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st week we heard from Civil War soldier Edgar Clark as he marched 15 to 20 miles per day through Virginia and Maryland. By the end of June he knew that his regiment was headed toward Pennsylva-nia, where the rebels were "doing bad work." His hope was that they would "give them fits when we overtake them." This week's letter, dated July 6, 1863, is from Gettysburg.

"My dear wife, I hasten to write you a few lines stating that through the mercies of a kind Providence I am still spared in life, though we have been through tough times since the first of the month. We arrived on the battleground on the 2nd of the month, and we fought them very hard. We lost a good many men killed and wounded ... The rebels made a charge on one of our batteries with 11,000 wounded ... The rebels made a charge on one of our batteries with 11,000 men who were nearly all captured, billed or wounded. I stood on one spot and counted more than 100 dead or wounded rebels close to me. We have 12 large cannon firing on them. I went over the battleground the morning of the 4th and was two hours giving the wounded water to drink. I had a very long and interesting talk with one of the eight Virginians we captured. We captured four flags and about 2,000 prisoners. I got some rebel trophies, which I will send to you. Our loss was not so large as theirs. I found out it makes a good deal of difference if we attack them or they attack us."

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





Class act: Sashabaw Middle School Principal John Diliegghio plays French detective Hercule Poirot from Agatha Christie's "Murder on the Orient Express" in a skit for seventh-graders.

t least some middle-school students now realize that the principal does, indeed, have a

And a sense of humor Seventh-graders at Sashabaw Middle School probably didn't suspect that SMS principal John Diliegghio would pop into their classroom mystery activity as French detective Hercule Poirot, but perhaps that's

what good fun — and a good mystery — are all about.
Diliegghio and SMS staff members Shirley Wolven, Becky Inder and Larry Mahrie recently dressed up as characters from Agatha Christie's "Murder on the Orient Express" to help seventh-grade teachers Darlene Roche and John Matheus introduce their students to the famous film by the same name

Whodunit?

Pupils eye principal in class act

the movie, supplied clues and answered students' questions Though Roche said the foursome slew its young audience, the kids recovered in enough time to view the actual movie the following day.

During several scheduled breaks in the film, teachers ntinued the fun, asking students to look for movie clues hidden in the classroom and to make predictions about

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According to Roche, the fractured thespians — all jolly good sports — visited

her classroom and took

turns speaking as the characters they portrayed: a buttoned-down sleuth, a

Russian countess, a princess and a pipe-smoking colonel. In the process, the

players brought up points in



Middle school royalty: Shirley Wolven dressed up as Princess Dragomiroff.



Class time: Teacher Darlene Roche with students (from left) Kateri Kowalski, Jamison Ronk and David Hall.

millage renewal on ballot

Springfield Township residents will vote in August on whether to renew for another 10 years two police millages that expire in



The renewal of two police millages at their rolledback rates, as well as a trustee's position, are to be on the August prima-ry ballot in Spring-

field Township.

If voters renew the two police, millages — totaling 1.3484 mills — the township will be able to maintain existing police coverage, which includes the services of six officers and one sergeant spread across three shifts, seven days per week, said Clerk Nancy Strole.

Police officers are contracted for the township through the Oakland County Sheriff's Department and are based at a substation off Big Lake Road.

The two, 10-year millages will expire in December of this year, Strole said, explaining why the board of trustees voted unanimously Thursday to place the matter on the upcoming primary ballot.

"It's renewing at the rolled-back rate," she said. "Do the residents want to continue to be serviced by police pro-tection at the same level that is being provided?"

Based on 1997 taxable-value figures (the most recent available), the two millages bring in about \$438,000 — or about 63 percent of the total police budget. A third police millage, which does not expire until 2005 and which is not up for renewal, generates about \$225,000. Strole said.

A Springfield Township resident hose home has a taxable value of \$100,000 would pay \$134.84 a year if voters renew the two police millages.

The two police millages that are up for renewal were authorized by voters in 1988 (one mill) and 1996 (one-half mill). The one-mill rate has been rolled back to 0.8521 and the half-mill rate to

Under the Michigan Headlee Amendment, millage rates are "rolled back" or limited by the rate of inflation so that municipalities do not collect more money as inflation rates go up.

In addition to the millage rates, voters will elect a trustee to a four-year term scheduled to expire in November

The trustee position is currently filled by Dick Miller, who was appointed by the board to replace Charles Oaks when he stepped down from the post in July to take the township fire chief's position. Though Miller was appointed to fill

Oaks' vacancy, Strole said Michigan law requires the seat to be filled by voters during the next election.

On Tuesday, Miller said he intends to run for the seat.

Springfield Township residents who wish to run for the trustee's position may do so by filing their intention to run with Strole's office, 650 Broadway, Davisburg. People wishing to run as Republican, Democratic or Reform party members must file by 4 p.m. May 12, Strole said.

People wishing to run without party affiliation have until 4 p.m. July 16 to

Teacher's formula for math nets Presidential Award

Idea + presentation x enthusiasm =

winner.
That's the simple version of the formula Kyle Hughes used to win the 1997 Presidential Award for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching recently.
The wore complicated, 10-page ver-

recently.

The more complicated, 10-page version involved an elaborate 10th-grade first semester final exam called "Truck Accident" that Hughes devised for her high school-age students three years ago in cooperation with Oakland County Sheriff's Department accident reconstructionist Tom Poulin.

She presented her final exam to the

nationwide competition this year after receiving a recommendation from Dr. Jon Thompson, director of the Oakland Science, Mathematics and Technology Academy, where she is employed.

While she did not receive a national award, Hughes, who is a resident of Independence Township, was one of three secondary teachers to win at the state level.

"Each year we modify it and clean it up and make it better," she said of her exam, which she revises so that her returning students will not become too

ENTIAL AWARD, A2



She won: Awardwinning teacher Kyle Hughes (center) works with students (from left) Jason Markesino, Kristin Cooper, and Justin Ridley.

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and other obstacles that a might encounter.
students, over a four-day d, are required to fix the em using various matheal formulas and equations, aid. To solve the problem, his dispensed in stages, must draw on concepts they ed in an integrated unit on ematics and science.

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or her first-place prize, ghes will receive a grant of 0 to spend as she chooses in

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r classroom.

"I always liked math," the
gh-energy teacher said Mony, while administering a test
three students who had just

Academy — North in Springfield Township.

The 34-year-old Hughes said she was a natural at mathematics from the time she was a child. She has a bachelor's degree in applied mathematics and recently received a master's degree in math education from the University of Detroit, Mercy.

And while she said she loves math, she is also a great fan of competition, which makes her award — well — twice the fun.

"I've had quite a year," she said, explaining that she received her master's degree in August, delivered her second child in September and began trying to gather funding for the robotics team in October.

"I don't know how I am going

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Clarkston considers millage increase to expand town hall

Delve into reserves or ask residents to approve a tax increase to expand Clarkston's municipal

offices?

It became clear at a public hearing Monday that those are the choices for Clarkston, if the city's cramped headquarters are to be expanded.

"The building is one thing. The finance is another," said Councilman Doug Roeser, summarizing the issue.

The city doesn't have money in their budget for such a project, which leaves either raising taxes or postponing another project for which money is in reserve, he which money is in reserve, he said. The route taken by the city

council would also determine the size, extent and benefits of an expansion since each financing option likely entails different

amounts of money.

While residents who turned out for the meeting said they clearly saw the need for expansion, they, too, had concerns like

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Doug Roeser
—councilman

local officials about the city being able to afford it.
"I think the need is there," said one Clarkston resident who attended the meeting. "It's now a question of how we're going to finance it"

Clarkston's current facilities, which house police headquar-ters, the Department of Public Works, the city council's meeting space and City Manager Art

Pappas' office, are cramped.

Prior to Clarkston's becoming a city, the building contained only a meeting space and the Department of Public Works. An expansion is also necessary because of several pressing con-

cerns, Mayor Sharron Catallo said. The limited space provided for the Department of Public Works is a safety problem, according to the city's insurance

mpany, she said.

And the city needs to train and hire a new city manager since Pappas plans to retire — a diffi-

cult task with limited training space and less-than-ideal working conditions, Catallo said.

Also, the building, which sits on Depot Park, doesn't have public rest rooms, which park users clearly need, she said.

"I think (these elements) are all things that need to be done," Catallo said. "I don't think thee're havery items."

Two preliminary expansion plans drawn up by Hubbell, Roth and Clark were estimated to cost in the \$400,000 range, but include extensive renovations that could be scaled back for

conomy. Councilman Walter Gamble offered the idea of doing a much smaller expansion, but didn't

have a cost estimate. Council members, however, ultimately decided that they needed more information and time to review ways to cut costs, how to approach the public and, even the expansion concept itself, before proceeding

Offering a summary of the task at hand, Councilman Daniel Colombo said, "We're trying to decide whether we're going to keep putting lipstick on the pig or we're really going to do some-

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what would happen next in the story. (Those who discovered the clues — which included buttons, clues — which included buttons, pipe cleaners and a handkerchief with the letter "H" on it — could trade them in for a candy treat.)

"It was the culminating activity for a multi-disciplinary unit



on mystery," Roche said. "Dur-ing that eight-day period, stu-dents read Agatha Christie's, And Then There Were None, problem-solved with 'mystery numbers' and 'magic tricks' in math and wrote a mystery story in language arts. We've found that 'mystery' is a good thematic topic because you can tie it in to lots of things." Since this was the second con-

secutive year for Christie's train thriller, Roche said Mahrle sug-gested that teachers end next year's mystery unit with, "The year's myster Pink Panther.'

Hmm. Diliegghio as Inspector Clousseau?



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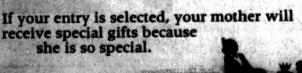




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Send your entry to Karen Hermes Smith - Clarkston Eccentric 7151 Ortonville Rd., Suite 2 Clarkston MI 48346

Vandals damage portables outside Davisburg school

The Easter break took a nasty turn for Davisburg Elementary School officials as they discovered someone on Saturday had seriously damaged five portables used for classrooms and storage behind the school on Davisburg Road.

"It goes up real fast," said Sgt. Pat Miles, new head of the Springfield Township substation as he considered the potential cost of extensive damage that included the destruction of computers, windows, camcorders and school equipment such as desks, blackboards, flooring and

As of press time, authorities had no suspects, and they had not yet tabulated financial estimates regarding the cost of damages, Miles said.

According to a police report, windows were broken, doors were ripped from their hinges, phone cords were cut and water was turned on and left running to damage flooring and cupboards. Crayons, pencils, games and other materials were thrown about the rooms, obscenities

The Easter break took a nasty urn for Davisburg Elementary ichool officials as they discovered someone on Saturday had

Leroy Murley Davisburg Elementary custodian

were written on equipment, paint was sprayed onto walls and fire extinguishers were activated, their residue covering everything.

"It didn't look like anything was taken; it was just destroyed," said custodian Leroy Murley as he worked to clean the most heavily damaged portable on Monday.

Officers from the Oakland County Sheriff Department's crime lab were investigating the vandalism this week.

On Monday, Nancy McKinstry, an administrator with Holly Schools, said school would resume April 20, as expected, following the Easter break.

"We have the whole week off, which is a blessing," she said.



What a mess: The damage to five portables at Davisburg Elementary was extensive.

POLICE NEWS

The following incidents were reported to police and fire agencies in Springfield and Independence townships April 9-13.

Springfield Police

Thefts

On April 9, a cell phone and cord were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Forest Ridge.

On April 9, a video cassette recorder and answering machine were reported stolen from a residence on **Stonehouse**.

On April 10, tool boxes and a welder were reported stolen from a site on **Ormond Road**.

Independence Police

Vandalism

On April 11, a vending machine at Clintonwood Park off Clarkston Road was reported damaged.

On April 11, six street signs were reported damaged along Sun Valley Court. Theft

On April 10, jewelry was reported stolen from a residence on Lakewood.

Independence Fire

The following incidents were among 31 reported to fire personnel between April 6-12.

They included:

On April 6, firefighters assisted a 46-year-old woman experiencing chest pain at a doctor's office on M-15. She was transported by ambulance to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ponti-

On April 6, firefighters assisted an 80-year-old woman who was having respiratory arrest at a care facility on **Eastlawn**. She was transported by ambulance to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac.

On April 8, firefighters assisted a patient who had an elevated temperature at a residence on North Eston.

On April 8, firefighters assisted a 62-year-old man who was experiencing chest discomfort after arriving at the fire station on Citation Drive. The man refused transport to a hospital.



Big job: Janitor Dean McAllister gets to work cleaning up after vandals struck five portables at Davisburg Elementary over the Easter weekend.

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Springfield Township regulates placement of cell phone towers

as the pace of modern America reases — and the need to nmunicate with others follows ing — so goes the demand for reless communicate towers. vireless communication towers.
On Thursday night, members
of the Springfield Township loard voted unanimously to mend a township ordinance hat regulates where wireless ommunication facilities, more ommonly known as cell towers, an be placed.

an be placed.

"The goal is to encourage coocation of existing towers as
apposed to building new towers,"
said township attorney Greg
Need, who drafted the amend-

The ordinance stipulates that wers can be built in C-2 commercial and light industrial zones. With special land-use per-

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Amendment to cell tower ordi nance

mits, they will be allowed in C-1

local business districts.

They would be permitted in residential zones, under strict guidelines, if they are located on municipally owned sites, other government sites, religious or institutional sites, public park and large open spaces and public

or private school sites, the

mendment says. The ordinance amendment reads in part: "... it is the fur-ther purpose and intent of the township to provide for such authorization in a manner which will retain the integrity of neigh-borhoods and the character, property values and aesthetic quality of the community at

The ordinance also enco the location of wireless facilities on existing towers and poles and requires that they be removed when they are no longer needed. In addition, wireless facilities can be located on such objects as church steeples.

Wireless communication facilities carry the phone signals of cellular phones, pagers and the like and the signals jump from tower to tower as users travel

Typically, a cellular antenna date about 60 calls at one time.

e meeting, Supervisor Collin Walls estimated that there are about six wireless tow

Clarkston Schools seeks input for redrawing attendance lines

Clarkston school officials are looking for community mem bers to participate on a com-mittee that will establish new attendance boundary lines in the Clarkston School District.

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The Clarkston School Board sked administrators to begin forming the committee at its

In a discussion that night with Dr. Mike LaBay, deputy superintendent of middle school and high school operations, board members agreed that all current attendance boundaries will need to be erased and ultimately reconfigured to include the new ele

mentary school that will built on M-15, as well as the remod-eling of existing elementary and middle schools.

The first four meetings of the boundary realignment commit-tee are scheduled for May 20, June 3, June 10 and June 24 - all Wednesdays from 7-9 p.m. at the Clarkston schools administrative offices.

"During the summer, meeting hours will be altered to accommodate family and work schedules," LaBay said. "However, committee members will be expected to attend all scheduled meetings.

To volunteer for the commit-

tee, call the principal's office of your nearest Clarkston school no later than May 15:

Andersonville Elementary

Bailey Lake Elementary - 625-2812 Clarkston Elementary - 625-

4900 North Sashabaw Elementary

674-3139 Pine Knob Elementary - 625-

Springfield Plains Elemen-

tary - 625-6882 Clarkston Middle - 625- 5361

Sashabaw Middle - 674-4169 Clarkston High - 625- 0900

OBITUARY

Jean E. Davis (McMullen)

Jean E. Davis (McMullen) of Clarkston died April 10, 1998, at

Mrs. Davis retired in 1988 from Oakland County Court as

an account clerk after 27 years. She is survived by her daughter, Cynthia Davis of Clarkston; granddaughter, Michelle Davis

of Clarkston; and sister, Joyce (Richard) Lohff of Waterford. Funeral arrangements were

entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home in Clarkston with the Rev. Steve Barteld officiating. Interment was at Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Oakland County Medical Care Facility.

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ARTICLE IX

Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND SUMMARY AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE NO. 26

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a regularly-scheduled meeting held on April 9, 1998, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield adopted amendments to Zoning Ordinance No. 26, which amendments are summarized herein and shall be effective seven (7) days

after publication of this Notice and Summary.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS - ORDINANCE NO. 26

ARTICLE/SECTION CATCH LINES AND SUMMARIES

ARTICLE II

DEFINITIONS
Amended to add definitions for Wireless
Communications Facilities, Attached Communications Facilities, Wireless
Communications Support Structures, and Co-C-1 LOCAL BUSINESS DISTRICT

cipal Uses Permitted Subject to Sp Adds a reference to Section 16.09 and adds wireless communications facilities as a principal use subject to special conditions.

C-2 GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT ARTICLE X rincipal Uses Permitted. Adds reference to ection 16.09 and adds wireless communications ction 10.01

facilities as a principal use permitted.
GENERAL PROVISIONS ARTICLE XVI Public Communication and Public Utility Microwave Towers. Renames this Section as Wireless Communication Facilities.

Microwave Towers. Renames this Section as Wireless Communication Facilities.

Purpose and Intent. A new subsection which sets forth and intent and purpose of Section 16.09. Also sets forth finding of Township Board regarding presence of numerous tower structures and Township policy regarding con-location.

Authorization. A new subsection which sets forth circumstances and lists districts in which wireless communication facilities shall be permitted uses.

Subsection 16.09.2

peneral Regulations. A new subsection which sets orth standards and conditions applicable to all pplications for wireless communication facilities. lso sets forth standards and conditions applicable o Special Land Use facilities. ection 16.09.3

polication Requirements. A new subsection which to forth information required to be submitted by action 16.09.4

Requirements for Facilities Proposed to be d Outside Permitted Districts. A new tion which specifies standards and ments for facilities proposed to be located

baction 16.09.6

to be reasone.

Removal. A new subsection which requires adequate provision for removal of all or part of a wireless communication facility, and specifies events which will require removal and directions are supported by the communication of the communication o on 16.09.7

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CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Walls PUBLIC COMMENT: None CONSENT AGENDA:

Approved minutes of March 4, 1998 Joint Workshop and March 12, 1998

Approved minutes of March 4, 1998 Joint Workshop and March 12, 1998 Regular Meeting
Accepted Treasurer's Report for March
Accepted March reports: Building Department, Litigation, Fire
Department and Ordinance Officer
Authorized payment of bills
Authorized requests for proposals - Ordinance Codification
Adopted Resolution in support of proposal to clean up Superfund site
Amended Parks and Recreation budget by increasing total revenues and ses to \$310,700

PUBLIC HEARING: Received public comments on Special Land Use application for Wooded Hills of Jamestown residential development

Adopted amendments to Zoning Ordinance No. 26, Wireless Communications facilities
Sidewalk Maintenance Ordinance No. 26, continuation of First Reading: tabled to May meeting and referred to Township attor

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Legislators threaten to cut bus subsidy

BY TIM RICHARD

Detroit legislators say they're willing to cut state funding to SMART, the suburban bus ser-vice, to halt its perceived compe-tition against Detroit Depart-

ment of Transportation buses.

But SMART general manager
Richard Kaufman says the issue
should be whether SMART is ffectively getting Detroiters as banites to suburban jobs. "If Al Martin (DDOT manager) thinks there's duplication, he can stop a few of his buses. I n't have any extra out there, Kaufman said

eading the fight to cut SMART funding is Rep. Keith Stallworth, D-Detroit, a freshman legislator and chairman of a special House appropriations mmittee on public transit.

Stallworth talks of pulling the plug on SMART's funding if Kaufman doesn't halt competition with DDOT. He appea have the backing of House Speaker Curtis Hertel, D-Detroit.

"I want consolidated service. If we have to use the appropriations process to get these two young men to talk ... " Stallyoung men to talk ... worth said in a recent interview.

The interview with Stallworth,

Martin and Kaufman is scheduled to be broadcast 12:30 p.m. Sunday, April 19, on Channel 7's "Spotlight" program

Mission: jobs

Kaufman, a former Wayne County circuit judge, doesn't discuss coordination with DDOT

OCC youth band sets auditions

The Fine Arts Department at the Oakland Community College Highland Lakes Campus has announced openings in the Youth Band for the 1998-99 school year beginning in September. The band performs two concerts in the school year and plays a wide variety of the finest band music available. Tryout materials are being sent out in April. For more information or to apply call (248) 360-6218.

schedules. He sees SMART's mission as getting 200,000 pas-sengers a week – half of them Detroit residents – to jobs in western Wayne, Oakland and

SMART stands for Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional

In 1967 downtown Detroit had more than 130,000 jobs. By 1995 downtown employment had shrunk to fewer than 65,000

"Our purpose is quality transportation for the entire Detroit metropolitan region," Kaufman said. "The only place we both have buses is in Detroit. But SMART buses come a lot less frequently than DDOT. My buses are running out to the far reaches of the suburbs.

'I don't think there's any duplication, but if there is, I can't stop the SMART buses which come every half-hour or every hour for those people who need to get from Detroit to the suburbs, or from the suburbs to Detroit."

'Duplication' hit

DDOT's Martin does indeed think there's duplication. He says DDOT and SMART run s one or two minutes apart on eight routes - including Woodward, Grand River and Greenfield. "There is increased competition in the city," said Martin, a former SMART and state public transit administra-We need to coordinate."

Stallworth agrees. He wants to two systems to produce a coordinated plan by May 10 for the Woodward corridor. If not, then

the Legislature may dictate a schedule in the boilerplate of the state appropriations that go to DDOT and SMART, he said. Stallworth also talked of shifting some SMART money to DDOT.

SMART has a total budget of \$60 million. It said \$25 million.

\$60 million. It gets \$3 from the state and about \$10 million from the fare box. The mill of property tax voted in 1995 in Macomb, most of Oakand and suburban Wayne coun-

That millage, Kaufman said, is up for renewal Aug. 4. From a readership point of view, Kauf-man said SMART is a success story that deserves voter sup-

Chamber reverses

The DDOT-SMART conflict came to light about six months ago when the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce threatened not to support SMART's renewal millage unless there is better coordination with DDOT over routes. But it apparently has had a change of heart.

"Last month the executive board of the Detroit Regional Chamber endorsed the SMART millage and committed to raising \$100,000 to get the information

He added, "I've got the solid backing of my bosses for any plan that helps the rider." He said the federal government rated SMART among the seven most progressive transportation systems in the country in terms of getting people to jobs."

DDOT has a total budget of

\$150 million. Martin said about

from the fare box (\$37 million) and \$65 million from the state, with the rest coming from the

"SMART has made progress," said Martin, "but we're not real-izing coordinated transit net-work." He called cooperation

between them "loose."

Despite the tough talk about "coordination" versus "getting Detroiters to suburban jobs," the two agencies have cooperated in other areas. SMART's recent report says:

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exets and transfers.
SMART allowed DDOT to use SMART's bus purchase options so that Detroit could acquire new buses under more favo

in jeopardy?: Some Detroit-area legislators say they'll seek to cut off state funding for SMART bus service unless the suburban carrier eliminates routes that compete with Detroit Department of Transportation



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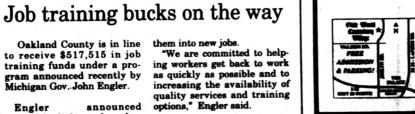
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3 Clarkston students honored for women-in-history projects

Three students from Spring-field Plains Elementary School in Clarkston received special recognition during an awards ceremony recently for their entries in the "Telling Her Story" contest sponsored by the Ponti-ac/Waterford Branch of the American Association of University Women to celebrate March as Women's History Month.

Fifty fourth-grade students from Clarkston and Waterford Schools participated in the con-

Each contestant selected an American woman, researched her life and accomplishments and prepared a project demon-strating the contestant's knowledge and understanding of the woman chosen. Contestants entered projects in either music, visual or writing categories.

An awards ceremony was held March 30 at the Oakland Schools kiva where all contestants received certificates of participation, and each of the participating schools was given a woman's biography book for the

school library.
Clarkston Schools' students Sarah Rankin and Nicholas Luibrand received special recognition for their projects. Sarah prepared a project on Sally Ride in the visual arts category, and Nicholas selected Florence Nightingale for his project in the writing category

Heather Arnold won a \$50 savings bond for her video project on ecretary of State Madeline Albright, Heather, Sarah, and Nicholas attend Springfield Plains Elementary School.

Students, families, teachers,



Special recognition: Students (left to right) Sarah Rankin, Heather Arnold and Nicholas Luibrand, all of Clarkston, receive special recognition for their entries in the "Telling Her Story" contest as Pontiac / Waterford AAUW President Elizabeth Smith (far left) looks on.

and friends viewed the projects, enjoyed refreshments, and the presentation of awards.

Following is a list of Telling Her Story participants and their projects from Clarkston Schools: Heather Arnold-Madeline Albright, Brian Boozer-Dr. Devereaux, Louie Cheff-Maria Guerrero, Shaun Degan-Amelia Earhart, Nick DeVault-Mary McLeod Bethune, Ashley Kunz-Clara Schumann, Nicholas Lewey-Betsy Ross, Nate

Luibrand-Mae Jamison. Nicholas Luibrand-Florence Nightingale, Rachel Miller-Louisa May Alcott. Courtney Morra-Joni Eareckson Toda, Megan Opie-Sally Ride, Sarah Rankin-Sally Ride, Lauren Schroeder-Rosa Parks, Casey Schuarzi-Juliette Lowe, Kirk Schweitzer-Clara Barton, Jessica Tunnecliffer-Betsy Ross, Gretchen Weiss-Victoria Woodhull, Eric White-Pocahontas

Clarkston Schools joins 2nd special ed lawsuit

The Clarkston School Board decided at its April 6 meeting to join other Michigan school districts in a new lawsuit against the state for insufficient funding of special education.

Clarkston schools will receive \$2.6 million as a nonplaintiff district in the recently settled

Durant lawsuit - a 17-year legal battle against the state for unpaid special education funds. However, as a nonplaintiff in that case, Clarkston faces more restrictions on how that reimbursement money is spent.

Clarkston schools' superinten-dent Al Roberts said that while

state officials agreed to reimburse schools in the Durant lawsuit, they haven't voted to fund future special education costs. Roberts told the board, "This new lawsuit is not about the past. It's about the future.'











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Drain problem plagues county

When L. Brooks Patterson pre-sents his 1999 budget later this year, it's expected to include a osal for a tax cut for Oakand County property owners.

While tax cuts are generally welcome, this one is expected to kick off a storm of controversy. It's intended to ease the financial burdens associated with environmental problems linked to the 12 Towns Drain.

There is no direct linkage between the proposed tax cut and the 12 Towns Drain h has been involved in litigation about the Clean Water Act as enforced by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency through the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

But Patterson Tuesday said the tax cut - which will go to every Oakland property owner will make it easier for those within the 12 Towns Drain to bear the inevitable cost — esti-mated at more than \$140 million -associated with expanding the capacity of the 2.2 mile retention basin as demanded by state and federal officials.

The 12 Towns Drain (which actually includes 14 communities) only affects residents in Birmingham, Berkley, Beverly Hills, Southfield, Troy, Clawson, Madison Heights, Ferndale, Hazel Park, Oak Park, Huntington Woods, Pleasant Ridge, Royal Oak and Royal Oak Town-- all of which are in the Red Run Drainage System that eventually flows into polluted

Lake St. Clair.

North Oakland residents aren't affected by the drain problem, yet, but will be eventually, said Patterson.

Oakland County encompasses the headwaters of five river systems, officials note. So the problems impacting communities in

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Brooks Patterson akland County executive

expected to be receptive, according to Sue Ann Douglas, R-Rochester, who is finance committee chairwoman. "We recognize the problem," she said, "and we're willing to cooperate."

Commissioner Donald W.

Jensen, R-Birmingham, howev-

er, wants to see how the pro-

"I'm willing to look at a tax cut,

services have to be reduced.

he said. "But I want to see what

small, it's almost meaningless,

according to many of those famil-

iar with the executive's proposal.
"Every little bit helps," South-

field city administrator Robert Block said. "But the tax cut is so

small in comparison to the over-

all costs, it's almost meaning-

year to the owner of a house valued at \$200,000 — isn't enough

to cover the entire costs associat-

ed with environmental problems,

the executive acknowledged. But

the state and federal govern-

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Thomas Markus gives Patterson

er George Kuhn — credit for tak-

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"It's going to cost property vners," Patterson said. "And

it's an important initial step.

The tax cut — about \$16.05 a

But the proposed tax cut is so

ned cut will affect services.

the 12 Towns Drain will eventually affect other municipalities.

The county is facing a "crisis," Patterson said in his Feb. 26 state of the county address, when he first mentioned the tax cut as part of a four-point to communities in the 12 Towns Drain that are calling

The other steps — implemented or being implemented — are: Hiring a grants writer, who won't get paid without succeed-

ing in getting federal dollars to help offset costs associated with the 12 Towns Drain.

■ Paying \$160,000 for a downspout survey program — a program approved at the last meeting of the county board - as a first step in assuring that runoff water is separated from storm

■ Making \$5 million available annually from the county's Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund to be used for environmental problems

The financial burden linked to the 12 Towns Drain "threatens to overwhelm Oakland County communities," Patterson said Tuesday when asked about his tax cut proposal. "It threatens our economic viability."

The executive said he will outline the proposed tax cut in May or June when he presents the 1999 budget proposals to county commissioners. Since a tax cut will mean less revenue for the county, the entire budget process will be affected.

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ing initiative. But he said Patterson's proposal doesn't go far

He — like the executive — wants the state and federal gov-ernments to help finance the verall solution. After all, noted Markus, the environmental associated with the 12 Towns Drain, and others, are broader in scope . . . and solu-

But what would be so terrible, Markus asked, about the county paying a share of the costs associated with the 12 Towns Drain? In the name of economic development, the county gave \$3 million to Chrysler, he said Markus was referring to the money Oakland County allocated to Chrysler as seed money to be matched with state dollars for a northbound entrance to I-75.

"In the name of economic development, why can't the county give more to the communities in the 12 Towns Drain?" asked Markus

Royal Oak Mayor Dennis Cowan was more emphatic about the need for countywide help. His city's share of the fix to the 12 Towns Drain is about \$36 million, he said.

Our annual budget is only \$25 million," Cowan said. "Shutting down the city is not an option. This amounts to an unfunded mandate, and the county should take the lead in resolving this problem."

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STATE CAPITAL CAPSULES

House action came March 25; the Senate voted a day later. All votes were over-whelming.

The Senate passed two tie-barred bills, meaning both must be enacted for either to become law. Senate Bill 830 prohibits renting to a 16-year-old unless he has a boater safe-ty certificate or the livery oper-

ator himself trains the teen.

The House bill carries a fine of up to \$1,000 for a first offense. The Senate bill has a fine of \$100 to \$500 and up to 90 days in jail for a first

The bills are likely to wind up in a joint House-Senate con-

Sen. Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion, voted for the bills but objected to "age discrimina-tion" in them. "Young riders are not the major problem on the lakes," he said, quoting Oakland Sheriff's marine safe-

Young riders are safer than the adults, mostly because of the marine safety courses that they're already required to take. Now, despite these facts, they (12- to 15-year-olds) will be punished simply because of their age and not able to ride

until they're 16."

Tornado drills

Gov. John Engler has signed bill by Rep. Gerald Law, R-lymouth, to require state-sup-orted schools and colleges to

conduct two tornado safety drills a year, besides the cur-rent eight fire drills.

Public Act 45 was signed March 30 during Severe Weather Awareness Week. Law noted a majority of torna-does strike between noon and 6

Senate passes

The state Senate has

approved:

A bill requiring thumb imaging of applicants for cash assistance. This attempts to identify fraud in the welfare system and correct it," said Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton,

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OAKLAND JOURNAL

Oakland Journal is a roundup of Oakland County news and notes collected from government, school, civic, community and neighborhood sources. Please write: Oakland Journal, c/o Oakland County editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Our fax number is (248) 644-1314.

Lay people and clergy are invited to the first Detroit Parliament for World Religions, April 29 to May 1 at Oakland University. May 1 at Oakland University.
Family, parenting and interfaith
marriage will be among the
items discussed in a grass roots
setting. Harvey Cox, author of
"The Secular City" will deliver
the keynote address, 7:30 p.m.
April 29. Workshops will meet 9
a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday and Fri a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday and Fri-day. A Festival of Sacred Performing Arts will be presented, 7:30 p.m. April 30. Registration is \$35. To register, or for more information, call the Rev.

Charles Mabee, (248) 340-2515.

SCCRRA will hold a recycling jamboree 4-7:30 p.m. April 23 in the Royal Oak Kimball High School cafeteria, 1500 Lexington Blvd., Royal Oak, Exhibits will focus on reducing, reusing and recycling waste materials, there will be a Detroit Edison Enviro-Magic show at 4:30 p.m. The program is free. SOCRRA, the Southeastern Oakland County Southeastern Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority, is the trash handling agency for Beverly Hills, Birmingham, Lathrup Village and Troy, among other area commun For more information, call (248) 288-5150.

MONEY MATTERS

The Womancenter at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus is presenting "Money Matters: the Ten Percent Solution", a seminar on money management tips for women 7-9 p.m. April 21. The seminar will be held in J Building Room 308. Admission is \$10. The campus is at 27055 Orchard Lake Road, south of I-696, Farmington Hills. Additional information is available by calling (248)

HEALTHY BABIES

Hoops for Help, a basketballthemed March of Dimes fundraiser, is being held 11:30 a.m. to :30 p.m. Friday in front of the Oakland County Friend of the Court building, 230 Elizabeth Lake Road, Pontiac. Participants raise money by shooting baskets. Friend of the Court employees are sponsoring the event. For more information, call (248) 858-

LAW DAY

The Oakland County Bar Association is sponsoring Meet The Lawyer, a program dispensing free one-on-one legal advice, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 3 at Tel-12 Mall, Southfield. The event is part of the 11th annual Oakland County Law Fair, to be held that day at the mall. For more information on Meet the Lawyer, call Shirley Robertson, (248) 334-3400. For more advice of the law fair, call 46th District Court Judge Stephen Cooper's office, (248) 354-9377.

LAW EXAM

A free LSAT preparation program, including a practice test, is being offered 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 25 at Oakland University through the OU College of Arts and Sciences. LSAT scores commonly help determine admission to law school programs. To register, or for more information, call (248) 370-3125.

MANAGEMENT EXAM

A five-week Saturday workshop for students planning to take the Graduate Management Admission Test is being offered begin-

ning April 18 at Oakland Uni versity. The workshops are spot sored by the OU college of Arts and Sciences. Admission is \$290 To register, or for more informs To register, or for more in tion, call (248) 370-3125.

Students preparing for the Graduate Record Examination are invited to attend a workshop series sponsored by the Oakland University College of Arts and Sciences. A seven-week Tuesday thursday series is scheduled for Birmingham Seaholm High School, beginning April 21. A five-week Saturday series begins April 25 at Oakland University's main campus. Cost for either main campus. Cost for either workshop series is \$295. To reg-ister, or for more information,

call (248) 370-3125.

A benefit concert featuring the musical trio "Me, Him and Her" is scheduled for May 3 at First United Methodist ch Oak. The event will raise contri-butions for Camp RainBear, a first-of-its-kind Michigan camp for children with HIV and AIDS. For more information, call Loisann Arnold (248) 486-3872 or Kate Wade at (248) 549-7337.

The Salvation Army Chicago Staff Band will perform in concert 7 p.m. Saturday, April 18 at the First Church of the Nazarene, Northville. The 36 piece band has perfor throughout the world. Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$2 for students. To order tickets, or for more information, call the Salvation Army of Farmington Hills, (248) 477-1153.

WALSH REGISTRATION

Sign-ups for summer classes has begun at Walsh College. Students can register for classes at campuses in Troy, Novi, Clinton township and Port Huron. Sum-mer classes run May 15 to July 27. Walsh offers degree programs in accounting, computer systems, finance, management and marketing. For more infor-mation, call (248) 689-8282.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Oakland County 4-H Clubs are joining with Habitat for Human ity to raise money to construct houses in the Pontiac area. 4-H youngsters will build Lego houses to call attention to the Habitat for Humanity program. They seek sponsors to help them acquire Lego materials. For additional information, call (248)

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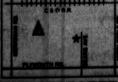
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OAKLAND DIGEST

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School suit: Birmingham is mong the school districts ready ack to court next month in effort to get special education money from the state. The Michigan Supreme Court ruled the state owes districts the money, but the districts say the money is coming out of the state's general school operating dget, leaving locals vulnerable in other areas.

Arena planned: Plans for a multi-use sports and recreation facility are being considered by the Independence Township Planning Commission. A public hearing will be scheduled for mid-May on Global Sports Management Group's plans for the Sashabaw Road facility.

NOTON

Racism charged: Residents on Oakland and Gill streets are upset about hundreds of alleged-ly racist leaflets dropped on their streets. The leaflets referred to securing "a future for white chil-dren" and were attributed to a group calling itself the European American Education Association.

LAKE ORION

Buy bonds: School district residents can invest in the district by buying bonds from the schools' recent \$25 million bond sale. Bonds are being sold in \$5,000 increments. They will be used to build a new elementary school and a nature center. among other improvements.

No fence-sitter: Terry Frank, proprietor of an area antiques store is taking up a crusade to save another area antique – the more than 125-year-old fence at the Oxford Township Cemetery. The wrought iron fence is scheduled to be replaced by a new fence, but at least one township trustee indicated the old fence could be moved to a second pub-lic cemetery on Oxford Road.

Vandalism: The White House has been vandalized – not the one in Washington, but the vintage house along North Livernois Road in Rochester Hills. Responding to complaints, the county road commission boarded up the shandaned structure. up the abandoned structure.

LATHRUP VILLAGE

Historic city: The small Southfield Road-area city, founded as a planned community in the early 1920s, is reveling in its new status as a Michigan Historic District. Almost all the roughly 1.5-square-mile city is included in the district.

Election mix up: A runner-up in

Capsules from page A8

A bill prohibiting hospital strikers from threatening patients or people caring for them.
"This bill protects patients' rights by making sure
they have a safe environment ... unimpeded," said
Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville, sponsor of the

measure which passed unanimously.

"MIChild," a program to provide health care to some 156,000 children whose parents earn too much to qualify for Medicaid but not enough to afford private or group insurance. Pronounced "my child," the program will receive \$92 million in matching federal funds, said Sen. Geake who guided passage

License bill moves

The House approved a bill raising penalties for dangerous drivers. Sponsored by Rep. Penny Crissman, R-Rochester, House Bill 5123 awards up to 15 years in prison and \$5,000 in fines for people who drive with a suspended or revoked license and cause the death of another person.

The bill was reported out of the House Judiciary Committee and sent to the House floor.

Pay first

A public body from which you have requested information may require that you pay a copying fee prior to delivery, Attorney General Frank Kel-ley has ruled.

"However, a public body may not refuse to pro-

cess a subsequent Freedom of Information Act request on the ground that the requester failed to pay fees charged for a prior FOIA request," he added. Reason: FOIA provides a specific list of exceptions, and failure to pay a previous bill isn't

Where the cost will exceed \$50, the public body may require a good faith deposit of up to half the copying; and it "may refuse to process a FOIA request if the requester fails to pay a good faith deposit" properly requested, the attorney general

If a person who has ordered copies of documents fails to pay, the public body may sue to recover. Statute of limitations, under the Revised Judicature Act, is six years.

Source: Attorney General Opinion of April 1, 1998, at the requests of Sen. Jon Cisky and Rep. Michael Hanley, both of Saginaw.

Appointments

Gov. Engler has appointed:

Nancy Hillegonds of Plymouth Township to the Michigan Board of Medicine, which examine and licenses people entering the practice of medicine. Hillegonds is a former executive assistant in the Department of Consumer and Industry Services. She will represent the general public.

last week's city council election charges the city with erroneously eliminating the names of some 850 likely voters from mailing lists it gave his campaign, poten-tially altering the election's out-come. Tom Kaszubinski, a retir-ing school trustee who fell 222-cotes short of a council seat, said votes short of a council seat, sai he has contacted an attorney to look into the situation.

WALLED LAKE

In the running: Walled Lake Schools assistant superintendent Steven Gaynor is among three finalists for the vacant superin-tendent's post in Royal Oak. In his current post, Gaynor supervises district school buildings.

Attention deficit advocacy group seeks nominees for new award

Nominations are being sought through April 30 for the Jane Cobb Memorial Award, a new award honoring parents, guardians or teachers of children with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. Health care professionals are also eligible.

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Award winners will be hon-ored for their contributions to a child with the disorder or to the organization itself. Winners will organization itself. Winners will receive up to \$300 in transportation and registration fees for the Ch.A.D.D. National Conference. Cobb, a former organization

board member.

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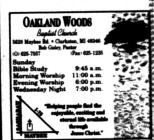
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Naming new school

This time, find fitting moniker

Brooks has the right drain fix

age reduction.

ike any proud new parents, the Clark-ston School Board has the responsibili-ty of naming the newest addition to its — the soon-to-be-built elementary on M-15 north of I-75.

anomy you delicated vocacy, group Prownwen lot reemmon alles

The school board should not take this ibility lightly. After all, a name helps to form the identity of the person or thing

Remember the lyrics to the song sung by shany Cash, "A Boy Named Sue"? The boy in that song had to be tough because he had to defend himself against people who picked on him for having a girl's nan

Like the father of that boy, the Clarkston School Board in the past has misnamed its off-

mentary on Pine Knob Road is named Bailey Lake, while the elementary on Sashabaw Road is named Pine Knob and the mentary on Maybee Road is named North

Then, just a couple of week ago, the school board named its meeting room in the administration building on Clarkston Road the Greene Room even though just about everything in it, including the furniture, is blue.

While these buildings won't grow up to have identity crises, the misnomers cause a lot of confusion for new folks moving into the

o some, it might appear Oakland County officials are washing their

the 12 Towns Retention Basin conundrum,

ing the unpleasant task of footing the bill.

equitable and practical.

but that is a claim made by communities fac-

The 12 Towns communities — Berkley,

dale, Hazel Park, Huntington Woods, Madison

field, Royal Oak, Royal Oak Township, South-

field and Troy — are facing the prospect of spending \$90 to \$140 million to improve the

drainage system, which empties into the Red

everal times each year the 12 Towns com-

Now is not the time to debate the severity

Run Drain which empties into the Clinton

River, which empties into Lake St. Clair.

munities pour thousands of tons of storm

treated only by a heavy dose of chlorine.

water and sewage into the Red Run Drain,

of the problem — suffice it to say, Oakland

ment of Environmental Quality to come up

County has already lost the battle. It is man-

dated by the courts and the Michigan Depart-

with a solution to fix the "problem" by Sept. 1.

will place the responsibility for cleaning the

drains on the communities that are contribut-

ing to the problem —and at the same time free

rces to address the problem.

likely touch off yet another US versus THEM

ties in the southeast part of the county facing

That's a conflict no one is going to win.

Other steps include hiring a grant writer to

elp the county and communities apply for

federal and state funds for projects, having the county absorb the cost of a downspout sur-vey and setting up an Environmental Infra-

Instead, Patterson proposes that the county illage rate be cut from 4.3505 to 4.19 mills.

the north and west.

The alternative — and the solution some 12

wn drain communities are seeking — would

rio, with the mostly developed communi-

Patterson is proposing a series of steps that

hts, Oak Park, Pleasant Ridge, South-

Beverly Hills, Birmingham, Clawson, Fern-

County Executive Brooks Patterson's plan

hands of the dirty business of solving

area. And Clarkston is a growing area with lots of new residents moving in — that's why

We understand that the school board had historical reasons for naming its buildings the way it did. For example, North Sashabaw, even though it fronts Maybee Road, was named North Sashabaw because it sits on a plot of land formerly known as Sashabaw Plains. And the blue-colored Greene Room was named the Greene Room in honor of former Superintendent Leslie Greene.

We also realize that many, if not all, of the current school board members had nothing to do with naming Clarkston's older buildings.

We just hope that the current school board, in naming its newest school, doesn't give it a confusing moniker too - even if that moniker has historical significance.

One administrator teasingly suggested the board name the new school Holcomb Elementary School since Springfield Plains Elementary is on Holcomb Road. While that would be consistent with past practice, it would only contribute to the confusion.

And, unlike Sue in the song, buildings can't grow up and give their own children a more fitting name - Bill or George, anything but

structure Fund that communities can draw

from to address drainage and other problems.

The crux of the plan, however, is the mill-

Patterson argues the savings could be used

to fund pollution abatement projects. Commu-

nities could do this in two ways: Take the dif-

ference and increase the local millage. Or add

Granted, the money per household alone

will not pay for all improvements, but it could

Patterson's plan has drawn fire from the

communities that want the county to help pay

But Patterson couldn't gain enough support

to fund drain improvements even if he wanted

to, since 12 Towns communities lack sufficient

Most commissioners represents the fast-

growing communities to the north and west,

and they are unlikely to grant the 12 Towns

communities a \$90 to \$140 million boon with-

That's why Patterson's plan makes sense.

Lowering taxes curries favor for all county

commissioners. Residents in 12 Town commu-

nities won't see the benefit of the tax cut, but

money into sewer basin improvement projects.

And the faster growing communities can

reassign the returned funds for their own pro-

We understand the reluctance of the 12

No one wants to be the bad guy. The ques-

al will to incre

tion facing the 12 Town communities is: Can

or fees after they are returned to residents?

Those communities, quite understandably, would rather the county pay a portion of the improvement costs rather than face tax-shy

residents. Patterson's plan at least gives them

a reasonable exchange to mitigate the outcry

of residents — and a way to mitigate the 12 Towns Drains.

won't be financially pressed either as those

communities basically shift the returned

jects, or return the money to taxpayers.

Towns communities to buy into the plan.

to the sewerage fees assessed residents.

the cost of upgrading the drain system.

representation on the county board.

out something in return.

be leveraged through bond sales.

the school board is building a new school.

QUESTION: What's your favorite pet, and why?

This question

was asked of

employees at

the Clarkston

Center on M-

Animal Medical

Shih Tzus. Because I have one dog. She's my only dog and my favorite pet."

receptionist



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favorite pet because they're so snuggly and they purr.

'Cats are my

Della Erickson. hospital manager



Golden retriever. Because I think they're good with people. They're good with pets. They're smart and they're a

healthy breed.

Judy Walzak, technician



but I like cats too. (Golden retrievers) are personable. They're very smart, very loving. Wonderful with children and very loyal.

Becky Wellant. technician

Article 'demeaning' to women

am writing in response to your recent article "Beauty at the Oscars is in the Eye of the Beholder" which appeared in the Sunday, March 29, edition of the Clarkston Eccen-

I don't want to inhibit anyone's first Amendment rights; however, I did find your article to be not only rude but very demeaning to women. Your reference to Drew Barrymore ("sleeveless dress — let's hit the gym, Drew") was completely uncalled for. Drew is a fit, healthy, beautiful young woman. Her arms did not appear to be flabby, and even if they were, they are not a measure of her appearance as a whole.

such as this affect young women? Our society is filled with images of skinny, heroin-chic women and girls. By calling a woman who has a great body such as Drew Barrymore "chubby," you contribute to a media that makes girls/women feeling inadequate and/or unhappy with their appearance.

realize how offensive those statements are? Do

I recommend that you read "Reviving Ophelia" by Mary Piper and/or "The Beauty Myth" by Virginia Wolff. A final request is that you reconsider before writing such appearancebased sexist material in the future.

Tricia Woolfenden

LETTERS

I wonder if you understand how statements

In addition you repeatedly made references to how a woman "should look," "how women of various ages should look," "exactly what I believe a woman should look like." Do you you realize how damaging these attitudes and perceptions are to young women? I'm sure you have read the statistics on anorexia and bulimia, and you know they are astounding. I am a young woman of 18 who is tired of reading articles stating insensitive and disrespectful things written by people in a position to be read by thousands. It may seem minor to you, but the damage adds up.

pened in Arkansas. There are many less than perfect relationships between parents and children but all unhappy children do not act out their hostilities.

The answer lies in the particularities of the two children impelled to kill. Media accounts tend to indicate that the boys were troubled. As reported in the New York Times, for instance, some children apparently knew of threats to kill. Were there no adults informed? If there were, where was the help, the explorations into the meaning of the clues? There cannot be too much money spent to cover personnel who are trained to understand these matters. We do as much with fire and police protection in an attempt to protect lives, to avert catastrophe. Why is there less of an effort when evidence is presented of the potential lethality in an institution where taxpayers seek an education for children with an attendant security? All communities must have well-established, easily accessible mental health systems ready, prepared to act. Michigan, whose recent tragic encounters have been headlined, should be no exception.

President Sylvia Iwrey Alliance for Mental Health Services

Good idea, bad idea

ougher penalties: A very good idea.

Allowing preliminary breathalyzer tests to be used as evidence: A very good idea. Scarlet letter license plates that could harm family and car pool members: A very bad idea.

Confiscating cars that other family members may need to go to work: A very bad idea. Requiring repeat offenders to install expen-

sive breathalyzers in their vehicles that would prevent cars from starting when the driver is intoxicated: A very good idea.

Richard Rosenbaum Birmingham

Face mental health

he media are rife nationally with the shock and horror of the Arkansas school massacre, yet scant reference is made to the one factor, above all, that should be addressed; the importance of dealing with the pathology of the episode through mental health treatment by highly trained persons. It is not just that guns are easily available. There are guns in hundreds of thousands of households accessible very often to children. yet they don't pick up and use them as hap-

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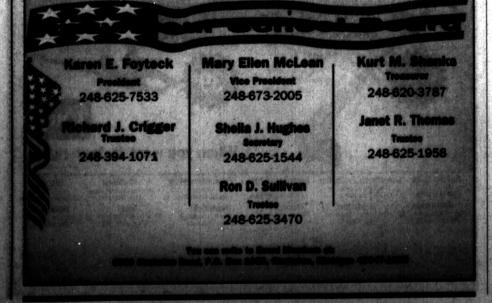
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POINTS OF VIEW

Spring, fall wardrobes don't exist in Michigan

hat could I tell you about people and lifestyles if I were a dry cleaner?
While we have four seasons in Michigan, we have only two lifestyles as far as clothes are concerned.

Spring seems to last only a day or so, and we don't have special clothes, and fall is a transition time where we wear summer clothes until it gets chilly.

Clothes retailers recognize this. Have you ever tried to buy summer clothes during the summer? You have two clothes seasons — cruise wear just after Christmas and winter clothes during the summer.

You must go to resort areas if you want to buy summer clothes in the summer and winter clothes in the

We need more closet space in the winter because clothes are bulkier, although in the summer we need more clothes because we change them more often. Sandals take up less space than boots.

Daytime summer apparel includes everything from bathing suits to working clothes, which are not necessarily appropriate for evening wear. Dry cleaners' slow times are winter

Dry cleaners' slow times are winter and summer. They are very busy in the fall because people are having their summer clothes cleaned and put away and the same is true for winter clothes in the spring. Then there are the folks who forget and are one season behind. They still fit the pattern.

As far as formal attire, they are busy around winter holidays and summer weddings.



HANK HOGAN

Clothing styles are different depending on where in the country you reside. In New York clothing has a tendency to be darker. In the South, it's lighter.

It is hard when you are traveling because you often have to pack two sets of clothes to dress appropriately for the location. And what do you do with your boots and heavy coat after you have arrived in Florida for a winter vacation?

Blue jeans are an important stable for the younger set in both the Midwest and Far West. Khakis or chinos are more popular in warmer climates

Customs are changing because of travel. Is it still the rule that you can't wear white shoes and belts before Memorial Day or after Labor Day? Shoe wear has changed all that.

I was truly amazed the other day when I noticed about 90 percent of the people in church were wearing what we used to call sneakers. I guess they are now called running shoes or cross trainers or ...

Clothes are something that we take

for granted. We have favorites that we tend to cling to. At the middle of a season we are usually tired of our clothes and look forward to the new season, but it is too late to go to the store for replacements because the merchants are ahead of us.

My last observation about clothes is that I have found that women never have enough to wear, and they never have enough closet space to house what they have.

Maybe I'll wait this year to take in

Maybe I'll wait this year to take in my winter clothes; my dry cleaner should be having a sale in his slow

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

We should keep a sharp eye on our charter schools

tate law requires anybody teaching at any public school (charter or not) to hold a state teaching certificate. If a school can't find a teacher certified to teach a given subject, it can hire teachers with emergency or one-year permits.

Responding to a complaint, the state Department of Education started investigating teacher certification credentials at charter schools (also called "public school academies").

Targeted were the 45 schools chartered by Central Michigan University, by far the most active university overseeing the 107 charter schools in Michigan.

State Supt. of Education Arthur Ellis was going to present the department's report to the State Board of Education at its meeting April 1. But Detroit Free Press got hold of the report and broke the scoop on page one - "CMU schools are short of certified help" ran the headline.

The story claimed that the investigation concluded that 132 of 695 teachers were not fully certified.

Some had been denied a permit, some were waiting for certification, and a lot were teaching with emergency one-year certificates.

Critics of charter schools jumped in, asking why CMU allowed schools to open for business without verifying certification of all teachers. "If they didn't, they should have," said state Rep. James Agee, a former public school administrator.

Six days passed before the State Board of Education put out its own handout under the headline, "State Board of Education Members Applaud Central Michigan University Charter School Oversight." The press release asserted that of the 132 teachers investigated, only five held questionable certificates.

"Among the reasons that higher numbers were reported in the Detroit Free Press and elsewhere was that some teachers' social security numbers were not known by Department of Education staff, which prevented the department from locating them in the certification database."

The release quoted only three State Board members, all Republicans. Clark Durant, former board president, said, The Democrats on the board have been on a witch-hunt. They want to make political hay out of the fact that five charter school teachers had not filled out certifica-



PHILIP POWER

tion paperwork on time while ignoring that on any given day one out of every seven teachers in Detroit is a substitute who lacks a state certificate."

In my view, the whole thing turned out to be a tempest in a teapot. But the underlying issues involved deserve a careful look.

They have to do with the energy, professionalism and integrity by which Michigan public universities carry out their oversight responsibilities for the academies they charter.

Many universities do it, including Eastern Michigan University, Oakland University, Grand Valley State University and Saginaw Valley State University.

It shouldn't surprise readers of this column that money is involved. Char-

tering universities get paid 3 percent of the "state foundation grant" for each student at a charter school. At present, there are 107 charter schools enrolling around 20,000 students, each of whom gets a \$5,500 foundation grant from the state.

That makes a total of \$110 million going to charter schools in Michigan. And it means that overseeing universities are getting a little more than \$3 million for their work.

The obvious question is: Just what are these universities doing for the \$3 million they're getting? Herb Moyer, a former school superintendent now on the Board of Education, isn't sure. "It's now just a matter of laundering 3 percent out of every dollar. Charter schools are a \$110 million experiment. I think we owe the taxpayers a very significant report of what's going on."

Such reports are hard to come by.
When in 1997 the state auditor
general conducted an audit of CMU's
procedures and finances, the university refused to turn over 34 documents,
claiming attorney-client privilege. A
member of the House Education Committee said, "I'm totally baffled how a
state institution (CMU) with public
dollars can hire lawyers to deny the

auditor general documents on how the money is spent. It casts a shadow over the university and the public

school academy chartering process."

The same audit showed CMU also failed to catch other abuses in charter schools: Some schools were not doing criminal records checks on teacher applicants they hired. Some failed to offer special education services as required by law. Some had board members with conflicts of interest. Some did not conduct proper lotteries for student admissions. And some failed to post meeting notices as required by the Open Meetings Act.

Charter schools are an experiment that might turn out well and might turn out badly. Having an oversight system vested in state universities, whose boards are politically appointed by a governor who has made charter schools an important part of his platform, puts at risk the integrity of this important experiment.

This is an abuse that cries out for legislative remedy.

Phil Power is chairman of Home-Town Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper.

Love will keep children from killing each other

t is always a tragedy when an innocent person loses his or her life. It is an even deeper sadness when it's a child. But a child killing another child leaves a hole in the hearts of all. So we ask ourselves, How can we stop this killing? What can we do about the violence of our young people?

When violence like the incident in Jonesboro, Ark., occurs, we want to know why. That is the main question. What possesses young boys to murder their classmates and teachers? The reason? The recent break-up with their girlfriends caused sparks to fly in the wrong direction. There are kids all over this country who break up every day, but they don't murder people. Why? Kids who feel loved don't pull triggers. When they have a parent to turn to, they don't act out in violence. When parents take the time to listen and understand the struggles of teenage life, people don't end up dead.

Parents aren't the only root of this problem. The availability of a gun might make a raging teen even more tempted to kill. Activists say that it is our constitutional right to own a gun, and "guns don't kill people, people kill people." Constitutional or not, if the guns weren't available, there would be five more people in Joneshore today.

Others want to blame TV, music lyrics and rap videos. But the problem is more than just guns, TV and parents. It is a combination of them all. We are all so busy placing the blame on others, we don't take time to love each other. Parents are too busy to notice their children are turning into murderers because their parents own guns. These parents, teachers, anyone who ciates with raising children need to know that is lacking — Love. Not the kind of love n on television or the happy ending of a ovie, but the kind of love that is always und. A loving smile and a pat on the back to deserving child. A day at the park just ecause. An encouraging word every day to let a hild know someone is there. That is the differe between a normal child and a child who

Growing up, my dad always had a rifle in the front closet in our house. I knew it was there, and I knew why it was there. He said he used to use it for hunting, but now it is for protection.

STUDENT COLUMNIST



KRISTIN FRENCH

■ When parents take the time to listen and understand the struggles of teenage life, people don't end up dead.

He taught me that it wasn't to hurt anyone—just to scare them away if they came into our home. I never got the urge to use it when my boyfriends broke up with me. Instead I'd run to the comfort of my dad, to a school counselor or to a friend.

Kids in America don't need their television or

radio censored. They need to be taken seriously and paid attention to.

When they have problems that seem trivial to

adults, they need to be heard.

The only desire children have is to be loved

and wanted.

Why do 3-year-olds dance and sing on the cof-

fee table?
Why do 12-year-old girls dramatize every little detail?
Why do boys compete for the spotlight in

sports?
They just want attention. They want to be important enough to be listened to and watched. Taking time out to hear them may make a world of difference in the future of America's children.

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

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Growing old means hating things once loved

ave you ever noticed that as you age, many of the things you once loved, you now hate? Since turning 40 last year, I have noticed that many of the things I once enjoyed or appreci-

ated, no longer hold the same fondness for me.

Although it took me Some changes are to be expected. I once loved loud music. Now I'm constantly turning down the radio, asking hour I was my kids to turn down the televihome and sion, becoming don't plan to annoyed at the ever return. volume at which my kids play.

I've read that an aversion to loud sounds is a sign of PMS. If that's the case, it's a sign I've only recently developed.

When I was young I loved to go dancing. Recently I convinced my husband, for the first time in many,

Please see DANCING QUEEN, A14

Teachers give job sharing an A plus

Clarkston Elementary teachers Stacey Preuss and Jenny McGinn are tag-team teaching so as to spen more time with their kids



ith the belief that necessity is the mother of invention, two Clarkston school teachers have invented work schedules that support their need to be good mothers.

Educators Stacey Preuss and Jenny McGinn, mothers of 2-year-old sons, share teaching responsibilities this year in one fourth-grade classroom at Clarkston Ele-

■ 'I like it because when you have two teachers, then you don't get, like, sick of

Erik Maesch —fourth grade They say they asked district officials for the job-sharing arrangement so they could teach their pupils about pioneers, punctuation, three-point problem solving and the Potawatomi and still be home to catch the latest

Both teachers said their two parttime schedules have added energy to the classroom and smiles to their toddlers' faces. They believe their successful instructional situation will lead other Clarkston teachers to request it in the future.

According to Preuss, an eight-year teacher who formerly served at Clark-ston Middle School, the issue of jobsharing has surfaced in the district because of a recent influx of young teachers into schools' employment ranks. "When I hired in, I think the



Two teachers better than one: Clarkston Elementary tag-team teachers (center, from left) Stacey Preuss and Jenny McGinn combine their part-time efforts to teach a fourth-grade class while raising their own young children at home.

teaching staff was a more mature teaching staff — and now, there are so many younger teachers coming in, starting new families and looking for someone to work with," Preuss

The teacher explained that she actu-ally left CMS several years ago to move to Maryland. And after relocating, she

and her husband adopted a baby son. "I stayed home a year (there) and when we came back to this area, I knew that working full-time would be next to impossible," she said. "I just wanted to give as much to my son as I could, but I loved teaching and I did not want to completely give it up. I was given another year to take off, but I just felt

that as long as my son — or children— were at home, I could not work full-time. So, that's why I was looking into part-time, or job-share, because that was mentioned in the (teachers') con-

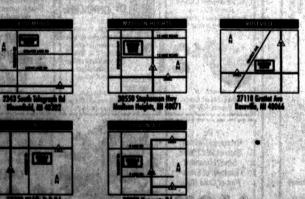
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display area. Registration
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Room, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston. "The Tempest" by William Shakespeare, a British Broadcasting Corp. performance Introductions to set the scene. Refreshments. Free, 625-2212.

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

7-9 p.m., Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston. Parent talk—open dialog and discussion. Learn about the "developmental assets" children and youth need to succeed. Discuss a variety of situations that occur in the family and how to handle them. Bring a friend. Come network with adults throughout the community. For additional information, call 625-4855.

Dancing queen from page A13

the excuse that it would help me lose weight because dancing is exce cise). While I still thoroughly enjoy danc-ing, I don't enjoy anything about the bar scene in which the dancing is usually Within a short time after arriving at the long-awaited dancing date destina-tion, I started wondering what I had once seen in this crowded, smoky and LOUD form of entertainme

When we got onto the dance floor, I attempted to push the smoke-filled air out of my mind and try to enjoy the reason we had come to this noisy place. Unfortunately, it didn't take long for me to remember that what you do on a dance floor at a crowded bar is not really "dancing." It's "jockeying for position." Watch those arms, don't back up, always stay balanced so you don't fall over when the big guy behind ou, who has had too much to drink, loos you, who has had too much to drink, looses his balance and crashes into you. Although it took me years to talk my husband into taking me dancing, within an hour I was ready to go home and don't plan to ever

As with most young women, I once loved basking in the sun. That go brown tan was the brass ring we all hoped to reach by late summer. Since I am very fair skinned, I didn't actually tan until after I had burned several times and then freckled. When I was young we didn't know about skin cancer and never thought about wrinkles, so lying on the beach working on our tans was just plain fun. Although I would have preferred a tan vithout the freckling, it was mild enough to hide under the tan and didn't bother me much. Recently, however, I've noticed that the freckles come sooner, last longer and somewhat resemble age spots. Since I don't stay in the sun long enough to tan, all I get is age spots and wrinkles. What

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While it is anticipated that most of us will lose our fondness for loud music, rowded bars and sun bathing, one of the things that I've recently started to hate was not expected. When I started working at the law firm where I'm a paralegal, one of my first impressions was that of elee. As I entered the large glass doors to the lobby I noticed the grand set of stairs on the opposite side of the lobby, with large windows behind them allowing the sun to shine onto the many large planters arranged underneath the open staircase. I loved those stairs. To me they screamed sophistication." Since my office is on the second floor, I climb those stairs several times each day. Within the past year my love for those stairs has slowly been replaced with disdain.

It all started one day, about a year ago, as I was climbing the stairs, alone, with no distractions. The lobby below was quiet; there were no attorneys standing in the upstairs lobby talking. Yet there was not complete silence. Instead there was a subtle noise with each step I took — a noise which resembled the sound of paper crumpling. The noise would not have been noticeable had there been any other distractions around, but I heard it. It was coming from my knees. Each step - crackle, crackle. First the left leg — crackle. Then the right leg — crackle. Within the past year this practically unnoticeable crackle has turned into a booming, echoing thunder each time I climb those annoying

stairs. It sounds as if cartilage is breaking with each step. To make matters worse, it. is no longer symmetrical. Although the right leg makes only one loud crackle, the left leg has progressed to a loud snap and then a crackle. I sound like a bowl of Rice Krispies as I walk up the stairs. When it is the worst, of course, is when someone else is walking up the stairs with me.

On occasions when I need to go to the lobby and bring clients upstairs, it is especially distracting. Pve learned to start in with idle chit-chat as soon as we reach the stairs and continue talking about the weather or whatever pops into my mind until we reach the top of the stairs. Although I hate this loud sign of age, I refuse to admit defeat and take the elevator. I'm determined to keep climbing those stairs no matter how loud my knees ecome. Lately, though, I have started drowning out the sound of my knees by repeating over and over, "I hate these stairs. I hate these stairs."

The other day I was walking up the stairs a few paces in front of a young attorney. Since I knew he could easily hear the concert my knees where playing for him, I started my recitation. "I hate these stairs. I hate these stairs." Upon inquiry, I explained that my knees never used to make this much noise and the older I get, the more I hate these stairs to which the young, silver-tongued counselor questioned, in a thought-provoking, attorney type of way: "Do you hate the stairs or do you hate getting older?" Personally, I would like to object to that line of questioning on the grounds that it's a forbidden topic unless asked by someone over the age of 40.

Rochelle Smith, who lives in Clarkston, is a freelance columnist.

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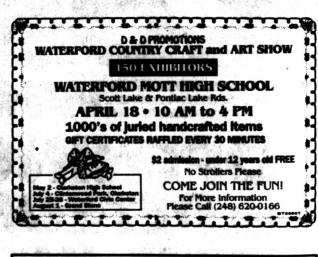
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Job sharing from page A13

Clarkston Elementary before pairing up with Preuss, said she decided to seek a part-time teaching partner because of similar personal circumstances. "I had a 6-month-old child and I worked last year full-time," McGinn explained. "I just found that it was very hard to balance myself as a mom and a teacher. Like Stacey (Preuss), I love teaching and I love being a mom — and I didn't feel like I needed to give up one or the other.

McGinn called it good fortune when district officials helped her look for a teaching partner.

- who was still in Maryland at the time McGinn launched her search - called the match a stroke of providence.

"I called Duane Lewis, who was the district's personnel director, and told him that all of a sudden, we were coming back to Michigan," Preuss recalled. "I asked if there were any part-time positions. He said, 'Well, no.' Then I asked if there were any shared-time positions and he said, Well, that's very rare - it looks doubtful."

Four days later, however, Preuss said she received a call from Lewis. The former personnel director told her that McGinn was seeking a partner to teach fourth-grade at Clarkston Elemen-

After Lewis initiated the teacher connection, Preuss said Clarkston Elementary Principal Mike Kehoe offered his support at the school. "He just believed in us," she said. "I came into the school when we were looking for a house, and Mike took over Jenny's class and let us go to lunch to talk things over," Preuss said. "We immediately hit it

McGinn said the two teachers talked shop for several hours that day. They found that they possessed similar educational philosophies and flexible styles. And they also discovered that they complemented each other. "The irony was, the subjects I liked best were the ones that she liked least - and vise versa," McGinn said with a smile. As a result of those personal preferences, Preuss opted to teach the science and language arts portion of the fourth-grade curriculum on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesday mornings. McGinn chose to focus on math and social studies on Wednesday afternoons, Thursdays and Fridays.

As part of their joint plan, the educators began teaching the first 1½ weeks of school together so their students could become acclimated to the team. They also plan to end the year the same

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> Shane Yovich -fourth grader

With almost one year of success chalked up, they're already exploring the possibility of teaching together one day a month in next year's team

And what do their students think of the twoteacher classroom?

"It's not bad," said 9-year-old Erik Maesch. "Yeah. I like it because when you have two teachers, then you don't get, like, sick of one teacher."

Erik's classmate, Ian Sabbag, said it's a happy environment, but definitely not a situation for pro-"It's fun — but it's hard," Ian said. "You have more than one (homework) assignment going at a time.

Ten-year-old Brittany Malm compared the class system to equivalent fractions. "I think it's very organized," she commented. "We have two subjects one part of the week and two in another

And Shane Yovich gave the teachers high marks, too - except that, sheesh, sometimes a 10-year-old guy can get confused about who's in the classroom from day to day. "It's really the same as having one teacher except that from the beginning of the week to the end of the week, you sort of mix up their names," Shane said.

Erik's mother, Mary Maesch, said the experience has been good for her son. Maesch pointed out that while the other fourth-grade classes at Clarkston Elementary have been rotating among three rooms for their core subjects all year long, her son and his classmates have had the opportunity to stay in one spot and let the teachers do the switching. "They are staying in one room but still getting exposure to other people," Maesch said. "Yet, there are fewer people involved so they (the teachers) know you better. I don't feel my child has been deprived in any way. They (Preuss and McGinn) have done a very good job coordinating the whole effort. I think it helps that they're similar. And I think it's good that the school district is accommodating working mothers this way."

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Habitat devoted to housing homeless locally, worldwide

What is Habitat for Humanity International? How does it work? What does a Habitat house cost? What is "sweat equity"? How are the partner families selected? How are donations distributed and used? These questions are just a few we will try to answer in this column.

Founded in 1976 by Millard and Linda Fuller, Habitat for Humanity International is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry dedicated to eliminating substandard housing and homelessness worldwide and to making adequate, affordable shelter a matter of con-science and action. Habitat invites people from all faiths and walks of life to work in partner-ship, building houses with famiin need. Habitat has built more than 60,000 houses around

Through volunteer labor and tax-deductible donations of money and materials, Habitat builds and rehabilitates simple. decent houses with the help of the homeowner (partner) families. Habitat houses are sold to partner families at no profit, financed with no-interest loans. The homeowners' monthly mortgage payments are recycled into a revolving Fund for Humanity used to build more houses.

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Homeowners invest their own labor — "sweat equity" — into building their Habitat house and houses of others. Sweat equity reduces the monetary cost of th house, increases the personal stake of the family members in their house and fosters the development of partnerships with other people in the commu-nity. The amount of sweat equity required of each partner family varies from affiliate to affiliate - 300 to 500 hours per family is

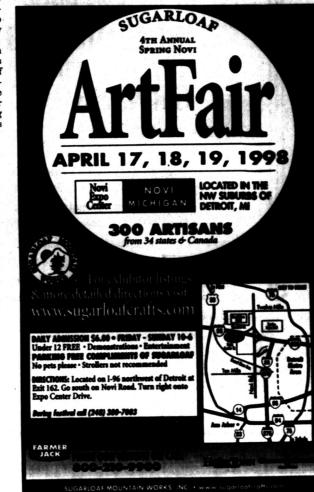
Families in need apply to local Habitat affiliates. The affiliate's family selection committee con siders applicants' level of need, their willingness to become part ners in the Habitat program and their ability to repay the no-interest loan. Every affiliate follows a nondiscriminatory policy



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The North Oakland chapter Habitat will build two homes in Pontiac beginning in late June to mid-July. Questions can be directed to our office phone at (248) 338- 1843. Donations can by made at any time. We are still accepting applications for volunteer workers.

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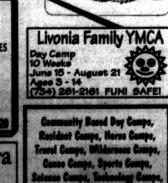








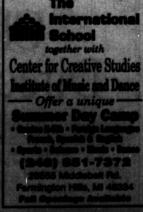
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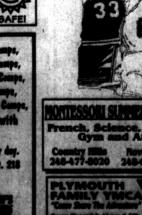












Lake Orion-Oxford AAUW hosts local authors

The Lake Orion-Oxford American Association of University Women will host a literary reading by four local authors Thursday evening, April 23 at Haymakers restaurant on Joslyn Road in Lake Orion. Reading from their book, Variations on the Ordinary, featured writers include Nancy Ryan, Nancy J. Henderson, Vivian DeGain, and editor Margo LaGattuta.

Of Variations on the Ordinary, Michigan Alumnus reviewer Lisa Walker said, "This beautifully designed antholo-

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tition. Ryan's work also appears in White Tail (Maverick Press) and Getting the Knack: 20 Poetry Writing Exercises (NCTE). In addition, she is co-

addition, she is coauthor of the children's play Buttonbush and three books of nonfiction. She is currently working on The Creative Writer's Craft with the Oakland Writer's Group and a flipbook with Aline Soules, both of which will be published this

Nancy J. Henderson, of Oxford received her MA in Creative Writing from Antioch University. Her work appears in Up from the Soles of Our Feet (Plain View Press), and literary journals and chapbooks. She resides in a log cabin and has enjoyed extensive travel throughout the Southwest.

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Margo LaGattuta, of Rochester, is radio host to her weekly program, Art in the Air, and is a poet, teacher and local columnist. Her books of poetry include Embracing the Fall, The Dream Givers, Noedgelines, and Diversion Road. She

has also facilitated, mentored and edit ed numerous Plan View Press anth-logies, including Wind Eyes (1997), Varia tions, Soles of our Feet, and is current ly working on two new books. She has an MFA from Vermont College, teaches writing at University of Michigan, Flint and writes for Suburban Lifestyles and PhenomeNews.

Vivian DeGain, of Rochester, is a jour nalist, editor and publicist. Her work has also appeared in The Rochester Clarion, The Eccentric and literary quarterlies.

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Dick Lobenthal will be the inter-n director of the Southfield-based cumenical Institute for Jewishhristian Studies, succe Christian Studies, succeeding the late Rev. James Lyons who died

last month.

Lobenthal headed up the Michigan office of the Anti-Defamation League for more than 30 years until his retirement in 1996 to ome a private consultant in civil nts, human relations and cultural diversity. He is also the interim director of the Michigan office of the American Civil Liberties

obtaining Dick's services," Institute president Pearlena Bodzin Isaid. "He co-founded the Institute with Rev. Lyons 16 years ago while he was still with ADL and was its president three times and served on its board for many years."

"He's intimately familiar with our mission, our program and all of those things that make us unique and so extraordinarily effective," Bodzin added. "Obviously, no one can replace Dr. Lyons."

With Lobenthal's appointment, the Ecumenical Institute announced a national search for Lyons' permanent replacement. Members expect the search to be completed in the next six months.

"In the meantime, between our staff and our board members and other volunteers, our programming other volunteers, our programming - though saddened by Jim's loss - hasn't missed a beat," Bodzin said. "Churches, synagogues, schools, youth groups, civic groups, universities and all our other sites ntinue to call us.

Remaining with the Institute are program director Barbara Yuhas who has been there 11 years, and Rabbi Amy Brodsky who began working with Lyons in 1996.

ss," Bodzin said, "but the Institute will continue to grow and flourish, nourished by his vision and his memory

BELIEFS

Cranbrook blazes ecumenical trail

BY RENA FULKA SPECIAL WRITER

The Revs. Lloyd Buss and Edward Mullins serve side by side at the high altar at Christ Church Cranbrook, sur-rounded by a fresco illustrating the worldwide building of the Christian

Together, the Lutheran minister and Episcopal rector lead Sunday liturgy, distribute the Eucharist and share the pulpit at the Episcopal church with hopes that their mutual commitment in Bloomfield Hills will be replicated on a national

level next year.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for us at
Christ Church," said Mullins, who heads
the Gothic landmark church at Crank and Lone Pine roads. "When you someone in from another denomi-on, it's like a breath of fresh air."

As rector of Christ Church Cranbrook, Mullins encouraged his parishioners to take a larger step toward ecumenism when 25 years of dialogues between the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and the Episcopal Church USA culminated in proposals for full communications.

Though the Episcopal body voted in favor of the proposal last August, mutual agreement was stalled when the Lutheran constituency came up six votes short.
The major snag involved disagreement on
the historic episcopate maintained by the
Episcopal Church. The ELCA is currently re-writing the Concordat of Agreement, which is due for an assembly-wide vote in August of 1999.

As national dialogues continued tween both church bodies, Mullins initi-ed an ecumenical dialogue with his own 2,000-member congregation via the church bulletin. His suggestion for a Lutheran pastor in residence evoked an immediate response not only from parish-ioners, but also from Buss, who just hap-pened to be visiting the church that day with his wife, Betty Jo.

"It was the work of the Holy Spirit. We

got the right man at the right time," insisted Mullins, a West Virginia native kes his home in Bloomfield Hills. "Both of us have always intended to see beyond our denominations, but we each have a passion for our own denomina-

Drawn by that common bond of faith, cholarship and ecumenism, Buss and Mullins began their partnership in Jan-



Working together: The Rev. Edward Mullins, pastor of Christ Church Cranbrook, left, and the Rev. Lloyd Buss, a Lutheran pastor in residence, share the pulpit at the Bloomfield Hills Episcopalian church.

uary with the support of both the Southeast Michigan Synod of the ELCA and the Epistopal Diocese of Michigan. Having just retired from a 37-year pas-

orate at Abiding Presence Lutheran Church in Rochester Hills, Buss reentered the ministry full time to work among his Christian counterparts at Christ Church Cranbrook. In addition to his liturgical and staff responsibilities, Buss convenes the parish's 15-member ecumenical committee, serves as a resource for program leaders and leads adult Bible study classes.

"Scripture is being taught here, not through the eyes of doctrine, but through the eyes of faith. And faith is seen through the eyes of an individual, not through the eyes of the church," explained Mullins. "We have a great appreciation for where he's coming from. He really comes in offering his gifts to the body of Christ. It's a mutual sharing.'

In keeping with the mission of the ecumenical committee. Buss also teaches Sunday school classes for children and youth and leads sessions on Confirmation instruction.

"Ecumenism is not an adult activity. We very much want to incorporate all the age groups," said Buss, an Illinois native involved with ecumenism since his college days at Wayne State University in Detroit and Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. "To think and act ecumenically is a real challenge for the community at large. What Christ Church wants to do is to share it with other people. There's growth both ways when you do ecumenical giving and receiving." Christ Church Cranbrook is the first

affiliate within the Episcopal Church USA to add a Lutheran pastor to its staff. Members of 70-year old congregation are responding enthusiastically to the parish's mission of enlarging the vision of their Christian faith and more thoroughly defining their Episcopal ethos.

"One third of the people here are not Episcopal. People come here to be spiritually uplifted and to be trained in the faith," said Mullins. "One of the by-products of this work is that it makes us more Episcopal. It helps us to define and redefine what it means to be an Anglican.

A Rochester resident, Buss was involved with Campus Ministry at Oakland University in Rochester for 37 years and currently serves as chairman of the ecumenical committee for the Southeast Michigan Synod of the ELCA. His length of stay at Christ Church Cranbrook is yet to be determined. But the forecast looks

"This is a tremendous opportunity to share the joy of the Christian faith, and to experience the challenge of living the faith today as we join in worship with the people of Christ Church," said Buss. "We feel very much that this is our parish. Me and my wife celebrate the wholeness of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church. We have four grandchildren and we would like for them to have the same fullness, purpose, satisfaction and joy in the church that we have.

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The Salvation Army of Farmington Hills is sponsoring the Chicago Staff Band in concert at 7 p.m. on April 18, at the First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty Road, Northville. Led by bandmaster William Himes, the 36-member choir of brass and percussion will perform a variety of repertories ranging from classical transcriptions to contemporary Christian mostic. Ticket prices are \$4 for adults and \$2 for students. Call (248) 477-1153.

he Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, traington Hills, invites the public to in them as they dedicate their new silding addition to the Glory of God at 230 p.m. on Sunday, April 19. Light gireshments follow the ceremony during Open House. Call (248) 477-1153.

The Southfield-based Ecumenical Insti-tote for Jewish-Christian Studies is hold ng its 1998 Dove Award Dinner at 6 nn. on Tuesday, April 28, at Cong. Spaarey Zedek, 27375 Bell Road, South-feld. Established in 1994, the Dove field. Established in 1994, the Dove Award recognizes religious leaders from the Jewish and Christian communities who exemplify the building of bridges between the two faiths. This year's annual event is being held in honor of the Rev. Dr. Mark P. Jensen, minister of North Congregational Church in Farmington Hills, the Rev. Msgr. F. Gerald Martin, editor of the Michigan Catholic, and Rabbi Norman T. Roman of Temple Kol Ami in West Bloomfield. For information, call (248) 353-2434.

Temple Kol Ami, 5085 Walnut Lake
Road, West Bloomfield, is hosting a
second Seder at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday,
April 11. A dinner of soup, Gefilte Fish,
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Farmington Aglow International is hosting a special evening with Lois Baker and Kay Rindahl at 7:30 p.m. on April 13, at the Farmington Hills Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile Road. The topic is "New Beginnings." Refreshments will be

E PASSOVER IN AMERICA Seth Korelitz, executive director of United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism-Michigan Region, presents "Passover: Made in America," at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14, at Borders Books & Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmingto Hills. The free program for adult learners offers an affectionate look at American Jewish folk history and how the American Jewish experience took the traditional holiday and transformed, politicized and "Americanized" it, turning it into the most widely observed of all Jewish holidays in the country. The event is sponsored by Eilu v' Eilu, the cooperative adult Jewish learning proje Congs. Beth Abraham Hillel Moses, Bet Congs. Beth Abraham Hillel Moses, Beth Shalom and B'nai Moshe, Hillel Day School and Women's League for Conser vative Judaism-Michigan Branch. For information, call (248) 737-1931 or email Torahteach@aol.com

YOUTH TO YOUTH

Our Lady of Albanians Catholic Community, 20855 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills, is hosting "Youth to Youth," from 7 to 10:30 p.m. on Friday, April 17, and from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, April 18. The registration fee is \$10. An additional \$6 meal fee covers lunch and supper on Saturday. Brown bag is optional.

For information, call (248) 559-4544.

E SACRED CINCLES
Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church
Road, Bloomfield Hills, is hosting Women Celebrating the Spirit: Sacred Circles," from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 18. The workshop is a time for women of all ages and faiths to gather for conversation and companionship, worship and workshops, spirit and song. Facilitators are Robin Carnes and Sally Craig, co-authors of "Sacred Circles: A Guide to Creating Your own Women's Spirituality Group." For information, call the Rev. Maryanne Lacey (ext. 16) or Kit Ilardi (ext. 26) at (248) 644-5210.

Helen Milliken, former first lady of Michigan and tireless advocate for women's rights, the environment and the arts, will speak at the second annual Anti-Defamation League Women of Achievement dinner at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21, at St. John's Armenian Church and Conference Center in Southfield. Milliken will speak on "Issues for us all: Current Concerns in the Women's Movement." She will be sented a Lifetime Achievement Award for her extraordinary commitment to Women's Rights. Also honored as ADL Women of Achievement will be Eleanor Josaitis, co-founder and executive director of Focus: HOPE, Joyce Keller, executive director of JARC, Denise Ilitch Lites, vice chairwoman of Little Caesar Enterprises, Inc. and president of Olympia Development L.L.P., and Betty Maple, tax partner and national director of diversity, Deloitte &

Touche L.L.P. For tickets or information call (248) 355-3730.

The community adult Jewish educati project Eilu v' Eilu is presenting a study session to mark Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) at 12:15 p.m. on Thursday, April 23, at Borders Books and Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Led by Seth Korelies Day 2 litz, Ph.D., the session examines what was done and what could have been done to save the Jews of Europe during the Holocaust. Reservations are not required for the free program. Eilu v' Eilu is a cooperative adult Jewish learning project of Congs. Beth Abra-ham Hillel Moses, Beth Shalom and B'nai Moshe, Hillel Day School and Michigan Branch-Women's League for Conservative Judaism. For information, call (248) 737-1931 or e-mail Torahteach@aol.com.

E TRIBUTE TO WINE

The Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, is honoring Rabbi Sherwin Wine with a musical and dramatic presentation by the Templesingers entitled, "Vintage Wine." The free presentation at 8 p.m. on April 24, is a tribute to the life of Rabbi Wine, who just celebrated his 70th birthday. Wine is the founder of the Birmingham Temple, the first Humanistic Jewish congregation in the world. The 400-family congregation embraces a human-centered philosophy that combines rational thinking with a celebration of Jewish culture and identity. For information, call (248) 477-1410.

E DIVORCE RECOVERY

Troy Baptist Church, 3193 Rochester Road, Troy, is hosting DivorceCare, a divorce recovery seminar and support group, at 9:15 a.m. on Sundays beginning April 26. Childcare is provided.
DivorceCare features nationally recognized experts, Topics include facing your anger, facing your loneliness, depression, new relationships, childcare and forgiveness. For information, call Brad at (248) 740-0888 or (248) 689-2015.

Community educator Ruth Bergman will lead a Rosh Hodesh (new month) Torah study session especially for women at 7 p.m. on Sunday, April 26, at Borders Books and Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. The session is being held in honor of the new month of Iyar and Yom Ha'Atzmaut (Israel Independence Day). "Remember ing Israel's Renewal: Rosh Hodesh and the Rebirth of the Jewish State" is part of a free, monthly Sunday night series hosted by Borders and sponsored by Eilu v' Eilu, the adult Jewish learning project of Congs. Beth Abraham Hillel Moses, Beth Shalom and B'nai Moshe, Hillel Day School and Michigan Branch-Women's League for Conservative Judaism. For information, call (248) 737-1931 or e-mail Torah Teach@aol.com.

E LOST AND FOUND

Lost and Found, a musical duo who share the Good News of God in Christ through music and stories, will perform at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 1, at Hope Lutheran Church, 39200 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. The music of guitarist Michael Bridges and pianist George Baum is a unique blend of folk music and screaming that has been labeled as "speedwood" or "acoustic thrash." The group has an interactive style and has released 10 record albums of original music. Concert tickets are \$5. For information, call (248) 553-7170.

Kids program coming to OCC

Oakland Community College's Highland Lakes Campus pre-sents "Young Kids on Campus" program 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 25, in the Highland

day, April 25, in the Highland Lakes Campus gym, 7350 Cooley Dake Road, Waterford.

The event is co-sponsored by the Oakland Child Care Associa-tion. The free program provides refreshments and a variety of hands-on experiences, including art activities and entertainment, for children age 8 and under as for children age 8 and under, as well as family resources informa-tion for their parents.

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All-world: Clarkston's Pat DeGain earned a spot on the U.S. team that will compete in the world freestyle tournament in July in Manchester,

DeGain earns berth with national wins



■ Clarkston's Pat DeGain gets a chance to take his reputation international when he competes this summer in the world freestyle

vrestling championships in Manchester, England.

n March, Clarkston wrestler Pat DeGain firmly established his reputation as one of Michigan's best wrestlers. Last weekend, he made it a national thing. This summer, he gets a chance to take it international.

DeGain, a sophomore who won his first state title at the Division I meet in Battle Creek last month, earned a spot on the United States freestyle wrestling team by winning the freestyle Cadet tournament at Northwestern University over the weekend

He also won the Greco-Roman tournament at 209 pounds, making him eligible for the world championships in both styles. The freestyle tournament will be conducted in Manchester, Eng-

DeGain follows in the footsteps of his older at the University

"I'm excited, but not as excited as I would be because Joe has already done it," said DeGain, who won the state title at 189 pounds. "The first time is already gone. It's not as exciting for me as it was for him

DeGain sailed through both tournaments, not only winning every match, but not even surren-dering a point in the process. His closest match was an 8-0 win. It was much different than last year's tournament, when DeGain didn't even

"It was great," proud father and coach Mike DeGain said. "Last year he didn't even place in that tournament, so this was great. He did darn

After winning both tournaments, DeGain had his choice of tournaments. He chose the freestyle tournament in England over the Greco-Roman tournament, which is being wrestled in South

"Tm more familiar with freestyle, I like it a lot nore," DeGain said. "Besides, my parents want o go, and tickets to England are tons cheaper." While the idea of his first trip out of the coun-ry appeals to DeGain, he doesn't figure he'll do web sight-assing.

while the try appeals to DeGain, he doesn't figure he is or much sight-seeing.

"I'm probably most excited because it's my first time leaving the country," he said. "People tell me it's a pretty exciting place. But I'm not going to see much of it. I'm going there to wrestle."

Next up for DeGain is training camp, which starts June 20 in Lake Placid, N.Y. The U.S. team leaves for England June 30, and the tournament will be held July 2-5. DeGain wouldn't even hezard a guess as to how he'll do.

even hazard a guess as to how he'll do.

"I have no clue (what his chances are),"
DeGain said. "I'm not even going to guess.
They're the best in my age group. I'm not saying













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Christian netters make their points

Perhaps no other North Oakland school was as successful in 1998 in girls volleyball than Oxford Christian Academy. Therefore, it comes as no surprise that the Warriors domi-nate the inaugural All-North Oak-land Christian Schools Volleyball

With three honorees on the first team, Oxford Christian occupies half off the squad, which also boasts two players from Clarkston Springfield Christian and one standout from Lake Orion Shalom Baptist.

Below is a brief profile of each member named to the team:

■ Anne Armstrong, 5-11 sr. OH/MB, Clarkston Springfield Christian - A four-year varsity performer, Armstrong, a captain, was a dominate front-court player for the Eagles, which finished third in the Fundamental Baptist Athletic Conference Red Division in their first season in the 11-school league. Playing either outside-hitter or middleblocker, Armstrong collected 58 kills on 176 attempts with a .515 attacking percentage and 18 solo blocks. She also rolled up 78 aces with 128 services points, registered 254 digs, 29 assists, and 25 dinks en route to first-team all-league honors. Armstrong, who was also named All-State by the Michigan Association of Christian Schools, was a unanimous choice for All-FBAC honors last fall in basketball. "Anne has powerful in basketball. "Anne has powerful serves and is quick and aggressive at the net," said Springfield coach Melissa Hughes, "She has the ability to handle pressure well."

Advienne Blair, 5-7 sr. OH/MB, Oxford Christian – The Warriors reached the MACS Divi-

sion II state semifinals for the sec-ond straight season and Blair was integral part of Oxford Christian's success. A four-year varsity per-former and a team co-captain, Blair racked up Team MVP, first-team All-FBAC Blue Division and MACS All-State first-team honors this season after collecting 67 service points, 33 aces and 60 kills from either her outside-hitter or middle-blocker outside-hitter or middle-blocker position. She is also tops in her class with a perfect 4.0 grade-point-aver-age. "Adrienne is an exceptional out-side-hitter and blocker, but plays the back row equally well," said OCA coach Terry Miller. "Adrienne's leadership and testimony has helped

mold this team into a contender. Elizabeth Brown, 5-3 sr. OH/DS, Lake Orion Shalom Bap-tist - With a roster made up of mostly underclassmen, the Hawks struggled this season to a 4-6-1 record, but the versatile Brown was still a bright spot for Shalom and coach Ann LaTurneau. A two-year varsity performer and team co-cap-tain, Brown finished as the Hawks' leader in service points, aces and kills en route to Team MVP acco-

■ Debi Hibbs, 5-4 jr. OH/DS, Clarkston Springfield Christian - The first of two juniors named to - The first of two juniors named to the team, this second-year starter also garnered ALL-FBAC Red Divi-sion first-team honors. Although listed as both an outside-hitter and defensive specialist, Hibbs played virtually all positions for the Eagles. This season, she registered a .544 attacking percentage that included 50 kills on 159 attempts. Hibbs also had 352 digs. 85 service points, 38 had 352 digs, 85 service points, 38

1998 ALL-NORTH OAKL First Team School Player Elizabeth Brown OH/DS **Shalom** OCA Adrienne Blair OH/MB Ann McWethy OCA

OH OCA Katy Jones 5-6 Springfield 5-11 OH/MB **Anne Armstrong** Springfield OH/DS Debi Hibbs

Nichole Smothers, 5-4 sophomore setter, Lake Orion Shalom Baptist.

aces, 36 dinks, 27 assists and 11 solo blocks. "Debi's defense and versatility on the court gives her the ability to find the weaknesses in the oppo nents' defense and put the ball there," said Hughes. "She is very aggressive at the net, and she is a great verbal and emotional leader on

■ Katy Jones, 5-6 sr. OH, Oxford Christian - Another talent-ed outside-hitter in the Warriors' lineup, Jones, a three-year starter, compiled 62 service points and slammed 42 kills in leading Oxford Christian to the championship of the FBAC Blue Division, where she was named to the second-team. "Katy is an outstanding athlete that gives

the court," said Miller. "Every team needs a spark-plug, and Katie was

Ann McWethy, 5-6 jr. S, Oxford Christian - The second junior named to the team, McWethy, a three-year varsity performer and co-captain, helped the Warriors to co-captain, helped the Warriors to an 18-3-0 overall ledger and a run-ner-up finish in the league tourna-ment. Named to the All-FBAC Blue Division first-team, McWethy kept her team's offense in gear by collect-ing 60 assists, while she rolled up 61 service points of her own from the

"Ann's setting and net play has improved each year," said Miller. "Ann was the quiet captain that led by example.

Small in size, big on talent

All-area christian hoop squad puts up numbers

Although the members of the inaugural All-North Oakland Christian Schools Boys Basketball Team were small in height, they were definitely big on numbers.

Consisting of a duo of sharp-shooting guards, two aggressive post players, and an inside-outside threat, the first-team members are five of the top players from small schools not only in Oakland County, but from the Michigan Association of Christian Schools ranks.

Below is a brief profile of each nember selected to the first team:

■ Nathan Heatherly, 5-11 sr. PG, Lake Orion Shalom Baptist - This four-year varsity performer and starter helped the Hawks to their finest season in school history, leading them to a berth in the MACS Division III state semifinals.

Voted the Hawks' team MVP every season since he was an eighthgrader on Shalom's middle school team, Heatherly, a team captain, displayed fine all-around skills which enabled him to collect 14.8 points per game on 55 percent shooting from the floor, including 37 per-

cent from beyond the three-point arc. He also averaged 5.0 rebounds, 4.5 assists and 3.0 steals a game for Shalom. Heatherly will attend Pensecola (Fla.) College next year, where he hopes to be a walk-on on the basketball team.

"Nathan was Mr. Dependable," said Shalom coach David Carr. "He was a great player on the both end of the court and he led by example. We hate to lose him."

■ Mike Vanderver, 6-0 sr. G, Clarkston Springfield Christian A quick and heady guard, this twoyear starter and co-captain helped the Eagles to a 12-9 overall record and a runner-up finish in the Fundamental Baptist Athletic Conference Red Division by shooting a school-record 55 percent from three-

Vanderver, who also letters in soccer and baseball, averaged 15.7 points on 58 percent shooting overall from the floor to go along with 4.3 rebounds, 2.5 assists and 2.4 steals and was named to the all-league sec-





All-area: (clockwise from left): Joseph McGowan, Brian King, Mike Vanderver Nathan Heatherly.

play," said Springfield coach Dennis Hopkins. "He was a very good outsaid Springfield coach Dennis side shooter and if we needed a ond-team for his efforts. quick basket, we would look in his "Mike was a good all-around play-

Brian King, 6-3 sr. F/C, Oxford Christian - Although the Warriors struggled to a 2-17 record this season due to injuries and youth, King, a co-captain, still excelled and had a fine encore cam-

er for us who always came ready to

A three-year starter and varsity performer, King tossed in 18 points game on 46 percent shooting, grabbed a team-leading 15 bounds, and collected 4.4 steals 3.2 assists and one blocked shot a game en route to All-FBAC Blue Division first-team honors. King was also voted the League MVP last fall in soccer.

■ Joe Smothers, 6-1 sr. F, Lake Orion Shalom Baptist - A three-year varsity performer and starter, Smothers was able to use a combi-nation of strong inside, slashing moves and perimeter shooting to average a team-leading 15.2 points

a game on 52 percent shooting from the field.

A team co-captain, Smothers also collected 5.0 rebounds and 4.5 assists from his wing position for the independent Hawks, which finished

"Joe always gave us a lot of energy, especially at the offensive end," said Carr. "We could always count on him to come through for us.

Zach McGowan, 6-2 sr. F, Clarkston Springfield Christian - Although McGowan was Springfield's tallest player at 6-2, the three-year varsity performer and cocaptain still delivered in the post. Named to the All-FBAC Red Division first-team this season, he aver aged 13.6 points an outing on 53.2 shooting to go along with a team-high 7.4 rebounds and 2.1 steals a game for the Eagles.

"Zach has the ability to do many thinga very well on the court, especially giving us an inside presence, said Hopkins. "He is a a very aggressive player and strong rebounder and he handles pressure very well."

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Player	Hgt	Position	School	Yr
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Eagles win Cup

Springfield Christian needs a dozen shootout kicks to subdue Warriors

Gladwin Skeels Northern Christian defeated Ypsilanti Calvary Christian, 4-0, in the sonsolation match of the four-team holiday tournament.

team holiday tournament.

"It was a very interesting match, absolutely nerve-racking to watch," offered Hopkins. "It started just a few minutes before six and ended a little after 8:30. Had it gone any longer, we wouldn't have been able to finish the game because it would have been goodark."

After a scoreless 20-minute feertime period, the two bams ventured into a five-ound shootout with both After a se

The second series of five hooters saw the same result, ending the game into a sud-len-death shootout.

Springfield senior forward indres Klemm scored for the lagles with Amber Brommer allying for the Warriors (1-1-

ollowed by nailing her shot, etting up Vanaman's biggest save of her young career to reserve the win.

"Holly is coming along nicely," praised Hopkins. "She had eight saves in regulation and she blocked three of their penalty kicks in the shootout. That's a pretty impressive effort for a (freshman)."

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Junior forward Stephanie
Rankin gave the Eagles a 1-0
lead in the 52nd minute with
a nice individual effort, picking up the ball in a goalmouth scramble and placing it
inside the far post from eight

Springfield senior sweeper Anne Armstrong – the tourna-ment's defensive MVP – and-senior stopper Heather Vana-man did a solid job keeping Brommer in check for most of the match.

However, the sophomore forward – who was the offensive MVP of the cup – sent the game into overtime when her rifle from 18 yards out deflected off a Springfield fullback and slipped past Holly Vanamen

"It was one of those weird shots the changed directions so quickly that our goalie did-n't have a chance to stop it," added Hopkins. "But overall we played a strong defensive match. We're glad to pull this

Christian 1, Gladwin Skeels Northern Christian 0 - Sophomore forward Liz Hamlin scored unassisted and Holly Vanaman stopped five shots for her first career shutout as the Eagles won the semifinal match of the Eagle Cup on April 8 with this win over Skeels (1-2-0).

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Oxford Christian 7,
Ypsilanti Calvary Christian 0 - Amber Brommer
notched the hattrick as the
Warriors won the Eagle Cup
semifinal on April 8 over Ypsilanti Calvary (0-2-0). OCA is
idle until April 20, when they
host Springfield Christian.

is \$22 for residents, \$52 n-residents. Call 625-

8223 for more information

Select soccer

Tryouts for all boys and girls select teams for the 1998/99 fall and spring season takes place at Clintonwood soccer fields June 22-26 from 5 to 9 p.m. Tryouts will be held for U-11 through U-19 girls and U-11 through U-14 boys.

There is no cost for tryouts, but there are player fees in addition to team fees if the

player makes the team. Players must be from the Clarkston school district unless there are extenuating circumstances.

Soccer camps

Independence Township Parks and Recreation hosts a week of soccer instruction July 27-31 at Clintenwood Park. Mini-camp for players ages 9-11 take place from 9 to 11 a.m.

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Cost is \$40 for residents, \$50 for non-residents. Full-day camp from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for players 10-14 cost \$40 for residents, \$50 for non-residents, (half-day) or \$70 for residents, \$80 for non-residents (full-day).

\$80 for non-residents (full-day). Call 625-8223 for more details.

Hershey Track

The Hershey Track and Field local meet will be held June 20 at 10 a.m. for boys and girls ages 9-14. Winners of the local meet qualify for the state finals in Howell on Friday, July 10. Specific days and times of practices will be announced. Call parks & rec for details, 625-8223.

Dragons hope for softball success

Throughout the first half of this decade, Lake Orion was a Class A team struggling to get above the five-hundred plateau towards the end of each

Through the 1994 campaign, the Dragons trailed the pack in the Greater Oakland Activities League each year as they watched traditional powers Ortonville-Brandon, Waterford Kettering and Waterford Mott slug it out for top honors in the now-defunct six-school GOAL conference.

Since joining the Oakland Activities Association for the 1995 season, coach Denny Davis has witnessed his squad climb the ladder of success, and last year the Dragons, which finished a proud 22-8, enjoyed one of their best seasons—ever.

An OAA Division II championship was fol-lowed up with a district title and a berth in the regional semifinals, where they fell to state power White Lake Lake-land, 1-0, in an extra-

"We came on strong last season," admitted Davis, who is now in his 22nd year at the school. "And I think we'll be fair

again this season." Fair might be an

The Dragons opened up the Dragons opened up the preseason as the top-rated team in Oakland County as well as being ranked eighth in the state in the Division I polls. And although Lake Orion is 2-1, including a 5-1 upset loss to Water-ford Kettering - which featured three unearned runs by the victors — expect Davis' squad to

tender throughout the "The monkey is kind of

off our back now," offered Davis. A total of eight starters

are back in uniform, and along with two highly-touted freshmen entering the mix, the Dragons should breath plenty of fire this spring.

Leading the way should be the Conner sisters senior Mary and junior Bobbi - who will bat 2-3 in the order. The duo, who moved into the Lake Orion district just before the start of last season, also form, perhaps, the top battery in the county.

Mary, a right-hander, compiled a 17-6 record on the mound last season with a 0.83 ERA, while batting .436 with 23 stolen bases. Bobbi, meanwhile, batted at a

.333 clip with 20 RBI and was a fine defensive backstop behind the

"The Conners really made an impact and I expect they'll be right there again," said Davis. "I have great expectations for them this sea-

Following the Conners, there's plenty more in the cupboard. Senior first baseman Samantha Miller, a fine all-around athlete, will bat cleanup and could also see time on the mound, and junior second baseman Libby Nelson is back to her starting role.

The outfield again looks sturdy with all three starters back senior left fielder Leslie Keblaitis, junior speed-ster Tami Ledbetter, who will play in center, and athletic senior Cheryl

Verran is back in her slot in right field.

The two freshmen prospects who have already made an impact are Melissa Wilson, who moved into the area from Colorado and is the starting shortstop, and third baseman Katie Lewis, who may also spend time who may also spend time behind the plate at catch-

"We have a lot of players who can help us out," added Davis.

There is plenty on the Dragons' depth-chart, including senior Pam Kwiatkowski, a part-time starter at third base last season who should also see extensive time in the lineup this year.

"It should be an interesting season," continued Davis. "We have a lot of people back and we're looking fairly decent."

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Brothers also do well

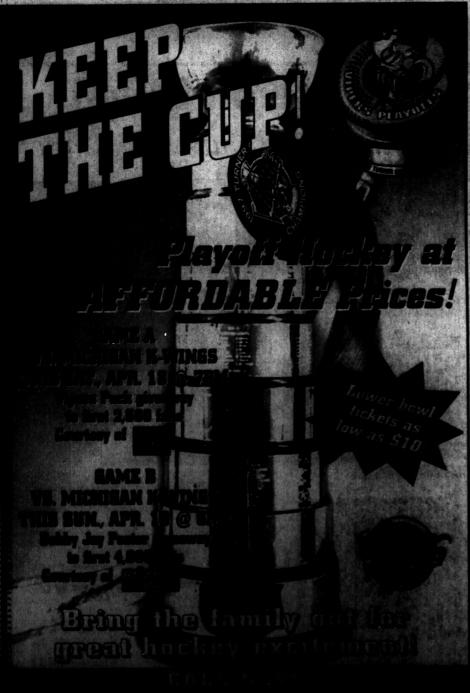
While Pat was winning every-thing in sight, it was a busy

Older brother Joe, who won a state championship his senior year at Clarkston, was also at the Northwestern event, wrestling in the university divi-

week for his brothers, as well. sion. He won his first three matches before injuries to both shoulders slowed him.

And younger brother Clint, a 14-year-old seventh grader, won the National Folkstyle tournaClint won the tournament at 152

except for Joe getting hurt, Mike DeGain said.





ACTIVITIES

SWAP MEET The Oakland County Sportsnen's Club will hold its annual Sportsman's Swap Meet, 10 .4:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 26, at its clubhouse and in Clarkston. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information

ARCHERY LEAGUES FOR

Several archery leagues are forming at the Oakland County ortsman Club in Clarkston. There will be a MAA target league on Monday mornings ginning May 4), 3D leagues on Tuesday mornings and Tuesday nights (beginning May 5), and Wednesday nights (begging May 6) and field & hunter leagues Thursday mornings and evenings (starting April 30). All agues are 12 weeks long. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays, Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

JUNIOR ARCHERS

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

BANQUETS

TROUT UNLIMITED

The Paul H. Young Chapter of Trout Unlimited will hold its annual Spring Banquet on Thursday, April 23, at the Royalty House in Warren. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. The event features door prizes, raffles and auctions with prizes including a fishing vacation in the Bahamas, mountain bikes, golf outings, season tickets for U-M football, wildlife art and much more. Tickets are \$40 each or \$75 for a couple and available by calling (248) 353-4565.

BIG GAME HUNTERS

The Michigan Big Game Hunter's Association will hold its 10th annual banquet and fund raiser beginning at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at Laurel Manor Banquet Center in Livonia. Tickets are \$40 each in advance and \$350 for a table of 10. Tickets will be \$50 at the door. To order tickets and for more information call (313) 513-7471.

DUCKS UNLIMITED

The Birmingham-Bloomfield-Troy Chapter of Ducks Unlimited will hold its 21st Annual Sportsman's Dinner on Wednesday, May 13, at the San Marino Club in Troy.

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WINTER EDUCATION

Oakland County Sportsmen's Club will hold a hunter educa tion class beginning Thursday, April 30, at its clubhouse in Clarkston. The class will meet 6:30-9:30 p.m. on April 30, May 4, 5, 6 and 7 as well as 9 a.m. 3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 9. Registration fee is \$6 and partipants must be 12 years old by Dec. 31, 1998. Class size is limited. Call (248) 623-0444 for more

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club will present Fly Fishing For the ner on Saturday and Sunday, May 23, 24. Both day-long ions run 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will be held at the Drayton Plains Nature Center. Cost is \$80 per student. Call Rick Sak at (743) 464-3271 for more information and to register.

MORE HUNTER EDUCATION

Wayne County Sportsmen's Club will hold several hunter education classes in the upcoming months at its clubhouse and grounds in Romulus. These classes will be taught by certified instructors. Students must be present for both days of their respective class. All equipment will be provided. Classes will be offered Aug. 29-30, Oct. 3-4, Oct. 17-18 and Nov. 7-8. Cost is \$10.50 and includes lunch both days. To pre-register call (313) 532-0285.

CLUBS

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

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at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call ominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

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BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more informa-

MEETINGS

The monthly meeting of the state Natural Resource Commission will be Wednesday and Thursday, May 13-14 in Lans ing. Persons who wish to address the commission or persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation should contact Teresa Golden at (517) 373-2352 a week in advance.

SEASON/DATES

EXTENDED TROUT

The extended trout and salmon fishing season on designated streams is April 1-24.

The 1997-98 fishing and hunting licenses expired March 31.

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STURGEON

on ends April 30 on the Great Lakes and connecting waters.

TURKEY
The spring turkey season runs April 20-May 31 by special permit in designated areas only.

Trout season opens April 25.

WALLEYE

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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, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. In addition, the sporting clays course, trap & skeet shooting and archery ranges are open noon-dusk on Mondays and Tuesdays. Beginning in mid-April the rifle range will also be open noon-dusk on Mondays and Tuesdays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

PONTIAC LAKE

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range nours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call

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BIRD IN THE HAND

Examine the ecology of migrato-ry birds during this program, hich begins at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 18, at Independence Oaks. PARK CLEANUP

Celebrate Earth Day by volun-teering to enhance the beauty of Orion Oaks on Saturday, April 25. From 9 a.m.-4 p.m. volun-teers will plant seedlings and saplings, clear debris from insi-the park, construct docks and make trail improvements. Volu-teers should meet at the Baldw ided. Call (248) 391-0110.

Free wood chips from the Oak-land County Parks Christmas tree recycling program, will be available on Saturday, April 25, at Orion Oaks at the Clarkston d entrance. Individuals are asked to provide their own show els and to load the chips by hand. No motorized equipment i allowed and no commercial haulers. Additional wood chip dates are scheduled for May 23, June 27, July 25, August 29, Sept. 26 and Oct. 31.

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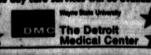
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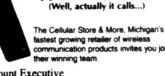
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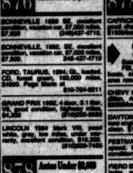
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Young chapter more than fly fishing club

With over 100,000 members sationally, including 5,000 here n Michigan, Trout Unlimited as grown since its inception in 1959 on the banks of the Au

Sable River.

Today TU is a widely influential organization whose mission is "to conserve, protect and enhance the watersheds that support wild trout and salmon."

The Paul H. Young Chapter of Trout Unlimited, based here in southeast Michigan, boasts some 900 members and is one of the largest and most active chapters in the country.

"We're not just a fly fishing club," said Ed Kulnis, board member and past president of

member and past president of the Paul Young Chapter. 'Although our activities involve trout, a lot of what we do is to ct and preserve trout

The work of the Paul Young Chapter is impressive and includes the ongoing stewardship of the South Branch of the Au Sable River.

Chapter members and sup porters annually donate signifi-cant funds and countless hours of labor to restore damaged

banks and riparian areas.

Other work includes a scholarship program that provides a \$2,000 annual grant to a deserving graduate student pursuing a fishery-related major; support of

the Southfield Children's Fishing Derby (to be held on May 9 this year) by purchasing the trout used to stock the Rouge River; and grants to other smaller TU chapters across the state. Since 1991 Paul Young Chapter of TU has raised and spent \$118,625 on restoration and conservation projects.

servation projects.
In fact, the Paul H. Young Chapter is the only chapter in the nation to receive the River Keepers Award. That award is presented to an individual or organization that donates \$5,000-\$10,000 to the TU national organization.

"TU chapters decide for them-selves how to spend their money," explained Kulnis. "Last year the Paul Young Chapter decided to donate \$6,000 to

The financial success of the Paul H. Young Chapter can be tied directly to its fundraising

It's biggest fundraiser of the year is the annual Spring Ban-quet, which will be held Thursday, April 23, at the Royalty House in Warren. If you're an avid trout angler consider attending the banquet and sup-porting the Paul H. Young Chap-

The Spring Banquet features dinner, door prizes, raffles and auctions and gets underway at

5:30 p.m. Prizes include a fly fishing vacation in the Bahamas, mountain bikes, golf outings, season tickets for U-M football, wildlife art and much more. Tickets are \$40 each or \$75 for a couple and available by calling (248) 353-4565.

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golfers, heck anyone with an
interest in the outdoors should
get a little excited about the
recent announcement that Bass
Pro Shops will open an outlet in
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The nation's premiere retailer
of outdoor equipment and apparel will open its Outdoor World
store next spring in the new
Great Lakes Crossing mega-mall
in Auburn Hills, just off I-75
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Outdoor World will be a whopping 135,000-square-feet in size (equal to nearly five football fields). The store will include some of the unique features as other Outdoor World stores like aquariums, massive log and rock work, streams and ponds, fish and wildlife mounts, outdoor artifacts and memorabilia. Func-tional features at Outdoor World will include an archery range, a shooting range, rod and reel repair services, taxidermy ser-

Uncle Buck's Lunker Lounge restaurant and a seminar area for lectures on outdoor pursuits and environmental and conservation topics.

"I can not think of a better

"I can not think of a better way to announce our first major success in tourism development than by welcoming the world's leading outdoor recreational retailer to Michigan," said Governor John Engler. "I know Bass Pro was also looking to locate in Ohio, but Michigan's great outdoors is simply a much better fit for this company with its long history of enjoying and preserving the outdoors."

Outdoor World at Great Lakes Crossing will be Bass Pro Shops

Outdoor World at Great Lakes Crossing will be Bass Pro Shops fifth store in the United States. Other outlets are located in Springfield, Missouri; Atlanta, Georgia; Chicago, Illinois; and Islamorada, Florida. With more than 3.5 million visitors-per-year stopping by the Outdoor World in Springfield, that store is Mis-souri's No. 1 tourist attraction.

(Anglers and hunters are urged to report your success. Questions comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Out-doors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax information to (248) 644-1314, e-mail to bparker@oe.homecomm.net or call (248) 901-2573.)

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Half-marathon set for Sunday in West Bloomfield

Nancy Gavoor loves kids, competition and five-kilometer runs.

On Sunday morning, Gavoor will be sparked by all three as she competes in the 5K Run/Walk at the annual West Bloomfield Half-Marathon, 5K Run/Walk and Kids Fun Run.

Gavoor will have company when she lines up for the 5K at 10:30 a.m. at West Bloomfield High School. A physical educa-tion teacher at Orchard Lake Middle School, Gavoor has recruited many of her students at OLMS to run or walk the 3/1mile course with her and to raise pledges for Kaleidoscope Kids Hospices of Henry Ford Health

Kaleidoscope Kids is a hospice that provides support and care for children in the last phases of incurable illnesses so that they may live as fully and comfort-

ably as possible. The special fund was initiated last year in memory of Miriam Kaptur, a long-time employee of West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation and a past race director who died of inflammatory breast cancer in 1996.

"I'm hoping to get 100 kids to enter the race," said Gavoor.

The students have been enthusiastic about the event from the first time Gavoor approached them with the challenge of participating.

They were overwhelmingly positive. My entire first hour class wanted to either walk or run it," said Gavoor. "That made me very excited. (The parents) were also very supportive and several of them will be participating in the race themselves.

Gavoor has ben helping her students prepare for the 3.1-mile

challenge by leading them through four minutes of running every day in gym class as well as sthenics, jumping rope and other cardiovascular intensive

"The kids are aware that they don't have to run the entire way," said Gavoor. "A lot of them will walk rather than run. the point isn't to set world records. They can go as fast or slow as they want." they

Over 1,000 runners and walkers are expected to participate Sunday in the 22nd running of West Bloomfield Half-Marathon, 5K Run/Walk and Kids Fun Run.

A portion of each entry fee will be donated to Kaleidoscope Kids Hospices of Henry Ford Health System in memory of Miriam Kaptur. Donations can also be made at the run and should be

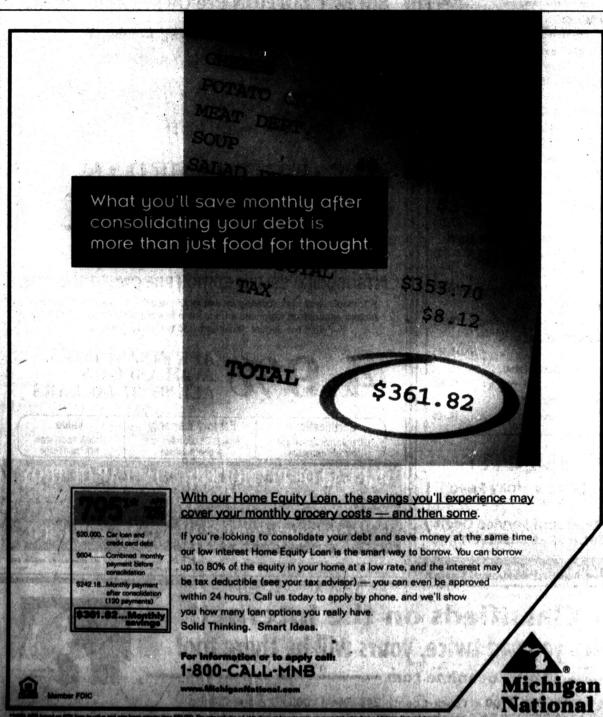
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All events begin at West Bloomfield High School, 4925 Orchard Lake Road and all registered participants will receive

The itinerary for this year's race is as follows: 5K Run/ Walk begins at 10:30 a.m. and the registration fee is \$16; Kids Fun Run begins at 11:30 a.m. and the registration fee is \$12: the Half-Marathon begins at 12:45 p.m.

and the registration fee is \$20. West Bloomfield Parks and reation and Henry Ford Medical Center - West Bloomfield co-sponsor the Half-Marathon and the 5K Run/Walk.

For more information and to register call West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation at (248) 738-2500.





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EPA and HUD believe that th individual owner is responsible for disclosure regard-ing the unit being sold or leased. This onsibility also includes common ele-

On occasion, a condominium or cooperaassociation, rather than an individual unit owner, may possess occupancy rights to a unit being transferred at the point of transfer. In these cases, the association, rather than the unit owner, must comply with the disclosure requirements

Q. I am interested in buying some investment property on the California Riviera. Do you have any knowledge as to the status of the real estate economy in southern California?

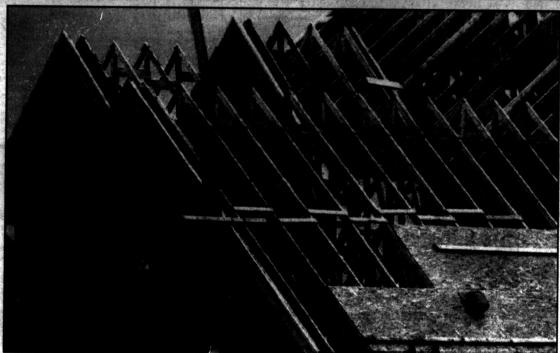
From 1990 through 1994, real estate values in most parts of California depreciated by approximately 35 percent.

However, the market is beginning to turn around, and real estate values are appropriating. Long range projections indi-

appreciating. Long-range projections indi-ate that the real estate market should be

Obviously, properties on the ocean are becoming more scarce and more expensive. Lots on the ocean can cost well in excess of \$1.5 million and remain much in demand.

sbert M. Meisner is an Oakland County attorney concentrating his practice in reas of condominiums, real estate, corte law and litigation. You are invited to nit topics that you would like to see dissed in this column, including questions at condominiums, by writing Robert M. ner, 30200 Telegraph Road, Suite 467, them Farms MI 48025. His e-mail as is bmeisner@ mich. com and his site is http://www.meisner-law.com column provides general information should not be construed as legal opinrt M. Meisner is an Oakland County



Check 'em out: A house is a big investment. Prospective buyers should carefully scrutinize builders before making a commitment.

Check, then hire builder

Selecting a builder may be as important as choosing a spouse. Maybe more. The relationship with the house may last longer.

All kidding aside, it makes good sense to scout out the territory before making such a huge financial commitment.

"Most builders are reputable. But like any business, some aren't," said Mark Guidobono, a Northville residential builder and president of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan.

Prospective buyers can scrutinize a builder in several ways.

Herman Frankel, a West Bloomfield residential builder for more than four decades, former BIA president and nationally recognized builder of the year, figures that every customer he's ever had is a reference. And should be.

Contact any of them, Frankel said. "Ring doorbells and ask questions until you're comfortable with us. I

don't want to go ahead until they're comfortable," he said. Gary Shripka, director of building and zoning for the city of Troy, also is a big advocate of personally contact-

ing customers for whom builders have built. And not necessarily just from a list of references provided by the builder. "Go down the sub street and talk

to people who own homes," Shripka said. "That's where you will get the best story on the builder himself. That's where they're going to get the

"Maybe go to an old sub he built and talk to people there," he added. "Don't be afraid to ask."

Folks looking for a builder also can touch base with municipal building departments in communities where they're looking to buy.

"We don't recommend anyone, nor do we not recommend anyone," Shripka said. "If you like, you can come in and look at our complaint file. "In addition, call the state of Michi-gan," he said. "Builders build in

many communities. While they may not have complaints here, maybe somewhere else they do."

The Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services pro■ 'Most builders are reputable. But like any business, some aren't,

Mark Guidobono president.

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan

vides information about whether a builder is currently licensed and whether there's a record of verifiable violations and disciplinary action.

Call (900) 555-8375 to find out about licensing status and a quick thumbs up or thumbs down on viola-

Phone calls at \$1.50 per minute are handled fairly expeditiously, said Mary Hess, a freedom of information officer for the state.

For a complete history, write the Department of Consumer and Industry Services, Office of Commercial Services, Mediation & Compliance Division, 2501 Woodlake Circle, Okemos, 48864.

Try to include as much information

Places to check

Here are some people to talk to before you hire a builder:

- previous customers municipal building departments
- The Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services: 1 (900) 555-
- Department of Consumer and Industry Services, Office of Commercial Services, Mediation & Compliance Division, 2501 Woodlake Circle. Okemos, 48864.
- Building Industry Association: 1 (248) 737-4477

■ the prospective builder face to face

as possible - name of builder, name of company, building license number and business address Written responses from the state

detail verifiable violations and disposition orders including fines and reimbursements. They don't include allegations.

There's no charge for reports of fewer than 40 pages, 25 cents per

page if 40 pages or more.
"Disciplinary history is a permanent part of a person's licensing record," Hess said.

The nature of violations can vary. Twenty disciplinary actions involving 17 different builders in Michigan were included in a periodic summary issued last November by the department of consumer and industry ser-

Violations included failing to perform in a workmanlike manner, failing to correct within a reasonable time, failing to respond to a complaint in a timely fashion and failing to comply with building code.

Disciplinary action included fines ranging from \$200-\$1,500, restitution to complainants ranging from \$402-\$20,288 and, in one case, revocation of license

Guidobono also suggested that prospects check with the BIA, (248) 737-4477, to determine whether the

builder belongs to the professional association. "Members tend to be more educated and sophisticated because they're

drawn to seminars we might be having," he said. A personal interview with a prospective builder always is in

order. And when you decide on one, detail everything in a written con-

A little bit of work in advance may prevent a lot of grief later.

We highly recommend persons making that kind of investment to check out builders," said James Montgomery, enforcement director with consumer and industry services. But it doesn't always happen.

People tend to spend more time with a car than a house," Shripka said.

Shopping for lender, mortgage



The following information was provided by Capital Mortgage Funding and continues with more ideas from my previous column on the steps to selecting a mortgage and lender. You may contact Capital at 1-800-569-7283. 1. Start by looking at lenders (discussed last

2. Narrow your In most communi-

ties, you'll be able to put together a list of five or six lenders (or more) in no time - but that's really too big to be useful. Your goal is to narrow your list to two or three potential lenders who are worth a closer look.

3. Consider what kind of mortgage

vou want. Almost every lender offers the basic types of mortgages: fixed-rate mortgages in terms of 30 and 15 years, which offer predictable monthly payments that stay the same throughout the life of the loan; and adjustable-rate mortgages, which offer a lower initial interest rate but which can change with economic conditions - meaning your monthly payments can go up or down. If you know one of these kinds of mortgages is right for you, you'll have the greatest number of lenders to choose from.

But you may be interested in a specialized type of mortgage that isn't offered by every lender. For example, if you plan to own the home you're buying for just a few years, you might consider a balloon mortgage. This loan offers unusually low fixed payments for a period of several years before ending 71th a single, very large payment which isn't a problem if you're going to sell the home before the payment

Or, you might qualify for one of the special mortgage programs backed by the U.S. government, such as FHA (Federal Housing Administration) or VA (Veterans Affairs) mortgages.

If you are interested in one of these specialized types of mortgages, that may narrow your choices because not every lender can offer every type of

4. Compare the experiences of other home buyers and mortgage profession-

When you're asking friends and a ciates for the names of lenders (which you should do), ask what kind of experience they've had with them. Look for lenders who took the time to answer questions - both before and after the loan application – and helped buyers feel more confident about the choices they had. And listen for the same kind of evaluation - good or bad from more than one source.

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New bill

Consumers statement makes comparison easier

Consumers Energy's natural gas bills have a new format, starting this month, that offers customers more details about their gas usage and charges. The changes make it easier for customers to evaluate offers from alternate natural gas suppliers.

With the new bill format, the cost of gas and the cost of delivering it are isted separately. Before, they were umped together. The delivery costs emain the same regardless of which ompany supplies the gas.

tomers, but simply a separate listing of individual charges. The new for-mat will make it easier for customers who want to shop around for the best deal on natural gas. The new bills will make it very easy for them to see how much they're paying now for natural gas, so they can compare prices," said Charles R. Budd, project gas and the cost of delivering it are ted separately. Before, they were mped together. The delivery costs main the same regardless of which main the same regardless of which many supplies the gas.

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tomers who have lived at their current address for less than 12 months, the bills will show the number of months they've bought natural gas from Consumers Energy at that address and how much gas they have

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of Handleman Co. He holds an MBA from the University of Chicago, an MSc from the London (England) School of Economics and a bachelor's degree from Stanford Uni-

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Both are scheduled for Riley Middle School, 15555 Henry Ruff, Livonia. Price for both is \$65, plus a \$10 textbook fee for the kitchen workshop, \$8 for the basement workshop

To register, call (313) 523-

SELLING SEMINAR

The Building Industry Associ-ation of Southeastern Michigan and its Sales & Marketing Counand its Sales & Marketing Council presents a class, "Enhance Your Success Factor with Super-Charged Selling," 5:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, at the North-field Hilton, 5500 Crooks, Troy.

Presenter: Nicki Joy. Topics include motivation, sales and marketing strategies, self-marketing, communication and ser-

Cost is \$25 for SMC members, \$40 for BIA and Apartment Association of Michigan membets and \$50 for non-members.

To register, call (248) 737-

ENERGY SEMINAR Detroit Edison and Home

Building Workshops sponsor a free seminar on energy-efficient techniques and geothermal heating and cooling systems 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 25, at the Edison office, 26802 Northwestern, Southfield.

To register, call (800) 833-

BUILD OWN HOME

ing at Henry Ford Community College presents a class, "How to Build Your Own Home," 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays, April 25-May 16 at the Dearborn Heights Ann Arbor Trail Campus, Ann Arbor Trail between Outer Drive and War-

include reading Topics blueprints, building codes, permits, estimating cost of materials and concrete/masonry.

Cost is \$195 for Dearborn School District residents, \$215 for non-residents.

To register, call (313) 730-

FAIR HOUSING

The Property Management Council of the Apartment Associ-ation of Michigan hosts a daylong fair housing seminar 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 29, at Burton Manor, 2777 olcraft, Livonia.

Three sessions are offered -Fair Housing Compliance Strategies for Property Managers; Fair Housing Strategies for On Site Personnel; and Fair Housing Compliance Strategies for Main-

Cost is \$25 per session or \$50 for all three sessions for property council members; \$35 and \$70, respectively, for Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan members; and \$50 and \$100, respectively, for non-mem-

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REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

CONDO OPERATIONS
Robert M. Meisner, a lawyer and an O&E columnist, teaches and an O&E columnist, teaches a course, "Condominium Operation: Introduction to the Essentials for Success," 7-9 p.m. Mondays, May 4-June 1, at Bingham III Office, 30200 Telegraph, Suite 402, Bingham Farces.

Topics include legal and fiduciary responsibilities of directors and officers, enforcement of bylaws and restrictions, how to

bylaws and restrictions, how to nend condominium documents

and collection of assessments. Cost is \$75, \$60 for each additional attendee from the same

organization. To register, call (248) 471-

BUILDING LICENSE

Builder's Training Services of Rochester Hills offers a 16-hour class to prepare for the state builder's licensing exam 6-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 5-14, at the Clawson-Troy Elks Club on Big Beaver Road east of Rochester Road.

Topics include site preparation and foundations; framing systems; windows, plumbing, heating and electrical, masonry and

structural supports.

Cost, which includes a training manual, construction guide, textbook and self-testing materi-

To register, call (248) 909-

LICENSE SEMINAR II

Henry Ford Community College hosts a builder's pre-license seminar 6-10 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, May 4-13, at its Dearborn Heights Center, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail between Outer Drive and Warren.

Cost is \$160 for Dearborn School District residents, \$176 for non-residents.

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SHOW HOUSE

The Junior League of Detroit hosts a Sneak-A-Peak Weekend for this year's Designers' Show House noon-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, May 16-17, at 15520 Windmill Pointe Drive on Lake St. Clair in Grosse Pointe Park. Cost is \$2.

Between Sept. 19 and Oct. 18, the mansion will be open again for viewing, this time with each of its rooms decorated by metro Detroit's top design firms

Besides receiving widespread attention from its state-of-theart interiors and landscaping, the Designers' Show House has raised more than \$2.3 million over the years for programs and projects in Detroit.

For information, call (313) 881-0040.

CENTURY 21 ASSOCIATES

Century 21 Associates, with 13 offices including Clarkston, Rochester and West Bloomfield, has joined the Unique Referral-Network to market luxury properties throughout the world. William R. Eldridge is the broker/owner of Century 21 Associ-

Strong economy drives home improvements

Fueled by a strong economy and stable interest rates, more consumers are taking hammer and paint brush in hand to redeco rate and remodel their houses.

According to the American Express Retail Index, 39 percent of U.S. homeowners are undertaking home projects this year, up 8 percent from last.

The average budget for these projects, estimated at just under \$3,000, also is up by 10

"People are doing more nesting, taking more interest in their homes," said Mike Harris, president of remodelers councils for both the Michigan Association of Home Builders and the Building Industry Associa-tion of Southeastern Michigan.

"The other thing is the economy is doing well and people have the opportunity to spend money on their homes," said Harris, president of Harris Group Construction in

Dearborn Heights

'We're busier than we've ever been," he "Every contractor I know that's good at doing work is so busy they can hardly turn around."

The American Express Retail Index found that consumers are putting savings, tax refunds, and company bonuses towards their project budgets and using home improvement loans, home refinancing and credit cards to make up the difference.

This year, homeowners plan a number of projects ranging from interior decorating and refurnishing (59 percent) to renovation and remodeling (32 percent).

Other projects planned include landscaping (29 percent), gardening (27 percent), mandatory maintenance (24 percent), exterior decorating work (22 percent), expansion (14 percent) and restoration (13 percent).

"For three years in a row, the American

Express Retail Index has been consistent with industry reports showing year-over-year growth for home improvement/home furnishings retailers," said Tiscia Eicher, director, regional marketing for the central states, American Express Travel Related Services

Thanks to the strong economy, home ers will continue to put time, energy and money into their homes to turn them into a place that reflects their lifestyle and personal taste." Eicher said.

Several industry reports project a booming business and steady growth for the home improvement category now through the year.

In 1997, according to the Home Improve-ment Research Institute, the home improvement market reached \$101.7 billion, a number that could climb to \$106 billion this year and \$114.6 billion by the year 2000.

Based on improvement projects planned throughout the home this year, today's con-sumers are enhancing the interior and exterior of their homes in a variety of ways.

For example, the index found that 18 per-

cent of those doing a home project will refurnish at least one room in the house. Homeowners are shifting their attention

away from the living room, last year's top room to get a face-lift, and putting more focus on the bedroom, cited by 27 percent of

In the kitchen, homeowners have a number of style and design preferences that are both practical and functional.

For instance, 43 percent of kitchen remodelers said they would install new cabinets, with the majority choosing wood (90 percent).

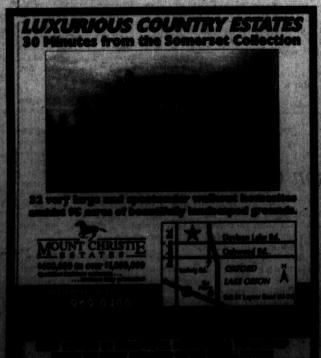
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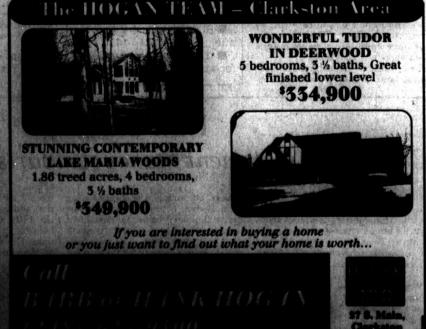
In addition, 61 percent will add new countertops, preferring Formica and ceramic tile over Corian and granite surfaces.

Nearly half (45 percent) will install new appliances choosing white or almond over other more trendy colors such as stainless steel or black.

Other popular kitchen additions include a breakfast table, stools, work center/island and baker's rack.

Throughout the rest of the house, 24 percent are installing wall-to-wall carpeting, 25 percent adding a variety of lighting accentand 19 percent adding or converting a room into either a home office or home entertains ment room.







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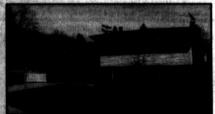
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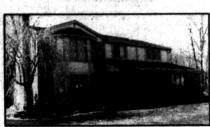
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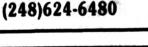


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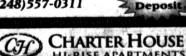


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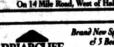
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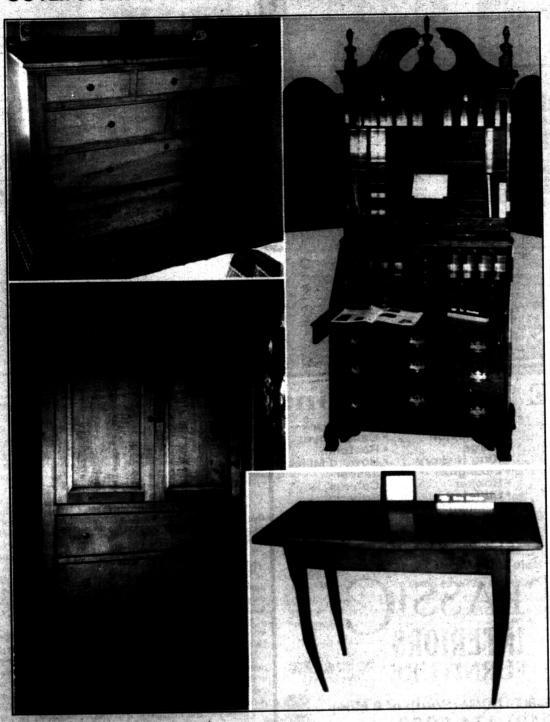
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A few weeks ago I was asked to put a phone number in my column so I could be reached by consumers who wanted to talk to me. Believe me, they're calling, and I don't mind.

There are a few exceptions, though,

and I'll get into that in a minute, but let me give you some personal feelings.

In today's world, it is sometimes very difficult to speak with someone at corporate headquarters who can give you answers that are satisfactory. Many times we have to listen to four minutes of recorded messages that tell you which button to push. After all of that, we are lucky if we're not put on hold.

The inventions of today in regards to the telephone have taken away much of what has built in past years toward good customer relations. Years from now, after many companies fail to grow or go bye-bye, corporate heads will revert back to old ways.

The reason is simple.

Customer satisfaction is achieved with the least amount of inconvenience and agitation as possible, and that's not true today

The telephone sitting on your desk at work or on your kitchen counter is what matters. Look at it and think about it.

When it starts to ring, do you ask yourself who it is, who's selling what?

Are you so tired of being disturbed that your purchased a hand-held phone to place of the coffee table beside the couch? (My neighbor informs me she can listen to my whole conversation when I use that hand phone.)

You're at work and busy talking or doing something important and because the phone rings, you have a call screener installed. This sure is nice, but for who.

No wonder we can't reach anybody n America today: EVERYBODY'S ON HOLD.

To the guy who is writing this column, the telephone is the greatest friend in the world. I have spent more than 30 years making a living answering the

I respect it, and I challenge it to ring because every call is something differ-

The phone number listed for me at the end of this article is a direct line into my office at the radio station. I am not there every day nor do I hang around the store very much.

But I will pick up the phone no matter who I'm talking with and if I'm not there, leave your number, I'll call you. If you need to take something apart or need information immediately, call my store

Now, let's go back to the first few lines of this column when I said there were a few exceptions - and they are

Those people who have a problem with a manufacturer must make some effort to help themselves

I can not make a call on your behalf and solve the problem. You may think I can, but folks, let me assure you that it doesn't work that way.

In the case of feeling ripped off by an appliance repair company, please call me. State Sen. Robert Geake's office in Lansing would like to hear your story and I'll pass it on to him as well as try to direct you in getting restitution.

To those of you who call to set up an appointment to have me fix their products, I must decline. My sons are running the business now, and they do service in the homes.

Some of you call to ask me questions about home construction and cleaning of driveways, etc. which are not my expertise. I wish they were for your sake.

Every once in a while, someone will call using the language of a lumberjack. This is not the conventional requirements of polite behavior and it does not fall under the proprieties of good conduct or good manners. When these calls occur, it doesn't mean I love you any less, it just means there is a reason I hung up on you.

Stav tuned.

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

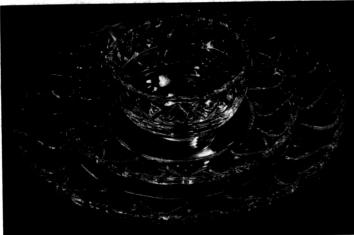


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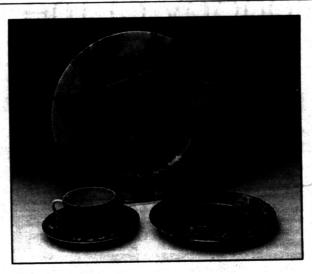
Banding together

Heartfelt setting: This romantic ensemble offers the perfect setting for love. Crafted of lead crystal, each heart catches any light – especially that of a candle – and reflects the image of love. The heart band place setting, including the bowl at \$35, dessert plate at \$22 and platter at \$65, is available at Tiffany & Co. in the Somerset Collection, Big Beaver Road and Coolidge in Troy.

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Fruitful feast

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Cubist style

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Birmingham Antiques Festival begins Monday at The Community House

The Community House kicks off its eighth annual Birmingham Antiques Festival with the exhibit of antique table settings on Monday, April 20. This special event will feature more than 20 area interior designers and antiques dealers who will create unusual table settings throughout The

Community House, each table setting with a special theme. Phyllis Whitehead of P.J. Whitehead's at 870 Bowers in Birmingham has set the mood for an adventurous excursion with her exotic table setting titled "Safari Sophistication.

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design company formed in 1992 by Phyllis Whitehead. Specializing in "The Art of Reorganization, Not Liqui-dation," she believes that spaces should be personal and have history. By incorporating the old with the new and balancing a few outstanding pieces with everyday items, the results are an eclectic mix yet clean and classic. The key is to be innovative yet timeless with any style.

Whitehead's tablesetting for the show is a fine example of this philosophy. She incorporates three genera-tions of dining pieces in this display. She used her grandmother's the vintage candelabra, her mother's crystal stemware, along with her own collection of Lynn Chase's handpainted gob-lets. The black-bordered china, handpainted with leopards, birds and fauna, is also designed by Lynn Chase. All Chase's pieces have a wildlife motif. A portion of the sales is dedicated to the preservation of wildlife. Belgium linen napkins embroidered with a leopard complement the plates. A mix of various antique silver napkins rings holds the linens in place. Old English "hotel" silver with various hotel insignias are mixed with bonehandled sterling that are hand carved with different animals. The backdrop linens designed and custom made by Whitehead using a faux leopard skin and a leather skin over a gold brocade underskirt. of this exotic setting are the table

The Exhibit of Antique Table Settings will be displayed on 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, April 20. Tickets can be bought in advance or at the door for

The Birmingham Antiques Festival featuring 143 dealers from across the United States will be 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, April 24; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 25, and noon to 5 p.m.

■ This special event will feature more than 20 area interior designers and antiques dealers who will create unusual table settings throughout The Community House, each table setting with a special theme.

Sunday, April 26. Tickets are \$7 at the

Absolute Antiques - A Casual Party will be at The Community House in Birmingham on 6 -10 p.m. Saturday, April 25. Tickets are \$25 at the door.

Several lectures presented by antiques dealers are also available. Reservations limited, tickets are \$15 and include show admission. "Victorian Majolica" begins at 9 a.m. Friday, April 24, "Alfred Beau: Quimper's Most Gifted Artist in 300 years" begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 25, "Delft Tiles" begins at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 25, and "Horology - American & English Clocks' begins at 11 a.m. Sunday, April 26 . For tickets or more information, call (248) 644-5832 Ext. 423.

The community House, 380 S. Bates in downtown Birmingham, is a nonprofit organization established in 1923. It works in partnership with individuals, organizations and busi-nesses to provide a center for the com-munity. The Community House welcomes all people to its free and low-cost educational, cultural and social enrichment programs. It receives no public funding and relies on volunteers, donations and fees.

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Be a Seinfeld, create from nothing



There's nothing more challenging or frustrating as being invited to a dinner party, asked to bring something - and having nothing in the house to use. We've all had this happen, and your choices then become - going out and purchasing something

that looks homemade then transferring it to your own dish so no one can tell; dragging yourself to the grocery store to pick up what you will need to prepare your assigned dish then returning home to a potentially dirty kitchen you then have to clean so you can mess it up again, or picking up a carry-out and being marked as the "Oops I forgot my dish sort of person."

Sound like a potential no win? Not really - you might just surprise yourself in making something out of nothing.

After all, nine seasons and 165 shows to date, Jerry Seinfeld has become a multimillionaire and the heartthrob of America by making something out of nothing

My husband always said I was the "original Seinfeld of the kitchen" - I could put together a meal with a relatively bare cupboard and fridge. I prefer to think of myself as good old creative Ruth who has the ability to blend and compound flavors to prepare a spectacular dish with an array of funky and few ingredients. This was just the case a week ago. Thank God for Carolyn Collins flavor infused caviar and her caviar bagel schmears in my freezer, two boxes of English water biscuits in the pantry, and an unopened container of Vic's Nicoise olives on my refrigerator shelf - that took care of appetizers. Hmmmm - first course ... well, I've got 2 good onions left in my shaker bin (the only ones with out leaves growing), three bulbs of garlic resting on my hanging iron grill (dated 1830 - the grill, not the garlic), some frozen chicken stock,

an 11 ounce log of Chevre Cheese that I was going to roll in cracked black pepper the next time friends popped in for an unannounced visit, and four bright, crisp, red bell peppers I had purchased to roast and never got around to sounds like soup to me!

RUTH'S ROASTED RED PEPPER AND GARLIC SOUP PUREE/ **GARNISHED WITH SPIRALS OF** MOREL MUSHROOMS

This soup is a thin puree - the cheese is not being added for thickness - just for flavor.

Yield: 12 - 16 servings Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons light olive oil
- 2 Spanish onions, peeled and sliced
- 4 roasted red peppers, skin removed, de-veined and seeded, then sliced
- 3 bulbs garlic, roasted whole until
- golden and soft 16 cups chicken stock (homemade or prepared)

Sea salt (optional and to taste)

Pinch cayenne pepper

11 ounce log of plain chevre cheese (goat's cheese)

4 tablespoons butter or margarine

Morel mushrooms (fresh or reconstituted dried ones)

In a heavy stockpot or French oven, add the olive oil and heat to hot - add the sliced onions and cook until transparent. Add the roasted red pepper slices, the roasted garlic (either squeeze out garlic or peel), saute for 5-6 minutes, then add the chicken stock. Let the soup simmer for approximately 45 minutes or until the vegetables are tender. In small batches, process the soup in a food processor, a blender or a Vita Mix - add the chevre cheese in small pieces. Transfer each batch to a big clean pot - you want all the soup to be mixed back together to make sure flavors are well mixed and the consistency is the same. Add salt if needed. Add a pinch of Cayenne pepper to taste. Place back on the stove top on low (you do not want this to

boil!) Saute the morel mushrooms in butter or margarine, until well cooked and almost crispy. Remove them from the saute pan and cut into spirals. When ready to serve the soup - top each bowl with some spirals of morels.

Chef's notes:

How to roast red peppers and garlic (I grill them on an outside grill all at the same time).

Roasting red peppers:

Roast the red peppers whole - directly on a gas burner (or under a broiler) until the skin is blistered and black remove from the flame and place in a large glass bowl - cover with plastic wrap and let the peppers sweat for approximately 15 or 20 minutes.

Remove the stems, seeds and devein. Peel off blackened skin of the peppers - do not rinse under water - you will loose some of the flavor. The skin should come off quite easily, if you need some assistance, scrape with a knife. Slice and set aside.

Roasting Garlic:

Spray whole garlic bulb with nonstick cooking spray or wipe well with olive oil - place in a 400 degree F. oven on an oven proof dish and bake for approximately 30 minutes or grill on an outdoor grill - until golden brown and cloves feel soft - do not burn! Either squeeze out the softened garlic cloves, or remove the skin of each clove - this is great used instead of butter on bread! Roasted garlic also makes for a wonderful appetizer.

Reconstituting dried morel mush-

Place the dried morels in an oven proof glass container - pour hot or boiling water over the mushrooms - just enough to cover. Let soak for 15-20 minutes, or until softened - drain the mushrooms for use, and be sure to save the liquid for a stock or a soup!

Ruth Mossok Johnston is an author and food columnist who lives in Franklin. To leave her a voice mail message, dial (313) 953-2047, mail-box 1902.

Hospice group hosts auction

The Orchard Lake Country Club will be transformed, for a few hours a least, into a global shopping event when the Women's Committee for Hos-pice Care hosts its annual Spring Luncheon & Boutique. This year 19 vendors will present products from local, hand-made dolls to one-of-a-kind jewelry items from Paris, France.

Also included will be many items for the home from interior decor to garden

furniture, lots of beautiful antiques and even a new line of women's golf

Chairman for the event is Kay Drolet. Assistant co-chairs are Janet

Conaty and Nancy Hopp.

Sale hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tickets for the lunch and boutique are
\$35 and are available by calling 5407382. Proceeds benefit eight non-profit
hospices in Southeastern Michigan.





Woodworkers carve special niche



Tick-tocks and toys: Above, John Gorgol made good use of his time by crafting this bevy of clocks. Right, Peter Lederer's toys line up waiting to be loved by some lucky children.

The sounds of drills and lathes are music to the ears of woodworkers. On these tools and others, woodworkers play a symphony of creativity and craftsmanship as they produce a variety of furnishings.

"It's the challenge of taking a piece of lumber and making something beautiful out of it," said Bill Gayde of Royal Oak, membership officer.

Royal Oak, membership officer.

Samples of art by the Michigan Woodworkers' Guild will be on display at the group's Showcase of Skills for 1998, taking place noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 18, at the Royal Oak Senior Citizens Center on Marais, one block north of 13 Mile between Crooks and Main.

Admission is \$1 for adults, free for under age 12. The non-juried event will feature raffle drawings on the hour. It isn't a sale, but commissions may be available.

The annual Showcase of Skills started in 1992 as a show and tell for guild members. Some of the featured pieces started as projects members made for their grandchildren and then duplicated. Attendance has grown every year, and is expected to hit between 400 and 500 this year.

The Showcase of Skills displays many different projects, timeless and astonishing in their style and beauty.

Examples are furniture, toys (rocking cows and other animals as well as rocking horses), clocks and musical instruments, including a reproduction of a glass harp, a device designed by Benjamin Franklin that was played by wet fingers on a rotating glass cylinder.





Wide interest

About 225 men and women belong to the guild, sharing their enjoyment and knowledge of woodworking.

Their monthly meetings are networking sessions to ask advice and see demonstrations, on topics ranging from wood turning techniques to musical instrument making. Members also go on field trips and may consult an extensive publication and video library.

Among their activities are making toys to donate to Children's Hospital of Detroit, and supporting conservative use and effective management of wood resources. Last year an airplane rocker made by one participant was donated to Children's Hospital, which auctioned it off for more than \$10,000 at a fund-raiser.

Membership comes from a wide area, extending to Grosse Ile and to Windsor, Ontario. Beverly Hills, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Clarkston, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Franklin, Lake Orion, Lathrup Village, Orchard Lake, Oxford, Plymouth, Redford, Rochester, Rochester Hills, Southfield, Troy, Walled Lake, West Bloomfield and Westland are just some of the communities where members live.

All types of professions and woodworking skill levels are represented in the guild. You'll find doctors, lawyers, engineers, teachers, as well as a hairdresser, journalist, pilot, Detroit Symphony Orchestra musician, commercial artist and pine organ builder.

artist and pipe organ builder.

There are professional carpenters and people whose only tool they own is one hand drill. A man and his 12-year-old son recently joined. Some woodworkers make one type of piece – toys, furniture, clocks – or one type of furniture.

"It's all kind of even," said Leonard Forster of Livonia, guild vice president. "There's no hierarchy of professions or anything like that."

"It's classless, sexless, ageless," Gayde said of woodworking.

Projects

The accomplishments and aspirations of guild members show the wide appeal of this ancient, worldwide art. Ed Stuckey of Detroit, a retired patternmaker,

designed and made his own elegant 18th century style secretary/desk, winning first prize from American Woodworker magazine.

Steven Lash of Bloomfield Hills, an electrician, builds 18th century furniture. He made a harpsichord after seeing one on TV, going to a museum in Boston for measurements.

"I've been interested in woodworking ever since I was a child," said Lash, who is now working on a clock.

"I love to work with wood. It's a release for me. I enjoy making things."

Through her membership in the guild, Mary Glasgow

of Canton has finally found a chance to learn about woodworking.

"I always loved wood and working with it," said

Glasgow, an autoworker.

"When I was in high school they didn't let girls take

shop classes."

Many people became interested in woodworking

Lots of storage: Right, there's lots of storage in this chest of drawers for all the toys on top. All were crafted by Stanley Maslanik. Below right, is Al Omand's intricate desk. The inner drawers have curved fronts

when they were children helping their fathers on projects. Gayde's father was in the Navy, and the family traveled all around the country when Gayde was a child.

"No matter where we were he always had woodworking tools," Gayde said.

Forster built shelves and cabinets at the older home he and his wife first lived in after their marriage; later he found woodworking to be an outlet from his regular job.

Such TV shows as "This Old House" have added to the interest in woodworking, said guild president Bill Rigstad, a Canton resident who has started his own custom woodworking business.

"Join our organization," Rigstad advised anyone thinking of learning about woodworking.

"You find out (woodworking's) not that difficult if you follow the rules."

For information on the Michigan Woodworkers' Guild, call Gayde at (248) 543-3487.



On the cover:

From left, Ed Stuckey made the Intricate secretary, while Bill Rigstad made the armoire and matching chest of drawers. The table with the tapered legs was done by Tom Kearns.



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MARTY FIGLE

Spring is here and so are the weeds which need to be tackled as soon as they appear. There are many weeds. Included are those most often growing here.

As with other plants, there are annual and perenni-

al weeds, and when we learn which is which and their growth patterns we can better control the little buggers.

Winter annuals start from seed in the fall and develop a mat or rosette of leaves growing near the ground before winter sets in or very late in the winter. They then flower and set the seeds the following spring or summer.

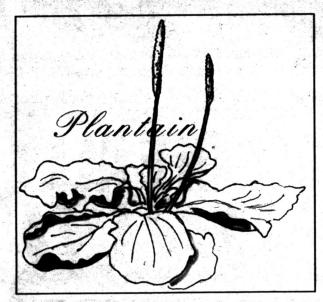
Common chickweed (Stellaria media): A creeper, usually composed at first, but later becomes loosely branched, often forming dense mats by creeping stems. The oval leaves are bright green and taper to a pointed tip. The white flowers are small and single with deeply notched petals. Use a pronged hoe to remove clumps. Remove eyery sprout as soon as you see it. Don't compost.

Henbit (Lamium amplexicaule)dead nettle: Leaves branch from base and are rounded with bluntly toothed margins that appear like a collar around the square stem. Small, tubular purplishpink flowers are in whorls near the upper leaves. Cultivate soil in early spring to remove existing plants then cultivate shallowly in early fall to destroy new seedlings. Year-round mulch will smother seedlings.

Common pursiane (Portulaca oleracea): Succulent stems and leaves are addinged. It has a long taproot and branches freely, often forms mats and broad, thick smooth stemless leaves with rounded tips. Pale yellow flowers bloom in the morning. Shallowly cultivate frequently before they drop seeds; compost (chop finely) or destroy plants they can reroot for several weeks.

Summer annuals complete their life cycles during one growing season. They start from seeds in spring or summer, develop into a mature plant, then produce seed before they're killed by frost.

Spotted spurge (Euphoria maculata):
Young oval green leaves have red
thdersides that become spotted when
full grown and can reach two feet tall
and wide. A reddish brown spot develops in each leaf center. Prostrate spurge
(E. supina): Flat mats become very
aggressive during hot weather. Flowers
are in clusters; tiny pink and white. Cul-





tivate both early, loosen soil before pulling out the short roots by hand or

Smooth crabgrass (digitaria ischaemum), hairy crabgrass (D. sanguinalis), goosegrass (Eluesine indica): These three grow in loose wide tufts that sometimes creep along the ground and

lower nodes (where the leaf meets a swollen stem). Leaves are pale green or purplish. Each flower is made up of four to 10 long, fingerlike clusters. Seeds (in the thousands) don't all germinate at the same time making it harder to control. Cultivate shallowly and often, water soil

root well and mulch. Follow label directions a t if you use chemicals.

Perennial weeks can thrive in the garden for several years.

Common mouse-ear chickweed (Cerastium vulgatum): Hairy dark green leaves look like long and narrow mouse ears. Small white flowers with notched petals bloom in late spring. Roots are shallow; stems also root at nodes. Cultivate and pull as soon as possible; don't compost them.

Woodsorrel (Oxalic stricta): Cloverlike leaves with three heart-shaped leaflets; generally bright green, but sometimes reddish. Small yellow flowers are tubular and explosive cucumbershaped seedpods soon follow. The seeds as well as rooting stems or the bulbs allow the plant to proliferate endlessly. Hoe, pull, mulch.

Yellow nutsedge (Cyperus esculentus): Looks like light green grass. Spreads by underground tubers that form at the end of each thin root. Hoe every week throughout the season. Remove any visible nutlets; cultivate again in the fall and keep at it.

Ground ivy-creeping charlie (Glechoma hederacea): This plant can spread quickly by rooting at the lower nodes. Leaves are circular, scalloped on the edges and distinctly veined. Purplishblue, tubular flowers are produced between the leaf and stem. Lift runners out of ground; remove all pieces of stem or it will resprout.

Plantain (Plantago major): Tough, leafless flowering stalks develop the second year. A fibrous root system is thick with a basal rosette from which broad oval leaves emerge. Tiny greenish flowers on spikes appear in the spring. Pull out young plants when the ground is soft; mulch to keep seeds from germinating.

Dandelion (Taraxacum officinale): Leaves are long, narrow and toothed; grow with a basal rosette. Yellow flowers are many petaled; seed heads are white puffballs. The taproot is long and new shoots can develop from small pieces that remain. Cultivate regularly or mulch; carefully pull or dig out. Thick turf and proper mowing height will discourage seedlings.

Now, if you go out and buy some crayons and color the illustrations you will be ready to identify weeds at a glance. Good hunting! Thanks to a reader who suggested this column.

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When siblings fight, be patient, fair



LISA LUCKOW-HEALY

Sibling rivalry affects even the healthiest of family relationships. The rivalry between your children may last a few hours or continue or throughout a lifetime. What is frustrating for your kids is just as frustrating for your your children may be fighting over the

right to earn your love and attention. Although they are good motives, they wreak havoc on healthy behavior.

Parents often work just as hard a promoting healthy relationships between their children as they do learning how to be good parents throughout their lifetime. One day you are weathering rough waters between your children while the next you are witnessing your children supporting each other in a crisis. No two days are ever alike.

One of the best attitudes to adopt about sibling rivalry is to expect the inevitable. "Remember, rivalry is the natural outcome when two people compete for the same prize," say Arlene Eisenberg, Heidi Murkoff and Sandee Hathaway, authors of the popular "What to Expect" series (Workman Publishing Co., New York). "Your children will have a better chance of forging a good relationship without undue parental pressure or interference."

Parental interference comes in many forms. Comparing children, telling one child to ignore the other in a round of teasing, taking sides and promoting competition between children in all the same activities all have negative impact on sibling rivalry. You can help promote good sibling relationships with a few simple rules of thumb."

Allow your children to express their feelings. When they bottle them up, they can become increasingly frustrated. Encourage them to talk about what they feel. They may even prefer to write down the cause of the frustration.

Show your concern for your children's differences. Let the kids know that you understand why they are fighting and provide them with reasons why their behavior is unacceptable.

Give your children the opportunity to work out their differences on their own before you intervene. This helps teach them to work out their problem on their own, particularly when you are not around.

Arrange to spend time with one child at a time each week. This helps forge healthy relationships between you and each child individually, enabling you to show one child at a time how much he or she is loved as an individual.

Promote sharing and taking turns within your family. When children learn to take turns selecting a gam, an outdoor activity or even a television show, they are more apt to understand concepts such as fairness and patience.

If your children borrow items from each other, help them establish a set of ground rules for sharing personal property. Suggest they give each other something in return for the borrowed item to show their good faith in borrowing an item and making sure the item is returned to lender in good condition.

When you are faced with the frustrations associated with your children's sibling rivalry, remind yourself that no two children are the same. They are each individuals who

■ One of the best attitudes to adopt about sibling rivalry is to expect the inevitable.

demand to be recognized as individuals, require the same amount of love from you as their brother or sister does and deserve praise for their individual efforts.

As hard as you try to treat your children equally and combat their rivalry, you may not always be successful. Keeping some simple rules of thumb in mind and your combat boots nearby will no doubt assist you and your children in forging healthy relationships and lifelong friendships between siblings.

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Keep out of jam so better shots gel



MONTE NAGLER

Have you ever shot a roll of film, begun to rewind it into the cassette and then – you guessed it – found the film had never advanced through the camera? Don't feel lonely; it has happened at some time in almost every photogra-

pher's career.

But did you know there's a vay to assure that your film always advances through the camera? There are a number of helpful hints to keep you out of a jam and improve your photographs. Here are some:

 To resolve the film advance problems, simply watch the film rewind crank as you advance the film. If the crank turns, everything is OK. If not, the film isn't going through the camera. It's that simple.

• Use a skylight or haze filter on all

your lenses. They won't only warm up colors and cut through haze, but they will protect your valuable lenses.

 Thoroughly read your camera owner's manual. Carry it in your camera bag for quick reference. It contains valuable information on your camera and useful information on photography.

To be safe, especially with electronic cameras, change batteries in your camera once a year, even though it still appears to be functioning properly. Pick a day you'll remember, such as Jan. 1 or your birthday.

 Tape the label from your film box on the back of your camera (some cameras have slots for this purpose) as a reminder of what kind of film you are shooting. If you don't take many pictures, it's easy to forget what's in your

 Don't always use fast film (high ASA ratings). I recommend using the slowest speed film that conditions and lighting will permit. You'll get finer grain and more vivid colors, and save



Dramatic: No problems here for Monte Nagler and his camera. This dramatic silhouette of California oaks worked out just fine. It was taken near the charming town of Solvang.

money on film, too.

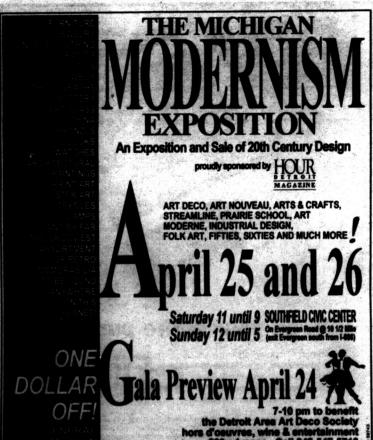
• When is it saf camera? Shoot at the

• When is it safe to hand hold your camera? Shoot at the shutter speed that comes closest to the focal length of your lens – not slower. For example, with your normal 50mm lens, shoot at 1/60 second or faster. With a 135mm lens, use 1/125 second or faster. When limited light demands a slower speed, use a tripod.

 If your meter should fail, all isn't lost. Simply set the shutter speed to the number closest to the ASA of the film you are using. Example: With Kodacolor 100, the shutter speed should be 1/125 second. Then set the aperture at f/16 on a sunny day, f/11 on a bright overcast day, f/8 when it's overcast, and so on.

 As always, try to add impact to your photographs. Move in close, compose carefully, watch your backgrounds, and learn how to use depth-of-field creatively.

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How to finance home remodeling

BY LORI WEISBERG Copley News Service

The often costly expense of a remodeling job may be enough to scare you away altogether, but there are a number of financing tools that can help get you past the pain of paying for that new kitchen or room addition.

One of the more painless – and costeffective – ways of borrowing funds to
help pay for a remodeling project is to
refinance the loan on your home and
draw extra cash out at the same time.
The catch, though, is you need enough
equity in your home to complete a refinance.

If you're equity poor, fear not. There are other loans out there that will help borrowers in need of cash for home improvements. But beware that as more equity is tapped or exceeded, the cost of that loan will escalate.

The key to finding the right loan vehicle is shopping around and discussing with lenders your particular circumstances before deciding on a particular form of financing, lenders advise

The good news is that lenders are increasingly willing to make second trust deed loans to homeowners short of equity to borrow against – but they do come at a cost.

Such loans, though, can be helpful for people whose homes have lost value during the 1990s.

Refinancing, lenders say, is most appropriate when the borrower has a relatively high interest rate and can lower the monthly payment while at the same time drawing cash out.

In the case of refinancing, it should be noted that the new loan cannot exceed 75 percent to 80 percent of the home's value.

A home equity loan in the form of a second trust deed or a line of credit may work just as well, suggest brokers. A line of credit is something like an open checkbook or credit card that is drawn upon as cash is needed.

One advantage of a line of credit is that the homeowner is paying interest only on the amount of cash that is withdrawn. The borrower, though, needs to show some discipline in using the line of credit, caution lenders.

"With the second trust deed, you know each month for 15 years what your payment will be to pay the loan down to a zero balance," said Marty Stroiman, president of Builders Funding Corp. "With a line of credit, it's like people with credit cards, where they can use it too much."

He noted that with a line of credit, the money can be drawn out for five to 10 years, while total repayment of the loan itself is not due for 15 to 20 years.

Stroiman noted that rates on second trust deeds can vary widely depending on how much equity you're tapping into in your home.

Fixed rates on second-trust-deed loans, say lenders, are around 10 percent, but the advice, once again, is to shop around. With lines of credit, the rates typically are adjustable, starting at around 7 percent, according to lenders.

Mary Lou Costas, a senior loan officer with North American Mortgage Co., prefers a special FHA mortgage tailored specifically to people wanting to remodel. What makes it appealing – although it is more costly – is that it requires no appraisal and is not dependent on how much equity you have in your home. The maximum loan amount is \$25,000, and the remodeling work must be completed within six months.

"It's less paperwork (than the typical loan) and you get the loan in about 15 days," said Costas. "You're qualified over the phone, and they call you back and quote you a rate."

Be forewarned, though, that the rates and loan costs are higher than the typical second trust deed.

According to Ben Giangiulio, a

regional vice president of Norwest Mortgage, terms on the FHA home improvement loan offered through his company are an 11.9 percent interest rate and a cost of 6 points or a 12.5 percent interest with four points. Those rates are subject to change. Such a loan, though, would not be his first choice.

As a rule of thumb, Giangiulio says a borrower should pay no more than three or four points for any type of loan.

Stroiman noted that Builders Funding Corp. offers a home improvement construction loan that takes into consideration the value of the home once the remodeling is completed.

He cited an example of a \$160,00 home where the owners owe \$110,000 on their loan and need \$80,000 to double the size of their house.

"We're approving the loan based on the completed value of the home, assuming the new value of the home will be \$250,000," said Stroiman.

He noted that while there are lenders who will make riskier loans, Stroiman says he personally does not like to make a loan where the costs are so high.

"Am I really helping the person," says Stroiman, "by putting them into that much more debt?"

United Flooring donates carpet

United Flooring Center of Troy has shown its school spirit by donating carpeting to the Troy school district for use within the district's latchkey facility at Morse Elementary.

Paul Gronow, owner of United Flooring Center, is thrilled to have the opportunity to be of assistance.

"As the father of three small children, I understand the importance of supporting education and I am happy to be able to enhance the already flourishing center within Morse Elementary," he said.

The Troy Continuing Education Program provides latchkey enrichment services that offer a safe, educational and

well-supervised environment to the children while they are away from home.

"Our goal when designing the latchkey center was to provide an area for the children that would encourage physical, social, cognitive and academic activities," said Michael Cardimen, care supervisor at Morse Elementary.

"The children we care for within our latchkey program vary in age and their academic needs differ, therefore, it is important the center meet the varying needs of the children. We appreciate the carpet United Flooring Center has so generously provided us with."





at home calendar

Send information about programs, classes, receptions and other events in Wayne and Oakland countles related to the home and garden to: Many Kjernic, At Home Editor, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009; fax (248) 644-1314.

The Oakland County Quilt Guild will present "Quilt Celebration '98," a quilt exhibit and contest, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, April 17, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 18, at Lutheran High School Northwest, on Livernois between South Blvd. and M-59 in Rochester Hills. Admission is \$5. More than 40 keepsake quilting challenge quilts will be shown. The event will feature a merchants mall, refreshments, workshops and a raffle quilt. Marsha McCloskey will lecture on color and fabric choice for quilts-7 p.m. Friday; admission \$5.

Designer Annie from Annieglass of California will visit Studio 330, 6566 Telegraph in Bloomfield Hills, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 18. Call (248) 851-5533.

n The Birmingham Antiques Festival will take place Friday-Sunday, April 24-26, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. Hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. April 24, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 25 and noon to 5 p.m. April 26. Tickets are \$7 at the door. Related events include an exhibit of antique table settings, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, April 20 (tickets are \$20); a preview party, 6-9 p.m. Thursday, April 23 (tickets are \$125 and \$75); and "Absolute Antiques," a casual party, 6-10 p.m. April 25 (tickets are \$25). Scheduled lectures, \$15 per talk, are "Victorian Majolica" 9 a.m. April 24, "Alfred Beau" 9 a.m. April 25, and "American and English Clocks" 11 a.m. April 26. Call (248) 644-5832.

■ The Lloyd Stage Outdoor Education Center, 6685 Coolidge in Troy, presents a class for teens and adults, "Enjoying Kitchen Herbs," Saturday. April 25. Register by Saturday, April 18; call (248) 524-3567 for fees and other information. Add zip to your menus and beauty to your garden using kitchen herbs. Instructor Sue Halbach will share great ideas for planting and growing herbs in your garden, on your deck or on your window sill. She'll get you cooking with creative ideas for blending fresh herbs into salads and entrees, so come ready to sample. Participants will receive recipes and handouts, make a blended herb seasoning, and take home a small plant for their own kitchen herb garden.

■ "Growing Bromeliads" will be pre-

sented by the Bromeliad Society and Penrith Goff 2 p.m. Sunday, April 19, at the Rochester Hills Environmental Center, on Avon Road just west of Livernois. A Michigan State University Extension trained and certified master gardener will be on hand to answer questions. Call Siegrid Stern at (248) 375-1411 for information.

■ The Rochester Community House, 816 Ludlow, offers spring classes on many different topics. Call (248) 651-0622 for fees and other information; preregistration is required. "Birds in Your Back Yard," Monday, April 20, will show you how to use native shrubs to design a bird sanctuary in your own yard that will attract different birds to a protective environment; bring a rough sketch of your property. In "Calligraphy for Beginners," eight weeks beginning Tuesday, April 21, artist Nancy Bishop will teach the basics of fine lettering through the art of calligraphy. Learn how to use pure essential oils in their highly concentrated forms in "Introduction to Aromatherapy" Wednesday, April 22.

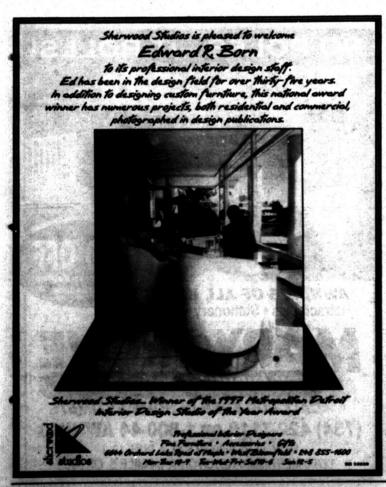
Advanced master gardener Kathleen Israel will teach the two-week classes "Gardening is Ageless: The Senior Gardener" and "What's Eating Your Plants? Alternative Pest Control" at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty,

between Six and Seven Mile in Livonia. Call (734) 462-4448 for fees and other information. "Gardening is Ageless," beginning Tuesday, April 21, will be filled with ideas, tools and techniques to help seniors continue to use their gardening skills or build new ones. "What's Eating Your Plants?", beginning Thursday, April 23, will examine the insect, disease or weed problems that plague most gardeners and alternatives available for pest control.

■ The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham, offers a class, "From the Ground Up! Build a New Home and Get What You Paid For," two Wednesdays beginning April 22. Instructor Bob Binder, a licensed builder, will take participants from the very start with the purchase of property through the completion of new home construction. Call the program department at (248) 644-5832 for fees and other information.

The Community House in Birmingham offers six-session classes on dog obedience basic training and puppy training. Classes begin Thursday, April 23; others will start in May and June. Call the program department at (248) 644-5832 for registration and informa-

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tion including location and fees.

■ Guided tours of the Conservatory at the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor, will take place Sundays, April 19 and 26. Conservatory admission is \$2 for adults, \$1 for students K-12, and free for preschoolers, UM students and Members of Matthaei. For more information, call Liz Elling at (734) 998-7061

■ The adult education program of the Matthaei Botanical Gardens presents many different classes, including "Nature Awareness," two Tuesdays and two Saturdays, April 21 and 28 and April 25 and May 2; and "Botanical Aromas," Thursday, April 23. Call (734) 998-7061 for fees and other information.

■ Matthaei Botanical Gardens' Art of Living with Nature luncheon and lecture series will conclude its 1997-98 season noon Thursday, April 23, in the gardens at 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor as Timothy Boland, co-author of "Michigan Gardener's Guide," will present "Developing Year-round Interest in Your Michigan Garden," a practical look at how to succeed in gardening in Michigan. Coauthor Marty Hair will also be present to sign books. The event will open with a special luncheon featuring genuine Michigan fare. Seating is limited and early registration is required. Tickets for the lecture and luncheon are \$30 per person, \$25 for members of Matthaei Botanical Gardens. Call the gardens at (734) 998-7061 to register or stop by in person. To get to the gardens, take US-23 north to Geddes Road. Head east on Geddes to Dixboro, turn left onto Dixboro and go 2-1/2 miles north.

■ Southeastern Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority will host a recycling jamboree 4-7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 23, in the Kimball High School cafeteria, 1500 Lexington in Royal Oak, Admission is free. For information, call SOCRRA at (248) 288-5150. Exhibits will focus on reducing, reusing and recycling, along with composting. The Detroit Edison EnviroMagic show at 4:30 p.m. will feature creative fun using recycled materials, and papermaking for children. Bus transportation will be available for a recycling center tour. Free raffles will take place.

■ The Do-It-Yourself Center, 3746 Cottontail Lane in Shelby Township, offers a variety of home decorating classes. Call (810) 739-6319 for fees and other information. Scheduled sessions include "Fun With Pots," in which participants learn fun uses for flower pots, and "Home Accessories," both Tuesday,

■ Adopt a homeless dog or cat 1-4 p.m. every Saturday at Trainers Academy, 30581 Stephenson Highway, south of 13 Mile and across from Home Quarters in Madison Heights. The event is sponsored by the non-profit Top Dog & Cat Rescue Group. Call (248) 680-1426

Grab for space from empty nest

BY CHARLENE BALDRIDGE Copiey News Service

The last of the nestlings has flown the coop for college, and you want to put his/her room to good use without making the final fledgling feel like she can never come home again.

What to do depends upon the use to which you want to put that glorious space about which you have such mixed feelings. Your child is gone - boohoo. The space is available - hooray!

A home office would be nice, but during spring break Ronnie would have to sleep between a fax and a hard place, your computer desk. Of course there wouldn't be room left over for Ronnie's lovely twin beds Let's face it: No matter what you do, the room is going to lose some of what made it Ronnie's

The first order of business is to ask your grown child's forgiveness for what you are about to do sewing room, home office, whatever. Advance absolution having been granted, there are a number of possi-

A friend solved the furniture dilemma by giving it to the departing child, something that's impossible when the destination is a dorm room. Other parents store part or all of the furniture just in case. Kids have a way of returning, even if only for spring break.

You don't want them to feel unwelcome," says award-winning interior designer Joan DesCombes of Winter Park, Fla. "And they don't want to sleep in the sewing room.

DesCombes, who admits her daughter's tennis rackets still "float all over" her house, suggests incorporating personal mementos into the new decor.

"It's a way to make them feel this is still their room, even though it's used for another purpose. It should be customized it should be personal and it should fit their needs and the needs of the parents, who are using it for some other purpose

DesCombes stresses the need for built-in comfort and says that spare bedrooms can be it all and have it all - a paradise - something like an office, a spare bedroom and almost like a living room, all in one.

On occasion, DesCombes has utilized refrigerator drawers in the decor. The returning child, or the guest, will have soft drinks and juice, even snacks, should they not wish to trek to the kitchen

On recent forays to furniture stores, I saw a marvelous, double-duty dresser. which had an enormous bottom drawer to accommodate hanging files, great for the home office/bedroom. When the drawer is needed for clothing, the files can easily be transferred to a handy plastic container manufactured expressly for that purpose.

Consider closets

Especially if the room in question is small, wall space is what you're looking for. When only part of your child's furniture goes or is stored consider the closet your possible wall-space bonanza

Closet doors are easily removed, but not so easily stored, unless you have, a copious garage. You might consider hiring a closet designer, an interior designer and/or a cabinetmaker, but bear in mind that anything built in becomes part of the house and may not be removed. Furthermore, your conversion may not suit possible buyers should you decide to sell your home. Whatever your path, save those closet doors.

You may decide not to invest in cabinetry or builtin elements appropriate to your needs. In that case, consider just part of the closet to accommodate your sewing machine, a desk, computer table and/or printer, or some filing cabi-

The Murphy bed is alive and well, mainly on special order. This age-old spacesaver has long solved people's problems.

Not inexpensive, Murphy beds come in a huge variety of styles, many with commodious built-in storage. Just make certain that the available floor space will accommodate the pulleddown item.

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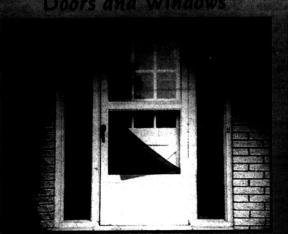
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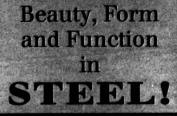




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Entertainment

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ATURDAY



Laurie Kuhlman (right, Fern), Kathleen Coleman-Lozelle (Charlotte) and Chris Kirouac (Wilbur) in the Marquis Theatre production of "Charlotte's Web," 2:30 p.m., 135 E. Main, Northville. Tickets \$6.50, (248) 349-8110.



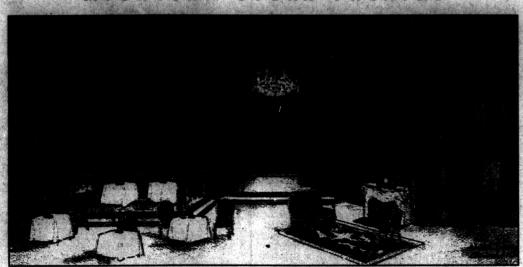


Pianist Leif Ove Andsnes performs with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra 3 p.m. at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$17-\$60, call



Hot Tix: Eartha Kitt stars as the Wicked Witch of the West in "The Wizard of Oz," with ard, through Sunday, April 26, at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$45.50 (main floor and mezzanine), \$32.50 and \$17.50, with school and oup discounts available group discounts available. Call (248) 433-1515 or (313) 596-3211.

MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE



Set design: This is an artist's rendering of one of the scenes in Michigan Opera Theatre's first-ever production of Jules Massenet's classic French opera, "Manon." The sets were designed by Michael Beaulac.

n full bloom

'MANON' OPENS THIS SPRING SEASON

A moment before Marcello Giordani answers the phone, the high-pitch cry of an infant resounds with ear-splitting precision.

"I'm on the road 11 months of the year," said Giordani, over the cries of his young child. "If I didn't take my family with me, I'd never see them."

For international opera singers, the world is indeed a stage - and a living room.

Even at nine-months, it seems as if the offspring of the Italian tenor rec-ognizes that timing is everything.

His father's timing hasn't been so bad What: "Manon," an opera by Jules Massenet, either. Giordani French with

makes his third appearance at Detroit Opera House in the role of Des Grieux, opposite soprano Ruth Ann Swenson, who performs the title role of "Manon."

April 24, Satur-day, April 25; 2 p.m. Sundays. April 26 Two years ago, Giordani was part of a starstudded lineup for the Opera House's gala opening, which featured Lucianno Pavarotti and Joan Sutherland. "Then, the city

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was like a ghost town," he said.
"But now, it looks like the city has

waken up." While the Detroit Opera House may not be the Met, and Detroit couldn't be mistaken for Paris, there is a cosmopolitan ambiance sur-rounding the Michigan Opera The-atre's first-ever production of Jules Massenet's classic French opera,



Marcello Glordani

which opens Saturday and runs through next weekend.

The production of "Manon" is a col-

laboration with the Montreal Opera Theatre. It is directed by Montreal Opera's Bernard Uzan, who has worked with Swenson on several other successful operas.

The chorus features local singers Judith Szefi and Patricia Pierobon of Troy and Anthony Lynch of Rochester Hills.

"Manon" opens MOT's spring sea-son, which also features "The Elixir of Love" and "Porgy and Bess."

World repertoire

"Manon' is one of the most beautiful written operas in the French repertoire," said David DiChiera, managing director of MOT.

"This production is another step for (MOT) in developing a world

repertoire." Next seas , MOT will produce its first-ever Russian along with another famous French opera, "Samson and Delilah."

While audiences will likely be pleasantly surprised at the familiarity of Massenet's music, the opera world is taking notice of the pairing of two of the most vocally agile and up-and-coming stars, said DiChiera.

There have been only a few other times in MOT's history when operatic stars with the stature of Swenson and Giordani performed lead roles.

Because "Manon" is a demanding

role in terms of singing as well as acting, DiChiera waited for the ideal soprano to showcase the role.

Prior to rehearsals for "Manon," Swenson sang at the Met opposite Pavarotti in "The Elixir of Love."

Apparently, Swenson is using her Detroit performances to sharpen her portrayal before traveling to France in June where she'll play Massenet's heroine at the Opera Bastille.

Last fall, Giordani, who critics have called "a matinee idol" for his passionate interpretative singing, was also at the Met, where he per formed the lead tenor role in

"Manon" also features the American debut of soprano Stefani Bonfadelli, a popular singer who has performed throughout Europe.

Human nature

The operatic tale takes place on an ethereal plane where a young girl, Manon, must choose among love, pleasure and greed.

The role, is considered highly complex because Manon grows from innocence to the embodiment of feminine grace and manipulation to

"This is a story about human nature," said DiChiera. "People spend their lives, worry about what's important, and realizing things, sometimes, when it's too late.' In opera, life's lessons are seldom

By the time Manon learns that love is the most important thing in life, it's too late.

Tragic stories, however, make for great operas, where melodrama is elevated into an art of visual and auditory opulence.
While Detroit might not be the

Met or Paris, it certainly looks more and more cosmopolitan.



Family adventure: A little girl named Marie (Hallie Kate Eisenberg) makes a special friend in Paulie, a remarkable parrot who can not only speak but comprehend human language.

DreamWorks Pictures 1998-99 Movie Slate

DreamWorks launches 'Paulie' and new film slate

Their films didn't make billions like "Titanic," but they did make money, and that's a dream come true for DreamWorks Pictures, a studio founded in 1994 by dreamers.

Director Steven Spielberg, former Disney executive Jeffrey Katzenberg and music mogul David Geffin founded the studio, which recently announced its 1998 film releases

It's a diverse group of films, truly something for everyone. "This is a slate of movies you can pay attention to,' said Teresa Press at a recent media

A highlight is DreamWorks' first full-length animation feature "The Prince of Egypt," scheduled to open Friday, Dec. 18. It's the first animation film to feature a female director -Brenda Chapman, and that, many women would say, is miraculous.

Val Kilmer and Ralph Fiennes star as Moses and Rameses, two brothers. one born a slave, the other a prince. This beautifully crafted film, based on the biblical story of Moses, also brings together the vocal talents of Sandra Bullock, Danny Glover, Jeff Goldblum, Steve Martin, Helen Mirren, Michelle Pfeiffer, Martin Short and Patrick

Six new songs written by Academy Award-winning lyricist Stephen Schwartz ("Pocahontas") and a score composed by Academy Award-winning composer Hans Zimmer ("The Lion King") help tell the story of "The Prince

Woody Allen stars as "Z" a neurotic ant in "Antz" an animated feature

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THEATER

'Lost' family members struggle in 'Yonkers'

It's 1942, and Grandma Kurnitz and her family are "Lost in Yonkers," New York. She's mean, defi-nitely not huggable, but she's doing the best she can to survive and keep her family together. Grandma lives above a candy store with her grown daughter, Bella, who's not all there. Grandma bosses Bella, her sister, Gert, and older brothers, Eddie Eddie's down on his luck, and his wife just died.

He wants his mother to take care of Arty and Jay for awhile so he can take a job on the road. Louie doesn't like his mother, but he loves and

espects her. Sounds a little bit like your family, or someone

you know, doesn't it?
"Lost in Yonkers," Neil Simon's Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award-winning play, which opens Saturday at Meadow Brook Theatre, is normally

nd 6:30 p.m. Sunday. \$22-\$32; preview tickets \$18, call (248) 377-tudent, senior and group discounts available.

described as a bittersweet comedy

"It's a play about families, and the trials and tribulations we go through to keep family togeth-er," said Debra L. Wicks of Rochester Hills, who is directing Meadow Brook's production. "This play can be real disturbing to many people. It should trip an emotional trigger to help you find out something new about yourself and the world around you

"Lost In Yonkers," begins with laughs in the first act and ends with laughter. In between "we have

Besides emotional baggage, "Lost In Yonkers," carries the weight of telling a story to audiences who can say - "been there, seen that

Jewish Ensemble Theatre presented "Lost In Yonkers" four years ago, and the movie version starring Richard Dreyfuss and Mercedes Ruehl is

available on video. Henrietta Hermelin of West Bloomfield stars as Grandma Kurnitz, a role she played four years ago

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Comedy: Adam Rochkind (left to right), Terry Heck and Parker Plague in Meadow Brook Theatre's production of "Lost in Yonkers.

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ed to open next spring.

"Handling dirt was never my of a rewarding career," Z his analyst. Being an ant a profession that encoura profession that disconning individuality and personal easion. Is it any wonder Z is

Z lives in Central Park, and ags to be an individual. He has thing for the beautiful Princess ala (Sharon Stone), the spoiled highter of the queen. But she as no use for an ordinary drone, and Z is out of his league.

Preview clips show Z attempt to rescue Princess Bala who attached to chewing gum tuck to the bottom of a running hoe. Animation makes you see world from an ant's persp and you'll never squash an

Paulie," the first of Dream-vorks' 1998 film releases, flies nto metro Detroit movie theters Friday, April 17.

Paulie is a parrot who doesn't nimic, he talks to people. His irst owner, and love, is Marie, a tle girl (Hallie Kate Eisenberg) ho raises him from a baby. Helping Marie overcome a stuter gives Paulie the gift of gab but doesn't prevent her parents from sending him away when they feel she is becoming too hed to him.

Discover America through the

E Discover America through the eyes of 'Paulie' as he travels across the country to find Marie. Told by 'Paulie,' this film reveals the wonders of the bird world, and our world, through a series of funny adventures.

eyes of "Paulie" as he travels across the country to find Marie. Told by "Paulie," this film reveals the wonders of the bird world, and our world, through a series of funny adventures.

On July 10 look for "Small Soldiers," a film which asks the question – "what if toys had military intelligence, and were so smart they play back?"

Unlike "Toy Story," a battle of toys against a bully, this film blends live action with state-of-the-art computer animation to tell the story of a war between the Gorgonites, and the Com-mando Elite. Suburbia is the battlefield, and the action figures take their job seriously. Parents get caught in the crossfire of this explosive not-for-little kids film.

Believing that any time is a good time to release a really great film, DreamWorks is releasing "Saving Private Ryan, starring Tom Hanks and Matt Damon on July 24.

As armies storm the beaches on D-Day, a unit of troops is

ordered to find and retrieve one soldier - Private James Ryan. The quest is set off by the delivery of some very bad news to Ryan's mother – her other three sons were killed in action.

"It's the strongest anti-war film I've ever seen," said Press. "It's about human emotion more than anything. There are people today have no concept of World War II. This will be an eye open-

"Saving Private Ryan," directed by Spielberg, asks the question, "Why is one man worth risking eight ... why is the life of this private worth more than their own?

Claire Cooper (Annette Bening) is haunted by the twisted visions of a killer (Robert Downing, Jr.)in "In Dreams," a psychological thriller due to be released this fall.

Coming to her in her dreams, the killer gradually begins to close in on Claire's waking life, drawing her into a dark vortex of



Drama: Captain John Miller (Tom Hanks, right) and the Sarge (Tom Sizemore) lead a squad of sol-diers behind enemy lines to find and retrieve one man, Private James Ryan, in Saving Private Ryan.'

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at JET. Adam Rochkind of West omfield has done "Lost in mkers" before too. He starred Arty at JET's, and now plays lay, the older brother, opposite Parker Plague of Canton who is Arty

"It's not the same. The actors are different. I have to relate to each actor like a family member, that's new" said Hermelin, who unlike the cold, unfeeling character she plays, loves her family and isn't afraid to show them.

During the interview she excused herself several times to answer a grandchild's question and took a call from her brother. David, the ambassador to Norway, who is visiting from Oslo.

"He called on his car phone and started singing this song, he wanted to know if I knew what it was," she said laughing.

"I've done the ground work, but I don't remember how a line was played before. My lines are a response to the moment I am experiencing on stage. It's new. In rehearsal we began to create this wonderful world in Yonkers."

Hermelin takes a positive approach to her character, even though people don't like her. "My surviving my children," she said. "If you don't love, you can't feel loss. Life is hard, and you have to be hard like steel. If she's hard, she thinks her children and grandchildren will be able to face the hardness of life.'

As the play unfolds, we learn a lot about grandma from the other characters. When she was 12 she went to a demonstration with her father in Germany. The soldiers came, and he was killed. A horse ran over her foot and broke it. Instead of getting her foot fixed, grandma used the money to bring her family - a husband and five children with one on the way - to America. After the child, Bella, is born, her husband dies. She starts a business, and distances herself from her children after two Rose and Aaron, die. There's bittersweet humor when Louie says - "she never took an aspirin for the pain." Grandma's tough as nails in more ways than one.

"It's sad just to see all this," said Hermelin. "I understand it. As you grow older in life you lose people - my parents, friends, and you see other people who've lost children. Thank god I have not. How did my mother and father survive the loss of a child? You think, 'Oh my god, I couldn't go on, but you I would have to. My character did what she had to do to survive and raise her children. She had these losses and developed this response - 'I had to hold people away from me,

because it's hard to lose them. I became this woman.' Her grandchildren are important to her, but she never lets on."

For Wicks the challenges included working with set designer Peter Hicks to build doors that could be slammed in anger, finding the right dinnerware and period costumes, especially shoes, and working with Plague and Rochkind on their volume. "This is their first time at Meadow Brook," said Wicks. "It's a big stage."

TV, she says, is smaller than life; films are bigger than life, but theater is life-size, the actors

are relating with the audience.

"People go to see plays over and over," said Wicks. "When I was acting I did 'South Pacific' six times and each time it was a different production."

For "Lost in Yonkers," she says "I couldn't have asked for a better cast. They look like a cohesive family. People should come in and allow the information and emotions to wash over them. I think American plays about families will always endure."

On stage, there is only joy for Hermelin, despite the character she plays. "You don't know what's going to happen out there. It's exciting."

ART BEAT

UCTION OF COLEMAN YOUNG

DuMouchelle Art Galleries will fuction the estate of the late coleman A. Young, former mayor Detroit, 11 a.m. Saturday.

April 18.
The collection features an tensive selection of jewelry, ina, crystal, African artwork, miture and decorative items nd memorabilia of Young's mayral tenure.

Young bequeathed his estate to his son, two sisters and long-time companion. Items not caimed by the beneficiaries or ved for historical archives e being offered through this

Catalogs detailing the mayor's essions are available at the Jefferson, Detroit; (313) 963-6255.

INFATUATION WITH A PIANO

A unique art-case piano esigned by J.B. Tiffany in 1902 will be unveiled 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 17 at the newly expanded adquarters of Hammel Music. 4110 Telegraph Road in Bloom

In conjunction, Hammel Music will kick off the 1998 Musical Feasts Season, featuring music by DSO Brass Ensemble, pianist Pierre Fracalanza and vocalist Laurie Meeker.

Proceeds will benefit for Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall. For information, (313) 567-5154.

MEADOW BROOK HALL NAMES CURATOR

Hall's first curator. Friedman will assume her post in June. Meadow Brook Hall is the

fourth largest home in the U.S. The historic hall is the former residence of Oakland University founders, Matilda Dodge Wilson and Alfred G. Wilson.

Plans for the hall include additional events tailored to school children, college students, and tourists. A new lectures series is

also expected. Friedman was an educational specialist with the J. Paul Getty Museum, where she developed lecture, concerts and theater pro-

The 80-000-square-foot Tudorstyle mansion has been preserved with the original family furnishings and art. It's considered a "time capsule of the lavish lifestyles of wealthy American industrialists of the early 20th

century.
Highlights of the collection include Tiffany art glass, Stickely furniture, paintings by Sir Joshua Reynolds, Sevres and Meissen porcelain and Rookwood pottery.

A \$2-million restoration of Meadow Brook Hall was completed last fall. It included a new entrance, barrier-free ramps, outdoor seating and a visitors orientation center.

CRANBROOK'S WRITING RETREAT Writers of all skill levels can

retreat into nature and composition at Cranbrook Schools' second annual "Retreat for Writers, from July 10-July 23.

The retreat includes sessions with more than two dozen authors of poetry, fiction, memoirs, nonfiction, screenplays and children books.

Cost ranges from \$280-\$630 depending on the length of the sessions.

This year's participants include poet Mark Doty, children's author Elaine Greenstein, fiction author Joshua Henkin, poet Thomas Lux, screenwriter Bill Phillips and poet Gerald

A catalog of classes, teachers biographies and registration information available at (248) 645-3492

DIRECTORY OF ARTISTS

An updated 1998 listing of artists is now being complied.

Prerequisites included artists who have work in museums, permanent collections, galleries. juried art shows, or art competi-

tion award winners. The reference director will 2244

include an artists biography and artist statement.

It will not include illustrations, photos or any specific comments about the artists work.

There is no cost to be included in the directory.

The 1997 edition, "Directory of Michigan Artists," is available at libraries or by calling Marilyn Fosburg, (517) 544-2455. Price:

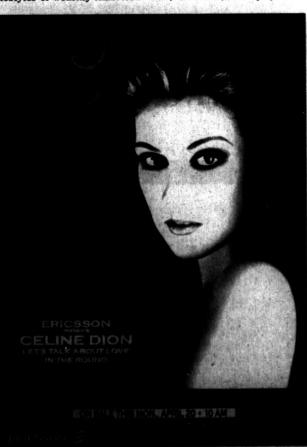
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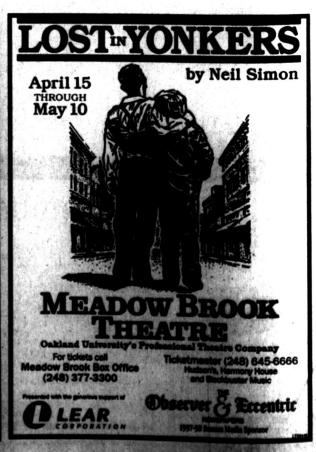
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Wonderful 'Wizard of Oz' on stage doesn't disappoint

"The Wizard of Oz," continues through April 26 at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$45.50 (main floor and mezzanine), \$32.50 and \$17.50, with school and group discounts available. Call (248) 433-151, or (313) 596-3211 for information and show times.

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

Birmingham native Jessica Grove is taking the first steps on the yellow brick road to stardom in a dazzling staging of the MGM version of L. Frank Baum's "The Wizard of Oz."

The 1939 movie classic is one of the most beloved entertainments ever. An unusual convergence of all the right elements resulted in a family movie that has yet to be equaled. It made a star of Judy Garland and gave Ray Bolger, Bert Lahr, Jack Haley, Margaret Hamilton and Frank Morgan their most enduring roles.

Director Robert Johanson took on the daunting task of bringing this magic to life on a theater

The magic survives in a production that will delight little children with its special effects and adults with its wonderful music and nostalgic ties to the original film. This is not a cheap, traveling show ripoff of a known product. It is a first-class enter-

REVIEWS

tainment from sets to music to

outstanding performances.

The Harold Arlen-E.Y. Harburg score is the best book musical ever written directly for a movie. (The Gershwins and Cole Porter wrote songs for the movies but never an integrated musical score.) It has life, wit, charm. It has the bounce of childhood but an irreverence that appeals to adults. For the stage production, Johanson has revived "The Jitterbug," a number rightly dropped from the movie because it was too contemporary but here an interesting tie to the '30s. The singers and the orchestra give full value to the music.

The performances are generally excellent, beginning with Grove's warm, sweet and caring Dorothy. She doesn't have Garland's nervous tremor, but she brings a quality to the part that is all her own. Lara Teeter as Scarecrow, Dirk Lumbard as the Tin Man and Ken Page as the Cowardly Lion each bring their own styles to their parts. Lumbard is probably closest to the film model but it is Page who gets the "lion's" share of laughs and sympathy. Judith McCauley as Glinda is a fine singer who creates the same magical sereni-

ty that Billie Burke did in the film.

But the real star turn here is the indefatigable Eartha Kitt who is obviously enjoying herself immensely as the Wicked Witch. She hisses, cackles and does acrobatics as she sails through the air on her broomstick. How does she get that kind of energy? Two other familiar faces round

Two other familiar faces round out the cast, AMC movie host Bob Dorian as Uncle Henry and the Winkie General and the legendary Mickey Rooney as the Wizard.

And a word, too, for Plenty, the dog who plays Toto with such patience and style.

The sets by Michael Anania provide a neat parallel to the film, beginning with a shades of gray Kansas that turns into a blaze of color Munchkinland. The Art Deco Emerald City and the German Expressionist Witch's lair are faithfully and fully recreated. And the Yellow Brick Road is brought right up front for the audience to get up-close and personal with the dancing foursome.

Special effects are handled flawlessly from a rowdy, twisty tornado to flying monkeys to disappearing slippers to fire shooting brooms. The kids will love it.

This is a stage production that works on its own terms and does tribute to its enduring sources.

This is a great introduction to live theater for children.



GERRY GOO

Courage: Mickey Rooney as the Wizard in "The Wizard of Oz." gives the Cowardly Lion (Ken Page) his "courage."

Three Sisters' well performed at Hilberry

Wayne State University's Hilberry Theatre presents "Three Sisters," the dramatic classic by Anton Chekhov in rotating repertory through May 16 at the theater, 4743 Cass Ave. on campus, Detroit. For ticket information, call (313) 577-2972.

BY SUE SUCHYTA SPECIAL WRITER

The Hilberry's production of Chekhov's brooding masterpiece, "Three Sisters" is a masterfully performed 3-hour drama for the serious playgoer.

At the turn of the century, three well-bred and educated sisters, along with their ineffectual brother, are stranded in a small Russian town when their father, an army Commander, unexpectedly dies. They dream of returning to Moscow, their cultural and intellectual mecca. However, their genteel upbringing has left unable to assert themselves in the real world. The siblings become pawns to fate, never confronting their dreams. Despite the occasional optimistic shadows their lessers cast, the sisters and their brother sink deeper into their own abyss.

This show will be the farewell performance for many third-year members of the Hilberry company. The actresses portraying the three sisters, Olga, Masha and Irina, are among those taking their final curtain call.

Mary Vignette captured the quiet desperation of Olga, the oldest sister, a spinster headmistress, who achingly confessed she would marry any man who

asked. Vignette, often cast in older roles, proved she can portray the romantic longing and raw emotions of a younger, vulnerable character.

The talented Peggy Johns, whose past performances include a kaleidoscope of characters, captured both the heavy melancholy of Masha's loveless marriage and the passion of a desperate woman pursuing an ill-fated offeir.

Antoinette Doherty turned in her strongest performance of the season as Irina, the youngest sister, who quixotic quest for true love is doomed. Doherty's moving performance exposed the pain of unfound love, and the heartbreaking acceptance of fate's cruel hand.

Other stand-outs in the cast include the brooding brother Andrey, played by Bret Tuomi, and Natasha, the crude but street smart sister-in-law, whose rise to power was skillfully crafted and cleverly timed by Judith Annozine. David Engelman captured the charismatic and seductive nature of Lt. Col. Alexander Versininn, the object of Masha's

The set was awkward at best; the different levels and entrances did not lend themselves to the play's blocking. The set was also overwhelmed with chairs, which were clumsily shoved together during one scene to form two beds; the cast would have done better without the ridiculous contrivance.



Sound engineer Mark DeLorenzo's music intensified the play's deliberate contrasts. The upbeat sounds of a march floated gaily in the air while the sisters mourn the exodus of the army garrison, whose officers were their only link to their past life. In a like manner, Brian Boyer's lighting captured emotional turning points with dramatically intense spots.

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Antoinette
Doherty in
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Drama: Mary

Vinette (left

Peggy Johns

to right),

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April 17 - "Works by Lenore Gimpert." 568 N. Old Woodward Avenue, Birmingham; (248) 594-0472. Through April 30.

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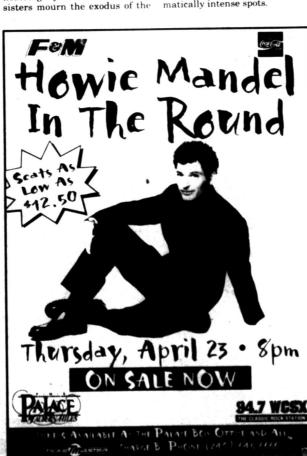
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JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE

The Cemetery Club," a story about three widows in their early 50s who meet monthly to remember their husbands, Wednesday-Sunday, April 22-May 24, Aaron DeRoy Theatre, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. \$13-\$23, with seniors, students and group discounts available. (248) 788-2900

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How Can You Stoop SoLo?" 8 p.m. hursday-Saturday, April 23-25, and 2 .m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, April 26, ngton, Ann Arbor; "How Can You Washington, Ann Arbor; "How Can You Stoop Sol.o," 8 p.m. Thursdays April 30 and May 7, 9 p.m. Fridays, May 1 and 8, 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays, May 2 and 9, and 7 p.m. Sundays May 3 and 10, 1515 Broadway theater, 1515 Broadway, Detroit. \$15, \$12 students and seniors, "pay what you can" Thursdays. (734)

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SOR LIGHT OPERA er on the Roof," featuring Nancy, and Jenny Florkowski of Redford, Rachel Cantor and Fred Jody and Jenny Florkowski or Redrore, and Rachel Centor and Fred Wassermann, both of West Bloomfield, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 24-25, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 26. Chrysler Theatre in the Cleary International Centre, Windsor, \$20, \$18 seniors, students or oups of 20 or more (Canadian). (517) 974-6593

COLLEGE

ARNER LAS THEATRE dren of a Lesser God," 8 p.m. y-Saturday, April 17-18, Varner Lab tre, Varner Hall, Oakland University on Boulevard and Adams Road, Walton Boulevard and Adams Now., Rochester. \$10, \$8 seniors, \$5 students. 8 p.m. April 17 performance interpreted for the hearing impaired. (248) 370-3013 U-M SCHOOL OF MUSIC "Mine and Colossus," a workshop pro-

"Mina and Colossus," a workshop pro-duction of a new musical based on the life of poet/artist Mina Loy, 8 p.m., Sunday-Tuesday, April 19-21, The Video Studio, room 1356, inside the Media Union Building, 2281 Bonisteel Boulevard, on the north campus of University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 764-0450

WSU BONSTELLE THEATRE

"Cabaret," by Joe Masteroff, John Kander and Fred Ebb, 8 p.m. Fridays Saturdays, April 17-18 and 24-25, and 2 p.m. Sundays, April 19 and 26, at the theater, 3424 Woodward Ave., on the campus of Wayne State University, Detroit. (313) 577-2972

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Three Sisters

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Three Sisters, by Anton Chekhov, 8
p.m. Thursday, April 16, and Saturday,
April 18; "A Women of No Importance,"
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ARM ARBOR CIVIC THEATRE
"The Merchant of Venice," by William
Shakespeare, Thursday-Suriday, April 16-26, at the playhouse, 2275 Platt Road, Ann Arbor, 8 p.m., 2 p.m. Sundays, \$16, \$14 students and seniors. (734) 971-



On the road to Oz: Jessica Grove as Dorothy, and Lara Teeter as Scarecrow, in "The Wizard of Oz," continuing through April 26 at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$45.50 (main floor and mezzanine), \$32.50 and \$17.50 and the school and group discounts available. Call (248) 433-151, or (313) 596-3211 for information and show times.

ROSEDALE COMMUNITY THEATER

"The Odd Couple," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, April 17-18 and 24-25, and May 1-2, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at the Upstage Theater, 21728 Grand River Ave. (1/2 block east of Lahser Road), Detroit, \$10, with discounts for groups seniors and students. (313) 532-4010 STAGEGRAFTERS 2ND STAGE

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TROY PLAYERS
"You're a Good Man Charlie Brown," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 17-18, 24-25 and May 1-2, 2 p.m. Sundays April 19 and 26, and 2 p.m Saturday, May 2, at the playhouse, 3179 Livernois (the old Troy High School, north of Big Beaver Road), Troy. \$10, \$9 seniors/children under age 12, group rates available (248) 879-1285

DINNER THEATER

GENITTI'S HOLE-IN-THE-WALL "Trial By Error," live interactive com dinner theater, through June at the restaurant, 108 E. Main St., Northville \$39.95 includes seven-course dinner of soup, bread, pasta, antipasto salad, baked chicken, Italian sausage, Ital steak, vegetables and dessert, the show, tax and tip; "Beanie Baby Capers," a children's theater program about folks who form a group to swap Beanie Babies after becoming frustrated with standing in line waiting for new Beanles, Saturda April 18. \$9.65 for children, \$11.65 for adults, includes the show, and mini-lun-cheon of soup, bread, salad, mostacioll chicken legs, dessert, tax and tip. (248)

JACKSONN PRODUCTIONS "Murder Italian Style Part 3," an audience participation murder-mystery comedy, 6:30 p.m. Saturdays through May 16, at Fiorelli's Restaurant, 26125 E. Huron \$35 at the door, includes dinner, show, tax and tip. Non-smoking dinner theater. (313) 782-1431

HE REYNOLDS SHOW Dinner of roast turkey breast, pork loin, baked cod and dessert, 5:15-6:45 p.m. Sunday, April 19, K Building, Macomb Community College, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township, preceded by 3 p.m. and followed by 7 p.m. performances of Debbie Reynolds Show, at the adjacent Macomb Center for the Performing Arts. \$15 dinner tickets. \$32, \$29 students and seniors for show.

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

MARQUIS THEATRE
"Charlotte's Web," 2:30 p.m. Saturdays,
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and 26, and Thursday-Friday, April 16-17,
at the theater, 135 E. Main St.,
Northyille, 86.50. Children ages 3 and
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Historic Players Club, 3321 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit. Noon lunch and 1 p.m. show Seturdays, and 1 p.m. lunch and 2 p.m. show Seturdays, and 1 p.m. lunch and 2 p.m., show Sundays. \$7.50 includes lunch. (810) 662-8118
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son groups of 10 or more. (248) 424-

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p.m. Thursday, April 23, 10:45 a.m.
Friday, April 24, 8 p.m. Friday, April 24,
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As part of "Renaissance Night," 9 p.m. to midnight Thursday, April 16, and 9 p.m. to midnight Thursday, April 23, O'Mara's, 2555 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley, Free. 21 and older. (248) 399-6750

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Lyric soprano sings art songs and ileder by Samel Barber, Richard Strauss and Henri Duparo, 8:30 p.m. Friday, April 24, in the Detroit Institute of Arta Recital Hall, 5200 Woodward Ave. \$25 includes light buffet following concert. (313) 886-3207

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With performances by Ted Nugent, Jazzhead, Dietrick Haddon, The Rev. Wright Time and the First Cousins of Funk, Mr. B, Jill Jack and the Wild Bunch, 7 p.m. Friday, April 24, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. erved cabaret tickets, \$7 in advance and \$10 day of show for gen admission balcony. After-show party with Imperial Swing Orchestra and Robb Roy starts at 9:30 p.m. \$10. (313) 961-5451 **GUN AND KNIFE SHOW**

Vith guns, rifles, hunting supplies, and ammo, noon to 9 p.m. Friday, Apri 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, April 18, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, April 19, Gibraltar Trade Center, 15525 Rancho Road, Taylor. (734) 287-2000

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11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 19, at the State Fairgrounds, Wood and Eight Mile, Detroit. \$6, \$1 ages 6-

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Traditional Polish Easter dinner, 1 p.m.
Sunday, April 19, American Polish
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New York Comedian Jeff Skilson perform
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gamba, Paul O'Dette, vihuela, Andrew Lawrence-King, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 23, Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, Michigan League, 911 N. University, Ann Arbor, \$15 and \$25. (800) 221-

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BRASS

CHICAGO STAFF BAND 7 p.m. Saturday, April 18, First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty Road, Northville. \$4, \$2 students. (248) 477-

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CHORAL

1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 19, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$6. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or "INDUSTRY SINGS" Meadow parking lot, Highland Recreation area, 5200 E. Highland Road (M-59),

8 p.m. Saturday, April 25, featuring choirs from Detroit Edison, Ford Motor Company, General Motors, Masco, and the Gentleman Songsters, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, M-59 (Hall Road) and Garfield, Clinton group discounts available. (313) 532-

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Madonna University's music department hosts a spring chorale concert, 7 p.m. Sunday, April 19, in the Motherhouse Chapel, Schoolcraft at Levan, Livonia. sion is free but donations to music scholarship fund accepted. (734) 432-5709

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showtunes, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 25, and 4 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at Plymouth-Salem High School, 46181 Ju h School, 46181 Joy Road, Canton. \$8. (734) 455-4080

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Farms. Free. 21 and older. ("gypsy
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8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, April 24,
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Free. 21 and older. (vocal plano/bass
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FREDDY GOLE QUARTET

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The brother of the lete Nat "King" Cole
performs 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. FridaySaturday, April 17-18, Bird of Paradiae,
207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$18. (734)
662-8310

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JACK DRYDEN TRIO
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Fridey, April 17, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham.
Free, 21 and older, (guitar/plano/bass trio) (248) 645-2150
TEDSY EDWARDS
9 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Fridey-Saturday, April 24-25 (\$25), and 5 p.m. Sunday, April 24-25 (\$25), and 5 p.m. Sunday, April 24-25 (\$25), and 5 p.m. Sunday, April 24-26 (\$25), and 5 p.m. Sunday, April 28-26 (\$25), and 5 p.m. Sunday, Ap

7:30-11:30 p.m. Fridays, April 17 and 24, and 6-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, O'Mara's, 2555 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley. Free. 21 and older. (jazz planist) (248) 399-6750

JOHNNY GRIFFIN QUARTET 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Thursday, April 16, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door.

Arbor: \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door.
21 and older, (734) 662-8310
MEIDI MEPLER & MICHELE RAMO
8:30-10:30 p.m. Thursdays, at Java
Master, 33214 W. 14 Mills Road (east of Farmington Road), West Bloomfield; 7-10 p.m. Fridays, at Cafe Cortina, 30715 W. 10 Mile Road, Farmington Hills; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's Market, 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi. (248) 626-7393/ (248) 474-3033/ (248) 305-

7333 INTRIGUE

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 17-18, D.L. Harrington's Roadhouse, 2086 Crooks Road (at M-59), Rochester Hills. Free. d older. (jazz/top 40) (248) 852-

SHEILA LANDIS

With her trio, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, April 18, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older; 7-10 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, Colangelo's, 2 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. All ages; With Rick Matle, 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 24-25, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150/(248) 334-2275/(313) 61-8101 KID BROTHER

8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, April 16, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (piano/bass/drums trio) (248) 645-2150

SALIS/STRAVINSKY WORLD PREMIERE

PREMIERE
Featuring Wynton Marsalis performing
his latest composition based on Igor
Stravinsky's "L'Histoire du Soldat," wit
David Shifrin, clarinet, Milan Turkovic, bassoon, David Taylor, trombone, Ida Kavafian, violin, Edgar Meyer, bass, and Jason Marsalis, percussion, as part of a joint project of The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center and Jazz Lincoln Center, 8 p.m. Friday, April 24, Rackham Auditorium, Rackham Building 915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. \$25-\$40 (800) 221-1229 or

http://www.ums.org MATT MICHAELS TRIO

8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, April 16, and with guest saxophone player Gener Parker, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, April 23, Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. \$5 cover waived with dinner (served until 8 p.m.) plus a \$5 inimum. (248) 474-4800

MARK MOULTRUP TRIO 8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, April 23, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (piano/bass/drums trio) (248) 645-2150

ANGELO PRIMO 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 24-25, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-1600 JUDGE MIKE WAHLS TRIO

6-8 p.m. Sunday, April 19, First Baptist Church, 300 Willits St. (at Bates Street). Birmingham. Offering taken during interlude benefits Henry Ford Health System Oncology Department. Wahls has been diagnosed with myeloma. (248) 644-0550 or http://users.aol.com/church www/first.htm 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 ALLEN WASSERMAN TRIO

8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, April 18, Agape Caffe, 205 Fifth Ave. (at Center Street), Royal Oak. Free, 25-cent sur charge on drinks during live entertainment. All ages. (248) 546-1400

WORLD MUSIC

DETROIT TAMBURITZA ORCHESTRA Performing on traditional Croatian instru ich produce a sound similar to the balalaika or mandolin, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at Troy High School. 4777 Northfield Parkway, off Long Lake Road, between Coolidge and Crooks. (810) 739-3359/(810) 776-8496 or (810) 775-4899 PINO MARELLI

8 p.m. Friday, April 17, 7 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, April 22-23, and 8 p.m. Friday, April 24, Luciano's, 39031 Garfield Road, Clinton Township, Free All ages; Sunday, April 19, as p Italian Study Group of Troy's Italian of the Year celebration at the San Marino Club, Troy; 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 21. Ardo's, 27900 Hoover Road, Warren Free. All ages. (English/Italian/Spanish pop standards and originals) (810) 263pop standards and originals) (810) 263-6540/(248) 585-5248/(810) 582-0080 NBOURN AND BATTLEFIELD

8 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, The Ark, 316 S. lain St., Ann Arbor. \$15. All ages. British/Celtic) (734) 761-1451 or

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

MARGIE ADAM

With the Out Loud Chorus, 8 p.m. Sunday, April 19, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, \$15, All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.s2ark.org

JOAN BAEZ
Saturday, April 18, Borders Books and
Music, 612 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor.
Free, All ages: With Richard Shindell, 8
p.m. Saturday, April 18, Michigan
Theatre, 603 Liberty St., Ann Arbor. \$35
gold circle, \$30 reserved. All ages.
(734) 668-7100/(734) 668-8397 or
http://www.99music.com
DAN BERN
8 p.m. Saturday, April 18, The Ark, 316
S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10. All ages.
("topical-political-poetical-sarcastic-punkpop-folk") (734) 761-1451 or
http://www.a2ark.org

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Making contact: Please submit popular music items for publication to Christina Fuoco; all others to Linda Chomin, two weeks in advance to the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or by fax (734) 591-7279

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7:30 p.m. Friday, April 17, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org ESTONE FARM DANCERS

Host open jam for string band musicians, 46 p.m. Saturday, April 18, Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road (1/2 mile south of I-94), Ann Arbor. Free (734) 662-3371 NG LIGHTS FOLK FESTIVAL"

Showcases eight folk music acts includ-ing Jere Stormer, Vint & Mathilda, Michael Wagner, and Liz Momblanco of Farmington, 7 p.m. Saturday, April 18, U-Club in the Michigan Union, 530 S. State St., Ann Arbor, \$10, \$7 with ID (734) 763-3202/327-2041 JULIE FOUNTAIN

9-11 p.m. Friday April 17, at the Coffee Studio, 600 West Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. Free. The Coffee Studio is looking for musicians and poets to read nights every Wednesday. Sign up time is 7:30 p.m. (734) 416-9288 RAY WYLIE HUBBARD

8 p.m. Thursday, April 23, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, \$12, \$11 mem-761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org RON MOORE

7:45-9:30 p.m. Sunday, April 19, Coffee Studio, 600 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. \$3.50 suggested donation. All ages. (Christian-oriented folk) (734) 416-

THE OSBORNE BROTHERS 8 p.m. Friday, April 24, Oakland

Community College, Lila Jones Johnson Theatre, 739 S. Washington, Royal Oak \$12. All ages. (bluegrass) (248) 544-RFD BOYS

8 p.m. Friday, April 24, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$9, \$8 members, students, seniors. All ages. (bluegrass) (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

IO SERRAPERE 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 544-1141

DANCE

FOURTH FRIDAY FLING ADVANCED CONTRA DANCE

With caller Peter Baker and music by the Contrapreneurs, 8 p.m. Friday, April 24, Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road (1/2 mile south of I-94), Ann Arbor \$7. (734) 665-8863 FREE CONTRA DANCE

With the Ann Arbor Rainbow Dancers and caller Joseph Pimentel, 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Friends Meeting House, 1420 Hill (west of Washtenaw Avenue), Ann Arbor. \$6, \$5 students. (734) 764-6958 or

ROCKY ROAD ADVANCED CONTRA

With callers Eric Arnold and Peter Baker, and music by David West and Donna Baird, 7-9:45 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road (north of Plymouth Road), Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 662-5158
THIRD SATURDAY CONTRA DANCE With the Cobblestone Farm Dancers. and music by Joyous Noise, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 18, Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road (1/2 mile south of I-94), Ann Arbor. \$6. (734) 665-8863/(734) 426-0241

BIG RED'S COMEDY CLUB Keith Ruff and Chris Spyer, Friday Saturday, April 17-18; Seth Buckwald, aturday, April 24-25, at the club in Mr. B's Roadhouse - Oxford, 595 N r Road (M-24), Oxford, 9248) 628 GALLAGHER II: THE LIVING SEQUEL

7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturday, April 18, and 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Sunday, April 19, Farmington Civic Theatre, 33332 Grand River Ave. (at Farmington 477-5556

JD'S MACOMB THEATRE

Open mic night with Mary Ann DeMoss 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, at the club, Walnut St., Mount Clemens, Cover charge. 18 and older. (810) 465-5154

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB Leo Dufour, Tim Rowlands and Joey Bielaska, Thursday, April 16 (free), and Friday-Saturday, April 17-18 (\$12); Steve McGrew and Joey Bielaska, Thurs April 23 (free), Friday, April 24 (\$15), and Saturday, April 25 (\$16), at the c above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

for new talent/Third Level improv. (734) 261-0555 JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S Joe Piscopo, Friday-Sunday, April 17-19, cancelled; Bob Golub, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 16 (\$8, \$18.95 dinner show package), and 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 17-18.

Billy Ray Bauer, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 23 (\$8, \$18.95 dinner show pack age), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 24-25 (\$10, \$20.95 din MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE Chris Titus, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 16 (\$9), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Unrehearsed Theatre, 8:30 p.m. eday, April 22 (\$6); Jackie Flynn, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 23 (\$7), and

8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday

Saturday, April 24-25 (\$10), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 99

HOWIE MANDEL

Concert in the round, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 23, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. \$22.50 reserved, \$12.50 general admission, All ages. (248) 377-0100 or

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE Jeff Stillson and Yim Costello, Thursday-Sunday, April 16-19; Kathleen Madigan, 1996 Rest Female Club Com ay-Sunday, April 22-26 (\$8 Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday, \$15 and Saturday), at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5), 8:30 p.m. Wed Thursdays (\$6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays (\$6). Prices same unless otherwise noted. (248) 542-9900 or .comedycastle.com SECOND CITY

Down Riverdance," 8 p.m. Wednesdays (\$10), Thursdays (\$10) and Sundays (\$10), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays (\$17.50) and Saturdays (\$19.50), through spring; "Seven Knives for Seven Lovers," a performance by The Second City's Training Center graduates, 2 p.m. Sunday, April 19, and 8 p.m. Monday, April 20 (\$4), at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 965-2222

MUSEUMS

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun," experience the adrenalin rush of roller coasters this film, 5020 John R (at Warrer Road), Detroit. \$6.75 for adults, \$4 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 ntation.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.sciencede-GREENFIELD VILLAGE

American Girls Museum Program based on the character of Samantha Parkington, 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Thursday Friday, April 16-17, , at the village, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn \$40 includes light refreshments and the 2 hour and 45 minute-hour program. (313) 982-6180; "Spring Farm Days" focuses on wool, Thursday-Sunday, Apri 23-26. \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors 62 and

younger than 5 and for members. (313) POPULAR MUSIC

older, \$7.50 kids 5-12, free for children

ALLIGATORS

9 p.m. Saturday, April 18. Carriage House Blues Band, 24200 Grand Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 535-3440 INSURGENTS

9 p.m. Friday, April 24, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 543-4300 BUGS BEDDOW BAND

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, April 17-18, Bachelor's, 1967 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. Frida April 24, Soup Kitchen Saloon, 1585 Orleans, Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (trombone-driven party blues) (248) 682-2295/(313) 259-2643 or http://www.bugsbeddow.com BEDHEAD

9 p.m. Saturday, April 18, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$6 in advance. 18 and older. (rock) (313) 833-POOL or http://www.961melt.com
NORMA JEAN BELL AND THE ALL STARS

9:30 nm to 1 am Fridays and Saturdays through June 27, Bacci Abbracci, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. Free All ages. (variety) (248) 253-1300

9 p.m. Sundays in April, Buck's Place, 23845 W. Warren Road (one block east of Telegraph Road), Dearborn Heights. ree. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 274-

BETTER DAYS

10 p.m. Saturday, April 18, Mount Chalet 4715 Woodward Ave. Royal Oak Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Friday, April 24, Kodiak Grill, 45660 Mound Road. Utica. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 549-2929/(810) 731-1750 BIG DAVE AND THE ULTRASONICS 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 16, Karl's Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial Road,

Plymouth, Free, 21 and older, (jump s) (734) 455-8450 8 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays

April, The Rattlesnake Club, 300 River Place, Detroit. Free. All ages. (pop) (313) 567-4400

With Ken Murphy, 8 p.m. Friday, April 17, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave. Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

BLUE HAWAIIANS 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 24-25, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, Free, 21 and older

BLUE ROSE 9 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free 21 and older

BLUE SUIT BLUES BAND 9 p.m. Friday, April 17, Soup Kitchen Saloon, 1585 Franklin St. (at Orleans) Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older; Alberta Adams, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 23, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and ol s) (313) 259-2643/(248) 644-4800 BONNE TEMPS ROULLE

With Leonard Moon, 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 17-18, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester, Free. All ages. (R&B) (248) 652-1600

BRAN VAN 3000
7 p.m. Thursday, April 16, The Sheiter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8.50 in advance, \$10 at the door. All ages. (hip-hop/pop) (313) 961-MELT or

ttp://www.961melt.com RIAN JONESTOWN MAS With Swoon 23, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 23, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, \$7 in advance, 18 and older. (rock) (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com

9 p.m. Thursday, April 16-Saturday, April 18, and Thursday, April 23, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. \$3. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477 BUSTERS BLUES BAND

9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 23, Karl's Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (734) 455-8450 CALOBO

With Rubber Soul, 8 p.m. Sunday, April 19, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, \$5, 18 and older, ("acoustic and electric intertwined into one groove") (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com

With Almighty Groove, 9 p.m. Friday April 17, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 334-9292

SHAWN COLVIN special guest Loudon Wainwright III, 8 p.m. Friday, April 24, Michigan Theater, 603 Liberty St., Ann Arbor. \$25, \$35 gold circle. All ages. (pop) (734) 668-8397

HARRY CONNICK JR. AND HIS ORCHESTRA

"An Evening of Romance," 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, Hill Auditorium, 530 S. State St., Ann Arbor, Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (734) 764-8350

With Rorschach Test, 8 p.m. Thursday April 16. The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8 in advance. All ages. (techno) (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com DEEP SPACE SIX

9 p.m. Thursday, April 23, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti, Cover charge. 19 and older. (Deadhead) (734) 485-5050 DEFAMATION OF CHARACTER (DOC)

9 p.m. Friday, April 24, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 334-9292

7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 16. The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$20 in advance, \$23 day of show. All ages. (blues) (734) 761-1451 DUKE TUMATOE

DUKE TUMATOE

8 p.m. Thursday, April 16, Carriage
House Blues Alley, 24300 Grand River
Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and
older. (blues) (313) 535-3440 EARTH CRISIS

p.m. Wednesday, April 22, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$9 in advance. All ages. (rock) (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

9 p.m. Saturday, April 18, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older (blues) (248) 644-4800

EKOOSTIK HOOKAH With Guster, 8 p.m. Friday, April 17

Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$12.50 in ce. 19 and older. (Deadhead) (734) **EL-KABONG**

With The Crossing, 9 p.m. Friday, April 17. JD's Entertainment Center, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens, Ladies free before midnight. 18 and olde hard-core covers) (810) 465-5154 FACE

With Blue Eyed Soul, 9 p.m. Thursday April 23, Rivertown Saloon, 1977 Woodbridge, Detroit. Free. 18 and older

PETE "BIG DOG" FETTERS 10 p.m. Friday, April 24, The Lodge 2442 Orchard Lake Road, Sylvan La Cover charge, 21 and older, (blues) 248) 683-5458

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6 in advance. All ages. (rock) (313) 961-MELT or ttp://www.961melt.com

10 p.m. Thursday, April 16, Library Pub. 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday, April 24, Library Pub. 35230 Central City Parkway. Westland Free 21 and olds (rock/funk) (248) 349-9110/(734) 421-

4 DEGREES 10 p.m. Friday, April 17, Scalici's Underground Lounge, 6650 Allen Road Allen Park, Cover charge, 21 and older

JULIE FOUNTAIN 8 p.m. Friday, April 17, Coffee Studio, 600 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Free.

All ages. (acoustic) (734) 416-9288 With Away, 9 p.m. Saturday, April 18, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248)

9 p.m. Saturday, April 18, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (ska) (734)

GANGSTER FUN

ROBERT GILLESPIE AND STEPHEN **GRANT WOOD**

8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 23, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 544-

GOVERNMENT HONEY

9 p.m. Sundays in April, and Friday, April 24-Seturday, April 25, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. \$3. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477 GRR

10 p.m. Thursday, April 16, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (734) 421-

GYPSY TRIBE GYPSY TRIBE
10 p.m. Fidey, April 17, Coyote Club, 1
N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21
and older. (rock) (248) 332-HOWL
DAN HICKS AND THE ACOUSTIC
WARRIORS

8 p.m. Friday, April 17, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$12 in advance. 18 and older. Postponed until 8 p.m. Saturday, June 13. Tickets for April 44-3030 or

http://www.themagicbag.com HOWLING DIABLOS With Blue Eyed Soul, 9 p.m. Friday, April 17, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (funk/rock)

HUM 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$10 in advance. 19 and older. (alternative rock) (734) 996-8555

9 p.m. Thursday, April 23, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak Free. 21 and older. (roots rock) (248)

JAM PACT 9 p.m. Friday, April 24, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cove

charge. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 581-NIKKI JAMES AND THE FLAMETHROWERS

9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 24-25, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township. Free 21 and older. (blues) (248) 360-7450 JUST INSIDE

With Blindsided, Concrete Import and Blindfold, 9 p.m. Friday, April 24, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (810) 465-5154 PETER KEANE

8-10:30 p.m. Saturday, April 18, Off-The-Wall Acoustic Coffeehouse at St. William parish hall, 531 Common, Walled Lake. \$7.50, \$15 family, \$5 student. All ages; 1 p.m. Sunday, April 19, Borders Books and Music, 612 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor Free. All ages. (blues) (248) 624-1421/(734) 668-7100

KING WING TIP 9 p.m. Thursday, April 23, Carriage House Blues Alley, 24200 Grand River Ave., Detroit, Cover charge, 21 and older. (blues) (313) 535-3440 KUNG FU DIESEL

10 p.m. Friday, April 17, Kodiak Grill, 45660 Mound Road, Utica. Cover charge. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Saturday. April 18. The Lodge, 2442 Orchard Lake Road, Sylvan Lake. Cover charge. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Thursday, April 23, Library Pub. 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (rockabilly) (810) 731-1750/(248) 683-5458/(734)

JOZIE KREUZER With Sun 209, Black Beauty and DJ Del Villareal, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 23, agic Stick in the Majestic com 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$6. 18 and older, (rockabilly/roots rock) (313) 833-POOL or MajeStickC@aol.com
LADY SUNSHINE AND THE X BAND 9 p.m. Saturday, April 18, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 581-

OHN D. LAMB 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 16, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 24-25, Mr. B's Farm, 24555 Novi Road Novi Free 21 and 1141/(248) 349-7038 or

//www.jdlamb.com 10 p.m. Friday, April 24, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 er. (rock) (248) 349-9110 MARY LOU LORD

With Slim Dunlap and Raging Teens, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, April 18, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$8 in dvance. 19 and older. (pop) (734) 996-

JIM MCCARTY AND MYSTERY TRAIN 9 p.m. Friday, April 24, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older (blues) (734) 451-1213

10 p.m.-2 a.m. Wednesdays in April Builfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477 PIE FONTANA

9 p.m. Thursday, April 16, Beaver Creek. 1609 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak Free 21 and older: 9 p.m. Roadhouse, 6761 S. Dixie Highway, Clarkston Free 21 and older rock) (734) 722-5330/(248) 543-

0917/(248) 625-4600

April 17, Blind Pig. 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor, \$5, 19 and older, (alternative MUDPUPPY

9 p.m. Saturday, April 18, Fifth Avenue 9 p.m. Saturday, April 16, Fifth Ave., Royal Oak, Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 542-9922 MYSTERY TRAIN WITH JIM MCCARTY 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 17-18, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak, Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 543-4300

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With American Mars and Michelle Penn, 8 p.m. Friday, April 24, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6. 18 and older. (roots rock/pop) (248) 544 3030 or http://www.themsdichas.com

With Bouncing Souls, 5 p.m. Saturday, April 18, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$12 in advance. All ages. (punk) (248) 333-2362 or http://www.961melt.com

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With Miracleberries, 9 p.m. Saturday, April 18. Rivertown Saloon, 1977 Woodbridge, Detroit. Free. 21 and older (alternative rock) (313) 567-6020 SHADED BED

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Dance music with DJ Charles English, 9: nights, 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays; "Playground" with DJ Mike Scroggs 9 Thursdays beginning April 23 Dance music with DJ Dan of Life Productions, 9 p.m. Friday, April 24, all, at the theater, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. (810) 465-5154

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STATE THEATRE

"Club X," with 89X CIMX, 9 p.m. Saturdays at the theater, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit, Cover 18 and older, (313) 961-5451



Brothers McMullen" came out of Sundance in 1995, it was a breath of fresh young directors scrambled to Tarantino, Ed Burns wrote, directed and starred in an

old-fashioned tale of Irish-American brotherly love set in the working-class

eighborhoods of New Jersey.
"No Looking Back" is better than his sophomore effort, "She's the One," but it's barely a step forward. Set in an unnamed New York coastal town, this grainy, low-budget story's only innova-tion is surrounding Burns with a

ore recognizable cast. His Charlie left town three years ago and has now come back to reclaim his old girlfriend, Claudia (Lauren Holly), a wait-ress at the local diner. The only roblem: she lives with Charlie's est friend Michael (Jon Bon Jovi), a genuinely nice working stiff who can't convince her to tie

The message behind "No Looking Back" is essentially the same as Burns' other movies: "Guys are jerks, and sometimes they have to wander, but we love them just the same." Claudia is first put off, but then starts to around, driving her Camaro past the gas station where Charlie works and buying into his plans of traveling any where as long as it's far away.

As a writer, Burns is still bet-ter with guys. It was hard to tell in his first two movies because he cast his real-life girlfriend, who could barely act. With Holly, who really can when given the chance, it's obvious that she longs for a script as insightful as it is earnest. This one supplies only the latter.

As her patient boyfriend, rock-er Bon Jovi continues to surprise everyone with his low-key, lik-able screen persona. He's far bet-ter than Burns, who has this quality - at once charming and irritating - where he can never answer a question without a wry look or an affected stammer.

In one of the movie's better moments, a friendly poker game turns nasty as Charlie keeps upping the ante. When the others protest ("You know we don't play for those kinds of stakes"), he goads Michael into borrowing money from another player just to see the cards. The game ends rith angers flaring and Michael demanding he stay away from

Invariably, when the conversation turns to her, the tension is almost palpable as the guys try to maintain their precarious friendship. Charlie vows not to see her, but keeps reminding Michael that, with no ring on her finger, she's legally fair game.

While the tiny moments som times save the movie, it all adds up to very little. I like the bit where Claudia files her nails in a slow moment at the diner and looks over to see an older col-league doing the same. But I never believe that Holly is an actual waitress the way I did in,

say, "Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore," the kind of movie

Bruce Springsteen has been featured on countless sound-tracks, but this is the first since John Sayles' "Baby, It's You" to use his work – all older material in such quantity. His working class anthems fit the movie well maybe too well.

As Springsteen croons "One

you realize that he's not just singing about Burns' character Charlie. It's about the path Burns the filmmaker continues to take with movies like "No Looking Back."

John Monaghan welcomes your calls and comments. To leave John a voice mail message, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touchtone phone, mailbox 1866.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

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"THE OBJECT OF MY AFFECTION"

Romantic comedy about a woman who eases a room in her apartment to a gay with him. Stars Jennifer Aniston, Paul

"PAULIE"

Family drama told through the eyes of a parrot who can speak and understand English. Stars Gena Rowlands.

Dark comedic thriller centers around five Long Island prep students who kidnan a former Mafia capo to exchange for the kidnapped sister of one of the boys, Stars Christopher Walken, Denis

"I LOVE YOU DON'T TOUCH ME" Exclusively at United Artists - Oakland Romantic comedy centers around a 25year-old virgin's journey through the L.A. dating scene looking for the perfect

Scheduled to open Friday, April 24

"THE BIG ONE"

Exclusively at the Main Art Theatre, Michael Moore has returned to America's Heartland to try to figure out profits, yet continue to downsize. Stars Michael Moore, who also directed, Garrison Keillor, Studs Terkel

"THE BIG HIT"

lance guns-for-hire who may have gotten involved in one job too many and find that a hit is now out on them. Stars

"SLIDING DOORS"

What if one split second had the poter tial of sending your life in two different directions? "Sliding Doors" is a contemporary love story that follows one woman's life beyond that deciding moment - down two different paths. Stars Gwyneth Paltrow.

"THE SPANISH PRISONER

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Based on the original character created by Edgar Rice Burroughs. Tarzan returns to Africa from Greystoke in order to save his homeland from fortune-hunting Furnnean mercenaries searching for the wealthy lost city of Opar

"TWO GIRLS AND A GUY"

Exclusively at the AMC Maple Theatre. An examination of the love triangle from a revealing new angle. Shot almost entirely in real time, the film captures the intensity, complexity and ambiguity of modern relationships in an era when fidelity and sexuality and honesty aren't always a happy trio.

Scheduled to open Friday, May 1

"ALMOST HEROES"

Rollicking comedy about two explorers who lead a band of hopeless and clue less misadventures in a race to bear Lewis & Clark across the uncharted American West. Stars Chris Farley and Matthew Guest.

"DANCER, TEXAS POP. 81"

Four guys, best friends, who have grown up together in a tiny west Texas t make a vow to leave town together when they graduate. Now the time has come to "put up" or "shut up." Stars

"DEJA VU" Exclusively at the AMC Maple Theatre, A film about the powerful pull strangers can feel toward one another and how plans can be disrupted by mysterious eelings of connection and belonging that seem to defy logic. Stars Vane

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Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. Call (313) 833-2323 for information (\$5.50; \$4.50 students/seniors) "Nights of Cabiria" (Italy-1957). Friday-Sunday, April 17-19 (call for showtimes). Giulietta Masina plays a prostitute whose grasp on the value of life is tested to the breaking point in this

early classic by director (and

Masina's husband) Federico Fellini. The story was later used

for the Bob Fosse musical "Sweet Charity.' "Capitaine Conan" (France-1996). 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 20. At the end of World War I, a 1996) band of fierce French soldiers refuse to stop fighting. Another bizarre history piece from Bertrand Tavernier, director of

Magic Bag - 22918 Woodard Ferndale Call (248) 544 3030 for information. (\$2)
"L.A. Confidential" (USA-

Round Midnight."

1997). 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 22. A complex thriller, set in the 1950s, about the rough and ready days of the LAPD, where a trio of police detectives

all have their own way of getting the job done. Kevin Spacey shines as the "celebrity cop" who consults for a "Dragnet"-type TV show and also works hand-in-hand with the tabloids.

Main Art Theatre - 118 N. Main (at 11 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Call (248) 542-0180 for information. (\$6.50; \$4 students/seniors and matinees; \$3 twilight) "The Real Blonde" (USA-1998). From Tom DiCillo, director of "Living in Oblivion," comes

and entertainment. Matthew Modine and Darvl Hannah star. "Niagara Niagara" (USA-1998). Two misfits meet while shoplifting in this contemporary melodrama set in upstate New

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tion. (\$2.50) "Singin' in the Rain" (USA-1952). 8 p.m. Friday, April 17; 2

and 8 p.m. Saturday, April 18 (organ overture begins a half hour before showtime). See one of the reasons why director Stanley Donen copped that Lifetime Achievement Award at the Oscars this year. The sublime musical was co-directed by Gene Kelly, who also stars as a movie actor, a matinee idol, coming to grips with the talking picture. Donald O'Connor and Debbie

Reynolds co-star. Windsor Film Theatre -2135 Wyandotte Street, Windsor, Canada. Call (519) 254-FILM for information. (\$5.25 Canadian; \$4

"Deceiver" (USA - 1997), 9:15 p.m. through Sunday, April 19. Set mostly in the interrogation room of a police station, the movie follows a wealthy alcoholic accused of murdering a prostitute. Starring Tim Roth, Chris Penn, and Michael Rooker.

"The Knowledge of Healing" (Switzerland-1997). 4 p.m. 7 n m Saturday-Sunday. April 18-19. A study of Tibetan medicine, this film focuses on Dr. Tenzin Choedrak, personal physician to the Dalai Lama. He joins with the great exiled spiritual leader in a discussion of the full meaning of health.

Magic Bag presents animation shorts

Don't miss The Magic Bag's premiere of "General Chaos: Uncensored Animation," a collection of animated shorts premiering at The Magic Bag in Ferndale Friday-Saturday, May 1-2. There are two shows each evening 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Doors open a half hour before show-time. Running time is approximately 90 minutes including time. Running time is approxi-mately 90 minutes including intermission. Tickets \$6 in advance; 21 and older only admitted to late show. For tickets and information, call (248) 544-3030, or visit the website at

www.themagicbag.com
Advance tickets are available
at The Magic Bag Box Office 10
a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, or
Ticketmaster, (248) 645-6666
online at http://www.ticketmaster.

"General Chaos: Uncensored Animation" presents 20 shorts running the creative gamut of cel art, clay animation, puppetry,

cut outs, and computer generated art. Represented here are cult superstar artists like Bill Plympton and the Bolex Brothers to European treasures like Kathryn Travers, Stefan Eling and Frances Lea.
Skewering the wide skein of

pretensions, inanities, cultural icons, sexual hang-ups and emo-tional crises which make up our happy world, "General Chaos: Uncensored Animation" serves

Uncensored Animation" serves its subjects funny-side-up.

The shorts are: "American Flatulators", directed by Jeff Sturgis, 2:50 minutes; "Attack of the Hungry, Hungry Nipples," directed by Walter Santucci, 4 minutes; "Beat the Meatles," directed by Keith Alcorn, 1:30 minutes; "Body Directions," directed by Karl Staven, 3 minutes, "Donar Party," directed by Laurence Arcadias, 4 minutes; "Espresso Depresso," directed by David Donar, 2:47 minutes;

"Junky," directed by Tony Nittoli, 4 minutes; "Killing Heinz," directed Stefan Eling, 3:20 min-utes; "Looks Can Kill," directed by Mr. Lawrence, 1 minute; "Malice in Wonderland," directed by ice in Wonderland," directed by Vince Collins, 3:30 minutes; "Misfit," directed by Amanda Enright, 1:11 minutes; "Mutila-tor," directed by Eric Fogel, 5 minutes; "No More Mr. Nice Guy," directed by Brad Schiff, 2:11 minutes; "Oh Julie!," direct-ed by Frances Les 2 minutés. ed by Frances Lea, 9 minutes; "The Perfect Man," directed by "The Perfect Man," directed by Emily Skinner, 1:30 minutes; "Performance Art: Starring Chainsaw Bob,: directed by Brandon McKinney, 2:38 minutes; "The Saint Inspector,: directed by Mike Booth, 5 minutes; "Sex and Violence," directed by Bill Plympton, 7 minutes; "Sunny Havens (a.k.a. Meat!]!!", directed by Kathryn Travers, directed by Kathryn Travers 1:16 minutes; "Zerox and Mylar," directed by Joel Brinkerhoff.

Timing right for Gandharvas Eric Clapton fans

Timing is everything, according to singer Paul Jago of The Gandharyas. And now was the time for his London, Ontariopaged band to get a worldwide

With the first album, we had an indie deal with a label out of Chicago that went nowhere. Then the second album didn't have very much notoriety. It was to sell. This one just ed to work," Jago explained via telephone from his London

The "one" Jago is speaking of is "Sold for a Smile," The Gandharvas' debut effort for MCA Records. Released in the fall 1997 in Canada, "Sold for a Smile" has sold more than 25,000 copies, halfway to a gold record in that country.

Fans in the United States will

get the chance to hear it for themselves when "Sold for a Smile" is released here Tuesday, April 28. Those who are really play a free, all-ages show with fellow Canucks April 17, at The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit.

As with most border cities, Detroiters have had a jump start with the music of The Gandharvas, named after the Hindu term for "celestial musicians to the gods." Radio station CIMX (88.7) has played the band's first single 'Downtime" from "Sold for a Smile" for months.

The moody, ethereal song "The First Day of Spring," off an earlier album, has inundated the radio station's airwaves for weeks. Fans of that song will be



Time is right for a major label deal. The band plays St. Hall on Fri-

surprised when they pick up "Sold for a Smile." Shortly after Jago's quiet vocal introduction in 'The First Day of Spring," The injected Gandharvas metal/hip-hop guitar feel leading up to the second verse.

"We had originally recorded this album without 'The First Day of Spring.' We were doing it live that way; the heavy version. When we signed on with MCA in the States, they came to see our show a few times and they heard the heavy version. We decided we might as well put it on the U.S. album and re-release it in Canada as well," Jago said.

He added that he likes both versions for different reasons.

"I like the subtly of the first one. It's a little more dramatic. The first one is not very exciting to me live. It takes too long to develop. The second one is much more fun all around. It has bite.

But like the first one, Jago's vocals resemble Jane's Addiction's frontman Perry Farrell. When CIMX plays the original version of the song, it fields several calls from Jane's fans asking on what album that song can be

All the material on "Sold for a Smile" has a "bite" to it. "Downtime," the first single and open-ing track, along with "Watching The Girl" and "Hammer in a Shell" are out-and-out rockers. Waiting for Something to Happen/ Reprise" whips through in record time compared to The Gandharvas' previous work.
"Sold for a Smile" hits a melancholy note with "Shells."

Lyrically, the underlying theme of "Sold for a Smile" is the "write-record-tour cycle" in which musicians work. Money ("Downtime"), greed and commercialism ("Sarsaparilla"), and

thing to Happen") are addressed on the record.

"Every album we do is differ-ent," explained the soft-spoken Jago who sounds as if it's almost painful to answer questions about the album.

"We decided that for this record we would do a straight-up rock 'n' roll record, which is more like our live shows. We were just really concentrating on doing an album that was true to form to what you see when you see the band. There used to be a bit of a discrepancy between what we do on the live shows and what you

Not with "Sold for a Smile," he added. Finally after releasing earlier albums "A Soap Bubble and Inertia," and "Kicking in the Water" on indie labels, The Gandharvas can show U.S. fans what its all about.

"It makes it much easier when we do come to towns like Detroit or Buffalo or whatever. It's always hard telling people, when they ask, that they have to go over the bridge to get our CDs. It's kind of a nuisance.

"It's all timing. You know you have to keep making an effort to get a deal anywhere to extend your audience. It took us a little

while. The Gandharvas along with Pure and Plain perform a free show Friday, April 17, at The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Doors open at 6 p.m. for the all-ages show. For more information, call 961-MELT http://www.961melt.com.

come from all ages

The audience for last week's Eric Clapton concert at the Palace of Auburn Hills included boomers who probably start-ed listening to the guitar leg-end as teenagers, their kids and at least one lady who appeared to be in her 80s.

Being around as long as Clapton has in his various incarnations, it's probably natural that his audience covers a lot of different age groups. It also doesn't hurt that several Clapton songs have become mainstays of light rock radio. in addition seventies oldies sta-

There's nothing wrong with appealing to a wider audience, but the most recent Clapton concert at times had an unsatisfying and almost watered down quality. It wasn't that Clapton wasn't musically strong - he was in fine voice and his guitar work was as strong as ever. The problem was more the crowd on the stage with him and a lack of emotional depth in some of his more recent songs.

A 20-piece orchestra backed Clapton and his band which included three back-up singers. With the exception of "Tears in Heaven," the strings were mostly an annoyance that muddied the overall sound. At worst it was like having a slight buzz in your stereo speakers, at best superfluous. Also, in fairness, it might have been the sound at the Palace also sounded a little fuzzy at

To his credit, Clapton has been known for performing new arrangements of his songs over the years. That was one of



Eric Clapton

the fine aspects of his "Unplugged" performances that featured a shuffling version of Layla," which was performed

Clapton was at his strongest when he sat down and per-formed with an acoustic guitar or powered through harder driving blues numbers like "Old Love" and "Have You Ever Loved a Woman." Seemed like old times again.

The capacity crowd seemed to enjoy the two-hour concert but there wasn't the enthusiasm shown at, for instance, a concert in support of "From the Cradle." That strongly blues based set had an energy and emotion that are lacking from some other Clapton work including songs from his cur-rent release "Pilgrim" which opened the show.

Stratford director makes pitch for the arts

BACKSTAGE

venues struggling to maintain audiences. Yet they're also enduring, a constant in every culture which has survived even the harshest attempts at

fragile presence

in our society,

with artists and

repression. So here you have this entity, "the arts," equal parts soap bubble and tank.

On Backstage Pass, we try to promote and nurture the arts, and happily we're not alone. Recently, Wayne State Theatre Department faculty member and Backstage host Blair Anderson was able to sit down with Richard Monette, the artistic director of the Stratford Festival, a cherished annual summer theater event that has championed Shakespeare and other great

work for years.

Mr. Monette was in town to address the Economic Club of Detroit with a speech he called, Lunatics, Lovers and People of Business: Why We Need Artists. Blair commented to me on the uniqueness of the address, "Often when artistic leaders make appeals to the business community, it's for corporate sponsorship, donations, and phi-

lanthropic hand-outs. Monette's appeal was much more essential in describing the need of a society to actively interact with the

arts.
"Monette gained immediate credibility when he was introduced as an artistic executive who had taken his company from a deficit only a few years ago to a company 'in the black' even while making extensive outlays for improved facilities." Smart man. In addressing business people, he spoke the language of the bottom line.

Blair said he built other bridges, too. "Monette pointed out essential qualities in an artist: you need to generate ideas, bring something new to the table. You need to turn the ideas into viable realities, so you need the skills, motivation, and energy to follow through. You need to micro- and macro-manage, giving attention to details keeping the big picture in mind. Theatre artists need to work independently and as part of a team, and need analytical and critical skills to assess your own performance and work. The audience chuckled in growing awareness of the similarities between good artists and successful business people. His point was that art doesn't happen in one's sleep or on the spur of the moment. It demands hard work

"Monette stressed that are

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'good for you,' but shouldn't be seen as some sort of cultural medicine but rather as a fine wine: 'complex, rich and intoxicating; it inspires conversation; it aids in love; and we consume it for pleasure. What an eloquent voice for the

arts! Blair also asked Richard about the upcoming season. "It's an exciting one: 'Man of La Man-cha,' and 'Miracle Worker' for popular fare; Tennessee Williams' The Night of the Igua-Tennessee na' and Beckett's 'Waiting for Godot' are piquing my interest. Richard is directing two shows: Shakespeare's 'Much Ado About Nothing' and Moliere's 'The Miser,' which will move to the City Center in New York for Broadway runs in the fall." All that just a beautiful 2 1/2 hour drive away.

Also on the Big Show, we'll visit the studio of Detroit artist Robert Martin. I had a chance to ask Robert to describe what he does. "I'm an interactive artist when most people work with art, it's more pacified; you're not involved with the work. I make installations that people can walk into, and they're actually creating images, projected or on monitors, as they walk in. It's

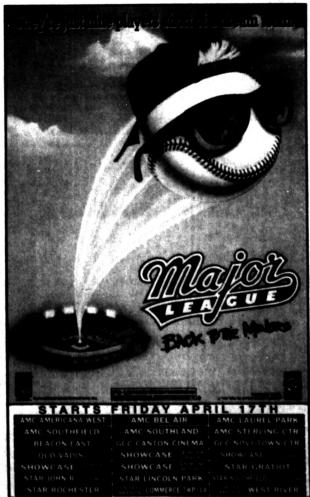
like by walking into a theatre, you're creating the graphics that you see and the music you hear as you're walking around. In a regular movie, you're sitting and watching, and it's the same every time. This is more like jazz: it can be different every time. And your entire body is part of the interface, you're not limited by having to use a mouse.

"About two summers ago I had an installation at the DIA called The Virtual Palladium,' a reference to a club in New York wellknown for showing music videos made by musicians and artists. People could walk into the room and create the interaction between the music and the graphics. Not surprisingly, kids knew how to have fun with it. A lot of adults were a little intimidated by it. But the adults who never grew up, they knew how to have fun with it, too.

Also on the show. Mammoth Records recording artists Pure will rock the studio, and 83-yearold Russell Green will show he's called Detroit's Dean of the Trumpet. That's all on Back-stage Pass, tonight at midnight on Detroit Public Television. repeated tomorrow at 7:30 p.m.







Retired firefighters open their own 'Academy'

with beer brewed on the premis-

fried. Mushrooms and onions

served with steaks are also ale

Homemade soups are offered

daily, a cheddar ale, and of

course, Fire Academy Chili. If

you can't make up your mind try

Salads are served with Euro-

grain bread, the Dispatcher's

Salad - mixed greens, mandarin

oranges, pecans, raspberry chick-

en, tossed in house raspberry

vinaigrette dressing is popular

nations to choose from, all served

with chips and a pickle spear.

Entrees such as prime rib, baby back ribs and chicken are served

with soup or salad, Euro-grain

bread basket, and choice of

baked potatoes, fries or seasoned

There are lots of burger combi-

the soup sampler.

with customers.

Mike Reddy and George Riley jumped from fires to frying pans, when they opened Fire Academy Brewery & Grill in Westland.

*Both of us had numerous small companies in the communication.

small companies in the commu-nity," said Riley who owns the recently opened restaurant with Reddy. "We were firefighters who rose up through the ranks. We were at the end of our career and wondered what are we going to do in our afterlife? Neither of us had any restaurant business background, but we like people, and being involved in the community.

George, who retired as assistant fire chief after 26 years of service, is a homebrewer, and liked the idea of opening a brewpub. He and Mike, who have known each other for many years, sensed a need for a family restaurant in the area, and did

their homework.

In 1995 they began laying the groundwork for what would come Fire Academy Brewery & Grill after retiring from the Westland Fire Department. They bought the building that houses their restaurant in May of 1997 and began renovating it.

"I have a great love for fire service and the community," said Reddy who is a retired Westland Fire Chief. "It's a nice way to be involved, you meet people, it's fun. We have a great atmosphere, something for everyone."

Fire Academy is like being at the station. You can even have dinner inside a former City of Birmingham fire truck. "The kids just love it," said Riley.

"Their eyes light up." Fire helmets and other memorabilia fill the walls, there's a colorful fire rescue mural painted by Scott Staples of Westland, and

Fire Academy **Brewery & Grill**

Where: 6677 N. Wayne Road, Westland, (734) 595-1988. Hours: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Wednesday; 11 a.m. to midnight, Thursday-Satur-day; noon to 11 p.m. Sunday.

: Something for everyone including hand-crafted beers and root beer, sandwiches, soup, salads, steaks, baby back ribs, chicken, shrimp, whitefish, and pasta. Chilren's menu available.

Cost: Ranges from \$4.75 to \$5.95 for sandwiches, entrees \$7.95 to \$15.50. Credit Cards: All majors

accepted. Reservations: Not accepted after 5 p.m. Very busy 5-9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, expect

ets: Able to serve up to 50 buffet style, or 45 sit down, inside a vintage fire truck. Reservations recommended well in advance. Parties are not scheduled on Friday and Saturday evenings.

you can watch fire-related videos on TVs scattered throughout. "There's even one of my graduation from the fire academy," said

With an emphasis on quality, the menu offers everything from prime rib, New York Strip Steaks, barbecue shrimp, pasta dishes, and salads.

Wally Green of Canton, formerly chef at the Mackinaw Brewing Co. in Traverse City, put the menu together. A lot of the side dishes are prepared



rice. Pasta dishes are served with choice of soup or salad and es such as hand sliced onion rings dipped in homemade Amber Ale beer batter and deep

"Rookies" can pick from chick en fingers, kid's ribs, kids fish and grilled cheese. They can even order a beer - Rookie Beer, a hand-crafted root beer brewed at the Fire Academy.

Save room for a Root Beer Float or one of the other scrump-

Tve Owsley brews the six hand-crafted beers that are made and served at Fire Academy. They include Axe Ale blonde, light, smooth ale, Smoke-Eater Ale – a mile-bodied beer with a hint of clove & citrus, Maltese Cross Beer - a mild brown beer, Chief's Amber Ale a medium-bodied beer, Indian Tank Ale - an intensely hopped ale, fruity Wildfire Berry Beer, and Sergeant's Stout, a rich dark beer. For \$5 you can try a beer

sampler of all six. Fire Academy serves six beers, and always has a seasonal specialty beer brewing, too. They have the capacity brew 10 different beers.

First Class: George Riley (left) and Chef Wally Green

are dedicated to providing the "finest handcraft-

ed beer, highest

quality food, and the friendliest ser-

vice in the world,

with a really neat

atmosphere," at

Brewery and

Grill.

the Fire Academy

Before joining Fire Academy, Owsley worked at the Stoney Creek Brewery in Frankenmuth. We interviewed 35 people from around the world for the job," said Riley. "He was heads and shoulders above them. He brews a quality product."
They'd like to host a micro-

brew contest at the Fire Academy in the future, and an antique fire equipment show.

Reddy and Riley are still actively involved in public ser-

Riley is a police/fire commissioner for the City of Westland, and a Civil Service Commission-

Mike serves on the YMCA Board, and Mayor's Drug Task

EATING OUT IN THE SUBURBS

Just in case you missed it, or lost the paper. Here are some of the restaurants we've recently

Arriba - Where: 314 St. Fourth St., Ann Arbor. Open: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday; 4-11 p.m. Saturday; 4-9 p.m. Sun-day Menu: Mexican restaurant emphasizing authentic regional Mexican dishes. Cost: Entrees, \$6.95-\$13.95; appetizers, \$4.95-\$5.75; salads, \$2.95-\$8.75. Reservations: For parties of six or more, call (734) 662-8485.Credit: All major credit cards.

■ Mountain King Chinese Restaurant - Where: 469 Old Woodward, Birmingham (248) 644-2913. Hours: 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday; until 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday; noon to 9 p.m. Sunday. Menu: Mandarin, Szechuan and Cantonese specialties served at lunch and dinner. Cost: Lunch specials \$5-\$6. Dinner \$5.50-\$11. Multi-course family dinners for 2-6 people \$21-\$60. Reserva-tions: Accepted. Credit cards: All majors accepted.

■ Flying Fish Tavern – Where: 6480 Orchard Lake Road, (corner of Maple Road) West Bloomfield (248) 865-8888. Hours: 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday; 3 p.m. to midnight Sunday. Menu: Casual neighborhood family eatery serves comfort foods with special focus on fresh catches of the day. Cost: Appetizers and dinner salads \$4-8; sandwiches and burgers \$5.50-7; pastas \$7-9; big plates, specials and catch of the day \$9-15; desserts \$2-4 Credit cards: All majors accepted.

Wood-Ruff's - Where: 212

W. Sixth St., Royal Oak, (248) 586-1519. **Hours:** Monday through Saturday 4 p.m. to 2 a.m., Sundays 4-9 p.m. Menu: Modern culinary twists on classics such as steaks, chops, duck and seafood served in a highly stylized, adult supper club atmosphere where jazz is king of sound. Cost: Starters \$3-Entrees \$14-24 accompanied by salad, starch as appropriate and vegetable garnish

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ON THE MENU

■ Too Chez - 27155 Sheraton Drive (northwest corner of Novi Road and I-96), Novi. Executive Chef Greg Upshur presents a special dinner 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, a multi-course feast, featuring vegetarian dishes that make a macrobiotic diet delicious and healthy. Cost is \$32 per person (tax and gratuity not included), call (248) 348-5555 for reservations/information.

■ AAA Four-Diamond Winners - Tribute Restaurant. 31425 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, and The Lark, 6430 Farmington Road, West Bloomfield, recently earned AAA's Four-Diamond designation.

This is the Lark's eight consecutive AAA Four-Diamond Award.

■ New role - Keith Famie, executive chef of Forte Restaurant in Birmingham will become consulting chef of Epoch Restaurant Group on May 1.

In his new role, Famie will work with the marketing division of the company where he will support their public relations efforts by expanding his involvement in television-related programming and promotion.

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