jam with string band musicians, 4-6 p.m. Saturday, March 7, Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road 1/2 mile south of I-94 Free. (734) 662-3371 HEATHER BISHOP

Performs children's concert. 1 p.m. Sunday, March 8 (\$5), and an evening concert, 8 p.m. Sunday, March 8 (\$12.50), The Ark, 316 S. Main St. Ann Arbor, All ages; (734) 761-1451 or http://www.e2erk.org JAN KRIST

With Sister Seed, Jill Jack, Mike Kin., David Folks and Danny Cox, 8:30 p. n. Daylo Folks and Danny Cox, 8.30 c. M Monday, March 9, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Donations benefit women's shelters. 21 and older. (folk/pop) (248) 544-1141 TOM PAXTON

Vith Joel Mabus, 8 p.m. Friday, March 13, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbon, \$12.50, All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

8-10 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, spresso Royale Caffe, 214 Main St., Ann Arbor, Free, 21 and older. singer/songwriter) (734) 668-1838 SONGWRITERS CIRCLE®

With Charley Monterey, Janet Halley and Jim Bertin, 8-10:30 p.m. Saturday. March 7. Off The Wall Acoustic offeehouse at St. William parish hall, 31 Common, Walled Lake, \$5, \$10 mily, \$3 student, (248) 624-1421 ATT WATROBA

tes release of CD \*Live at the with a performance, 8-10 p.m. Orday, March 7, Borders Books and Id, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, gton Hills. Free. All ages; 7:30-BUD THUS, Free, All ages; (30-BOD, m. Friday, March 13, Borders BR and Music, 34300 Woodward BH Birmingham, Free, All ages. (248) 17-8880/(248) 203-0005

DANCE FIRST SATURDAY CONTRA DANCE Glen Morningstar calls to music by Aunt Lu and the Oakland County All-

Stars, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 7; Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road (1/4 mile south of 1-94), Ann Arbor. \$6: (734) 789-1052 ROCKY ROAD ADVANCED CONTRA-ENGLISH DANCE Susan English calls to music by David

West and Donna Baird, 7-9:45 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road (north of Plymouth Road), Ann Arbor, \$5, (734) 662-5158 "SPRING FLING" DINNER/DANCE 6:30 p.m. dinner of meat balls, rose mary chicken, mostaccioli marinara, pasta alfredo, potátoes viviano, almond green beans, coffee, tea and chef's choice dessert, followed by 7:30 p.m.

#### COMEDY

Mile Road, Livonia. \$16.50. (313) 278

dancing Tuesday, March 10, Italian American Banquet Center, 39200 Fiv

BIG RED'S COMEDY CLUB Kirk Noland, Friday-Saturday, March 6-7; Jeff Simms (\*Simbo the Magic Dude Man"), and Jesse Lunde, Friday Saturday, March 13-14, Inside Mr. B's Roadhouse, 595 N. Lapeer Road (M-24), Oxford, Cover charge, (248) 628

"COMEDY JAM" 8 p.m. Fridey, March 6, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit, \$18-\$40. 18 and older. (313) 961-5451 JD'S MACOMB THEATRE Comedy night with MaryAnn DeMoss and music by "The Acoustic

Terminator" Ernie Douglas, 9 p.m

Monday, March 9, at the club, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens, Cover charge, 18 and older, (810) 465-5154 JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB Randy Lubas, J.R. Remick and Joey Bielaska, Thursday, March 5 (free), and Friday-Saturday, March 6-7 (\$12); Third Level and Joey Bielaska, Thursday, March 12 (free), and Friday-Saturday, March 13-14 (\$10), at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia, 8 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays Saturdays, and 8 p.m. Sundays for new talent/Third Level Improv.

(734) 261-0555 JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S Gilbert Gottfried, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14 (\$17.50, \$29.95 dinner show package), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn, (313), 584-8885.... MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE Margaret Smith, 8:30 p.m. Thursday,

March 5 (\$9), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 6-7 (\$12); Totally Unrehearsed Theatre, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 11 (\$4); at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900 of http://www.comedycastle.com SOUPY SALES

7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall, 108 E. Main St., Northville. \$50 includes the show, and a seven-course, family-style Italian dinner. (248) 349-0522 SECOND CITY

"Down River Dance," 8 p.m. Wednesdays (\$10), Thursdays (\$10) nd Sundays (\$10), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays (\$17.50) and Saturdays (\$19.50), through spring, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 965-2222

### MUSEUMS AND TOURS

"BEHIND THE SCENES" provides adventures in dining and opens the doors to some of metro Detroit's landmarks, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12, Detroit Athletic Club, Detroit. \$50 Detroit Historical Society member \$60 non-members. (313) 833-1405 CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM \*Five Dresses from the Collection of Diana, Princess of Wales," on display 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday, March 10-15, at the museum, 1221 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. \$10 adults, \$7 children ages 12 and younger, for "timed tickets" to the exhibit. Preview events Monday, March 9, include lectures by the owner of the ollection, three preview teas at noon,

2 p.m. and 4 p.m., and two champagne receptions at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. \$50 for the tea, \$125 for champagne reception. (248) 645-3361 or http://www.cranbrook.edu / (248) 645-6666 DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY "Remembering Downtown Hudson's" exhibit; a nostalgic look at what made the Hudson's downtown Detroit store at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a,m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free

admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18. free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805 DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER MAX movies showing indefinitely include: "Super Speedway," 10 a.m. and 11:10 a.m. Mondays Fridays; and

"Special Effects," 12:20 p.m. and 1:20 p.m. Mondays-Fridays; at the museum, 5020 John R (at Warren Road), Detrolt. \$6.75 for adults, \$4.75 for youths 3-17, and seniors 60 and older, includes one screening of an IMAX film, a visit to the

Exhibit Floor, a live science demonstration in the Discovery Theatre and a short laser presentation, \$2,50 for each additional IMAX movie. Discounts available to groups to 10 or more. Hours are: 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays Fridays, and 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, (313) 577 8400 or http://www.sciencedetroit.org HENRY FORD MUSEUM AND GREEN-FIELD VILLAGE

Family Fun Month\* featuring hands on activities such as a family radio show where they can produce and perform a radio play, classic cartoons and/or seri als as part of "Automobile in American als as part of "Automobile in American.
Life" exhibit's drive in theater, "Making
Do and Having Fun" with puppet makling, shadow puppetry, cat's cradle and
paper airplane making, and "Take a Trip Down Memory Lane" treasure hunt, weekends throughout March at the complex, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard complex, 20900 Oakwood Bouleyard (at Village Road, just west of the Southfield Freeway, south of Michigan Avenue), Dearborn: \$12,50 adults, \$11,50 seniors 62 and older, \$6.25 for kids ages 5-12, and free for children younger than 5 and members, Group rates available, Museum open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. dally. (313) 271-1620 MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HIS

A Communion of the Spirits: African American Quilters, Preservers and Their Stories' exhibits featuring 175 pho tographs of varying sizes, a selection of the surveyed quilts, interpretive panels, and a limited amount of other artwork related to the quilters, through Sunda June 7, "The Life and Times of Paul Robeson" exhibition featuring records, photographs and paintings on loan from private citizens and from the collection of the MAAH, runs through Tuesd June 30, at the museum, 315 E. Warren Ave. (at Brush Street), Detroit Museum hours 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays-Sundays. \$3 for adults and \$2 for children aged 12 and younger. (313) 494-5800

#### POPULAR MUSIC

AGAINST ALL AUTHORITY With Blanks 77, 6 p.m. Wednesday. March 11, the Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6 in advance. All ages. (punk) (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

AGENTS OF GOOD ROOTS With 3 Speed, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 7, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor, \$8 in advance, 19 and older. (roots rock) (734) 996-8555 or http://www.99music.com JOHNNY BASSETT AND THE BLUES

INSURGENTS 9 p.m. Saturday, March 7, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313)

NORMA JEAN BELL AND THE ALL

9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays through June 27, Bacci Abbracci, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. Free. All ages. (variety) (248) 253-1300 BENNY AND THE JETS 9 p.m. Sundays through April 26,

Buck's Place, 23845 W. Warren Road (one block east of Telegraph Road), Dearborn Heights, Free, 21 and older. (rock) (313) 274-6005 or http://members.tripod.com/~BennyJet/

10 p.m. Thursday, March 12, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge, 21 and older, (rock) (248) 332-

BIZER BROTHERS 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays in March, Pages, 23621 Farmington Road, Farmington. Free. 21 er. (pop) (248) 477-0099

BLACK FUZZ 9 p.m. Thursday, March 5, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St. older. (rock) (810) 465-5154 SANFORD BLAZE

9 p.m. Friday, March 13, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn, Cover charge, 21 and older, (rock) (313) 581-

BLUE CAT WITH KEN MURPHY 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 6-7, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave. Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older: 10 p.m. Friday, Merch 13, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland, Free: 21 and older: (blues) (248) 644-4800/(734) 421-2250 . BLUE EYED SOUL

6 p.m. Saturday, March 7, Pharach's Golden Cup, 28959 Joy Road (one: block east of Middlebelt Road). Westland, \$6. All ages. (rock) (734) 513-8536

BLUE OYSTER CULT To p.m. Thursday, March 12, Palledium-Music Ciub, 17580 Frazho Road, Roseville, \$15 in advance: 18 and der. (rock) (810) 778-6404 BLUES LIFE

9 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, Free, 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800 BRIDGE

9 p.m. Thursday, March 5 Saturday March 7, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford, \$3, 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477. Jonatha Brooke

JONATHA BROOKE
With Keml Lyle and Uma, 8 p.m.
Thursday, March 12, St. Andrew's Hall,
431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$18.50 in
advance. All ages. (pop) (313) 961. MELT or http://www.961melt.com THE BUSINESS

With Dropkick Murphys and Skraps, 6

p.m. Friday, March 6. The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$11 in advance. All ages. (ska) (313) 961-MELT or

http://www.961melt.com

BUSTER'S BLUES BAND 10 p.m. Friday, March 6, Library Pub 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free, 21 and older; 10 p.m. Saturday, March 7, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi, Free, 21 and older, (blue 734) 421-2250/(248) 349-9110

10 p.m. Thursday, March 12, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti, Cover charge, 19 and older. (rock) (734) 485-5050 CHAIN REACTION

9 p.m. Thursday, March 5, Moby Dick's, 5452 Scheefer Road, Dearborn, Cover charge, 21 and older (rock) (313) 581-3650 CIRCUS MCQIRKUS

With Funktelligence, 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 6, Blind Pig; 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 19 and older, (rock) (734) 996-8555 JAMES COTTON QUARTET

8 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$17.50, All ages. (blues) (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org DANNY COX

7:30-10:30 p.m. Saturday, March 7, The Coffee Beanery, 307 Main St., Rochester, Free, All ages; 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Free, 21 and older, (acousti (248) 650-3344/(248) 544-1141 CROCODILE

9 p.m. Thursday, March 12, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge, 21 and older, (rock) (313) 581-3650 DENIM SKY

9 p.m. Saturday, March 7, Scalici's Lounge, 6650 Allen Road, Allen Park. Cover charge, 21 and older, (rock) (313) 438-0029 DOMESTIC PROBLEMS With Heavy Weather, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12, Blind Pig, 206-208

S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4. 19 and older. (rock) (734) 996-8555 GLEN EDDIE BAND. 9 p.m. Friday, March 6, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge, 21 and older, (blues) (734) 451-1213

8 OHM APPLE With Knee Deep Shag, 8 p.m. Saturday March 7, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, \$7, 18 and older. (funk) (248) 544-3030

ELVIS - THE CONCERT" Featuring Elvis's original tour cast with musical director/conductor loe Guerolo and a 16-piece orchestra performing live on stage with a video-projected Elvis, 8 p.m. Friday, March 13, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills, \$25 and \$17,50. All ages. (Elvis) (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com

FACTORY 81 8 p.m. Thursday, March 5, The Palladium Music Club, 17580 Frazho Road, Roseville. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (810):778-6404 FAMOUS COACHMAN INDOOR BLUES FESTIVAL"

With Bugs Beddow Band and various other blues artists, 9 p.m. Friday, March 6, Millenium Theatre, 15600 J.L. Hudson Dr., Southfield. Cover charge. All ages. (blues) (248) 552-7000 FAT AMY

With Blue Eyed Soul, 9 p.m. Friday, March 6, Sardine Bar, 1548 Franklin, Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (alternative rock/rock) (313) 567-4955 5 TON CREEK

9:30 p.m. Friday, March 6, Bo's Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw, Pontiac: Free, 21 and older: 10 p.m. Saturday, March 7. let, 4715 Woodward Ave. Royal Oak, Free, 21 and older, 10 p.m. Friday, March 13, Kodlak Grill, 45660 Road, Utica, \$2, 21 and older, (rock) (248) 338-6200/(248) 549-2929/(810) 731-1750 FOOLISH MORTALS

10 p.m. Friday, March 6, Library Pub. 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free, 21 and older; 10 p.m. Saturday, March 7, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland, Free, 21 and older. (rock) (248) 349-9110/(734) 421-

With Fuel 357 and World of Hurt, 9 p.m. Thursday, March 5, The Palladium Music Club, 17580 Frazho Road, Roseville, \$5, 18 and older, (rock) (810) 778-6404

FUNKTELLIGENCE With Sugarbuzz, 9 p.m. Friday, March 13, Cross Street Station. 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge, 19 and older. (funk) (734) 485-5050 JULIE GENEVIS

7-9 p.m. Friday, March 13, Borders Books and Music, 45290 Utica Boulevard, Utica, Free, All ages. (pop) (810) 726-8555 GILLESPIE, RASMUSSEN AND RAFFOUL

9 p.m. Sunday, March 8, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak Free, 21 and older, 9 p.m. Monday, March 9, Four Green Fields, 30919 N March 9, Foot Gleen Head Woodward Ave., Royal Oak, Free, 21, and older; 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, Woody's Diner; 208 W. Fitth Ave., Royal Oak, Free, 21 and older, (acoustic rock) (248) 543-4300/(248) 280-2902/(248) 543-

6911 GOVERNMENT HONEY 9 p.m. Sundays in March, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. \$3, 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-

7 p.m. Wednesdey, March 11, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac, \$15 in advance, 18 and older, (rock) (248) 335-8100 or http://www.961melt.com THE HATCHETMEN

9 p.m. Saturday, March 7; Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (734) IMMATURE

With Smooth and K.P. and Envyl, 4 p.m. Saturday, March 7, Fox Theatre, 2211. Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$26. All ages. (R&B) (248) 433-1515

JILL JACK JILL JACK 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak, Free, 21 and older. (roots rock) (248) 544-1141

IMMIE JACKSON AND THE BLUES CONNECTION

p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, March 11-12, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, Free, 21 and older, (blues) (248) 644 4800 NIKKI JAMES AND THE

FLAMETHROWERS' 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township. Free. 21 and older. (blues) 9248) 360-

ROBERT JONES 10 p.m. Friday, March 6, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac, Cover charge, 21 and older. (blues) (248) 332-HOWL JUSTIN SANE

With Blindsided, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 7, The Palladium Music Club, 17580 Frazho Road, Roseville, Cove charge, 18 and older, (rock) (810) 778-

8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 5, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak, Free, 21 and older; 10 p.m. Thursday, March 12, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 544-1141/(248) 349-9110

SLEEPY LABEEF
With Gino and the Lone Valley Boys, 8
p.m. Friday, March 6, Magle Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$8 in advance, 18 and older, (rockability) (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com

IOHN D. LAMB 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 13 Saturday, March 14, Mr. B's Farm, 24555 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (pop) (248) 349-7038 JONNY LANG

With G.B. Leighton, 8 p.m. Friday, March 13, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontlac. \$17.50 in advance. All ages. (blues) (248) 333-2362 or http://www.961melt.com LAVELOS With Drop, 9 p.m. Thursday, March 5,

Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St. Ypsilanti, Cover charge, 19 and older. (rock) (734) 485-5050 LIMP BIZKIT With Clutch and Sevendust, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 5, State Theatre

2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit, \$13.50 In advance, All ages. (punk/hard rock) (313) 961-5451 or http://www.961melt.com LITTLE RED AND THE BIG BLUES BAND

9 p.m. Saturday, March 7, Carriage House's Blues Alley, 24200 Grand River Ave., Detroit, Free. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 535-3440 P.W. LONG'S REELFOOT With The Plumb Bobs, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 5, Blind Pig, 206-208

S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6 in advance: 19 and older. (alternative rock) (734) 996-8555 or http://www.99music.com THE LOOK

10 p.m. Thursday, March 5, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free, 21 and older. (rock) LOVEMASTERS

With Q, 9 p.m. Saturday, March 7, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cr Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (rock) (734) 485-5050 MARCY PLAYGROUND

With Jolene, 8 p.m. Friday, March 13 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontlac. \$8. All ages. (alternative rock/roots rock) (248) 335-8100 or http://www.961melt.com

MASCHINA With A Deuce, 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 13, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann

Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (rock) (734) MEDICINE HAT

10 p.m.-2 a.m. Wednesdays in March, Builfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile . Road), Redford, Free. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477

METAL MOM With Exploding Zombles, Bones Garage Harms Way, Grievance and Arius, 9 p.m. Friday, March 6, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens, \$6. 18 and older, (rock) (810) 465-5154 LEONARD MOON

9 p.m. Friday, March 6, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester, Free, All ages; With Bonne Temps Roulle, 9 p.m. Friday, March 13, Captain Tony's 30919 N. Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. \$3, 21 and older, (R&B) (248) 652 1600/(248) 288-6388

MUDPUPPY 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 7, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free, 21 and older: 9 p.m. Friday, March 13, as part of a Motor Cit Music Award Showcase at The Attic 11667 Jos. Campau, Hamtramck. Cover charge, 21 and older, (blues) (248) 543-0917/(313) 365-4194

OUR LADY PEACE

With Black Lab and Headswim, 7 p.m. Friday, March 6, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huon, Pontiac, \$15 in advance, All ages, (rock) (248) 333-2362 or http://www.961melt.com PAKISTANI TAMBOURINE

8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Mondays in March, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford, Free, 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477 PEECHEES

With Prima Donnas and The Gol 8 p.m. Monday, March 9, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$6. All ages. (new wave) 313) 833 POOL

9 p.m. Friday Saturday, March 13-14, Fox and Hounds, 1580 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, Free, 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800 PSYFUNK

9 p.m. Friday, March 6, Cross Street. Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge, 19 and older. (rock) (734) 485-5050 PUFF DADDY AND THE FAMILY With Lif Kim, Total and Mase, along with Busta Rhymes and Dru Hill, 8:30 p.m. Friday, March 13, Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. \$47.75 and \$40.75, All ages. (R&B/rap) (313)

6606 PULL 10 p.m. Saturday, March 7, Kodiak Grill, 45660 Mound Road, Utica, \$2, 21 and older; (rock) (810) 731-1750

With Mr. T Experience, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron. Pontlac. \$12 in advance, \$14 day of show: All ages. (ska/punk/pop) (248) 333-2362 or http://www.961melt.com THE SILLIES

THE SILLIES
With Flirt, The Reruns, the Scott Campbell Group, Advice for Addicts, Ring, Pat Supina (Mutants), and Richard Cole (ex-Romantics), and rare film and video footage of classic Detroit. bands, as part of the CD release party pands, as part of the CD release July for "Motor City's Burning," a 30-year retrospective of Detroit rock, 8 p.m. Friday, March 13, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, \$6, 18 and older: (punk/rock) (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com SISTER SEED

10 p.m. Friday, March 13, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (pop) (248) 332-HOWL. SMASH MOUTH

With Third Eye Blind, 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 13, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$19.50 in advance. All ages. (alternative rock/pop) (313) 961-5451 or http://www.961melt.com TODD SNIDER AND THE NERVOUS

8 p.m. Friday, March 13, Mill Street Entry below Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$16, 18 and older (singer/songwriter) (248) 333-2362 or http://www.961melt.com JILL SOBULE

8 p.m. Thursday, March 12, The Ark 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, \$11. All ages. (pop) (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org STARLIGHT DRIFTERS

9 p.m. Wednesday, March 11. Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free: 21 and older. (blues) (248) 543-TEXAS FLOOD

9 p.m. Friday, March 13-Saturday, March 14, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford, \$3, 21 and older.

(roots rock) (313) 533-4477 20 DEAD FLOWERCHILDREN With Fuel 357, Diegrinder and D.O.C., , 8:30 p.m. Friday, March 6, Magic Stick in the Malestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit, \$8 in advance. 18 and older. (hardcore rock/techno) (313) 833-POOL

**VAL VENTRO** March 5, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older, 9 p.m. Saturday, March 7, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester, Free, All ages; 10 Main St., Rochester, 1-ree- Air ages, 10-p.m. Thursday, March 12, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older, (blues) (248) 349-9110/(248) 652-1600/(734) 421-

THE VENTURES With Bent Scepter, 9 p.m. Friday, March 20, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$17.50 in advance, 18 and older, (surf) (313) 833-POOL

RANDY VOLIN AND THE SONIC BLUES 9 p.m. Thursday, March 5, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, Free, 21 and older; 9 p.m. Thursday, March 12, Hamilin Pub North, 741 S. Lapeer Road, Lake Orion, Free, 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday Saturday, March 13-14, Bogey's 742 E. Walled Lake Road, Walled Lake, Free. 21 and older, (blues) (248) 644-4800/(248) 814-8109/(248) 669-1441 or http://www.rockindaddys.com

KEITH WASHINGTON Southfield native/R&B star signs autographs 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, ... Sam Goody in Northland Mail, Southfield, Free. All ages, (248) 557-

J.C. WHITELAW 10 p.m. Saturday, March 7, Coyote Club. 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge, 21 and older. (rock) (248) 332-

WITCH DOCTORS 9 p.m. Friday Saturday, March 13-14, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth, Cover charge, 21 and older.

(blues) (734) 451-1213

# Mesquite Creek offers taste of Southwest THE SUBURBS

Eating out is a treat, and if ingredients and keep it simple," ou're hungry for steaks or explained Laramic. "Prime rib is you're hungry for steaks or seafood, comfortable Mesquite

Creek aims to please. Owned by Brian Hussey of Ann Arbor and Mark Laramie of Plymouth, they just opened a second location in Canton and are celebrating their fifth anniversary in Clarkston.

"Brian was my next door neighbor in Union Lake," said Mike Ross, kitchen manager, We grew up together. He was the

best man at my wedding." After graduating from college, Brian and Mike moved to Texas and ended up working in the

restaurant business. "Brian's dream was to open a restaurant in Michigan," said Ross. "He worked in many different restaurants in Houston.'

The dream became reality five years ago when Brian and his father opened Mesquite Creek in Clarkston, which has been enormously successful.

Mark Laramie owned 60 Little Caesar's franchises and left his job as corporate group vice president to become a co-owner of Mesquite Creek. \* "We're trying to create a nice

warm, comfortable feeling," said Laramie at the new Canton restaurant, formerly the Misty Duck, "We changed the decor anside," said Laramie, "We warmed it up and made it more comfortable, airy and light,"

The floor is ceramic, trimmed

in wood. Original Southwest prints hang on the walls. There are 16 high back booths at the Canton restaurant, perfect for unwinding, and enjoying dinner.

"We're hometown guys run-ning the show," said Laramie. "Mike's a great guy, and he's real good in the kitchen.

Besides steaks and prime rib. Mesquite Creek "sells a ton of seafood and chicken," said Laramie. "Everything we make comes off the mesquite charcoal , topped with a dollop of sour grill. It puts magnificent flavor into everything.

They serve Certified Angus Beef, and the fish and chicken are purchased fresh daily never

We start with high level dinner menu. "There are more

Mesquite Creek Where: Two locations, 45250 Ford Road, Canton (734) 414-0100; and 7228 Ortonville

Road, Clarkston, (248) 620-Hours: 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday, Saturday. Menu: Steakhouse fare with great seafood. Mesquite

on everything they do, and uses Certified Angus Beef. Reservations: Sunday Thursday for parties of eight

Creek takes a Tex-Mex spin

Credit Cards: All majors accepted.

Carry-out: Yes Cost: \$5-\$12 lunch; \$9-\$27

Children's menu: Available Seating capacity: 150 with bar in Canton, 250 Clarkston. Entertainment: Canton location – 7-11 p.m. Wednesdays, The Hits plays soft pop rock favorites. They perform 7-11 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Clarkston loca-

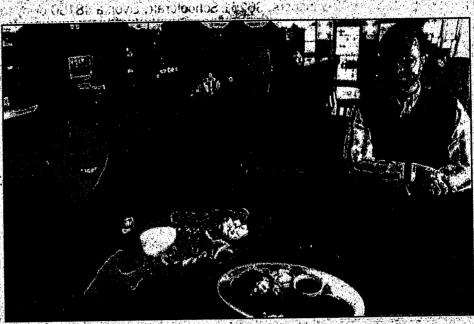
Banquet room: At Clarkston location, seats 50-70 people.

one of our specialties. On Mon-days and Tuesdays we offer Prime Time – prime rib, baked potato and salad for \$10.997

The salsa is made fresh daily from scratch, and served with hot homemade chips. Baked potatoes are huge; and served with your choice of toppings at no extra charge.

Starting with the lunch menu, Laramie pointed to the Spicy, Chicken Soup – fresh chicken broth simmered with fresh veg-etables and a hot chili puree, cream. There's also a corn chow-

der.
"It's made from scratch," he said. "Nothing from a can." Like the soup, you'll find a lot of the same items on the lunch and



At your service: Kristy Young (left to right), Mike Ross and Steve Palmiere present some of Mesquite Creek's specialty items in the bar area of the newly opened restaurant in Canton.

sandwiches and salads on the lunch menu," said Laramie. "Fresh seafood is available all

day long" Specialty items: include Shrimp Tetonka - six large shrimp marinated in hot spices and garlic and grilled over mesquite is available as an appetizer with bleu cheese dressing or as entree Mesquite Shrimp,

Shrimp Brochette - extra jumbo shrimp stuffed with a sliv-er of jalapeno and monterey jack cheese, wrapped in thin bacon and mesquite grilled is another

"People are just crazy for Chicken Durango - chicken breast topped with sauteed mushrooms, tomatoes, bacon, chives, and melted monterey jack cheese served with honey-dijon dipping sauce," said Laramie

Southwest menu items include quesadillas, nachos, and fajitas. For dinner you can tailor your

entree to your appetite. Sirloin is available in 8-ounce and 12ounce sizes. Order prime rib in 8ounce, 12-ounce or 16-ounce portions, Filet Mignon, New York City Strip, and Porterhouse de

Pueblo are also available in different sizes. Entrees are served with your

choice of baked potato, Texas Fries or Creek Vegetables, and dinner salad. Caesar and Greek salads are other flavorful choices. There are also pork chops, lamb chops, yeal chops and baby back ribs on the menu.

If you're craying surf n' turf, you'll be happy to know that you can add six mesquite shrimp; three pepper shrimp, three bro-chette shrimp or a lobster tail to any entree for an additional

Grilled fish is another option at Mesquite Creek, choose from Mahi mahi, salmon, yellowfin

tuna or swordfish.

Parents with finicky eaters will appreciate the children's menu, which includes grilled cheese, hamburger, shrimp on a steak, pork chop with apples and Mesquite chicken: Save room for "Happy End-ings" – Pecan Ball, Haagen-Daz

ice cream rolled in toasted pecans and topped with Sander's Hot Fudge and real whipped cream, sopapillas, a Mexican pastry, and empanada - your choice of cinnamon apples or fresh sliced bananas and pecans wrapped in pastry and gently fried, served with vanilla ice cream, are among the choices.

"Our biggest claim to fame is that we serve the best quality, and large quantities," said Ross. "We love to see people leave with carry-out boxes. If people get more than what they expect, we expect they will come back."

Just in case you missed it, or lost the paper. Here are some of the restaurants we've recently

■ Marvin's Bistro - 15800 Middlebelt, (between Five Mile and Six Mile roads) Livonia, (734) 522-5600. Open 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Friday; 4-11 p.m. Saturday, Bar stays open to 2 a.m.; closed to the public Sundays, open for banquets. Menu: American regional cuisine with an Italian/French influence. Cost: Lunch ranges from \$4.95-\$6,95; dinner \$6.95 to \$13.95. Credit Cards: All majors accepted. Reservations: Not necessary, but advised on Fridays and Saturdays, Carryout: Available. Entertainment: Carl Larson and Ernie Horvath at the piano bar, 12:30-2:30 p.m. Mon-day-Friday; 7-10 p.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. to midnight Wednesday-Saturday.

■ Il Posto, 29110 Franklin Road (at Northwestern Highway), Southfield (248)827-8070. Hours: 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. lunch Monday-Friday; 5:30-10 p.m. dinner Monday-Saturday Menu: Impeccably served, ambi-tious, authentic Italian dishes from many regions of Italy. Cost: Hot and cold antipasti average \$11; homemade pasta \$17-22; main dishes \$19-25. Reservations: recommended. Credit cards: all majors accepted.

If you discovered Il Posto (translated "the place") on a trip to Italy, you'd be talking about it for months! Save the plane fare and head to Franklin Road at Northwestern Highway in Southfield for an Italian food feast, the kind you'd find in Italy's countryside outside Florence, Milan or Naples.

Beans & Cornbread,

29508 Northwestern Highway (east side between 12 Mile Road & Inkster in the Sunset Strip) Southfield, (248) 208-1680. Hours: Monday through Thursday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday until 11 p.m.; Saturday 4-11 p.m. and Sunday until 10 p.m. *Menu*: In a totally non-smoking environment, Soul Food is taken into the next century as Southernstyle cuisine, prepared with epicurean flair. Cost: At lunch, soups, starters and sandwiches \$3:7; entrees \$6-7. Dinner starters, soups and salads \$3-10; sides \$2-4; main plates served with chef's choice of accompaniments \$8-15. Reservations: recommended at dinner. Credit

cards: all majors accepted. Gulf shrimp, fritters, down home, soul, collard greens, blackeyed peas, catfish, hoppin' John, mama's and country are eye catching menu clues. Beans and Combread in Southfield is a way cool happening, struttin' soulful Southern!

# Zagat Survey serves up diners' views of best restaurants

### BY ELEANOR HEALD SPECIAL WRITER

Tired of a critic downgrading a restaurant you like? Or con versely, heaping praise on one you dislike? Would the best rating come from surveying "real diners," folks like you, who love

to eat out? In the late 1970s, that's what Nina and Tim Zagat (rhymes with the cat) and a group of their New York City friends thought. By 1979, the Zagats created a new standard for the restaurant and travel guide business with introduction of their first Zagat Restaurant Survey.

The first survey polled 100 friends, colleagues and business clients. It was a photocopied list of 75 New York City restaurants with brief comments about each, on a single legal-size sheet of

paper.
Between 1979 and 1983, the first formal publishing year for the Zagat Survey, the surveyor base mounted to 600, rating 300 New York restaurants. Their

ics hobby was costing the Zagats every spare moment of time and nearly \$12,000 annually. It was time for now 55-year-old Nina and her 57-year-old husband Tim, both Yale Law School graduates, to give up law practices and become publishing entrepreneursl

TIME magazine praised the Zagat Survey as "gastronomical democracy in action." And it is just that.

Today, a literal army of foodies, who volunteer to review restaurants in 40 cities, have created the restaurant guides known as Zagat Surveys. The 1998 edition billed as "America's Top Restaurants" \$12.95 can be found in all major area bookstores and at Williams Sonoma locations in Troy, Ann Arbor, Livonia and Novi.

Under the chapter titled Detroit, 23 restaurants were rated by 1,200 volunteer surveyors. Not all are Detroit. Both the Rowe Inn and Tapawingo in Ellsworth are deservedly included. Besting the area top 10 list

Zagat surveyors rate each restaurant on food; decor and service using a 0-30 scale. Scores of 20-25 are considered very good to excellent with 26-30 viewed as extraordinary to perfection. Cost reflects the esti-mated price of one dinner with one drink and tip. Lunch at the same eatery is usually 25 per-cent less. Cost ratings are Inexpensive, \$15 and under; Moderate \$16 to \$30; Expensive \$31 to \$50; and Very Expensive \$51 or

Surveyors comments are summarized by a paid local editor in

each of the 40 cities. Literal comments are shown in quotation märks, Symbols indicate whether responses were mixed or uniform.

A stand alone salute to fine dining is Zagat Survey 1997 Update Michigan Restaurants, Focusing on Detroit and Envi-rons. This \$9.95 pocket-size book gives a more complete look at Michigan. While it sports last year, it is current, except for restaurants that opened in 1997. A Michigan Update is not on the drawing board until late 1998 or early 1999. Zagat invites you to be a reviewer in their city Restaurant Surveys or in their nationwide Hotel Survey. To get contacted for the next Survey, send a business-size self-addressed stamped envelope to ZAGAT SURVEY, 4 Columbus Circle, New York, NY 10019 indi-cating the Survey in which you would like to participate, e.g. Detroit or Hotel. Each participant surveyor will receive a free copy of the resulting Survey when it's published.



