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ugust of 1863 brings a new job for Civil War soldier Edgar Clark. His regiment is shipped to New York to protect and maintain order at a draft site. War protesters often caused trouble at such sites in the North. His letter dated Aug. 23

"My dear wife, I am happy to say we are landed safe in this harbor and on this island last night after a beautiful and pleasant passage on board a large government steamer. Though we had a pleasant passage, most of us were glad to get our feet on land once more. We are now encamped on some of the nicest places that we ever was in. This island (Governor's Island, NY) comprises about 40 acres in New York Harbor. Some very fine and costnces — a very pleasant place generally.

"When I stand outside our tent, "When I stand outside our tent, I can count 25 or 30 vessels from all parts of the world. We were in the city of New York yesterday about four hours. It would take a man a week to go all through the city. We came here to help the government support the laws and uphold the Constitution of the U.S. We are going to protect government property from foes without and traitors within. We may stay here the remainder of the regiment's time. I hope so. I am tired of Old Virginia. Your husband, Edgar W. Clark."

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



# ew school to reflect town's look



Clarkston's new elementary school will resemble the Greek Revival architecture of the historic homes along Main Street, according to architectural renderings submitted to the school board Monday.

Envision one of those grand, white-columned homes on Clarkston's Main Street and you'll pretty much have a mental picture of the entrance, style

mental picture of the entrance, style and color of Clarkston's new elemen-tary school.

Clarkston's school board met Monday night to look at drawings of the new school's design as well as architectural renderings of renovations at Clarkston Elementary, North Sashabaw Elemen-

tary and Sashabaw Middle schools. Those buildings comprise Phase I of the district's construction/renovation project, slated to begin in July and end in August of 1999. (Phase II schools—Andersonville, Bailey Lake, Pine Knob and Springfield Plains elementaries will greet work crews next summer and celebrate August 2000 completions.)

In a presentation to the board, Doug Lake, Pine August 2000 completions.

LaFerle, vice-president of Roy G.

French Associates Inc., told trustees that RGF architects designed Clarkston's new elementary school to reflect the Greek Revival architecture of the community's downtown. LaFerle said the firm's stylistic decision also stemmed from input by the district's construction/renovation committee — a panel of teachers and parents from school buildings throughout the district. Additionally, he pointed out that architects believed the school's classic design would mesh well with its "pastoral" Hubbard Road/M-15 location, a former horse farm.

rmer horse farm. "We wanted to come up with a school that would fit into the context of the

community," LaFerle said. "What's very impressive about Clarkston is the age and the amount of historic buildings that still remain in the downtown area. We thought that that was a very significant identifier for this area. There are very few downtowns that have maintained that kind of integrity for as long as Clarkston has ... Yet, out-side of town, you still have this feeling of Midwestern rolling terrain farmland — and we wanted to capture a little bit of that."

LaFerle told trustees that architects easily decided on the school's design

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Feeding time: Wendy Adelson feeds sliced bread to her two pet camels, Lucas and Chaz, who eat foods similar to horses. Adelson intends to train her camels for riding and for show at children's birthday parties.

# **Camel collection**

# Desert animals make great pets, Clarkston-area owner learns

ne hump or two? Two. At least so far. Wendy Adelson, whose eight-acre Perfect Images Farm sits just off the corner of nd Perry Lake roads, bought her secon camel, Chaz, only a few months after she pur-chased her first, Lucas, just over one year ago. She felt sorry for Lucas, now3's years old, because he sort of, well, stood out and up from the crowd of

horses, dogs and geese that grace her property. Besides, the horses were afraid of him, she says.

Lucas needed a buddy, a soulmate, a companion, Adelson reasoned, and so she purchased Chaz, 1%, from an owner in Little Rock, Ark. At somewhere between 500 and 600 pounds, the young Chaz looks fairly diminutive against Lucas 6%-foot tall, 1,000-

pound body.
"He's pretty heavy for a camel," says Adelson of

the pet she affectionately calls Luke; then she adds

an afterthought: "For camels, they're good-looking." Indeed, they are. The two animals, which Adelto walk si held high at the same angle and their feet prancing identically, are a beautiful earthy brown, with curled head hair and slender, graceful legs.

Once he arrived at the farm, Chaz needed a name, which didn't come easily.

"Actually, the little one I wanted to name Norman," she says, thinking of her original preference for a moniker. "Everybody yelled at me. I wanted

"Normally, camels are named Omar. But I didn't want to name either one of them Omar

Adelson, who had spent time around horses all her life, came to camels by way of a former college



job at the Four Bears Park in Utica. The owners

there had camels, and they inspired her.

Adelson, who is a criminal justice graduate from
Ferris State University and who works as a selfemployed private detective, purchased the camels to appease her own dreams and to someday use for riding and for show with children.

"I'm going to use them for birthday parties and that kind of thing once they get trained," she says, laughing. "If you can get them to lay down and get on them, they're pretty much trained. The trick is getting a saddle."

Despite the fact that her horses were once frightened by Lucas, Adelson says the camels are very much like their equestrian counterparts. They

Please see CAMELS, A4

# Hot trend: Coffee, conversation in Clarkston

Lisa Moloney, of Clarkston, habitually orders a double cappuccine with a shot of caramel. Her mother, Janie, likes to treat herself to a piece of choco-

Their indulgences occur about twice a week at the Union General Sweetshop Cafe in downtown Clarkston. If time allows, they sit at a window-side table in the homespun-style cafe, which has been open just over month, and table

"We just really enjoy going in there," anie said. "It's real comfortable." "It's really an asset to the area," Lisa ided

Likewise, Clarkston Middle School

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students Julian Bailey, Derek Coatney and other members of a youth group from Clarkston United Methodist have fallen into the habit of congregating at the quaint, intimate cafe.

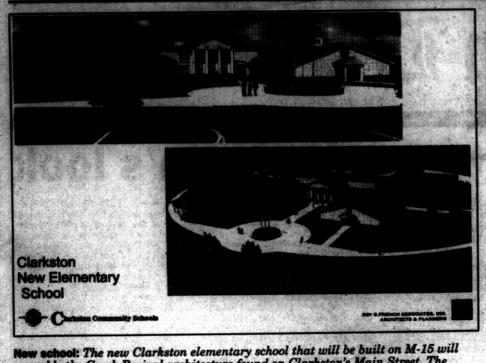
The group comes every Wednesday to socialize and have a treat after their church meetings.

Only one of the teens, Mike Ruggerilo, orders coffee. Julian, Derek and the others consume a scoop of ice cream or another sundry.

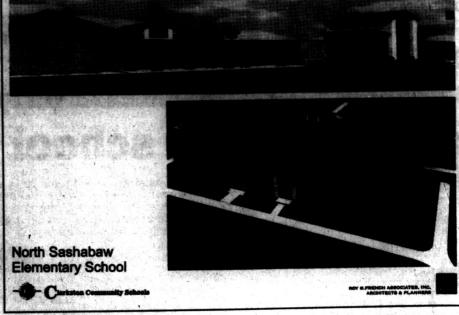
ners consume a scoop of ice cream or other sundry. Apparently, though, Mike has really ten to the cappuccino and customari-orders it "if he has the money," his



Ann Stevenson hit the spot with Clarkstonarea coffee drinkers when she opened her new cafe featuring speciality coffees and chocolates.



North Sashabaw renovation: Architects propose to turn the front of North Sashabaw Elementary School, which sits close to Maybee Road, into the back of the school. The new front will face Sashabaw Middle School.



# School designs from page A1

because of the predominance of Greek Revival architecture on Main Street. style (for an eleme because in the ea

"This is a very appropriate

because in the early to- mid-1800s, it was the style of the new America," the RGF vice-presi-

resemble the Greek Revival architecture found on Clarkston's Main Street. The

white-bricked, green-roofed school will also mesh with the pastoral look of M-15.

dent said. "It was based on the democratic principles of the Greeks and Romans."
While the RGF representative

said architects didn't want to copy the "architectural gems" of Clarkston's downtown, they did try to capture the feel of those dwellings. As a result, the school was drawn with a portico entrance, identified by a colonentrance, identified by a color-nade under a triangular pedi-ment. And in keeping with that pristine vision, architects depict-ed the school in white concrete brick with a green roof. The RGF spokesman said he expects the new facility to go up in those

Inside the new building, however, modern influences will abound. The school will feature flexible spaces; lots of natural light; voice, video and computer technology; and a centrally located media center surrounded by attached grade-level "houses."

Clarkston and North Sashabaw elementaries are also expected to be transformed with traditional-looking exteriors and updated insides. However, in the North Sashabaw makeover, the front of the school — which currently faces Maybee Road will become the back of the

school. North Sashabaw's new. pillared entrance will face Sashabaw Middle School. And the building's media center atri-um will face Maybee Road.

As school board members oohed and aahed over the archi-tects' computer-generated "virtu-al reality" renderings of the new elementary school and the two renovated elementaries, Clarkston schools' superintendent Al Roberts said he was pleased with the work thus far and excited about the expansion of teaching and learning opportunities at those buildings.

According to Craig Kahler, the district's director of business services, trustees will not officially approve the new elementary design and other Phase I sketches until sometime in June. However, Kahler said Tuesday that he didn't expect to see any significant changes to occur in the building plans "between now and then.

At Monday's meeting, Kahler expressed a similar confidence in the construction/renovation program. "I can't say enough about how well this process has gone of far," he said so far." he said.



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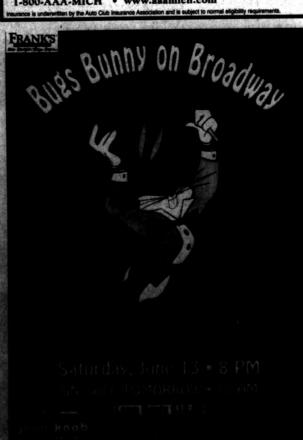


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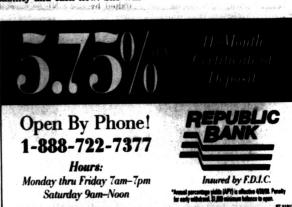
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American Speedy Printing Genters Inc. has promoted Patricia A. Halpin of Clark-ston to director of financial services. In this new position, Halpin will work with franchisees to enhance their profitability and cash flow. She was

formerly financial analyst. The change is part of the company's increasing focus on acquiring competing centers and enhancing franchise support in such areas as marketing, finance and





# **Union lauds Clarkston** schools for fine programs

Chalk up an honor for the Clarkston School Dis-

Six Clarkston programs were recognized for excellence May 5 by the Michigan Education Association during its third annual "Showcasing Public School Success" celebration.

Those standouts are:

Choral/Instrumental "Double Majors" at Clarkston Middle School — CMS teachers Danielle Clarkston Middle School — CMS teachers Danielle Blanchard and Julie Mathews coordinate the program, which allows interested seventh-graders to leave band practice one day a week to sight read and sing with the choir. As a result, students no longer have to choose between playing an instrument and singing.

Technology Experiences in Music at Clarkston Middle School — teacher Danielle Blanchard helps CMS students explore music composition and reading/performance skills through a piano keyboard and a computer lab in the choir room. Com-

board and a computer lab in the choir room. Computer programs work in conjunction with the piano keyboard to enable students to learn computer skills while experiencing music in new, high-tech

ways.

■ The Link Program at Sashabaw Middle School - SMS teacher Marjorie Russell directs the program, which links the school's general education students with its autistic pupils to foster selfesteem, respect, role-modeling and academic sup-

Six Clarkston pro

■ Communications Arts Center at Clarkston High School — CHS teacher Linda Denstaedt heads the effort, assisting students as they build on classroom activities, developing their own poetry, short stories, essays, films and art work for contests and publications.

■ Vocational Exploration Class at Clarkston High School — teacher Barbara Anderson helps CHS special education students learn about the world of work. Students receive unpaid on-the-job training at local businesses such as Hollywood Video, Food Town Supermarket and Tre's Hall-Video, Food Town Supermarket and Tre's Hall-mark as part of their high school day.

Funshine at Clarkston High School — teacher

Linda Olechowski coordinates the licensed child-care/preschool program for 2 1/2 to 5-year-olds within CHS as part of the school's child development course. CHS students work as intern teachers there and plan activities to promote the physical, social, emotional and intellectual growth of the

# CMS pupil's photography entry earns PTA award

Mark Jackson of Clarkston Middle School has won the Connie Ernst Award for his Reflections photography entry in the Michigan PTA Reflections Contest.

The Connie Ernst Award for best interpretation of theme recognizes a single entry ss four categories and four age divisions.

This year's theme was Wouldn't it be great if..."

Of the 10,000 students who participated in the Reflections competition statewide, 1,800 re state finalists.

All state finalists are part of the Connie Ernst Award selection, regardless of age group and/or category of entry.

There are four categories for Reflections competition: photography, original music composition, literature and visual

hold at 10 a.m. Sat-lay, May 16, at the naing Center in

The Connie Ernst Award was developed from a memorial tribute fund for Connie Ernst, a past Michigan PTA resident in 1994.

Mrs. Ernst was instrumental in bringing the Reflections program to Michigan in the 1970s and inspired hundreds of local PTA units and councils to par-

ticipate in enriching children's lives by supporting fine arts

The award will be presented to Mark at the Michigan PTA State Reflections Awards ceremony to be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 16, at the Lan Center in Lansing.

The awards cerem of the PTA's annual state con-

There is no cost for attending the awards ceremony.

Mark's entry also took first place in the middle school photography competition and has been entered into the Nation PTA Reflections finalist compe-

Notification on the National PTA awards placement will take place in early May.

# Goose roundup will go forth, if necessary

Despite past controversy about goose roundups in Cranberry Lake Estates in Independence Township, the birds may be removed from the neighborhood

Township Independence trustees voted 6-0 Tuesday to approve a resolution allowing the removal of geese from the area. Trustee Larry Rosso was absent from the meeting.

Although familiar issues surrounding the practice were discussed, no opposition was voiced by members of the public. Trustees also determined that any removed geese would not be euthanized.

"There was a concern whether There was a concern whether we could guarantee their final destination." Independence Township Treasurer James Wenger said, addressing Jennifer L. Frederick, the Cranberry

Lake Estates Improvement Association board member who presented the roundup request.

Frederick said a representative of the Department of Natural Resources informed her that they did not plan to euthanize the birds, but did not specifically offer a "guarantee."

Frederick also said area gee would only be removed from the neighborhood "if the need aris-

A goose roundup did not take place in Cranberry Lakes Estate last year because the DNR determined that fewer than 23 gee resided in the area, Frederick

Similarly, a 1998 roundup would be dependent on whether a population threshold established by the DNR is exceeded.

# **POLICE CALLS**

The following incidents were reported to police and fire agencies in Springfield and Independence townships and the city of Clarkston April 30-May 4.

# **Springfield Police**

Thefts

On April 29, a child's BMX bicycle was reported stolen from a residence on Diane

On April 29, a cell phone and sunglasses were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Rattales Lake Road.

On April 29, radio equipment was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Andersonville

On April 30, amplifiers, tools and a cassette player were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Dixie Highway. On April 30, a cash box

three cell phones were reported stolen from a business on Andersonville Road. On April 30, speakers and a

cassette disc changer were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Dixie Highway. On April 30, \$150 was report-

ed stolen from a business on Sashabaw Road.

On April 30, an all-terrain vehicle was reported stolen from a residence on Tappon Drive. On April 30, cans of beer were

reported stolen from a business on North Eston. On April 30, camera equip-

ment was reported stolen from a business on Clintonville Road. On April 30, a cell phone was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Lancaster Hill.

On May 3, a cell phone was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Springfield Court. On May 3, a purse was reported stolen from a vehicle parked

on Sleepy Hollow. On May 3, cassette discs and a cassette disc holder were reported stolen from a vehicle parked

# **Vandalism**

on Parview.

On May 2, a vehicle parked on Parview was illegally entered A number of unspecified items

were reportedly stolen.

On May 2, a window was reported broken out of a vehicle parked on Parview. Nothing

On May 3, a BB was reportedly shot through a window of a car parked on Bluewater.

On May 3, a rock was reported thrown through a window of a vehicle parked on Louise Court.

On May 3, a window was reported broken out of a vehicle parked on Dixie Highway.

Possession of Marijuana

On May 1, a 16-year-old student was reported to have a marijuana cigarette in his possession while near Clarkston High School on Middle Lake Road. The teen was released to his father.

# Independence Fire

Between April 30-May 4, firefighters assisted at 23 calls Among them were 14 medical runs, two personal-injury accidents and one building fire.

On May 3, firefighters attended a basement fire at a home on Paramus. The fire was apparently caused by clothing piled too close to a water heater fire was extinguished with a portable extinguisher by a neighbor and the home was cleared of

On May 3, firefighters assisted an injured ball player at Clinton-wood Park on Clarkston Road.

# **Clarkston Police**

On May 1, a 28-year-old Lake Orion resident reported to police that someone had keyed the side of his car while it was parked behind a South Main Street

On May 2, officers stopped a vehicle on Main Street near Miller Street and the driver, a 37-year-old Clarkston man, was discovered to be driving with a suspended license. He was cited

On May 3, officers responded to a report of family trouble at a residence on Middle Lake A gift from Jacobson's means More Miniature jewelry boxes make wonderful traveling partners. Leather. Case with manicure set or hexagonal with hidden front drawers. \$35 Fashion Jewelry Godiva Gift Set includes: 1/4 lb. gold cord ballotin of assorted chocolates, Mother's Day keepsake box filled with truffles, and floral patterned stationery cards and envelopes with matching holder. \$36 Fancy Foods Nicole Miller assorted novelty anklets. Cotton/nylon. Made in the USA. One size fits most. \$8/pair or 3/\$21.50 Hosiery

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\$7,000.

Lucas was purchased from an owner in Missouri. He had been imported from "the desert," Adelson says, and was in quarantine at the time to make sure he wasn't carrying any diseases. She did not disclose how much she paid for her animals.

Adelson says the camels are very smart and are somewhat more enjoyable than horses. Their camel quirks seem to entertain her, as de the passersby who occasionally stop by her

by who occasionally stop by her

farm to make sure that they are

really seeing camels.

"They have absolutely no fly control," she says, noting their short, thin tails are unlike those of horses. "So they're always laying in the mud."

Lucas and Chaz also enjoy

going for dips in a pond that adjoins their pasture. "You can read all you want,

but you learn more from the problems you actually have in real life," she says of how she real life," she says of how she has been gaining their confidence and mastering her cameltraining technique. "I've learned most of it since I bought these. They're pretty neat to watch."

The Clarkston Eccentric now publishes twice a week — Thursdays and Sundays

# Coffee from page A1

friends said. "He's always begging for it."

But if coffee hasn't entirely consumed Clarkston like it has other communities, its counterpart, the coffee house — a backdrop for reading and conversation — has certainly arrived.

"We had a guy in here yesterday who was doing hours and hours of work and getting coffee refills," said Ann Stevenson, who co-owns the Union General with husband Curt Catallo. and Curt Catallo.

Feedback has ranged from "It's about time we have a place to meet" to "Now, I don't have to go all the way to Royal Oak to get a good cup of coffee," Stevenson

The cafe's country character, complete with a pantry of spe-cialty foods — from jars of cherry butter to tins of Irish oatmeal stands apart from its trendy predecessors in other communities.

"This is a little more homey, Stevenson said. "It's a little slower here."

A few storefronts south of the cafe, the Clarkston Village Bakeshop is selling more cappuccino than ever, according to store owners Stephanie and Eric Vo.

"We sell about three dozen cups a day," Eric said. "And more people are coming in and

Although the couple sells most of its espresso drinks in take-out cups to customers on their way to work in the morning, the Vos are thinking about expanding the shop to accommodate more seating.



Sweetshop stop: Though they don't drink coffee yet, Derek Coatney and Julian Bailey enjoy meeting friends and eating sweets at the Union General Sweetshop Cafe.

Especially Saturday and Sunday, I realize I don't have enough room," Eric said. "A lot of people want to sit down and enjoy their coffee."

Likewise, Stevenson plans to set up outdoor seating at the Union General in coming weeks.

Betsy Travis, an area resident for 30 years, said she's already bringing out-of-town visitors to the Union General for coffee and dessert. She also anticipates she'll regularly meet friends there for coffee.

"This is a gathering place," Travis said. "You say, 'I'm just going down to the Union General,' and everybody knows where to find you.

While meeting spots have always been important to communities, "I don't think they've always been here," she said.

And if Travis' predictions are correct, gathering at the Union General will catch on and set the stage for additional local coffee houses and other gathering

Each one feeds the next," she

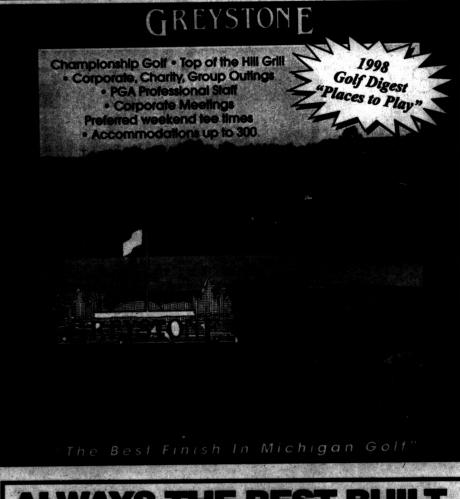
In fact, at least one additional cafe — an upscale New Orleans French Quarter coffee house is being planned for the commu-

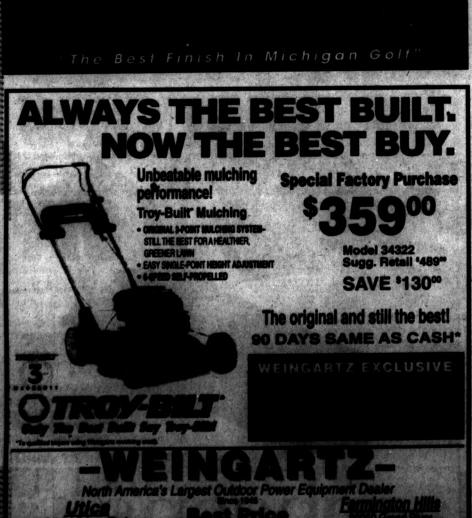
To be located at Sashabaw Road near I-75 in Independence Township, the 2,400-square-foot cafe has been proposed by Detroit Vipers General Manager Rick Dudley, a local resident, and Viper Peter Ciavaglia.

Dudley, who loves coffee, "simply had the idea and thought that something like this was needed," said David Katz, the local architect charged with designing the cafe, which, like the Union General, will have a distinctive appearance, including an indoor water pond and fountain, and menu, including chicory coffee and French pastries.

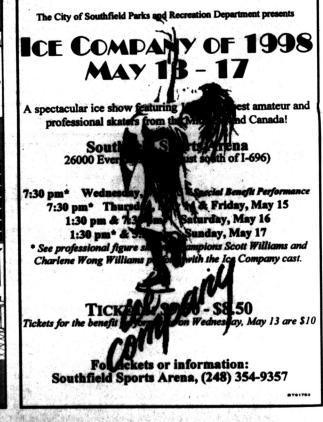
"I enjoy good desserts and I enjoy good coffee and good conversation, and when I have such an opportunity ... this is the type of place I would like to go," said

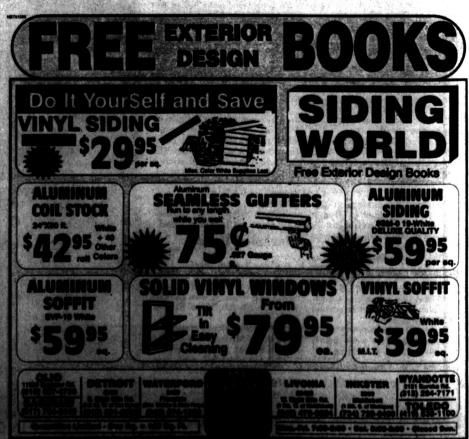
"And there could always be competition," he said. "So that's why were striving to do something unique and upscale."











# Report optimistic on county economy

Oak'and County's economic climate is likely to continue growing for the remainder of this year and into 1999, according to the University of Michigan Insti-tute of Labor and Industrial

But for the first time in almost a decade, the forecast includes a "tapering off" in the number of job opportunities, according to county Executive L. Brooks Pat-

"It's still a very positive report," Patterson said this week as he prepared for the 13th annual Oakland County Eco-nomic Forecast Luncheon. "But some tapering off is expected,"

Patterson said Wednesday he has seen the forecast that will be ented in detail Friday at the Northfield Hilton in Troy by Uresearchers including economists George A. Fulton and Donald R. Grim

He declined to go into detail,



but Patterson acknowledged what some businesses have discussed previously: Oakland has plenty of jobs

rhaps too many.

perhaps too many.
"It's a dilemma presented by

**Brooks Patterson** county executive

full employment," Patterson said. "The good news is we have a lot of jobs. But bad news is

there aren't enough qualified people to fill them.

"That's not good, because when you can't fill the jobs, they tend to go somewhere else."

The annual luncheon is usual-

ly a standing-room-only affair, and this year's will be no excep-tion, judging by early ticket sales. With a capacity of 700 peo-ple, early sales as of Tuesday

While socializing and network-

analysis and predictions — based on a number of economic indicators including interest

indicators including interest rates, international exports, construction and job growth.

Over the last decade, the forecasts have had a high degree of accuracy. Over the last 12 years, the margin of error has been 1.4 percent, Fulton said Wednesday. Over the last five years, the error ratio was closer to .6 percent, he said.

Last year, the U-M forecasters

Last year, the U-M forecasters called for economic growth approaching four percent prediction that seems very much on target, according to available figures. Fourth quarter data for 1997 isn't available yet, but Oakland's economic growth was about 3.7 percent, according to Marlys Vickers, supervisor of marketing and research for the Oakland's department of devel-

opment and planning.

"We've obviously better," said Fulton, vividly remembers the first economic forecast in 1986.

"We predicted growth at that time," he said, it was the first of many forecasts for growth.

The turnout was also memorable, he said. "We were expecting about 60 people, and nearly 200 turned out."

Garry Carley, vice chair of

Garry Carley, vice chair of Standard Federal Bank, said he's looking forward to Friday's forecast, "because we always get the heartbeat of Oakland County's economic health."

Richard Thompson, chancellor of Oakland Community College, sees the economic forecast luncheon as a chance for the county to tell it's economic story. "It's a good story," said Thompson.
"And OCC is proud to be part of the county's economic infrastruc-

# Students win honors from MADD

Students from Clarkston and Lake Orion were among the winners in the 1998 Mothers Against Drunk Driving Oakland County poster and essay

First place poster win erist place poster winners, by age group, included: Marisa Ventura of
Lanigan Elementary,
Farmington Hills, grades 13; Anna Habash of Marian
High School, Bloomfield
Hills, grade 7-9 and Aaron
Larson of the Oakland
Technical Center. Clark-Technical Center, Clark-ston, grades 10-12. John ch of Clarkston High School received second place honors in the grade 10-12 category.

In the essay contest, Nikhil Gehani of Abbott Middle School, West Bloomfield, placed first in the grade 4-6 age group.

Other essay winners included: Shayna Schumer of O.E. Dunckel Middle School, Farmington Hills, second place, grade 7-9; Ashley Deacon, Andover High School, Bloomfield Hills, second place, grade 10-12; Chloe Canon of St. Joseph School, Lake Orion, third place, grade 7-9 and Michael Ellman of Andover High School, third place, grade 10-12.

# Oakland courts undergo 'biggest change in century'

This is a busy and productive time for the Oakland Circuit Court, according to chief judge Edward Sosnick.

Besides reorganizing in January and forming the new Family Court Division a restructuring some observers classified as the "biggest court change in more than - the 17 circuit and four proa century bate judges handled more cases with extremely limited resources, Sosnick was to expected say in the first-ever "State of the Court" address.

His 11-page address was scheduled to be delivered at today's regular meeting of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, the body that annually oversees the court budget.

According to an advanced copy of Sosnick's address, the courts have been busy

The Family Court Division judges assigned — was perhaps the biggest and most time-consuming change, according to Sosnick. The restructuring was mandated by the state legislature in recognition of the importance of cases involving divorce, child neglect, custody matters and other considerations.

In recognition of that importance, Sosnick said the courts have initiated streamlined methods for processing divorce while emphasizing the importance of considering children at an early stage of the proceedings.

The parties in divorce are now required to exchange financial and other information earlier in the process, Sosnick said, thing that allows the court of identify dysfunctional families so parents and youngsters can get counseling or appropriate help to deal with problems such as substance abuse.

In recognition of the problems associated with family disputes, the Oakland Circuit Court initiated the state's first divorce education program - SMILE (Start Making It Livable for Everyone) about eight years ago, the judge said. Its message is simple: "The greatest gift a parent can give to a child is the right to love both parents."

SMILE has been replicated in 32 Michigan counties and 17 other states, Sosnick

New laws on domestic violence and

stalking have generated about

3,000 new cases annually in Oakland County, the judge said, some resulting in Personal Protection Orders.

More than 29,000 new cases were filed in 1997, according to Sosnick, which averaged out to 1,715 new cases for every Those filings included 7.080 new crimi-

nal cases, which the judge said is an increase of 321 cases, or about 4.7 percent, over the previous year.
While the judges and their staffs have

een active, so has the Friend of the Court's office, said Sosnick.

One indication, he said, the \$150 million in support payments collected last

# 4-H clubs to raise money

Oakland County 4-H Clubs are joining with Habitat for Humanity 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

They seek sponsors to help them acquire Lego materials. For additional information, call (248) 858-0889.

# Special dinner, service set

Jewish Federation's Rekindling Shabbat (Sabbath) Young Adult Task Force and YASS (Young Adult Shabbat Services) invite Jewish young adults 21-35 to a barbecue Sabbath dinner followed by services Friday, May 29, at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills.

Dinner will be served at 6 p.m., followed by services.

vices at 7:30 p.m. Fee for the dinner is \$10 per person. Call (248) 203-1486.



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# Animals a big hit at 4-H Discovery Days

rmation on raising beef, swine, rabbits, chickens lats was available. re was also a dog demon-on and handling clinic, a clinic and crafts in the



Paint me: Above, from left, MacKenzie, Madison and Marrissa Hewerdine got their faces painted at Saturday's "4-H Discovery Day" at the Springfield Oaks Activity Center in Davisburg. At right, are a few of the fuzzy animals that were on hand for the children to marvel at.



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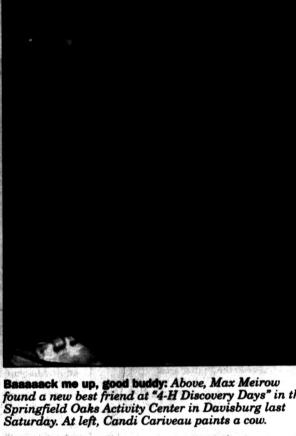
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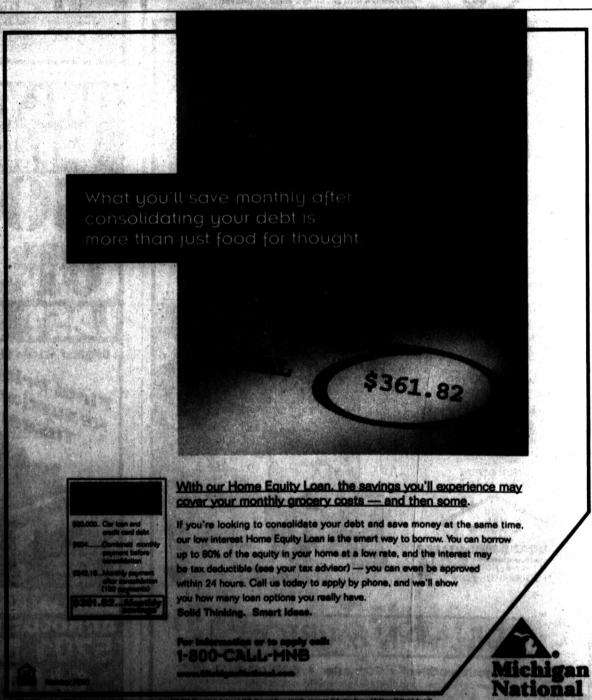




Baaaack me up, good buddy: Above, Max Meirow found a new best friend at "4-H Discovery Days" in the







# For House retirees, there's life after Lansing

BY TIM RICHARD

For 65 state representatives, it's the end of the road. Term limits, approved by voters in 1992, prohibit them from run-ning again this year.

What did six or more years in

Lansing mean to them? What advice would they give their replacements? What would they tell 21-year-olds considering a career in politics?

BARBARA DOBB, 48, R-Union Lake, of the West Bloom-field/Commerce Township-based 39th District, has served four two-year terms in the state House and heads her own CPA firm in West Bloomfield.

"We're seriously considering taking a run for the (15th Dis-trict) Senate seat," she said. Dobb lost the Republican prima-ry to Willis Bullard Jr. of Milford when the vacancy opened up two years ago and would have to face the incumbent in this year's pri-

mary.
"The whole political landscape is going to change under term limits. This will be our first election under term limits. The public will get a real wake-up call as to how far-reaching it is. It does-n't affect just those legislators who are term-limited, like

It's going to affect a lot of local races, a lot of staff here in Lansing. You're going to see changes in the type of legislation that comes out of the House and what types of coalitions are built."

Biggest accomplishment: "Absolutely, without a doubt, no question, Proposal A," the 1994



'The whole political andscape is going to hange under term lim-

Barbara Dobb -State representative

amendments to the Michigan Constitution and school finance laws that replaced much of the school property tax with a higher sales tax. "I was one of the Team of 14 here in the House that put the framework for Proposal A together.

GREG KAZA, 37, R-Rochester Hills, of the Rochester Hills/Troy-based 42nd District, is the House's libertarian policy wonk. He has been a journalist, adjunct professor at Northwood University, vice president for policy research of the Mackinac Center, author and contributor to conservative publications. Elected to the state House in 1992, he considered running for U.S. representative this year but changed his mind.

"I'm going to be running sever-



in the Legisla

Greg Kaza -State representative

al (financial) limited partnerships, and I'm also going to be lecturing at several universities on economics and finance," he

"I know I'll be spending more time reading annual financial reports and less time reading

state budgets."
"There's no chance of my

becoming a lobbyist."

Proudest achievements: "The bill that amended the Freedom of Information Act (to allow noncourt appeals of denials of public documents) and several bills awaiting action in the Senate to put the Legislature on-line."

Biggest disappointment: "I can honestly say I've had no frustration in the Legislature." Not even when he's on the short end of a 105-1 vote? "I don't take myself too seriously when that

Mile, Southfield.



**District GOP primary** 

happens."

A reading list for new members: "Two things: The rules of the House and the powers of the Legislature in the Michigan Constitution. There are some people I serve with who haven't read the rules

Advice to 21-year-olds considering service in the Legislature: "I've actually had this discussion recently. Be positive. Look for

Penny Crissman -State representative

growth experience. Be opti-

TOM MIDDLETON, 52, R-Ortonville, is closing eight years in the House from the northwest Oakland-based 46th District. He's challenging incumbent state Sen. Mat Dunaskiss in the 16th District GOP primary this year. He has been an owner and operator of dairy and crop farms

give people the choic haven't had in some years to be talking to people in trict and have office hours

people. There are 110 of us in the House. You can't be an expert on everything. You have to learn who has expertise in

PENNY CRISSMAN, 54, R-Rochester, of the Rochester/Lake Orion-based 45th District, was elected in 1992 after working in a law office, raising children and serving as councilman and mayor a total of seven years.

"I have a few options ... in the private sector," she said — nothing political. "I have mixed emptions about leaving the Legislature, something I'm very proud of. I will not miss the travel time, an hour and a half one way. There's life outside the Legislature, and I'm looking forward to it."

Advice to 21-year-olds consering a career in the Legislatus. Become active locally, serve some local board or commission running for office, working of campaign for someone else."

# Sierra Club meets today

The Southeast Michigan Group of the Mackinaw Chapter. Sierra Club meets 7:15 p.m. Thursday, May 7, at Northwest Unitarian Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, south of 10

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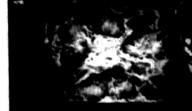


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# OAKLAND DIGEST

Oakland Digest provides a sum-mary of headline stories from around the county during the week leading up to April 30.

Smoking crackdown: Police will soon begin strictly enforcing the city's ordinance banning teen smoking. Beginning at the May 28-31 Village Fair, police will be ticketing smokers under 18 without first issuing them a warning, as had been previously done. as had been previously done.

New health center: The new \$12 million Mid-Oakland Medical center opens this week at Dixie Highway and M-15 in Independence Township. The three-floor, 120,000-square-foot facility includes specialists – a first for the community – as well as a cancer care center.

Here's the beef: Greene's, a longtime hamburger stand at 10 Mile and Orchard Lake Road, and Dunleavy's Pub were judged to have the best burgers in Farmington in an unscientific reader's poll. While Dunleavy's burgers may have been meatier, Green' fans flipped for the white tile building's 2-ounce, 85-cent spe-

GM says no: A General Motors woman confirmed Orion township's anti-tax break policy was a factor in the automaker's ision to cancel a planned \$250 million expansion at its Orion Township plant. GM spokeswoman Janine Fruehan said concerns over production efficiency at the plant and shifting consumer demands also were factors in the company's decision.

### OXFORD

Fire hall needed: Oxford Township fire officials say a Tuesday fire confirms the need for a fire station in the township's south-ern end. The fire destroyed a garage and damaged a home on Squaw Lake. Fire officials said damage could have been reduced if there had been a station in the

New home: Home Depot has announced plans for retail and garden center behind the Winchester Mall shopping area at Rochester and Avon Roads. Though the 14.3 acre site still requires city council approval, the Rochester Hills planning commission gave it a prelimi-nary go-ahead last week.

SOUTHFIELD

Art theft: Police are continuing their search for suspects in thefts of a Picasso etching and Rembrandt plate from Park West Gallery on Northwestern Highway. The Rembrandt plate is estimated at \$100,000, the etching is appraised at \$40,000-\$50,000.

Bye, bye Jerry: The Troy chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Auld Lang Seinfeld party 7:30-10 p.m. tonight at Shield's of Troy, on Maple road, west of Crooks. Those who buy a pizza are invited to watch the final priced of the regular NBC commerce. episode of the popular NBC com-

WEST BLOOMFIELD

Gateway to future: The Gateway Center, a collection of stores and restaurants planned for the corner of 14 Mile and Orchard Lake Road has received approval from the West Bloomfield wetlands board and planning commission. The 54-acre site is now headed to the city council for final approval.

# OU researcher looks at infant blindness

An Oakland University professor is researching the genetic link to blindness among prema-ture babies with the university's first grant from The March of

The organization on April 21 awarded Barkur Shastry, associ-ate professor, Biomedical Sciences, Eye Research Institute, \$140,000 for a two-year period. Shastry and clinicians at Beau-mont Hospital are researching netics are a factor in blindness among premature

Of the 4,000 premature babies born in the United States annually, 700 go blind. The MOD is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the health of babies by reducing birth defects and infant mortality.

"This Mare, supports a very interesting price that needs research," said Venkat Reddy, ERI co-founder and distinguished professor, Biomedical Sciences. Reddy uid is extraordinary "This March of Dimes gr the grant is extraordin because the MOD funds resea for birth defects but does fund eye research very often.
The MOD, Reddy adds, typically
awards lower sums of \$10,000\$20,000 for one year.

OU's Eye Research Institute, an independent academic unit of Oakland University, is a major center for ophthalmologic research. Since 1968, the faculty have received nearly \$30 million in research grant support from private and federal health agen-cies.

# 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, c1o Oakland County editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Our fax number is (248)

**OFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT** 

Oakland University's Center for Business Excellence is holding professional development weekends May 15-17 and June 5-7. The weekends are geared toward CPAs and certified financial planners. There is a \$40per-class fee. For a complete class list, or for more information, call (248) 370-3128.

Free wood chips are available for pick up every Saturday in May at Orion Oaks Coun ty Park. Those interested in picking up wood chips are advised to use the Clarkston Road entrance and to bring their own shovels, wheelbarrows and buckets. The program is not open to commercial haulers. Orion Oaks is in Orion Township. Additional information is available by calling (248) 858-0906.

OCC REGISTRATION

Final walk-in and telephone registration for Oakland Community College's spring 1998 semester is set for May 7-8. Registration hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday at the Auburn Hills campus, 2900 Featherstone, (248) 340-6572; the Highland Lakes campus, 7350 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford, (248) 360-3067; the Orchard Ridge campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, (248) 471-7628 and the Royal Oak campus, 739 S. Washington, (248) 544-4990. Southfield campus students are advised to register at the Royal Oak campus. Classes begin May 11.

### CLASS SAMPLER

Oakland Community College is holding an open house 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 20 at its Auburn Hills campus for high school students and their parents. The event allows prospective students to sample 20 minute lectures in a variety of classes. The campus is at 2900 Featherstone, near the Pontiac Silverdome. For more information, call (248)

### SCIENCE DAY

Oakland Community College's second annual Science Day for Kids is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 16 at the Highland Lakes campus, 7350 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford. The program is designed for students 6-13 and their parents. Admission is \$12. Additional information is available by calling (248) 360-3186.

### AGING ISSUES

The Wayne State University Continuing Education Program on Issues in Aging is scheduled for May 18-20 at the Management Education Center, Troy. The conference provides training for health and human services professionals. Events include: dementia, May 18; innovations in assessments and interventions, May 19 and advances in cancer care, May 20. Registration is \$95 for one

day, \$180 for two and \$265 for three. For additional details, call Janice Freytag at (313) 577-1180, or e-mail jfreyta@med.wayne.edu

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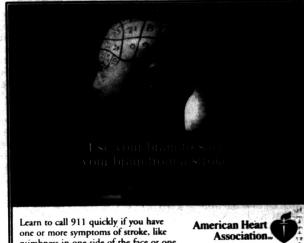
The Citizens Alliance for the Probate Court of Oakland County is sponsoring a series of free seminars on probate law and estate planning, in conjunction with a number of local senior citizen organizations. Seminars are scheduled for: 6:45-9:15 p.m. May 19 at the Oak Park Community Center, 14300 Oak Park Blvd. between Greenfield and Coolidge; 6:45-9:15 p.m. June 9 at the William Costick Activities Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 858-0950 for more information.

### OCC BAND

The Oakland Community College Symphony Band will present its spring concert 8 p.m. May 8 in the Student Center Concert Arena of OCC's Highland Lakes Campus. the concert is free. OCC Highland Lakes is at 7350 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford. Additional information is available by calling (248) 879-6346.

### 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. Summer classes run May 15 to July 27. Walsh offers degree programs in accounting, computer systems, finance, management and marketing. For more information, call (248) 689-8282



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# Traffic light frustrations mount

ometimes little problems can be just as irritating as big problems. One little problem we find very irritating is the timing of the traffic lights at Sashabaw Road and I-75.

because of the way the lights rists heading northbound on Sashabaw Road have to stop at Waldon Road and then again a few feet later at the light on the bridge going over I-75 where southbound I-75 traffic exits.

This is particularly annoying when traffic is light and no one is exiting I-75 at the southound ramp. Such was the case about 5 p.m. unday when one of our staffers waited need-saly at the southbound ramp after having ust stopped a few feet before that at Waldon

We called the Road Commission for Oak-nd County and learned that the two bridge lights — the one at the southbound exit ramp and the one at the northbound exit ramp — flash yellow from 2 a.m. to 5:30 a.m. seven

days a week. All other times, they operate red, yellow and green. We understand the need to have the bridge lights operate red, yellow and green during rush hour during the week. Anyone who works north of Clarkston knows it would be dangerous to turn onto Sashabaw from I-75 on the drive home without a red light to stop the Sashabaw traffic.

But why can't the bridge lights simply flash

Il Sometimes, because of the way the lights function, motorists heading northbound on Sashabaw Road have to stop at Waldon Road and then again a few feet later at the light on the bridge going over 1-75 where southbound 1-75 traffic exits.

yellow at all times on the weekend?

A spokesman for the road commission, which simply maintains the timing for the state, said he believes the bridge lights operate red, yellow and green on the weekends because of Pine Knob Music Theater. That makes sense to us during the summer when there is heavy concert traffic. But what about the rest of the weekends during the year when Pine Knob doesn't hold concerts?

The road commission is working to fix the timing of the light at the southbound exit ramp. According to the spokesman, that light etimes gets out of step with the light at Waldon and the northbound exit ramp so that it flashes a different color than the other two. That will certainly help the situation if all three lights are green at the same time.

But we think the state ought to consider having the bridge lights flash yellow on nonsummer weekends so that motorists don't have to stop needlessly.

# Reign in young jet skiers

t will make waves with some young people, but we're glad to see that state legislators are getting serious about water afety by calling for more training among teen

s proposed and passed unanimously by House recently, Bills 5426 and 4248 would uire that personal watercraft drivers be at at 16 years old and would require those 16al watercraft drivers be at

19 to obtain boating safety certificates.

Youths 12-16 who already have boating safety certificates under their belts would be "grandfathered in" to the law and allowed to continue driving the vehicles as long as they obtained their certificates before the legisla-

The House bills are now before the Senate ransportation and Tourism Committee. g action, while a similar bill, Senate Bill 865 is also being considered.

Representatives and senators hope that leglation will be agreed upon by both sides and nacted by May 22.

A boon to those who enjoy water sports, ersonal watercraft — which resemble motorycles on water, maneuver best at high speeds nd hold one to three riders — have become a ane to some folks who frequent Michigan's elentiful lakes and who say too many of their rivers are responsible for carelessness, innecessary noise and, sometimes, tragedy

State statistics from 1996 show that while State statistics from 1996 show that while personal watercraft accounted for 7 percent of registered boats in the state they also accounted for 49 percent of the deaths from water

■ House Bills 5426 and 4248 would require that personal watercraft drivers be at least 16 years old and would require those 16-19 to

31, 1978, to successfully complete a boating safety class before operating a vehicle, will ultimately make all potential drivers, regard-

less of their ages, safe and smart.

Rep. Barbara Dobb (R-Commerce), whose district encompasses a number of popular lakes, agrees with Middleton and says even safety features on personal watercraft, such as the "kill switch" cannot prevent some tragedies when the drivers are young and inexperienced

Dobb said she is willing to consider allowing 14-year-olds, in the company of adults who have certificates, to operate personal water-

Some officials, including Lt. Berry Zeeman of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department Marine Division and Sen. Mat Dunaskiss (R-Lake Orion), contend that 12-16 year old drivers aren't the worst offenders — that 18- to 30-year-olds are. But we agree with Middleton's and Dobb's contention that the younger age group, when faced with a "panic situation," is the least likely to react with a quick. effective and responsible decision.

We understand the legislators' desire to regulate youthful drivers. But we also hope they will maintain language that will require der drivers to take boating safety classes

There's a lot more than pleasure on the

Boating safety classes are available through the Oakland County Sheriff's Department Marine Division. Information may be obtained by calling (248) 391-0256.

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obtain boating safety certificates.

# Keep plan off ballot

here's a new voucher plan in the works. A group called School Choice Yes has a voucher plan that it would like us to have in Michigan. It's called the "Universal Tuition Tax Credit."

This credit would expand parental choice for K-12 students, a dollar-for-dollar credit could be claimed by any individual or corporation that pays a child's public or private school tuition up to \$3,000 per child. Sounds good so far. Now why wouldn't we want to sign a petition that would put this on the November ballot?

First of all, I do not want my tax dollars spent at private schools. I believe in public funds for public schools. The UTTC would undermine public education by reducing available funding from three major state sources (the individual income tax, the single business tax and the state education property tax) which help pay for public education. It would subsidize existing private schools, as well as financing new ones, at a time when a number of districts are having problems adjusting to the impact of Proposal A.

This proposal would fund schools with taxpayer dollars that do not open their doors to all children in the community, let alone all children in the state. If you are approached to sign this petition, please say no, thank you. Help to keep this back-door voucher plan off the ballot for all the children in our public schools.

**Linda Bodnovits** Garden City

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Janice Cryer, 14

Back to the 3 Rs

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I'm frustrated. Morality, decency, responsi-

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look up to? Not our president. He didn't

We all complained, but they ignored us.

Why? Doesn't this belong there? Are teachers

As I look over the years, I looked up to our

from wrong has gone by the wayside in educa-

talking about the dedicated teachers. They will always be there. Thank God for them.

our morality has dropped to the level of



like skating.

8th grade

# Nicole Smith, 12 6th grade

# **LETTERS**

# Article goes over 'big'

Wanted to drop you a note and compliment Jan Baker on the article she wrote on large families that appeared in Easter's paper.

Tim and I enjoyed the interview we had with Jan and were very pleased with the article she created. As we prepare to go "Birding" at Point Pelee in Canada in two weeks, Jan's journalistic reference to our family descending on the campground could not have been stated better. (Imagine the expression on the faces of fellow campers as we open the van door and hop out one after the other.) I'm happy to report we have never driven anyone away and, in fact, have received many compliments as to how quiet and well behaved the "brood" is. I liked the way Jan's article was written. We have received many compliments on the article as well as the creative picture which Steve Cantrell took of the family.

I'm not sure how often you receive positive feedback and thought you would like to hear what the word on the street is. Our compliments to both Jan and Steve.

Tim & Suzette Hart and family

# those shorted on their Social Security checks, people born between 1917-1926. Rostenkowski

afraid to teach?

would not allow the bill out of "his" committee to be voted on. I'm a veteran of two wars - World War II and Korea. I'm wondering, was it all in vain?

To save what? A country that spends and spends, gives and gives and gives to any foreign country to buy their love of us? They hate our guts and love our money

The only thing I see is that our vets forgot what they fought for or are ashamed. How about freedom and pursuit of peace for all mankind? I am not compromising or abandoning my fundamental values. I vote!

Children who use guns were not educated to respect other people, and the lack of discipline can be reversed if parents and schools go back to the "three Rs" - Responsibility, Respect and Reunite. Our children are our future and doctors can help but it starts at home and in the schools!

Don't blame guns - I never saw a gun shoot anyone.

People kill people; they are the ones who need help.

George Strelczuk Farmington

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Then, of course, there are inexperinced marketers who don't know how to reach their target, and there are others who pick their medium based on price rather than effectiveness.

There are all kinds of advertising

You think of direct mail, newspaers, radio and TV, but there is everything from refrigerator magnets, ads on grocery carts, Yellow Page ads and even your name on the gates on parking structure exits

Direct mail is the most expensive.

Again it is only effective if the right targets are selected.

There is newspaper advertising, but you have to decide if you want to be in the newsy part of the paper or the classifieds.

Then you have to decide if you want to use a core city paper or a suburban. Each has a niche and reaches different readers. Research says that suburban papers are more likely to be read cover to cover because they are smaller. Large dailies are read by sec-

There are TV and radio. The time of day you select for your ad has to be geared to who watches when

I used to think that radio was not as effective a medium because people couldn't write down your number



I've never figured out why anyone thought that a bunch of ugly lizards would convince me to try a beer named while driving, but years ago I hear Fisher Theater ad and called and

bought tickets using my cell-phone.

Even after selecting the right medium or media, your ad has to be designed to attract attention or it will

Often people put too much copy in their ad, confusing the intended tar-

You are always dealing with the short attention span of human beings Ads must be memorable because

intended buyers are flooded with many messages and won't remember yours if it doesn't stand out.

I've seen ads that don't include addresses, which always makes me suspicious that an out of town company is trying to appear local.

I also wonder about the ads that

figured out why anyone thought that a bunch of ugly lizards would con-vince me to try a beer named Bud. Critics often speak badly of adver-tising because they say it is exploita-tive. Yet it is a channel of information that tells a story. It may be a one-sided story, but it wouldn't be told

otherwise.

If there weren't some form of advertising, how would the world know about new products?

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

# 65 state representatives can't run again this year

House of Representatives – 65 out of 110 - time is up. Term limits, approved by the voters in 1992 and affirmed by the court this year. prohibit them from running again in August and November.

It's easy and, sometimes useful to oke fun at our legislators, especially the pompous ones that keep filling up my mailbox with press releases. But the fact is they work hard - probably harder than most of us - and they do care about their communities

Tim Richard, the head of the HomeTown News Service that brings stories from Lansing to this newspaper, interviewed retiring legislators. What they said was thoughtful and, often, insightful. Here's a sampling that readers might want to clip out for comparison when candidates for the House come calling this fall:

TOM MIDDLETON, R-Ortonville, who is challenging incumbent Sen. Mat Dunaskiss in the GOP primary, advised his successor: "Meet the peo-There are 110 of us in the House You can't be an expert on everything. in some areas. In some, vou're going to have to depend on lobbyists. You're also going to have to learn whom you can trust. Some people will say anything to you, then not come true on their word.

BARBARA DOBB, R-Union Lake, who heads her own CPA firm in West Bloomfield and is thinking of running for the Senate, reflected on the consequences of term limits: "The whole political landscape is going to change under term limits. This will be our first election under term limits. The public will get a real wake-up call as to how far-reaching it is. You're going to see changes in the type of legislation that comes out of the House and what types of coalitions are built.' PENNY CRISSMAN, R-Rochester,

who leaves the legislature with mixed feelings. "I will not miss the travel time, an hour and a half one way. But there is life outside the Legislature, and I'm looking forward to it." She says her biggest frustration was, "When I came in, you were expected to sit and listen (until gaining seniori-



PHILIP POWER

ty). But term limits came in. We had to convince them (the leadership) they no longer had the luxury of time in learning. We needed to be brought on

ALLAN L. CROPSEY, R-DeWitt, best known for pushing gun ownership bills and representing fundamentalist Christians, advises his successor: "They need to have a well-rounded education, well-rounded life experience. Listen to the constituents and hear what they're really saying; hear the fear that's motivating their stand on an issue. A lot of times you can come to accommodations that both sides can agree on."

Ledge, who is running for the Republican nomination for attorney general after six terms in the House, reflected on a reading list for a good legislator: "There's not a single document or a book. One can to this job without being a political science major or a lawyer. Two documents a legislator should have the greatest familiarity with are the U.S. Constitution and the state Constitution. Beyond that, some general grounding in government, common sense and a knowledge of your people. Reading the local newspaper, honest, is the second most

GREG KAZA, R-Rochester Hills, the House's libertarian policy wonk advised his successor: "Knock on a lot of doors - that's the most important factor. Make sure you don't hold grudges and go to as many events put on by members not only of your party but of the opposing party."

KIRK PROFIT, D-Ypsilanti, advised 21-year-olds considering a career in the Legislature: "Live life to people and what they want. We don't come here with the answers. We come as conduits, advocates and facil-

DEBORAH WHYMAN, R-Canton is running for the Senate seat being yacated by Bob Geake. Her biggest disappointment: "Seeing adults act like kindergartners. We work on bills and all get very tired, and (some) return to the behavior they had when they were 5 years old - petty bickering, just generally childish."

Reflecting on the distilled experience of these retiring legislators makes me more than a little nervous about what's to come when the Legislature is dominated by the six-year term limit.

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

# Computers should help schools to teach curriculum

he other day our director of technology, Matt McCarty, mentioned to me he had just returned from a workshop where he spent the day with technology people from school districts across the state.

I was told many of his colleagues felt isolated in their positions, not "plugged in" to the rest of their district.

They did not feel any real connection to the educational side of the business.

He was quick to mention that the workshop gave him a true appreciation of Clarkston's dual approach, integrating technology with our instructional goals.

. After all, if technology doesn't support what e are teaching, then what good is it?

Oh sure, we need computers and software programs to be more efficient with office recordkeeping and finances.

But when we look at the supportive role technology can play in the classroom, the options are overwhelming!

I think our taxpayers will be glad to know that the district's curriculum council considers many options before recommending the purchase of computer programs.

Only those that enhance our goals for learning are selected for the classroom.

You can learn more about our technology nlane at our Web site at http://www.clarkston.k12.mi.us.

Just last week we added a "Tech News" link that features a newsletter from McCarty.

It relates the current process of upgrading district offices, offers information about virus hoaxes, and, if you are considering the purchase of a computer, you will want to see the information about our hardware standards, operating systems and productivity software.

Despite all of this good news, there are some les we face.

Developing and maintaining a Web site is a consuming task.

Our dilemma is that the more we publish, the



AL ROBERTS

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more people expect!

We have many plans for expanding the site and look forward to the time when specific building information can be even more of a help to students and parents.

In the future we will provide homework information, link users to specific teachers and establish an intranet system for district employ-

We hope you'll be patient as our newest communications link continues to evolve.

In the meantime, providing our youngsters and employees with the tools they need to reach for the stars is a task that is well underway.

Al Roberts is superintendent of Clarkston Community Schools. His hotline number is 620Want a checking account that rewards you for being a good customer?

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# Bill would let theaters jettison unruly patrons

ards empowered

Private security guards at the sters and arenas would be able to eject unruly patrons if a Sen-ate-passed bill is enacted by the state House of Representatives.

"This would allow private accurity to remove people who are screaming, standing on chairs, fighting, spilling drinks," said Sen. Michael Bouchard, R-Birmingham, the former police officer who sponsored Senate Bill

"Now they have to seek out police officers. Court decisions say they (places of public enter-tainment) have a duty to protect the public."

The guard could eject the unruly person from a theater, ena, circus, athletic grounds or

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Michael Bouchard

any entertainment place with a seating capacity of 200, including a shopping center. The guard could not perform an arrest.

Bouchard's bill sailed through the Senate April 29 on a 30-6 vote but without debate. All area senators voted yes except Alma Wheeler Smith, D-Salem.

### Bomb bills OK'd

Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloom-field Township, won unanimous field Township, won unanimous support for his pair of bills to prevent manufacture and use of weapons of mass destruction.

"Times have changed, and we need to address the very real threat of chemical, biological and radioactive weapons," said Peters. "My bill will give prose

cutors the tools they need to deal with this new threat."

The package includes:

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SB 443, which makes it a crime to manufacture biological, chemical or radioactive substances, punishable by 15 years in prison. For property damage, the penalty would be 20 years; if injury to a person, 25 years; if serious impairment of a body function, life in prison; if death, a mandatory life sentence without probation.

If the bomber's target were

out probation.

If the bomber's target were "vulnerable" such as schools, churches, hospitals or other public buildings, 25 years would be attached. It would not apply to the military, law enforcement a person using them on the job.

life in prison for use of explo-sives, chemical or biological weapons. The Senate Fiscal Agency couldn't estimate a total cost, but the cost for a single prisoner, assuming 50 years behind bars, would be \$900,000. Both bills go to the House.

Emergency aid

The Senate expanded the Good
Samaritan law to provide immunity from liability for volunteers
who treat emergency cases with
an automated external defibrillator (AED).

Sponsored by Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville, SB 1050 doesn't cover professionals called

Current law provides Good Samaritan protection for persons who render CPR (cardiopul-

An AED is emergency equip-ment for heart cases. It provides an electrical shock to restore a

Geake argued down an amend-ent from Sen. Diane Byrum, D-

instruction available to a users as security guards, airline attendants and movie theater

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managers.

"This flies in the face of the purpose of the bill," Geake said of Byrum's amendment. "It imposes a duty of instruction. Once we open the door to imposing a duty, we open the door to lawsuits — which is opposed to the purpose of the bill." The Byrum amendment lost in an unrecorded voice vote.

Refer to bill number when writing to your state representa-tive, State Capitol, PO Box 30014, Lansing 48909.

# Go, Go Godzilla

The Star Southfield Entertainment Centre presents the benefit "Gilda Meets Godzilla," Wednesday, May 20, a premiere scree ing of the new movie, "Godzilla."
Proceeds benefit Gilda's Club etro Detroit. The event begins at 6 p.m. with the movie showing

Tickets are \$25 or \$100 for eserved seating. To purchase ckets call (248) 577-0800.

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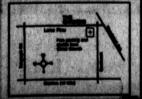
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Charter Township of Springfield NOTICE

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS of the CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD will hold a meeting on Thursday, May 21, 1998 beginning at 8:00 P.M. at the Springfield Township Hall, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, Michigan, to hear the appeal of:

Carey Koponen, 10195 Dixie Highway, Clarkston, MI, to permit the following variances: 1) a six (6) foot high fence in the front yard setback rather than the maximum permitted three (3) foot height and, 2) to allow a total of 3,572 a.f. of existing and proposed accessory structures rather than the maximum permitted 2,000 a.f. P.I. 907-10-226-004.

William D. Halsey, 10339 Big Lake Road, Devisburg, MI, to temporarily permit two (2) principal structures on a single lot. Only one (1) principal structure is permitted per lot. The applicant requests to live in an existing home while a new home is being constructed, after which the existing home will be demolished. P.I. 07-27-202-005.

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Barry A. and Patricia J. Nebhut, 201 Squirrel Rel., #1104, Auburn Hills, MI, to appeal the denial of a building permit by the Township Building Inspector. The subject Building permit was denied based upon aesthetic compatibility in design and appearance with other residences in the area. The applicant alleges an error was made by the Building Inspector. Subject property is vacant, 6875 Meadow Valley Drive, P.I. 07-

Terry Kalso, 4866 Maggies Way, Clarkston, MI to allow the cor pole building with a 20 foot rear yard setback rather than the ired 35 foot setback. P.I. 07-36-326-023.

required 35 foot setheck. P.I. Ut-30-320-020.

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

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Onondaga, who wanted to require owners of AEDs to make

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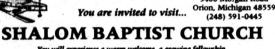


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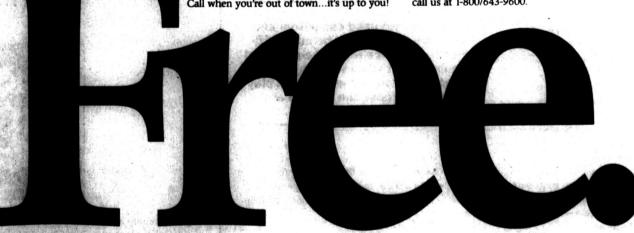
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# Memories of youth triggered by old songs

few weeks ago, on a beautiful, sunny Saturday, I took a drive back in time. No, I didn't rent a "loaner," which turned out to be the time machine from "Back to the Future." I was driving my usual 1992 green Taurus station wagon. The vehicle that

moments of turning on

transported me back to the past was not as much a mechanical vessel as it was a

It all started in mid-March

a call from my favorite cousin, informing me that she and her fiancé had finally set a date for their wedding and it was to be on April 18. I was thrilled and excited for them. When I checked the calendar, however, I realized that April 18 fell on the last Saturday of a 10-day vacation that had been planning for months. I had taken the week after Easter off work, and

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# Fishing reflects family values

■ Families who fish together stay together, according to Clarkston-area families who find that the sport helps to pass down values.

One of Paul and Eric Klemm's fishing expeditions — a father and son trolling for bass on a local lake on a hot summer day — had the makings of a rites of passage literary work.

Paul was demonstrating to his son the use of an advanced fishing technique. Eric was using the first fishing fly he had tied himself.

"It was only maybe three or four years ago," Eric said, recalling the particular outing on Maceday Lake near Independence Township.

"We were trolling along the drop-off and I had a huge hit ... I was reeling it in, and it fought more like a bluegill ... It turned out to be a whitefish. It was One of Paul and Eric Klemm's fish

It turned out to be a whitefish. It was three and a quarter pounds, and that's really big for a whitefish."

The fish also turned out to be an award winner.

Eric and his father, of Indepen Township, would later learn that it was the largest whitefish caught in Michigan that year, earning Eric a Master Angler Award from the Department of Natural Resources.

Eric, now 17, also vividly recalls his father's role in the triumph.

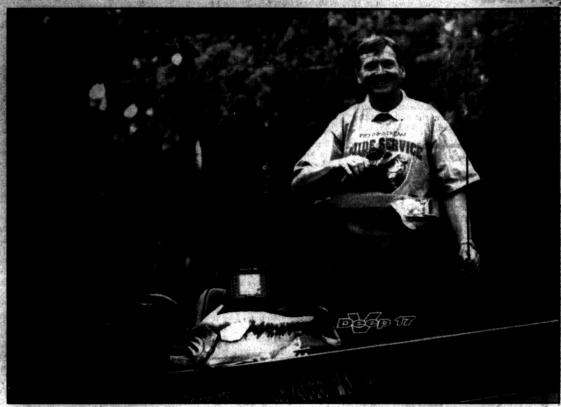
"He controlled the boat while this was happening and he had taken me to that particular spot," Eric explained. "I had never done that kind of fishing.

Eric's father was also close by, net in hand, when the powerful fish emerged from the water, still playing tug-of-war with the teenager.

Father and son then returned to shore and headed to Rudy's Market in downtown Clarkston to have the fish

weighed.

"We were pretty excited," recalled Paul, who like Eric and his other two sons, Peter and Michael, started fish-



Catch a big one: Clarkston-area resident Craig Judd is giving a free talk about families and fishing from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, May 11, at the Independence Township Library.

ing at any early age. Paul also regularly fished with his own father and grandfather in Michigan.

"It's certainly a thrill for me to give the boys some tricks and tips that are successful," he said.

Even more touching is Eric's take on this ritualistic passing of the baton: "I've learned a lot from my Dad. He's

pretty much taught me everything I

But such a story wouldn't surprise Craig Judd, another Clarkston-area fishing buff who is giving a free talk about families and fishing from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, May 11, at the Inde-

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the few things that kids will listen intently to older people about.'

# 'Fishing advice is one of

Craig Judd

—fishing expert

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# **CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

ccentric publishes current tems should be from non-profit comon, telephone number on and mail to the Cla oville Road, Suite 2, ( 249 Deadlir MI 48346 or fax to 625-5712. Deadline for cal-items is noon Friday for the following Thurs-paper. All phone numbers below have 248 code unless otherwise noted.

### IAY 7-9,14-16

m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Theater, 4861 White Lake Road, Clarkston Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road, Clarkston. Thumors" by Neil Simon. The deputy mayor of New York City and his wife have invited four cou-ples to celebrate their anniversary. Before the party begins, it is revealed that the host has shot himself (only wounded) and his wife is missing. His lawyer decides on a cover-up, which gets pro-gressively difficult to sustain as the other guests arrive. Nobody can remember who told what to whom. Tickets are \$7-\$8 each. Call 625-8811.

### SDAY, MAY 7

11:30 a.m., National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution-Sashabaw Plains Chap-ter will meet. Call Nancy at 625-1519 for location and/or more information. Potluck lunch, please bring a dish to pass.

30-7 p.m. Seymour Lake United Methodist nurch, Sashabaw at Seymour Lake Road in Bran-m Township. Carry-outs available by calling 628-

m Informal sharing meeting. Topic: Loneli-s. Objective: To discuss feelings that surround cliness. Facilitator: Christine Spencer, M.A., 'C., director of bereavement services at Lewis

pendence Township Library.

"Fishing advice is one of the few things that kids will listen intently to older people about," said Judd. "They don't have to prove themselves

on it. They're more interested in getting it,

In Judd's mind, too, fishing connects families and teaches family values. Patience, tolerance, humility, perseverance and honesty to name a

Returning a 10-inch bass to the lake because ate regulations mandate that only bass of 14

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E. Wint & Son Funeral Home. Walk-In, no registration. Free of charge. For men and women of all ages recently widowed. Refreshments served. All area residents welcome. Any questions or if anyon would like to be on their mailing list, call the funeral home at 625-5231. Meeting is held at Independence Township Senior Center in Clintonwood Park on Clarkston Road in Clarkston.

SDAY - SUNDAY, MAY 7-10

Trip includes: Deluxe motorcoach transportation, three dinners, three nights' accommodations, tous of Nashville, show aboard the General Jackson Showboat, Grand Ole Opry, Andrew Jackson Her mitage House Tour, time to browse Opryland Hotel, escort and baggage handling. Presented by Bianco Tours. \$449 per person based on double occupancy. Register by calling the Independence Township Senior Center at 625-8231.

7-9 p.m. Clarkston Community Education Youth Enrichment Program is holding their annual dance at North Sashabaw Elementary School, 5290 May-bee Road, Clarkston. Cost: \$15/couple. Photo and refreahments included. For registration or addi-tional information, call 674-3141.

6:30 - 10 p.m. Dance for people with disabilities, Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernois, Troy. If you would like to attend and need transportation you would like to attend and need transport or need additional information, contact Sharon at 625-8231. Independence Township Senior Center will provide a shuttle to and from the dance. There is a minimum of three participants in order to provide this service; call one week in advance. Cost:

11 a.m. - 4:45 p.m., Meadowbrook Theatre. Play written by Neil Simon is a wonderful, bitterswet comedy that was awarded four Tony Awards in

The virtues of fishing aside, Judd will also

talk about involving all members of the family, including daughters and wives who aren't crazy

Judd, for instance, plans to have a picnic and take a bicycle ride after a morning of fishing as

"You have to work at it," he said. "It's an

to listen to everybody's needs and requests."

In addition to talking about how to obtain

equipment, select a local fishing spot and get set for a summer outing, Judd will give a course in fishing techniques for beginners.

In all, anyone who attends will be ready to

take up the sport, which is quite inexpensive, next weekend, Judd said.

Judd hopes they'll also be persuaded that fishing is an opportunity for families to be together, he said. "My most pleasant memories were of being with my father and fishing ... The pleasant thing was being with my Dad. Fishing was

ortunity, just like everything else. You have

e sport, in the activity

way to incorporate his wife's interests.

1991. Included is lunch at Bill Knapp's. Transportation will be via deluxe motorcoach. Early registration requested by calling Independence Township Senior Center at 625-8231. \$35 resident. \$37

SATURDAY, MAY 9

PREK.A-BOO PASSERNES
7:30 a.m., Indian Springs Metropark. Jump out of bed, pour some coffee down your throat, grab the binoculars and meet us bright and early at the nature center for a quiet bird walk. Not recom-mended for "baby birds." Registration required. Call 625-7280 or 1-800-477-3192.

"PICTURE" YOURSELF ON THE "ROCKS"

1 p.m., Indian Springs Metropark. Enjoy a slide show about backpacking the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore Trail in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. We'll also share trip tips for those adventuresome folks who would like to hike this trail in its anticate or simply aswals a day's trail in its entirety, or simply sample a day's worth. Registration required. Call 625-7280 or 1-800-477-3192.

1:30 - 3 p.m. Independence Oaks Nature Center. Ages 4 and older and their mother or grandmother are invited to this very special "tea" in celebration of mothers everywhere-both wild and tame. Learn s care for their young, enjoy tea party snacks and make a Mother's Day gift. Tea party attire suggested; teddy bears are welcome. \$3 per person. Registration required. Call 625-

CLARKSTON COMMUNITY BAND

3 p.m. Second annual spring concert "Swing Into Spring," will be presented at Clarkston's High chool auditorium in conjunction with Indepen dence Parks & Recreation. The free concert will ture selections from "The Music Man," George rshwin, Ralph Vaughan Williams and Glen Miller. Other toe-tapping tunes include Bugler's "Holiday" performed by the band's impressive trumpet section, the Spanish flare of Amparito d maybe even a visit from one of the famous Muppets. The high school is at 6595 Mid-dle Lake Road off Waldon Road in Clarkston.

HOWL AT THE MOON

7:30 p.m., Indian Springs Metropark. Young pups aged 5-10 will learn all about the clever coyote, aged 5-10 will learn all about the ciever coyone, and listen to some colorful coyote legends from around the country. We'll finish up with a hike and attempt to engage in some "howling" conversation.
Reservations required. Call 625-7280 or 1-800-477-

### SUNDAY, MAY 10

SIXTY MINUTES WITH WILDFLOWERS

1,1:30, 2 & 2:30 p.m. Indian Springs Metropark. Investigate the exciting world of wildflowers with your co-anchor, Mom, during one of these special one-hour Mother's Day hikes. No registration necessary. Park is at 5200 Indian Trail off White Lake Road in White Lake.

MONDAY, MAY 11

To p.m. Meeting to plan a Memorial Day Party in the Orient Restaurant. Owner of the restaurant, Binh Nguyen, will offer free dinners in appreciation to people who provide services to our commu-nity such as firefighters, police officers and representatives of the armed services. Restaurant located at 1764 Ortonville Road (across from Shell Gas Station) in Brandon Township. For more information cell 507, 4806 tion, call 627-4806.

7-8:30 p.m. Independence Township Library, 6495.
Clarkston Road, Clarkston. Meet Craig Judd, local outdoorsman, sportsman and fishing enthusiast.
Learn how to take the family on a great adventure outdoors in Michigan this spring and summer. Find out techniques, equipment and super locations for enjoying this sport and sharing it with friends and family. Michigan lakes offer a fine opportunity to explore fishing as a hobby and pastime to enrich relationships between adults and shilders.

### MONDAY, MAY 11, THROUGH MONDAY, JUNE 29

CALLIGRAPHIC CONTINUUM Gallery hours 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. To celebrate their 20th anniversary, Michigan Association of Callig-raphers is sponsoring this exhibit which consists of a juried exhibit of members' works as well as an invitational exhibit of work by instructors from around the country who have offered classes and workshops to members. The exhibit takes place at The Galleria, Oakland County Executive Offices, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac. The public is also invited to an opening reception 6 - 8:30 p.m., Thursday, May 14. For additional information, call-(248) 400-2839.

# WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

SPRING PLANT SALE

The students in the Bio-Science/Horticulture program at Oakland Technical Center's Northwest Campus will be holding their 20th annual spring sale 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. The center is at 8211 Big Lake Road near Dixie Highway and I-75. The sale includes student-grown annuals, perennials, hang-ing baskets and various mixed baskets. For more information, call Scentiments at 625-5359.

### THURSDAY, MAY 14

MATINEE VIDEO SERIES

1-2:30 p.m. Independence Township Library Youth Activities Room, 6495 Clarkston Road. Familiar features of the New York City landscape and triumphs of American engineering are the subway system and the Brooklyn Bridge. In New York Underground and Brooklyn Bridge, learn the cinating stories of how tlese marvels came to be built and their lasting significance throughout the 20th century. Refreshments provided. No registration needed. Free.

### SATURDAY, MAY 16

JR. GIRL SCOUTS "SKY SEARCH"

10 a.m. & 1 p.m. Indian Springs Metropark. Bring a light or white-colored t-shirt (leaders, too) to this indoor program and learn all about what's there" while meeting all of the requirements for this badge. Sorry, due to limited "space" scouts and leaders only (no siblings please). Fee: \$1 per scout. Please pay by check. Registration required. Call 625-7280 or 1-800-477-3192.



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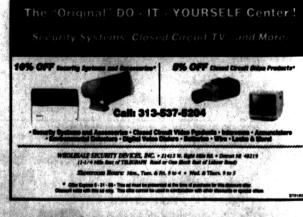
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# Help Lighthouse take hunger fight to heart

the stock market is breaking records, yet everyone isn't sharing in the prosperity. The gap between the rich and poor is growing steadily, and hunger is increasing in America. Nearly 35 million Americans live in hungry or "food insecure" households, according to the Tufts University Center on Hunger.

Although Oakland County has been named as one of the wealthiest counties in the nation, it is also home to this alarming trend. Thousands of Oakland County residents face poverty and hunger on a daily basis. Oakland County ranks 28th in the nation for population size with 1,083,592 residents. About 174,000 of these residents are considered low income and eligible for food distribution programs. According to the Oakland County Food Bank, an increase of food orders from various pantries, soup kitchens and other food distribution programs indicates a growing number of the hungry in Oakland County. In January alone, the Food Bank distributed 253,000 pounds of

The number of people seen at the Lighthouse Emergency Serfood pantry is increasing and the struggle to keep up with demand is evident. Lighthouse delivered 82,000 units of services to low-income families in 1997, out of which 22,750 clients received food. From January through March of 1998, the Clarkston branch has provided more than 2.000 units of food

Hunger is an issue many of us are never faced with. Can you imagine the case of a young mother with three daughters forced to start a new life because her husband abandoned them? On her meager income, she could afford a small one bedroom flat but in order to make ends meet, her family ate the same three meals constantly: noodles, cereal, peanut butter and jelly. What a relief it was for her to come to Lighthouse and receive nutritious, balanced meals for her girls. The food we were able to provide not only kept her family healthy but freed up money she could now spend on other essentials.

You, your business, school or church group can take a proactive stance on this lingering national problem and join us on May 16 as Lighthouse takes the fight against hunger to heart at Hunger Walk '98. This 16th annual tradition is a fun-filled morning dedicated to ending hunger in Oakland County. It is a 3.5-mile walk through historic Pontiac which will benefit both the Clarkston and Pontiac branches. Registration starts at 9 a.m. with the walk beginning at 10 a.m. at the Lighthouse Pontiac Branch at 196 Orchard Lake Road.

Huel Perkins, news anchor from WJBK FOX2, will be the master of ceremonies

Honorary co-chairs include Douglas Etkin of Etkin Equities; Thomas Kimble, director of GM



Philanthropic Administration; and Pontiac Mayor Walter

An official Hunger Walk Tshirt will be given to the first 400 walkers bringing in \$50 or The T-shirt sponsors include Bodytechniques Fitness Center, Buck Sales Promotion, Centerpoint Business Center, Coldwell Banker Professionals, Cranbrook Associates, Buckles & Buckles, First Federal of Michigan, John Bowman Chevrolet, John Carlo Inc., Merrill Lynch Auburn Hills, North Oakland Medical Center, Oakland Schools, Pontiac Oakland Town Hall, Ramco-Gershenson, Rotary Club of Pontiac, The Oakland Press, and the Zonta Club of Pontiac -North Oakland. Many thanks to these wonderful businesses for their generosity.

Hunger continues to be a problem in America, in Oakland County, and in our community. Take the fight against hunger to heart and participate in the Lighthouse Emergency Services Hunger Walk '98. For more information or to obtain a pledge form, call the Hunger Walk Hotline at (248) 745-4416.

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

# Rochelle from page A13

ere spending spring break at our cabin. April 18 was the day we were due to pick up and plant 100 seedlings we had ordered from the Antrim County Soil Conservation. I had no intention of missing my cousin's special day so it was decided that I would cut my vacation a little and travel back for the wedding festivities while my husband and kids stayed up north to plant

With that decision behind me, I was looking forward to the wedding day. As it approached, however, I started becoming nervous about the long drive home by myself. I realized that I had never traveled to or from our cabin alone. My boys and I had driven to the cabin a few times without my husband, but I had never made the journey solo. Concerns of car trouble, bad weather, an accident or drowsiness all crept into my mind. After a cold, rainy week at the cabin, when the beautiful, sunny, warm Saturday morning arrived and I said goodbye to my family to start my journey home, although relieved by the wonderful weather, I was still a bit apprehensive. As I pulled out of the driveway, I turned on the radio for company. Although my car radio is usually set to the all-news station, I found an oldies channel from Traverse City and settled in for the long drive.

Within moments of turning on the radio, I was singing to the oldies. This is something I rarely get to do. For some reason, when traveling with my family, they always request that I not "ruin" the songs by singing with the radio. As I sang the old songs, the warm spring air flowing in the open windows swirled around the car like a time funnel carrying me back in time to the days when the songs weren't old, and neither was I. Before getting into the car I felt that surely, "One is the loneliest number," but within minutes, the music had "turned back the hands of time." After a week of rain and cold, the day was "like a heatwave."

Alone in the car, with my favorite tunes from decades gone by, it was easy to forget that I'm a middle-aged wife and mother. Belting out the songs to which I actually know the words made me feel like I was in my prime again. My prime was short-lived. Unlike many young women, I didn't blossom until after I had graduated from high school.

My days of turning heads were numbered in the lower digits, but driving down the road with the wind in my hair, carefree and independent, I

lapsed back to those days. Lost in m the days when I was young. The days before the extra baggage had crept onto my hips and thighs. The days when I could turn a head or two and not wonder if they were thinking, "Boy, 13 has she let herself go."

Songs have a way of bringing back mem of moments and people long since forgotten. As I journeyed down I-75, I also journeyed down memory lane, which for me is a very selective boulevard. Only good memories are allowed. Listening to the songs of my youth and rem ing days when I considered the words "You're so" vain" to be a compliment made the hours pass so quickly, I was astounded when I saw the sign indicating that I was approaching the Zilwauk Bridge. Momentarily I snapped back to reality. looked at the clock and realized I had been drive ing and day dreaming for two hours.

Reality didn't last long. Within a minute or two another great old song came on and made me "reminisce about the days of old and that old re time rock 'n' roll." With each song I heard, "there's always something there to remind me" we of the days of my youth. When I reached Clarkston, I was almost sorry the drive was over, but my little journey down memory lane left me with a feeling of joy. I'm glad I have some great memories of being young, and I'm glad my trip to the past was simply in my memory. I wouldn't want to actually go back to those days. The old cliché "Youth is wasted on the young" is too true. I wouldn't want to take the chance of going back and making a choice or a mistake that would change where I have ended up. I love being a wife and a mother and, occasionally, on a sunny Saturday, I'll love taking a drive down memory lane to relive those days of my prime. On those select sunny Saturdays, I'll remember that "it's my party," but I won't have any "rain drops falling on my head" because I'm "gonna go to the place that's the best," which is right back to reality, because, after all "something tells me I'm on to something good."

Rochelle Smith, who lives in Clarkston, is a

# Community band performs Saturday

In conjunction with Independence Parks & Recreation, the Clarkston Community Band will hold its second annual spring concert, "Swing Into Spring," on Saturday, May 9, in Clarkston

High School's auditorium.

Starting at 3 p.m., the free concert will feature selections from "The Music Man," George Gershwin, Ralph Vaughan Williams and Glen Miller. Other toe-tapping tunes include Bugler's "Holiday" performed by the band's trumpet section, the Spanish flare of Amparito Roca, and maybe even a visit from one of the famous Mup-

Directed by Jeanne Pierce, the Clarkston Community Band was formed in September 1997. The band, a non-profit organization, has 40 members ranging in ages from 15 to 80. Several family members belong to the group, including some husband and wife duos. If you're interested in joining the Clarkston Community Band or would like more information on how to become a sponsor, contact the Independence Township Parks and Recreation at (248) 625-8223 or Jeanne Pierce at (248) 625-3546.

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# **ACHIEVERS**

Lisa Herron, daughter of Judy and Glenn Herron of Clarkston, was named to the Kalamazoo College Dean's List for the winter 1998 quarter. To achieve the honor, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average or above on a scale of 4.0.

Michael Weinert, a Northwood University junior from Clarkston, was granted the Herbert and Elsa Ponting Foundation Scholarship(s) for the 1997-98 academic year.

Weinert is the son of Richard Weinert of Clearwater, Fla., and Lynda Fawcett of Clarkston.

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# BELIEFS

# Healthy communities create spiritually sound people

there is an organizations called the Coalition of Healthy

eality, it is a coalition of coalitions that include such groups as the Birmingham Community Coalition and the Troy Community Coalition.

These coalitions were creat-ed to fight drug and alcohol

Of course, drug and alcohol abuse in our area.

Of course, drug and alcohol abuse cannot be eliminated until people develop healthy attitudes and pursue healthy lifestyles.

This is why the Coalition of Healthy Communities is so wall named

In a healthy community, drug abuse and alcohol abuse are not even options.

As I drive around our area, it is becoming increasingly obvious to me that we all need to work together to create healthy communities and healthy coalitions of communities.

This is made most real to me when I come upon a shrine that has been placed along the side of the road to memorialize friends, chil-dren and other loved ones who have been the victims of drunk drivers.

Perhaps you have noticed that these road-de memorials are increasing the point that you cannot go down a major road in Oakland County without coming upon one. I am starting to wonder if all our roadsides will have to come a continuous memorial to the dead fore we start to really work together to stop

the grief and suffering.

Thank God for such groups as the Coalition of Healthy Communities that are working to bring people to their senses and to restore a sense of community and well being.

As a minister, I am aware that healthy attitudes and lifestyles hardly ever arise until people also have a healthy spirit.

This is why our churches, our mosques, our synagogues and other faith-based communities are so important in creating healthy com-

This is also why the most successful treatment programs for alcoholics and other drug abusers have been the 12-step programs such as Alcoholics Anonymous.

These programs are spiritually based and

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# Lublin named president of WLCJ

Lisa Lublin of Bloomfield Hills will be installed as presi-dent of the Michigan branch of Women's League for Conserva-tive Judaism at 4:40 p.m. May 17 during the groups annual spring conference at Congrega-tion Adat Shalom in Farming-

Lublin is past president of the Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Shalom in Oak Park and also served as membership vice president, financial and recording secretary, donor ad book and luncheon chairman of her

On the branch level, Lublin served as Torah Fund vice president, recording secretary,

co-editor of the Michigan Branch Line and a member of the spring conference commit-

In addition, she was vice chairman of the women's divi-sion of the Institute Day of the Jewish Federation of metro Detroit and was president of the "Welcome Wagon" in Oak

Married 30 years to Lawrence, an oral surgeon and partner with Oakland Oral Surgery Associates, Lublin has two children.

The league also appointed new vice presidents, who will be installed at next weeks' meeting. They are: Judith

Leder of Farmington Hills, Debbie Balkin of Farmington Hills, Carol Tarica of West Bloomfield, Judie Blumeno of

West Bloomfield, and Adelle Staller of Southfield. Bernice Friedman of Bloom-field Hills was named treasurcretaries Ann Emerson of Mt. Clemens, Beverly Yost of Farmington Hills, Rachel Maisel of Farmington Hills and Sherri Peller of Ann Arbor will

be installed as secretaries. The keynote address of the conference, themed "Our Benu-tiful Heritage," will be given by Janis Popp, the national con-sultant immediately following the installation of the officers

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M MEMORIAL CONCERT The Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, is hosting its Dorian Samuels Memorial Concert at 8 p.m. on May 8. The free concert will highlight the music of George and Ira

Gershwin. Dorian Samuels was the temple's first music director and a composer of liturgical tunes. The temple's own music director, Maria Cimarelli, along with Alona Moon, Karl Schmidt, Mark Vondrak, Lawrence Picard and James Hohmeyer will provide the entertainment. For information, call (248) 477-1410.

**DINNER/AUCTION** 

The Women's Society of Prince of Peace Catholic Church, 4300 Walnut Lake Road. West Bloomfield, is holding a dinner/auction at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12. The event features free spirited clothing and jewelry from Born to Shop in Rochester, the excitement of a silent auction and a gourmet dinner of chicken with artichokes. pasta, spring greens, dessert and wine. The cost is \$16 per person. For reservations, call (248) 681-9424, or mail checks to the church. Proceeds benefit the Leukemia Society of America.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY Temple Shir Shalom, 3999 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield, begins the yearlong celebration of its 10th anniversary on Friday, May 15, with a family service honoring the ushers that have served for the past 10 years. An Oneg Shabbat follows. On May 16, the Gala 10th Anniversary Dinner Dance features the music of Orthea Barnes and her band. On May 17. the celebration continues with a family picnic hosted by the Temple Sisterhood, Brotherhood, The Golden Branch, the Net and the Youth Group.

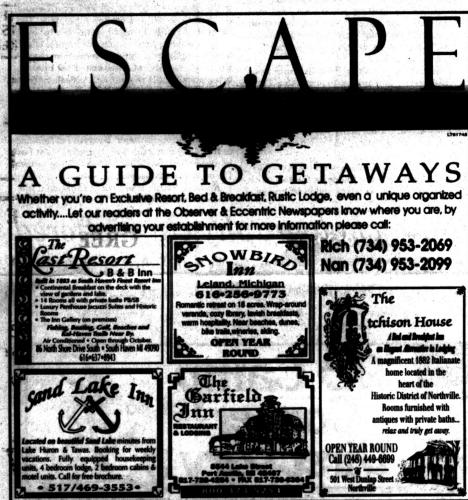
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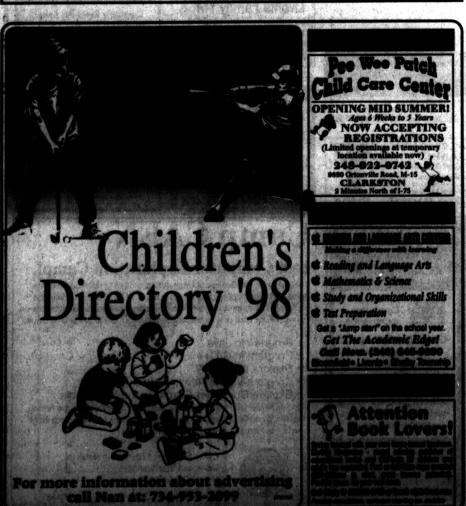
B ORTHODOX IN ISRAEL Temple Beth El, 7400 Tele-graph Road, Bloomfield Hills, is hosting "Orthodox Power in Israel: What it Means for World Jewry" with columnist and author Ze'ev Chafets at 7 p.m. on Sunday, May 17. A man whom the New York Times has called the 'Israeli Tocqueville" and whom Michigan hails as a native son, Chafets is noted for his incisive commentary on both American and Israeli society. Reservations are not necessary for the free pro-

gram, which is underwritten by the Theodore and Mina Bargman Foundation. For information, call Barbara Grant at (248) 851-1100. E TEACHERS RECOGNIZED Temple Israel, 5725 Walnut

Lake Road, West Bloomfield, will recognize its teaching staff and its contribution to Jewish education on Friday, May 29. Honor awards will be presented to Barbara Eskin, Joan Melnick, Carole Miller, Tziona Ragowsky and Alex Skoczylas for five years of service: Pearl Baum and Eileen Rodner for 10 years;

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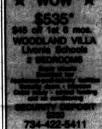
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Temple Kol Ami, 5085 Walnut Lake Road West Bloomfield, elected the following new officers and board members: Marc Willner, president; Lee Schottenfels, first vice president; Irving Yellin, Rosenberg, third vice president; Karen Gutman, secretary; and Terry Hollander, members include Debbi Chasnick, Cindy Faber, Lori Fidler, Diane Komorn, David Hirschland, Stuart Rotenberg and David Siegel, Continuing to serve on the board are Gary dan Isaacs, Jeff Kaplan, Andrea Liberman, Frida Markle, Larry Pepper and Naomi Tendler.

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whom Michigan hails as a native son, Chafets is noted for his incisive commentary on both American and Israeli society. Reservations are not necessary for the free pro-gram, which is underwritten by the Theodore and Mina Bargman Foundation, For Bargman Foundation. For information, call Barbara Grant at (248) 851-1100.

Temple Israel, 5725 Walnut Lake Road, West

Bloomfield, will recognize its teaching staff and its contribution to Jewish education on Friday, May 29. Honor awards will be presented to Ronda Brodsky, Gayle Hirsch, Sue Kaufman, Ruth Maroko and Judith Weinstein for 15 years; Zina Shaykhet for 20 years; Joanne Viviano for 25 years; Robert Lask and Sander Papo for 35 years; and Linda Brodfor 35 years; and Linda Brodsky for 40 years.

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# In-line skating

Independence Township Parks and Recreation offers a two-hour course designed to make in-line skating easy. The course teaches stopping techniques, several turns, hazard avoidance and skate tips, and is designed for beginning through dvanced courses

Both sessions take place at Clintonwood Park. Session II takes place May 30 from 10 a.m. to noon (for 6-11-year-olds) and May 31 from 1 to 3 p.m. (12-older). Session II takes place June 13 from 10 a.m. to noon (6-11) and 1 to 3 p.m. (12-older).

Cost is \$22 for residents, \$32 for non-residents. Call 625-8223 for more

### 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

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. Participants must pre-register with parks & rec by June 1.

### Soccer camps

Independence Township Parks and Recreation hosts a week of soccer instruction July 27-31 at Clintonwood Park. Mini-camp for players ages 9-11 take place from 9 to 11 a.m. 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 (halfday) or \$70 for residents, \$80 for nonresidents (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.

# Horseback riding

Oxford Township Parks and Recreation sponsors horseback riding classes for riders ages 5 to adult at the Michigan Riding Academy, 835 Hum-mer Lake Road, Oxford.

The four-week sessions will be offerd from April 21-May 15; May 18-June 12: and June 15-July 17. Classes are available Tuesdays, Wednes-days and Fridays from 4 to 5 and 5 to 6 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 to 10 a.m. and 2 to 3 p.m. cost is \$78 for residents. \$83 for non-residents 18under, and \$88 for non-residents over

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# Track teams outdistance Berkley

n Like a broken record, Clarkston continues to pile up Oakland Activities Association Divi-sion II track victories, leaving just one ques-tion unanswered: Is there anyone who can stop the Wolves?

wo-thirds of the way through the prep track season, and the following question must be asked: Is there anyone in the OAA Division II that can beat Clarkston?

The Wolves made it five straight dual meet sweeps Tuesday, waltzing past host Berkley in convincing fash-ion. In the girls meet, the Wolves post-ed wins in 14 of 16 events and cruised

to a 105-23 decision, while their male counterparts dusted the Bears by a 97-30 count.

In the girls meet, the Wolves received wins from Latisha Hawley in the discus (100-6), Erica Helman in the high jump (4-8) and Rachel Uchman in the long jump (15-1) in the field events.

Michelle Wilson won the 110 hurdles (17.8), Brittani Brewer in the 300 hur-

dles (50.9), Uchman won the 100 (13.7) and 200 (28.1), Jennifer Rooding wo the 400 (1:02.7), Lissa Lukens crossed first in the 800 (2:30.9), and Megan Plante won the 3200 (12:47) to round out the anen awart with the new aw out the open event winners for the

Clarkston (5-0, 5-0) also posted a clean sweep in the relays as they took the 400 relay (53.9), 800 relay (1:53.7), 1600 relay (4:11.3) and the 3200 relay (10:49.1) in decisive fashion.

It was the status quo in the boys

In the open events, Nick Holland

won the 110 hurdles (15.9), Curt Brewer won the 300 hurdles (41.8), Clint Powell took the 400 (52.8), Brett Quantz won the 800 (2:00.6), Dan Burke was the pack leader in the 1600 (4:49.1) and Dave Sage crossed first in the 3200 (9:59) for the Wolves.

Clarkston (5-0, 5-0) also won all four relays and had winners in three field

Jeff Long was tops in the shot put (41-9), Marc Venegoni took the long jump (19-8) and Powell won the discus (142-4), while the Wolves rolled to triumphs in the 400 relay (46.1), 800. relay (1:36.0), 1600 relay (3:41.2), and the 3200 relay (8:41.6).

# Wolves, Dragons play deja vu

The last time Lake Orion and Clarkston squared off in girls soccer, the two rivals walked off a soggy field of battle with a 2-2

The host Wolves and Lake Orion got a second chance at each other on Monday to garner bragging rights in North Oakland county again in subpar weather conditions nothing was settled as the two had to settle for another 2-2 draw.

Georgia Senkyr scored twice for Clarkston, and Brook Poisson and Stephanie Giekere tallied for the Dragons.

kind of weird, but the last time we played them at their place, Lake Orion domi-nated the first half and we did the second half. But today it was the opposite," said Clarkston coach Brian Fitzgerald. "We played really well in the first half, but they really

took it to us in the second half."

The Dragons (7-3-3, 3-3-3) trailed 2-1 at

E 'Sarah did a

really good job against a really

good team. That

halftime, but the received equalizer in the 55th minute from Giekere, a senior midfielder, who took a long pass (breakaway) save really got us from senior midfielder Lauren Thompson and beat Clarkston

Brian Fitzgerald Morgan to the near side from 12 -Wolves soccer coach yards out.

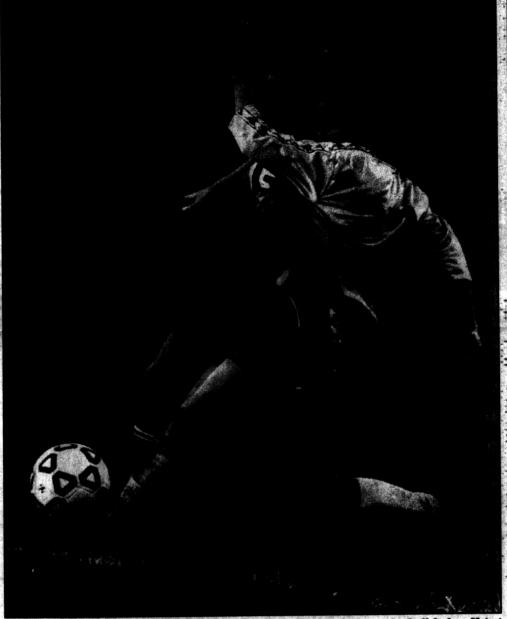
We came out in the second half and really started to pressure them," said Lake Orion coach Paul Elder. "After we got that tying goal, we continued to pressure the net, but we just couldn't finish our opportunities. We controlled play though, which is something that we are starting to do with some consistency

The lack of goal-scoring success could be attributed to the play of Clarkston's Morgan, a freshman who was making just her second start of the year, and junior fullback Kara Bergkoetter.

Morgan recorded 12 saves, including stop-ping a first-half breakaway on Orion's Mel Cunningham.

Their goalie played a strong game," continued Elder. "She really kept them in the game in the second half."

The Dragons took a 1-0 lead in the 11th minute when junior forward Brook Poisson scored on a nice individual effort, picking up a loose ball inside the penalty area and beating Morgan (12 saves) to her right. Lake Orion nearly added to that lead less



I'll take that: Clarkston's Jessica Thomas (foreground) chases down the ball before Kristi King of Lake Orion can get to it during the 2-2 tie the teams played Monday night. Georkyr scored both of Clarkston's goals.

# Netters setting themselves up as league's darkhorse team



# Mother Nature interrupts, forces Wolves to settle for 4-4 tie with Groves

The Clarkston tennis team just might be peaking at the most opportune time of the season.

They will find out today at the Oak-

land Activities Association Division II league meet, Clarkston (5-2-8, 2-1-2 OAA II) could be a darkhorse to capture the league meet, which counts for 50 percent of the regular season stand-ings, based on their play in the past 10

days.

Head coach Kevin Ortwine said more consistent play from his doubles team combined with the Wolves' tough non-league schedule has made his squaa to ngerous team as the season comes to

"It took a little while for our double "It took a little while for our doubles teams to come together because so many of them were inexperienced and had never played doubles before," Ortwine said. "In the last few weeks, they have been playing their best tennis of the year."

Clarkston tied Birmingham Groves 4-4 Tuesday in a non-league home

match which had originally been scheduled for Monday but was cut short due to rain. The Wolves were trailing 3-2 before the rains hit Monday, but the No. 2 doubles team o Dustin Kring and Nate Davidson along with Kevin Babcock and Jess Roderick at No. 3 doubles, poster

three-set wins. Clarkston's top singles player, Jim Kyle, had been coming off a 6-1 second set victory on Monday when the rains hit, and when play resumed on Tuesday, he was unable to get going, losing the match in the third set.

"The extra day really hurt him," said Ortwine. "He just couldn't get it going."

Jeff Lauhoff won at No. 2 singles, 6.
3. 6-1, and the No. 4 doubles team of

3, 6-1, and the No. 4 doubles tea Blake Coe and Paul O'Connor wer torious, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2 on Monday. Wolves lost in their number three four singles matches, and the top

# Wolves salvage split with Cards

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opener, Davison (9-5)

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left-handed sidewinder silenced the Wolves bats by allowing just five hits with three strikeouts. Junior right-hander Spencer Hynes pitched a three-hitter with seven punchouts for Clark-ston, but hurt his own cause with a pair of throwing errors, and settled for the loss. "We simply did not play well at all," said Clarkston coach Roy

Warner of his team's perfor-mance in the opener. "We only had (five) hits and our fielding

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teamer's RBI infield single.
feer a walk by junior Ty Brown,
oth Beamer and Brown scored
then senior Scott Green reached
age on another Clarkston

throwing error.

The Cardinals also added a run in the fourth on a round-tripper by Brown and another in the sixth on an RBI single by

Green.
Clarkston (9-5) received a solo shot from senior Josh Clark in the sixth and an RBI single by Hynes in the seventh.
"Josh's dinger was a nice hit, but that was one the few bright spots for us," added Warner. "I guess that's just the way it goes sometimes."

In the nightcap, the Wolves seemed quite rejuvenated — especially senior southpaw Jared

On the mound, Thomas (3-1) fanned 10 and allowed just four Davison hits en route to the vic-

Thomas also added a pair of hits, including a two-run homer in the seventh, with three RBI. Clark also added two hits in the nightcap for the Wolves, who hosted top-ranked Rochester Wednesday.

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than a minute later, but Morgan stopped Cunningham cold — a save which seemed to ignite Clarkston's offense.

Senkyr, a senior forward, notched her 11th goal of the season three minutes later on a breaksway. She then save the

son three minutes later on a breakaway. She then gave the Wolves (3-8-2, 3-3-2) the lead with 17 minutes remaining in the half when she knocked in a cross from Bergkoetter.

"Sarah did a really good job against a really good team. That (breakaway) save really got us going," praised Fitzgerald. "And Bergkoetter did a really nice job shutting down Mel Cunningham the rest of the way. She was really causing problems for us in the first 10 minutes."

Morgan continued to impress

Morgan continued to impress in the second half as she turned aside several quality scoring

opportunities by the Dragons.
"Sarah is really starting to
come into her own," added
Fitzgerald. "She played a great game out there and is starting to show me that she deserves more playing time. She came up big

**II** 'Bergkoetter did a really nice job on Mei

Brian Fitzgerald

—Clarkston coach



Out In front: Lake Orion's Lauren Thompson (19) beats Jennifer Kerney of Clarkston to the ball during the teams' 2-2 soccer tie Monday.

Tennis from page B1

Barnett lost a tough two-set

match, but Ortwine was pleased with his team's performance. "It was a good tune-up for us," he said. "Tennis is different from

he said. Tennis is different from other sports because when the court gets wet, it takes awhile to dry and we're not going to send the kids out there on a wet court. It's tough to finish the next day but the guys did a good job."

The Wolves won two of three matches last week, but the only loss came sto one of the top squads in the state. Although Rochester, ranked eighth in Michigan in Division I, shut out Clarkston 8-0, Ortwine was impressed with the play of his No. 4 singles player, Brent Griffith, and the Wolves' Kring and

Davidson. Both of those matches went to three sets before the Fal-

cons prevailed.

Before that match, the Wolves defeated Lapeer East, 5-2, and squeaked by Farmington 4-3 in two quality non-league wins. Against East, Kyle, Lauhoff, Griffith and the doubles teams of Trollman/Barnett King/Davidson all won their matches. Clarkston's only two

Against Farmington, Lauhoff, Irifith and Lorne Deacon at No. 3 singles won, along with the team of Babcock and Roderick.

Ortwine said the fact each of his starters contributed to victories during the week shows how balanced of a team Clarkston has become in the second half of the year. Even in some of the s the Wolves have suffered

in doubles, Clarkston players have performed well and taken matches to three sets.

"Those guys are really playing together well," he said. "I figured by this time in the season they would start winning some matches.

Losing six players from last year's team and with only three seniors in the starting lineup, the Wolves are shooting for a victery in today's league meet at Royal Oak Kimball. Ortwine said his squad wold have to perform above and beyond expectations, particularly considering their lack of experience, to advance to the state finals, but is pleased with the improvement

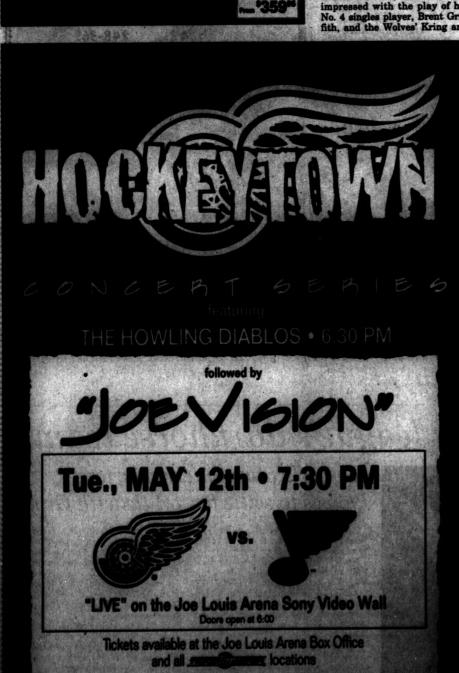
he has seen throughout the year.
"This is our season right here," he said. "I think they're using (the meet) as a revenge factor. I

really expect us to contend (today). The guys know they can win all of their matches."

Ortwine plans toe starting lineup he has the past few weeks, saying he has found the combination of players he was looking for at the start of the year. And if the Wolves continue to peak, they could make some

noise at regionals May 15-16 at Troy High School. In reality, the league championship is still up for grabs. Berkley and Auburn Hills Avondale were the top two teams during the pre-meet portion of the regular season, but the teams were generally quite balanced. Troy Athens, Royal Oak Kimball and Southfield-Lathrup also compete in OAA II.

"It's good to see these guys coming around," Ortwine said.



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# Wolves demote Captains behind Fuller, youngsters

Clarkston picked up perhaps its biggest win of the softball season with a 5-4 win Monday at

Waterford Kettering.
Rachel Fuller improved to 12-3
on the year as she pitched a comlete game for the victory. The Captains scored four times in m of the seventh inning to give the Wolves a scare, but Fuller retired the final Kettering batter on a bouncer back to the mound with the tying run on

Tiffany Honey and Carmen Lund each had a pair of RBI and Amy Drew added four hits for Wolves (15-5, 5-2 Oakland **Activities Association Division** I). With the victory, Clarkston pulled into a temporary second-place tie with Kettering, one game behind Brandon, whose first division loss of the season Monday dropped them to 6-1 in the league.

"We really received some time ly clutch hits (Monday)," said Clarkston head coach Al Land. Rachel pitched well and we

made the defensive plays we had to. Whoever was going to make more plays was going to win that

The Wolves jumped on the board first as catcher Corinne McIntyre drove in a run with a third-inning single. Honey belted a two-run homer in the fourth and Lund drove in a pair with a fifth-inning double.

Kettering came back to make it close in the seventh by virtue of good hitting combined with a couple of mental lapses by Clarkston fielders. Instead of getting the easy out, the Wolves attempted to complete difficult force plays, which Land said is appropriate earlier in teh game, but not in the last inning with a

"We gambled a bit, which isn't always bad," he said. "Because of that, I think the score was closer than the game actually went."

Coming into the game, the Captains were ranked among the state's best teams, but the Wolves, also in the top 10, proved they could compete. The Wolves play Kettering in a dou-bleheader later in the season and still play against Brandon, another highly-regarded team in the state which beat Clarkston twice earlier in the season.

Of the Wolves' five losses, others have come to Royal Oak Kimball and one to Lake Orion. Kimball and Brandon have combined to lose only a handful of

"We've had some tough games and our schedule gets tougher," Land said. "We've had some real quality losses and the girls have played well in those games. They are playing with a lot of confidence right now.

A big reason for the success Clarkston has enjoyed this year has been the play of its freshmen and sophomores, the unknown factor at the beginning of the

Land said freshman Mary Warchuck, who started the Wolves' hitting rally Monday with a double, has fit in well in

the designated hitter spot and has come up with some clutch

"Hitting is contagious," Land said. "Mary is a big factor in our offense

Land also pointed out the play of freshman Lindsey Simko and sophomore Melanie Arnold. Simko has been impressive on defense at second base and has shown to have a consistent eye at the plate. She is a contact hitter who is also capable of laying down a successful bunt.

Arnold is described by her coach as the fastest player on the team who has developed into a valuable contact hitter. She as been moved from ninth to first in the lineup based on her speed and the fact she has successfully learned how to put the ball in play batting left-handed, which gives her a couple of extra steps in an effort to beat throws

"We've been asking her to slap the ball around and she can us her speed to get on base," said

Land, who also gave kudos to Tricia Brewer's hitting. "I knew at the beginning of the season

that our veterans could play, but Tve been really happy with the way some of our younger players have performed. In addition, Sam Hardenburgh

continues to throw well as the Wolves' second pitcher. Her to rest in the second game of most doubleheaders. Land said Hardenburgh has

displayed an accurate fastball and a deceiving changeup, and calls her a very valuable contrib-

"I don't think Sam realizes how important she is to us,

The Wolves compete in a tour-nament this weekend in Royal Oak which will match some of the best squads in the area in a 16-team field.

Clarkston already knows it faces Harper Woods Regina and Royal Oak Kimball in its first two games. If they play well on Saturday the Wolves could

return to compete for the tourna-ment championship Sunday. The only problem is Clark-ston's prom is Friday night, meaning many of the players

will not be well-rested.

As a result, Land isn't worried about winning as much as com-peting well and gaining further experience against top competi-

# **Outdoor Calendar**

# **ARCHERY**

LEAGUES FOR

Several archery leagues are forming at the Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston. There will be a MAA target league on Monday mornings (beginning 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 an evenings (starting April 30). All leagues are 12 weeks long. Call (248) 623-0444 for more informa-

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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. The fun-filled evening includes door prizes, raffles, and silent auctions. The event begins with an open bar at 6 p.m, dinner at 7 p.m. and a live auction at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$60 each and \$95 per couple. Call Paul Montgomery at (248) 608-2949 for tickets and more information.

# **CLASSES**

**HUNTER EDUCATION** 

Oakland County Sportsmen's Club will hold a hunter education 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 participants must be 12 years old by Dec. 31, 1998. Class size is limited. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club will present Fly Fishing For the Beginner on Saturday and Sun-day, May 23, 24. Both day-long sessions 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.

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

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Fishing Buddys Fishing Club meets monthly in Rochester Hills. The meetings are open to all anglers. Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

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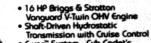
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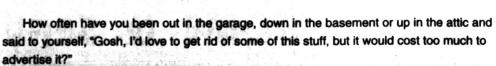
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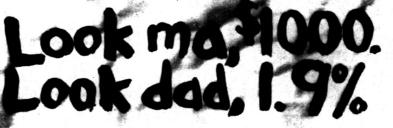
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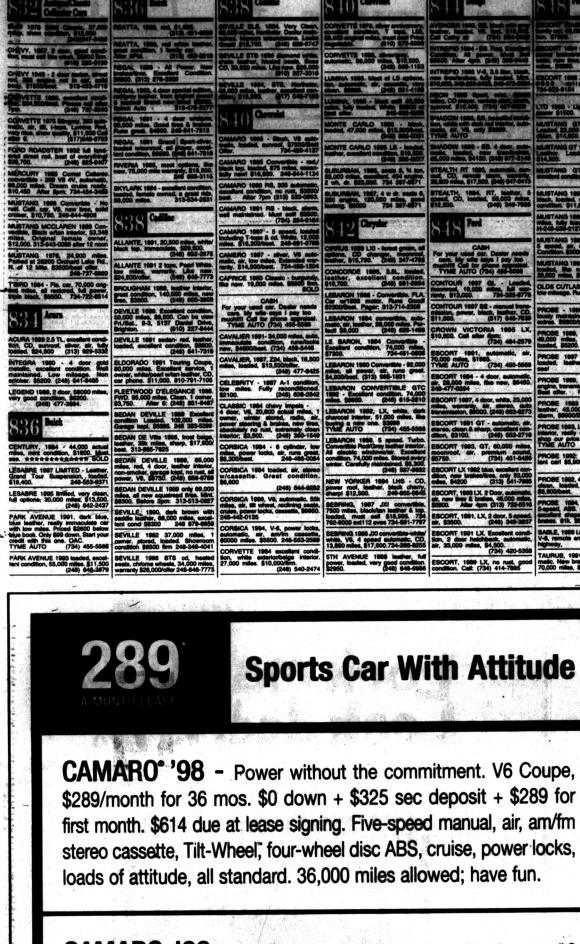


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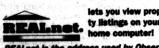
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# What is a yield spread premium and is it-legal?



Q. I have heard some thing about the fact that lenders sometime pay what is called a "yield spread" premi-um to a mortgage banker who arranges for a loan above the

ar interest rate. Is this legal? What ood are these things to consumers?

A. In a recent decision from the U.S. District

Court in Virginia, the court agreed that payment of yield spread premiums, while being a common industry practice, was not protected by the statute's "safe harbor" for operating in "good faith."

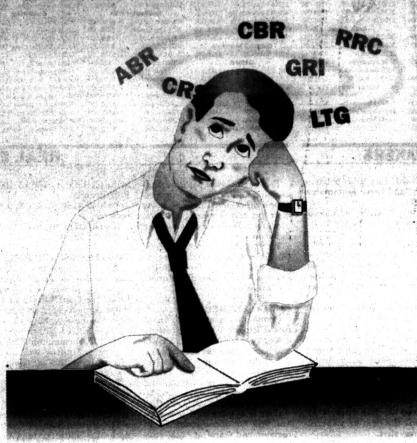
The court held that by their very The court held that by their very nature, "yield spread premiums" are not compensation given for services actually performed by the broker. The court went in to say that it is unable to see what services are being provided to the consumer unless it is the provision of a bad deal.

On a motion by the defendant, the court fismissed a class action suit brought by account plaintiff.

The court also has determined that the lepartment of Housing and Urban levelopment will be issuing regulations hortly about "yield spread premiums" and their use in placing mortgages.

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# Going beyond the minimum

Finding a good Realtor to help you sell or buy a house can be as easy as ABC. Or maybe GRI, CRS, CRB, ABR

Professional designations, the capital letters after a name, indicate a level of education, experience and sales success acquired by Realtors beyond minimum

acquired by Realtors beyond minimum state licensing requirements.

While there's no guarantee that more education results in better job perfor-mance, the more you know, the farther you generally go.

And Dick Vitale, the sports commen-tator and former basketball coach, is fond of saying that luck results when preparation and opportunity meet.

preparation and opportunity meet "Designations are extremely impor-tant," said Marge Rogus, marketing and training director for the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors.

"Knowledge is power. You want to help your clients and customers. Just because the minimum requirement is six hours of continuing education, who wants to stop at the minimum?

"You want to offer as much as you can," Rogus added. "How to market and how to negotiate are two arts of

Penny Trabbic, a Realtor with Max Broock in West Bloomfield, was a

teacher before getting into real estate.
"I always felt the very best service you could do for anyone – whether you were a doctor, lawyer, teacher or in real estate – was to come to your profession as highly educated as you could possibly be," she said.

Trabbic is a Graduate Real Estate Institute (GRI), Certified Residential Specialist, Leadership Training Graduate and has Referral and Relocation

You don't want to make your clients and customers a lab experiment," she said. "You want to bring some degree of experience before you start practic"I did it mainly for myself, so I know what's going on d to keep abreast of new

Olena Drobot associate broker with Ralph Manuel Associates West in Farmington Hills

All designations require a certain amount of class work and passing tests. The CRS also requires minimum service time and sales volume, the LTG actual leadership roles in the commu-

nity and business Olena Drobot, an associate broker with Ralph Manuel Associates West in Farmington Hills, has exactly the same

designations as Trabbic. "It costs money. It takes time. A lot of people don't want to invest in themselves. They think as soon as they get

their license, that's all they need. "I did it mainly for myself, so I know what's going on and to keep abreast of new trends," Drobot said. "It reflects my professionalism and commitment to others. The agent who has designations is interested in expanding horizons, going with the business.

"A lot of people (clients) sense that

when you work with them - that you are knowledgeable, experienced," Drobot added. "They don't feel as

That, in turn, leads to successful ales experiences and referrals.

Del Moore, a Realtor with Coldwell

Banker Schweitzer in Birmingham, es from the same perspective. She appreciates not only what designations mean, but how Realtors who have them seem to carry themselves professional-

"You know more," she said. "When one asks a question, you answer

from a position of knowledge rather than off the top of your head. I think sometimes people accept you more

"When you get into real estate, all the real estate classes do is teach you how to pass the test, not sell real estate," Moore said. "I think you have to go further into it. I never wanted to be just mediocre."

Moore has acquired the GRI, CRS, LTG and RRC, as well as the Preview Property Specialist designation offered by Coldwell Banker.

"You do get things back," she said. "They bring in some wonderful semi-nars for the CRS. Also, through the CRS, I've been able to get a lot of differ-

ent computer programs. The Michigan Association of Realtors reports that about 13 percent of its 26,000 members have a GRI, less than three percent a CRS or Certified Resi-

dential Buyer. Most larger real estate boards and associations offer classes on a regular basis leading to professional designa-

They range from two days for Accredited Buyer Representative up to 120 hours for GRI. Fees can go from \$175 for the ABR to about \$1,000 for the

"Designations teach vital skills that can help Realtors better manage all aspects of their lives and improve professional performance," said Karen Albers, director of education for the Birmingham Bloomfield Rochester

South Oakland Association of Realtors. "Designation: bring the Realtor new opportunities and access to increased networking and industry trends," she added.

Rogus gets the last word.

The public thinks all Realtors are on an equal playing ground when, in fact, there are different levels of accomplishment a Realtor can seek by going after different designations."

We left off this discussion last week by discussing the benefits of receiving either pre-qualification or pre-approval for your mortgage from your chosen lender. Either way you'll be in the enviable position of knowing how large a mortgage you can receive, so you can shop for your home with much greater

confidence. You won't end up settling for a less-desirable home than you can afford - or waste time looking at properties that are beyond your price range.

You'll also be able to negotiate your final deal with more confidence, knowing where your limits lie. With a preapproved mortgage, your negotiating position is even stronger, because your deal is not contingent on a mortgage. approval. To the seller, you offer the same advantages as a buyer paying in

Another benefit: You'll make your search less stressful.

This benefit, experts say, is a little less tangible but no less important: peace of mind. Because in spite of the excitement, anticipation and occasional pleasant surprises, looking for and buying a home can be a nerve-wracking experience.

Should you make an offer on that; contemporary you sort of liked? Should you have offered more? Did you offer too much? And what if they accept? Nothing can get rid of all the anxiety most of us experience as we make the biggest purchase of our lives. But having confidence in your financing - and a working relationship with a lender – can go a long way toward easing a worried mind.

That can make the whole proce more enjoyable and less stressful. So unless you enjoy stress, listen to the people who know home buying best, and consider starting your search where you usually end it: in the office of a reputable mortgage lender.

Remember the three advantages of shopping for your mortgage before shopping for your home: expanding financing options, negotiating your deal more confidently, and making your deal less stressful.

This information was provided by Great Northern Funding. They can be reached at (248) 608-5626.

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# Renter gets satisfaction guaranteed

Home Properties, a publicly held real estate investment trust that owns 17 apartment communities in southeastern Michigan, will offer all current and future tenants a money-back guarantee of satisfaction.

Known as the Pledge, this guarantee offers such promises as a 30-day trial period, a 24-hour response to maintenance requests and some flexible lease options to accommodate job transfers, job losses and health problems.

"Home Properties is proud to be the first apartment management company to go to such lengths to ensure the quality of life for residents and complete customer satisfaction regardless of unique individual needs," said Leslie Lewiston, regional manager.

"We have brought customer service to a new level," she added.

Home Properties in O&E communities include Charter Square and Canterbury Square in Troy, Fordham

Green and Pilgrim Village in Canton and Scotsdale in Westland.

Home Properties' pledge includes:

A response to maintenance requests and correction of any routine items within 24 hours or the next business day.

■ The ability of new tenants dissatisfied with their apartment for any rea-son to cancel the lease during the first 30 days without penalty.

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month lease.

Lease cancellations at any time with two full calendar months notice due to job transfer, job loss or illness.

Home Properties, which acquired the southeastern Michigan complexes last fall, developed its pledge for tenants in 1995 for apartments it owned in Rochester, N.Y.



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Cecelia Kawalec, an associate broker with Prudential Chamberlain-Stiehl Realtors in Clarkston, has acquired the professional designation of Accreditative.

fessional designation of Accredited Buyer Representative.

She also has achieved the Graduate Realtor Institute and Certified Residential Specialist.

Kawalec was recognized as 1997 Realtor of the Year by the Birmingham/Bloomfield Chapter of the Women's Council of Realters.

Cindy Ciura has been named corporate marketing director for Schostak Brothers & Co., a commercial real estate firm based in Southfield.

She earned a bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University and Senior Certified Marketing Director accredita-

Linda Griesen, a multi-mil-lion dollar sales producer, has joined the Real Estate One office in Bloomfield Hills as a sales associate.

Neumann/ Smith & Associcture, planning and interior design firm in Southfield, has added three chnical and three administra-

nley E. Cole, AIA, joins

the firm as project manager.
A Northville resident, Cole has a master's degree in archi-tecture from the University of Michigan and bachelor of science degree in architecture from Lawrence Technological Univer-

Michael D. West joins the firm as a project architect.

West, a member of the Intern

Development Program, has a bachelor of architecture degree from Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, N.Y., and a bachelor of technology degree from Ryerson Polytechnical University in

Ronald J. Lindow, CSI, CCS, joins the firm as a specifispecialist.

Lindow is a Certified Construction Specifier with bachelor of science degrees in construction engineering and architecture from Lawrence Techno-

logical University.
Sandra A. Norton joins the firm as bookkeeper.

Norton lives in Rochester and has an associate's degree in ess from Macomb Commu-

nity College.

Karen S. Johnston joins the firm as administrative assis-

Johnston, a Waterford resident, has an associate's degree in business from Oakland Community College.

Angel L. Fuller joins the

firm as receptionist.
Fuller has an associate's degree in liberal arts from Highland Park Community College.

David E. Gauss, an associate Broker with Remerica RealTeam Realtors in Troy, has acquired the professional designation of Certified Residential Specialist.

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### CONDO LEADERSHIP

Community Associations Institute Michigan Chapter presents a workshop for condominium and homeowner association leaders on how to run a successful operation 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 9, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road.

Cost is \$40 for CAI members and \$50 for non-members. egister, call Carol at (248) 539-

### LICENSE SEMINAR

Oakland Builders Institute offers a builder's pre-license seminar 6-10 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, May 11-20, at Riley

Middle School, 15555 Henry Ruff, Livonia ost is \$150 plus a \$20 text-

book fee. Registration required by May 7 at (313) 523-9277.

### CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan hosts a seminar, "Using Form Building Contracts and Purchase Agreements," 8:30 a.m. to noon Wednesday, May 13, at its offices, 30375 Northwestern, Suite 100, Farmington Hills.

Cost, including continental breakfast, is \$20 for members, \$50 for non-members.

To register, call (248) 737-

### **EDUCATING INVESTORS**

The Birmingham Bloomfield, Rochester South Oakland Association of Realtors presents a class, "Educating the Investor," 9-11 a.m. Thursday, May 14, at its offices, 901 Tower Drive, Suite 190, Troy.

Presenters: Gordy Olivia and John Campbell from the Real

**Estate Investors Association** 

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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.

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.

### CONTINUING ED.

The Birmingham Bloomfield

Rochester South Oakland Association of Realtors offers a continuing education class required ally of Realtors to maintain their licenses 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, at its

Cost, including lunch, is \$40. for members, \$45 for non-mem-

To register, call (248) 879

### FIRMS MERGE

Home Advantage Referral Service, a home remodeling/ handy man referral service, has merged with Contractors Central of Bloomfield Hills.

The merged companies will maintain the Home Advantage Referral Service name and will expand its remodeling referral ervices throughout Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

The service, free to consumers at (800) 733-3778, has developed a network of contractors by checking references, licenses and insurance and monitoring workmanship to ensure quality, reli-

# Housing starts dip in March but remain strong

# BY DAVE SKIDMORE ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) - Housing construction slipped a bit in March from a 10-year high the month before, but builders remained exceptionally busy. They started construction of

new housing units at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.59 February, the Commerce Department said.

It was the seventh consecutive month that starts exceeded 1.5 million, the longest such string in nearly 11 years. And, despite the March decline, starts for the first three months of this year ■ Despite the March decline, starts for the first three months of this year were 9.9 percent higher than the same period of last year.

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same period of last year. The activity has been fueled by number of factors. First, consumer confidence is near its highest level in three decades because of the lowest inflation outside food and energy in more than 30 years and an unemploy-

ment rate near a 24-year low. Second, mortgage rates - at just above 7 percent for a 30year, fixed-rate loan - haven't been substantially lower since

the early 1970s.

The Labor Department said first-time claims for unemployment benefits plunged 22,000 last week to 289,000, the best in nine months. The level may be unnaturally low because of difficulties adjusting for reduced activity during the Easter and Passover holidays. Nevertheless,

it signals strong demand for labor. Single-family housing starts

fell 2.4 percent in March to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.24 million. Apartment building starts declined 3.8 percent to 352.000 units.

By region, starts declined 7.1 percent in the Midwest to 8,000. By region, they plunged 29.7 percent in the Northeast to a rate of 142,000 and 1.1 percent in the South to 718,000. They rose 14.3 percent to 392,000 in the West.

Housing permits - a leading indicator of future building plans 1.58 million in March.

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point of a reverse mortgage is understanding exactly how it works," he said. "There are so many misconceptions which circulate regarding reverse mortgages. However, once a borrower understands the basic ins and outs of a reverse mortgage, they tool they have in their homes,"

Several organizations have publications to assist would-be borrowers wade through the facts and fiction of a reverse mortgage. The American Association of Retired Per-

sons offers a free booklet, "Homemade Money: Consumer's Guide to Home Equity The Federal National Mortgage Associa-

tion's also has a free offering, "Money from Home: A Consur gage Options."

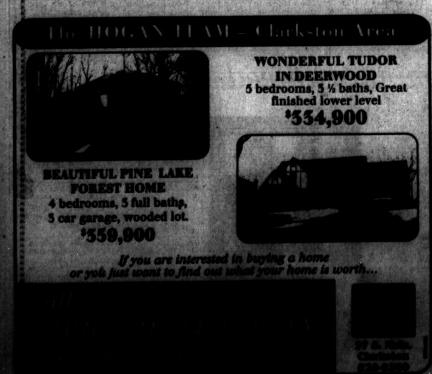
Both may be ordered by calling the

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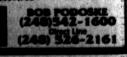
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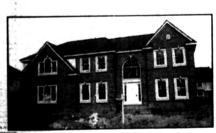


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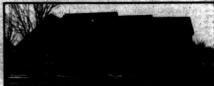
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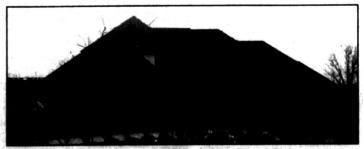
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inviting ideas

# French Toast 101 for Mother's Day



hould be a day to let the special man in our life relax and enjoy the love and attention she so deserves. What to make for breakfast to really show Mom she is appreciated? How French about

We also all know that French toast is made of bread dipped in scrambled egg (egg and milk), sautéed in butter or mar-garine until golden, then topped with syrup, powdered sugar, or fruit (some-times even fresh fruit puree, depending

on who knows how to puree).

OK men, take this idea and run with it – take the proverbial simple French toast and use some cool exotic bread (bread boutiques on every street corner offer varieties aplenty) - how about Zingerman's Chocolate Cherry, Sun dried Tomato and Semolina, or their delicious Cinnamon Raisin - you don't even have to drive to Ann Arbor these days - Zingerman's Bakehouse (734) 761-2095 is supplying many upscale groceries, mainstream groceries, and Nino Salvaggio stores (Strawberry Hills).

Top the Chocolate Cherry French Toast with powdered sugar, dollop some sour cream and salsa on the Sun Dried Tomato, or pour some rum flavored maple syrup on the Cinnamon Raisin (just add some high quality rum to your favorite pure maple syrup).

You could go one step further and actually make a loaf of signature bread in your trusty old bread machine (assuming that your female counterpart has one, or buy her one for Mother's Day and surprise her by using it first!)
Then prepare a rather exotic sautéed toast to tantalize her taste buds.

#### Tips for good French toast:

Use a nonstick pan for frying.

Day old bread works well for

Make sure to use a Teflon or plastic coated spatula for flipping over your French Toast.

French Toast.

Have all the ingredients ready and available – to save time and chaos.

Make sure however you decide to make your French toast, that you don't leave the meas for Mom to clean up.

Here are some French toast recipes to try. This is a simple recipe from "The Fannie Farmer Cookbook," which

includes comments and tips for beginners from author Marion Cunningham.

#### FRENCH TOAST

Yield: six slices

Ingredients:

3 eggs, slightly beaten

1/2 tablespoon salt

2 tablespoons sugar

1 cup milk

6 slices bread

Directions:

Mix the eggs, salt, sugar, and milk in a shallow dish or pie pan. Soak the bread in the mixture until soft, turning once. Cook on a hot, well-greased skillet or frying pan, turning to brown on each side.

#### **RUM RAISIN FRENCH TOAST** STRIPS

Yield: 4-6 servings ( depending on portion size)

Ingredients:

1-pound raisin bread (pick one with lots of raisins)

1/2 cup sugar

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

8 extra large eggs

2 cups milk

1 cup good quality dark rum (use 2/3 for egg mixture - 1/3 to plump up additional raisins

1 stick (8 tablespoons) unsalted butter or margarine

Dried raisins

Directions: Preheat oven to 200°F. (just to keep the finished strips warm) Cut raisin bread into 1-inch-thick slices. Combine sugar and cinnamon in small bowl. In shallow bowl, whisk together eggs, milk and 2/3 cup rum. In a small sauce pan, heat over low, the remaining rum and desired amount of raisins - plump the dried raisins and set

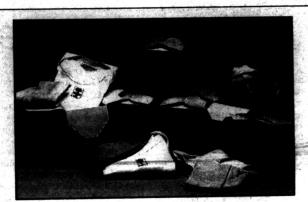
Dip a few bread strips into egg mixture; let stand a minute or two. Melt 2 tablespoons butter in large non stick skillet over medium heat. Cook egg coated bread until golden brown (approximately) 4 minutes on

Sprinkle 2 tablespoons cinnamon sugar over French toast, turning to coat on all sides. Cook until sugar melts, turning once, about 2 minutes.

Transfer French toast to baking sheet; keep arm in oven. Repeat with remaining bread, g mixture, butter and cinnamon sugar in tokes. Transfer French toast to plates and p with rum-plumped raisins.

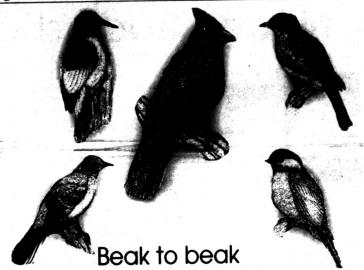


#### marketplace



#### Baby talk

Clothes line: The Paige Stanton store, 32751 Franklin Road in Franklin, features a baby clothing line called "Baby Take Out." Each container box holds one pair of pants, a onesie with an embroidered flower or vegetable and a matching cap. The outfits are available in mint, yellow, white, blue and pink; the footprint on the container is the color of the outfit inside. Price is \$28.50. The items make great baby shower gifts. Call (248) 855-3286.



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#### Blue notes

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# Art for the home

At the festival:
This handmade wood furnishing by Laverne
Schuring Jr. is among the works in a variety of media by 300 artists featured at the Birmingham Fine Art Festival, taking place 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 9, and 10



a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday, May 10, in Shain Park and surrounding streets in downtown Birmingham. The event will also feature food, entertainment, activities and a student art show. Admission is free. Shain Park is at Bates and Merrill, east of Southfield Road between Maple and Lincoln. For information, call the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center at (248) 644-0866.

# appliance doctor

# Chicago trade show 'unbelieveable'



JOE GAGNON

A few weeks ago I took my radio show on the road to the windy city of Chicago and we did our tudios of WLS Radio. The reason for such an occurrence was to attend the National Kitchen and

Bath Show at the McCormick Place and what a show it is. The city of Chicago was impressive enough with its streets packed with people on a Saturday after-noon, but the convention hall, folks, is unbelieveable.

So magnificent in size and so beautiful to look at, it contained over 1,000 exhibitors of appliances and bathroom fixtures of all sorts. I saw a toilet plunger so different you might want to place it on the kitchen counter, it looks

The new shower of the future has jets which spray about 10 parts of your body at the same time. A new electric range made in the image of a wood burning stove of the 1930s, solid as a rock. New washers made smaller and holding more clothes and using less water. The whole trip was three days of walking and visiting every booth in the place. The pins had some aching to the back les but all in all, it was very worthwhile

In the past I have written about the noise level of today's dishwasher and how many homeowners are displeased to the point of leaving the kitchen when it operates I've given my standard secret on making a dishwasher quiet and from the comments of many I know it works. In the area where the dishwasher will be built in, take some cork board and clue it to the underside of the kitchen counter. Glue it to the back wall, side board and everywhere you can place it. The difference it night and day.

I once did seminars in Cobo Hall for a period of nine days running and dur-ing these, I had a dishwasher hooked up and running directly behind me. Even with a microphone in my hand, the peo-ple in the audience could not hear it operating. The name of that dishwasher was "Askco" and it's an expensive model which is so quiet, people are buy-

The American homeowner is proving to the industry that even though an appliance has a high price tag, they want that extra feature of quality. Look at the new Maytag "Neptune" washer which is so high priced I thought and wrote that it might never sell. Today the factory is working overtime to keep up with the demand. All of this and more, point out a trend that will become the way of the future in the appliance shopping industry. We want quality and quiet operation of our major home appliances and we'll pay the price to get

At the Chicago convention I bumped into Marty Hartunian of ABC Warehouse as he was shopping for new lines for his customers. He informed me that tor his customers. He informed me that the executive vice president or Askco was a fellow named Steve Piro who had left Amana four years ago to take on this new position. I went over and Intro-duced myself to Piro who gave me a big hug and wouldn't stop shaking my

We talked and talked and big tears came to my eyes as I thought back to the early 1970s when the Amana Co. called me and said they were sending me this young former quarterback from Michigan State to be trained.

You can have him for two years Joe, then we want him back.

Smart, handsome and built like a brick wall, I wondered what happened to him. He went far just like I knew he would, and I'm pleased with having gone to Chicago. I saw things, and I met new people in the industry. More to learn and more to do. Stay tuned.





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# elements of culture Rugs carry

oung designers have produced magic carpets in the ninth annual Hagopian Student Rug Design Competition. Two sophomores at the Center for Creative Studies

in Detroit wove cultural interpretations into their designs. The patterns have both grace and strength, a touch of mysticism along with the balance of geome-

Dikea Katakis of St. Clair Shores and Jesse Stefani Orchard Lake have been named winners in the mpetition. Entries were inspired by the Tibetan cul-

"The theme this year was to focus on Tibetan weaving and the unique characteristics created by their process of hand spinning and weaving," said Suzame Hagopian of Hagopian World of Rugs.

Katakis, who is studying interior design, won first and third place. She was awarded a \$1,250 scholarship from Hagopian World of Rugs.

Her winning design will be transformed into a 6-by-9-foot handknotted rug. It is being commissioned in Nepal and will be unveiled at the CCS Student Exhibition Friday, May 15.

Stefam, who is studying industrial design, received

ini, who is studying industrial design, received acholarship for second place and a \$100 scholar for honorable mention.

the intriguing wardrobe of Tibetan culture, I the helmet that monks wear to be very interest-

found the remaining," Katakis said.
"The fluidness of the curves in the helmet was "The fluidness and elegant. Its style



Stefant's second place entry 10ff are Katokk' first features a segment of a wheel 10wor right are Stefa (from the wheel of Buddha) over a cluster of curving petals (from able mention design at later of curving petals (from able mention design at later of purity). His other design also displays petals - smaller forms in the four corners of a rectangle.

Entries were judged on three criteria: the feasibility what the design could be made into a decorative floor is the marketability of the design. "This year I took more of a Creative carpets: Dikea Kafakis of St. Clair Shores and religious approach to it," said Jesse Stefani of Orchard Lake, shown here and on the Stefani, an award recipient last Jesse Stefani of Orchard Lake, shown here and on the cover, last Jesse Stefani of Orchard Lake, shown here and on the Stefani a ward recipient last Jesse Stefani of Orchard Lake, shown here and on the Cover, look over their prize-winning rug designs. At lower year.

Stefani's second place entry left are Katakis' first (top) and third place designs; at features a segment of a wheel lower right are Stefani's second place (top) and honorfour segments in two different shapes with similar forms placed diagonally from each other; the embles the center of a

\$200 for the patrons' reception. The patrons' reception will take place 5-6 p.m. that day.

The CCS student show, displaying more than 2,500 works, will be open to the public May 16-31 (closed Memorial Day) at 201 E. Kirby in Detroit. Admission is free. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekends.

All works for sale will be marked with a price sticker. The pieces will remain exhibited throughout the show.

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## Column gathers garden thoughts



MARTY FIGLEY

This column will be about a lot of different thoughts that I want to share, some rather unrelated, although they are all about our favorite subject: gardening.

This month

This month beginning Saturday, May 9, the

1998 Oakland County master gardener fund-raising program, "Let's Go Gardening," starts. Master gardeners volunteer at local nurseries and garden centers to answer customers' home gardening questions 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Look for them at all Frank's stores,

Look for them at all Frank's stores, English Gardens in West Bloomfield and Glenda's Garden Center in Novi for the next four Saturdays.

Volunteers will also be at Auburn Oaks Garden Center in Rochester Hills from Saturday, May 16, through the month, and Westborn Flower Market in Berkley the last two Saturdays.

These businesses make a donation of \$6 per volunteer hour to the County Extension office. Volunteers will be identified by an MG name badge, Tshirt, hat or vest. Be ready with your questions.

Congratulations to English Gardens, named the 1998 Specialty Retailer of the Year by the Noel Association, an organization that promotes the holiday decoration, permanent floral and trim-a-home industries.

#### Weed about

I recently wrote a column about weeds. Two books that were of great help were "Controlling Weeds" (Ortho, 1989), which gives mechanical ways to control weed and suggests chemical control, and "The Gardener's Weed Book: Earth-safe Controls," Barbara Pleasant (Storey, 1996), which discourages the use of chemicals.

On this same subject, a new product,

Concern Weed Prevention Plus, is made of corn gluten meal. It is an effective pre-emergent weed killer that halts the germination of weed seeds from dandelion to crabgrass and is non-toxic. Iowa State University has been awarded two patents for its discovery and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has exempted it from herbicide regulation.

patents for its discovery and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has exempted it from herbicide regulation. Necessary Organics of Roanoke, Va., is the maker of Concern Natural Garden products, including Weed Prevention Plus. You will find it in lawn and garden centers.

#### Something to shoot for

Fox Photo has announced its annual American Homes and Botanical Garden Photo Contest.

Walter Chandoha, a renowned photographer, spokesperson for the Fox confest, and Mark Kane, a photographer and executive garden editor of Better Homes and Gardens magazine, offer a variety of tips to improve your chances of winning.

The Best of Show cash prize of \$1,000 is something to "shoot" for. There are



Accenting hope: Grow impatiens and help fight breast cancer at the same time. Look for pink Accent Miracle impatiens in your favorite garden center.

other prizes. The contest runs now through July 31, 1998.

Amateur photographers can choose from three categories and pick up garden photo tips and contest rules at all Fox Photo and CPI Photo locations; send

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a stamped, self-addressed, business-size envelope to: Fox Photo Garden Tips, c/o 8026 Venetian Dr., St. Louis, Mo. 63105; or contact the Internet at www. foxphoto.com, www. bhglive. com or www. mobot.org/AABGA

#### Miracle campaign

An exclusive collection of pink impatiens, the "Accent Miracle Collection," will be available during this month to beautify your gardens and help fight breast cancer.

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Many local nurseries are participating; or call (888) 916-2000 to order seeds and the pin. On the Internet: www.gold-seed.com or www.breastcancerinfo.com

Call me at (248) 644-2178 about my trip to the Spectacular Gardens of the Pacific Northwest next September. There 's still time to register!

#### GOODGARDEN TIPS

- The Herb Society of America's big herb plant sale is 10 a.m. Saturday, May 9, at First United Methodist Church, Maple and Pleasant in Birmingham, with lots of good stuff.
- The Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island will open for its 112th season Friday, May 8. New things are happening at this wonderful facility. Plan to visit this summer.
- Plant seeds of ageratum, bachelor's buttons, Shirley poppy, sweet alyssum and sweet pea when the soil is dry enough.
- Sow after danger of frost (usually May 10 here): cosmos, French marigolds, nasturtiums, nicotianas, some salvias, and dwarf sunflowers.
- Al Gurley of Birmingham gives this tip for cleaning white plastic garden furniture: Add 1 cup chlorine bleach to a gallon of water and apply with a coarse bristle brush. Hose the furniture down. This is best done on an overcast day. Wear rubber gloves. Read the label. (Some people add liquid soap M.F.)

You can leave Marty Figley a message by dialing (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then her mailbox number, 1859.

# Cranbrook sale has items for all

By MARTY FIGLEY Special Writer

It's time, once again, for the Cranbrook Gardens annual Spring Plant Sale, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, May 14, at 380 Lone Pine Road in Bloomfield Hills.

Free parking and shuttle service during the sale will be available from the Christ Church Cranbrook parking lot across from Cranbrook House and Gardens entrance.

Ready for your choosing are Michigan woodland wildflowers and ferns, herbs, geraniums, perennials, iris, monkshood, lady's mantle, pink poppies, hostas and other desirable plants. Indoor plants available include many orchids.

The boutique is filled with unusual handpainted goodies that have been lovingly created by Cranbrook House and Gardens Auxiliary members.

New this year is a children's corner. A special sale of books by Ken Druse, gardening editor of House Beautiful, will be available for purchase and Druse will be at the sale 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, May 14, to sign selections.

Many wonderful gardens are on the Cranbrook grounds, among them the Bog Garden cared for by Sharon Hassen and Sally Riemenschneider, co-chairmen, and their crew of faithful gardeners.

Bunnies, woodchuc's, eggent, chipmunks, butterflies, herons, geest, swans, ducks and frogs all live harmoniously in the Bog garden. Two large logs have been placed in the pond so the turtles, including two large snapping turtles, can bask in the sun to their hearts' content. The pond contains many fish.

It was found that the soil wasn't acidic enough to support true bog plants, but Hansen and Riemenschneider created a most picturesque place with their creative ideas.

Bulbs and wildflowers provide spring color; bright plants that butterflies prefer as well as wet meadow plants bloom in the summer, and asters, lobelias and other flowers grace the areas in the autumn.



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worrying about frostbite, thin ice slippery roads, you start thinking about your family's safety in the water, on the playground and out on the hiking trail.

Spring er usher in a

plethora of outdoor activities from which to choose. Many of the activities your family engages in require some preplanning and some forethought on your part as to the activity's age approness for your child.

Children generally gravitate to water, whether they are in the bathtub or at the beach. When your family engages in water play, there are a few rules to keep

Don't develop a false sense of security about your toddler in the kiddy pool. Accidents happen in even the shallowest water. Assuming you can lounge on a nearby chaise while your youngster

wades in wonder is inviting trouble.

Don't assume your child starts the new swim season as an Olympic hopeful if she hasn't been practicing her skills all winter. Jumping back into the pool, lake or ocean requires some refresher courses - by you or a qualified instructor - to help your child regain her

Unless your child is a certified lifeguard, make it a habit of getting in the water with her. Always be aware of what is going on in a pool or by the

Never leave floating objects in the pool. They attract children of all ages. Small children and water toys are like magnets. When the youngsters are out of the water, they want what's in the water. They may lean into a pool and fall in while attempting to get a floating object.

Using a familiar rhyme with small children will help them remember what to do in the event they should fall into a pool, Sesame Street Parents Magazine said. It recommends teaching your child verses such as, "Humpty-Dumpty sat on the wall, Humpty-Dumpty had a great fall, Humpty-Dumpty turned around and reached for the wall."

Keeping a watchful eye on children in the water is important - lifeguard or no lifeguard. Don't let a false sense of security hinder your good judgment about your child's safety in water wings or on an inflatable raft. These objects aren't designed to be lifesaving devices.

Children gravitate to the playground. It's a place where youngsters play and for parents to socialize, catch up on the morning paper or return messages via their cellular phones. Unfortunately, parents ask for trouble when they ignore playground safety in exchange for social

Your local playground or neighbor's play gym can present many safety haz-ards you should be aware of before you permit your children to run off and swing, slide or climb.

Is the equipment rusty? Are there exposed screws or bolts, or loose parts that can cause minor to serious injury? Are there hard surfaces under play equipment instead of impact-absorbing surfaces such as rubber, wood chips, sand or gravel? Is your child too small to go unsupervised on the equipment?

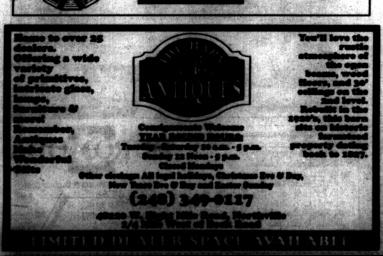
If your family enjoys an invigorating hike on a wooded trail, plan ahead. Take along insect repellent with no more than 10 percent of DEET. Although the chemical has been proven a very effective repellent, the American Academy of Pediatrics warns that it can be quite harmful in higher concentrations to chil-

Pack plenty of bottled water, snacks such as fresh fruits, first aid supplies and a cellular phone in your backpack. In the event of an emergency, you are better equipped to call for help.

Warn your child of the dangers of petting forest animals. What she thinks is cute can cause her undue harm. Help her understand that you need to stay together as a family, especially in unfamiliar areas.

Warm weather activities warrant protection from the hazardous rays of the sun. Even on overcast days, take precautions and apply a sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or higher to yourself and your child. If you use sunscreen in conjunction with insect repellent, make sure to apply the sunscreen first.







- Have your Save the Children or Mary Engelbreit sterling silver jewelry purchases engraved for that perfect Mother's Day gift 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, May 8, in the Women's Jewelry Department at Hudson's at Oakland Mall in Troy.
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- The Metropolitan Detroit Preservation League will sponsor a lecture and tour of the Frank Lloyd Wright Affleck House in Bloomfield Hills Saturday, May 9. Gordon Bugbee, a noted architectural historian and faculty member of Lawrence Technological University, will provide the lecture and tour 10 a.m. to noon. Registration for the program is

- \$12 (\$10 for league members) and is limited to 35 people. To register, call the league hotline at (810) 988-1017. Refreshments will be served after the event. The program is provided in cooperation with LTU.
- Hudson's Marketplace culinary professionals will demonstrate ideas for serving tea, including the latest in tea accessories as well as tasty recipes and samples, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 9, in the Marketplace at all Hudson's stores.
- Cranbrook Gardens, 380 Lone Pine Road in Bloomfield Hills, is open to the public. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$5 general, \$4 for seniors and students. Season passes are \$35 family, \$30 couple, \$25 individual. Guided walking tours are available for an additional \$1; advance reservations required. Mother's Day tours at Cranbrook House and Gardens will be available Sunday, May 10; guided house tours will take place 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. and continue every Sunday throughout the summer (a self-guided tour through the gardens is included in the \$10 Cranbrook House entry fee). Private tours of Cranbrook House and Gardens may be arranged all year by calling the Cranbrook House and Gardens Auxiliary at (248) 645-3147.
- Hudson's Art & Custom Framing Studios will present their seventh annual art and custom framing 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, May 12-16, at Northland and Westland. Hundreds of beautiful art works from all over the world will be for exhibit and sale, framed and unframed.
- The Troy Garden Club will have its monthly meeting noon to 3 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, at the Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernois, north of Big Beaver Road, with a luncheon featuring individually decorated centerpieces created with tea sets, and a fun and educational program with judges from the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association. Guests are encouraged to create and bring their own arrangement, which will be critiqued. Refreshments will be served at noon. Guest donation \$3. For information, call Barb at (248) 879-1393.
- 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. In "Personal Potpourri," Wednesday, May 13, learn the true art of potpourri crafting as you choose from a variety of herbs, spices, resins, dried flowers and pure essential oils to create potpourri to suit you.
- Rose Fest '98 will take place 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, May 9-10, at Brickscape Gardens, on Brickscape Drive just north of Eight Mile and east of Novi Road. Pat Hibbard, president of the Roses West Rose Society, and several of the society's officers will be on hand 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday to give advice and chat about roses. Brickscape's new spring stock of more than 1,500 rose plants of 100 different varieties, and rose-related items will be featured. A preview reception for the Roses West Rose Society, Northville's two garden clubs and the Novi Garden Club, and anyone interested in joining the clubs, is scheduled 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 7: rose experts and a demonstration on arranging with roses will be featured. Call (248) 348-2500.
- Treat yourself and Mom to the first blush of redbuds and the early nod of trillium noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 10, during the annual Mother's Day celebration of the Helen Smith Woodland Wildflower Garden at the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor. Admission is free. Enjoy guided tours, an art exhibit, a lecture/slide presentation, wildflower sales and afternoon tea. Call (734) 998-7061.



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Opera, a barrel full of laughs?

Well, that's not the first thing that comes to mind. Especially if you've seen any of the evis-cerating Romantic operas that make you want to enroll in grief counseling and wail like a baby. But for the operatic light of heart, the Michi-

gan Opera Theatre is offering a magic potion of its own, Donizetti's "The Elixir of Love," which premieres Saturday.

The opera is among the most popular comic operas, and comes as the second of MOT's threeopera spring season.

Once again, the familiar angelic soprano Janet Williams sings the lead female role. Williams, perhaps the most famous operatic star from Detroit, is currently with the Berlin Opera.

Along with Mozart, Donizetti has written

several of the most performed comic operas in the repertoire. In addition to "The Elixir of Love," he composed "The Daughter of the Regiment," and "Don Pasquale."

The characters are accessible and very contemporary," said

David DiChiera, managing director of MOT. "Audiences are sympathetic (with the characters) throughout this opera."
Following MOT's critically acclaimed "Manon," and preced-

ing the great American opera "Porgy and Bess" in their spring season, Donizetti's comedic opera offers the levity of one of today's sit-coms with some of the most recognizable operatic "The Elixir of Love" is a classic comedic tale of misperception and rooting for the underdog. The story is based on the travails of a peasant named Nemorino, one of opera's most

beloved characters. What: "The Elixir of

The nerdy Nemorino and his rival, a virile soldier named Belcore, are hardly matched. The town folk deride Nemorino's chances of winning the heart of the vivacious Adina, the flirtatious

treasure of the village What's needed, of course, is a magic potion. Preferably, an inexpensive panacea. With Seinfeld-like timing, enter a quack doctor named

The rambling doc persuades Nemorino that imbibing a flask of cheap Bordeaux can work wonders. Even improve his chances of winning Adina's heart

The real elixir, however, is clearly in the music and the vocal diversity required to wring the lessons of love from the humorous plot. Two of opera's greatest tenors - Enrico Caru-

(248) 645-6666 so and Luciano Pavarotti - have made the lead tenor's role among their signature performances.

After his 1904 debut at New York's Metropolitan Opera,

> forming the role he suffered a throat hemorrhage and died For both Caruso and Payarotti, the emotional breadth and subtly of the romantic "Una furtiva lagrima" ("A Furtive Tear") in the second act has demonstrated their eminence as

Caruso's fame skyrocket. Ironically, 16 years later after

opera's rovalty Quite likely, those won't be tears of tragedy rolling down audiences' faces. Donizetti's playful opera proves that you can get the same response by appealing to a good laugh. It's simply called "tears of joy."

#### MUSIC

#### Classical pianist tickled to play crowd pleasers

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

Pianist Garrick Ohlsson will be playing favorites Saturday night when he gives a brief recital as part of his special evening at the University of Michigan.

The University Musical Society has named Ohlsson the 1998 UMS Distin-guished Artist in recognition of his long association with the UMS series,

and especially his recent two year series of recitals covering the complete solo piano works of Frederic Chopin. Ohlsson will perform in conert at Hill Auditorium and then be feted with a gala din-ner and dance at the Michigan League. Ohlsson has



Garrick Ohlsson: Classical pianist

chosen crowd pleasers for his hour-long recital – Gershwin's preludes, Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata and three pieces by Chopin. "It's Gershwin's year (his centenni-

al) and I love playing his preludes. I don't play them very often, in fact the last time was in 1990 at the White House. They wanted something American. It's different, most people don't associate me with that music, and I

Ohlsson said the idea was to play really great music that was also popu-

"The Chopin was inevitable. He's one of the great all-time composers, but also universally loved," Ohlsson

Ohlsson's association with Chopin is long and honorable. He gained musical fame in 1970 when he won the prestigious Chopin Competition in Warsaw. Ohlsson, 50, began playing piano when he was 8 and entered Juilliard at 13. Following school he entered and won several competitions before the Chopin

During the 1995-96 concert seasons Ohlsson won unanimous critical acclaim and soldout audiences for his Chopin cycle, which he performed in Ann Arbor, New York City, Purchase, N.Y., (main campus of the State Uni-

versity of New York) and Toronto. "When I was looking around to do the Chopin cycle, I first locked on to New York for many obvious reasons, but I wanted the experience of doing it more than once, it's like your best suit that you want to wear more than once," Ohlsson said.

The UMS series, which he first played in 1971 and played again this year as part of a tribute to Shubert,

had an opening. He said doing the complete Chopin gave him a chance to get the composer into his blood stream.

"It's the difference between going to a museum and seeing one Monet, one

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#### **Garrick Ohlsson Recital and Tribute**

What: Acclaimed planist Garrick Ohlsson honored as UMS Distinguished Artist of the Year Performs works by Gershwin

When: 6 p.m. Saturday, May 9 Where: Hill Auditorium, University of Michigan central campus, Ann Arbor Tickets: \$15-\$45, special \$100 and \$150

tickets. Gala package tickets \$300-\$1,000 includes concert, dinner and dancing (at the Michigan League). Call UMS ffice, (734) 764-2538 or (800) 221-

#### FAMILY FUN

#### Musical brings Rugrats to life at the Fox

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When: Friday, May 8 through Sunday,
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10 and May 17.
Mayes: The Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit.
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molificial at the box office, Ticketmaeor locations, or call (248) 433-1515. On TV the Rugrats seen by millions of kids everyday on Nickelodeon can do anything. But bringing Angelica, Tommy, Phil, Chuckie, Lil, and Susie to life on stage for "A Live Adventure," coming to the Fox Theatre May 8-17 was a chal-

For many children, the show will be

their first introduction to the theater.
"Our live show stays true to what kids love about Rugrats – adventure – this time they turn a typical rainy afternoon into a wild ride of the imagination," said Jonathan Hochwald, executive producer. The live show presented by Nick-elodeon and PACE Variety Entertainment, Inc., features the talent behind the original Rugrat voices, including E.G. Daily as Tommy Pickles, Christine Cavanagh as Chuckie Finster, Kath Soucie as Phil & Lil DeVille, and Cheryl Chase as Angelica Pickles.

With backgrounds ranging from rockand-roll to Broadway stage, TV and movies, a team of professionals worked to movies, a team of professionals we make the Rugrats bigger than life.

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On Stage: Angelica Pickles and her pals come to life in "Rugrats - A Live Adventure."

# Spike Lee drops the ball in lame 'He Got Game'



self-preclaimed hoops addict (you'll see him seated courtside at just about every Knicks' game), he should know.

So where does Spike get off is as shallow and, nalysis, hokey as

He Got Game?

His over-two-hour saga follows
high school senior named
esus (Ray Allen), whose title as

makeshift court behind the barn,
African-American kids on the
urban asphalt of Brooklyn, even
a woman's team. All are backed
by the strains of ultra-American
composer Aaron Copland.

Let's get one thing straight: I'm not a basketball fan and can't stand to see sports mythologized on the screen. I wasn't crazy about "Field of Dreams" and despised "The Natural." Still, I enjoyed this part of "He Got Game," if only for the visceral cinematography by Malik Hassan Sayeed.

In his Nike commercials, Spike gets his message across in 30 seconds. In the movie, he doesn't know when to say "cut" in the strained relationship between Jesus and his father, Jake (Denzel Washington), who is serving time upstate for killing his wife, Jesus' mother.

Jake has returned home on a mission. It seems the governor's

alma mater, Big State, is interested in Jesus so sends dad out to sign him up. Favors like this won't be forgotten, half-promises the warden (played by an even-jowlier-than-usual Ned Beatty).

Spike is astute when he presents the forces trying to influence Jesus' decision. Everyone wants a piece of him. Universities offer him the moon, including dorm rooms full of frisky white coeds. On his return, Uncle Bubba (Bill Nunn) shows up in a brand new car.

And just when you think that Jesus' white high school coach is really looking out for his best interests, he turns on him, too, pushing 10 grand in his face for a hint about his decision. (I just knew Spike couldn't let this guy off the hook.)

"He Got Game" reunites Spike with Denzel Washington (he

off the hook.)

"He Got Game" reunites Spike with Denzel Washington, the star of "Malcolm X," and it's a potentially meaty role. But Spike does everything he can to sabotage the part, which here includes hooking Jake up with a white prostitute (Mills Jovovich) redeemed by his newfound compassion.

Anyone is going to fare badly next to Washington, but Ray Allen looks especially out-of-his league during the volatile father-and-son confrontations. The real-life Milwaukee player (he's 22) es look genuine when shooting basket after effortless basket in the scene where he and his old man finally square off on the

court. ents I liked, including John Turturro as a coach



Drama: Denzel Washington (left) stars as temporarily paroled prisoner Jake Shuttlesworth whose future depends on his being able to convince his estranged son Jesus (Ray Allen) to accept a basketball scholarship at

the governor's alma mater in "He Got Game."

who stages a lavish production to lure Jesus to his university. The screen fills with Jesus' highlight clips interspersed with adoring followers from nameless Biblical epics.

By the time we reach the end of "He Got Game," Spike goes all sappy on us again, junking the movie up with heavy-handed symbolism. When the audience gave it a collective groan, I knew that I wasn't alone in my suspi-cions: "He's Got Game" had gotten truly lame.

John Monaghan welcomes your calls and comments. To leave John a voice mail message, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touchtone phone, mailbox 1866.

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\$4.50 students/seniors)
"A Friend of the Deceased"
(Ukraine -1997). Friday-Sunday,
May 8-10 (call for showtimes). A

May 8-10 (call for showtimes). A former academic, out of work in the new capitalist jungle of Kiev, discovers that his wife is cheating on him. When he hires a hitman to take care of her, his real problems have only just begun.

"Mother and Son" (Russia - 1997). 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 11. Designed and paced like a fever dream, this work by Alexander Sokurov is a visual poem about a dying woman being cared for by her son.

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 Butcher Boy" (Ireland -1998). The movies of Neal Jordan ("Interview with the Vampire" and "The Crying Game") leave me as fascinated as they do cold. Expect the same here as social and emotional forces turn a

young boy into a killer.
"The Big One" (USA - 1998). The latest from Flint boy-madegood Michael Moore ("Roger and Me") shot during his recent book tour. Along the way he confronts corporations who continue to downsize to the detriment of

employees everywhere.
"The Spanish Prisoner" (USA - 1998). Campbell Scott plays a young businessman who develops a dangerous relationdevelops a dangerous relation-ship with a mysterious tycoon (Steve Martin). Expect plenty of fascinating verbal interplay in this latest film written and directed by David Mamet ("Glen-garry Glen Ross"). Maple Art Theatre – Maple at Telegraph, Bloomfield. Call (248) 855-9090 for information. (\$6.50; \$4 before 6 p.m.)
"Twenty Four Seven"

"TwentyFour Seven" (Britain - 1997). Bob Hoskins plays a cockeyed optimist who tries to form a boxing club among the troubled youth that haunt the housing projects.

"Two Girls and a Guy" (USA - 1997). Shot in real time, this

examination of a love triangle stars Robert Downey Jr., Heather Graham, and Natasha Gregson Wagner. Directed by James Toback.

James Toback.
"Deja Vu" (USA - 1998).
from Another talkfest from writer/director Henry Jaglom, this time about the strange rela-tionship that can sometimes develop between strangers. Victoria Foyt co-wrote and stars with Stephen Dillane and Vanes-sa Redgrave.

Star Southfield - 23555 West 12 Mile (near Northwestern Highway and Telegraph), Southfield. (\$7.50 \$5 adults; \$4.75 chil-

en/seniors before 6 p.m.)
"Suicide Kings" (USA -1998). Five Long Island prep students kidnap a former mafia capo (Christopher Walken) in exchange for one of the guys' sis-ters. Denis Leary also stars in

this dark comedy. Windsor Film Theatre -2135 Wyandotte Street, Windsor, Canada, Call (519) 254-FILM for information. (\$5.25 Canadian; \$4

"The Sweet Hereafter" (Canada - 1997). 7 p.m. Thursday, May 7; 9:15 p.m. Friday-Sunday May 8-10. Many thought Atom Egoyan's gripping drama was robbed of an Oscar. When the children in a small northern Canada town perish in a bus accident, the parents and other survivors don't know where to

place the blame. "Waco: The Rules of Engagement" (USA - 1997). 9:15 p.m. Thursday, May 7; 7 p.m. Friday-Sunday, May 8-10. An Oscar-nominated documentary which beats up on the FBI for bungling the standoff with the Branch Davidians. Among the rare footage presented: A 1959 recruitment film touting the group's communal way of life and interviews with FBI members whose reasons for being in Waco appear questionable.

#### COMING ATTRACTIONS

duled to open Friday, May 8

Sci-fi thriller tells how people on earth deal with an impending collision with an



### Singer Steve Poltz not afraid to say that he's a 'lover'

able. He swaggers up to a makeshift stage at Java Coffee-house in Royal Oak dressed casually and his hair cut short.

He's long escaped the label of "the junkie" in his ex-girlfriend Jewel's video "You Were Meant for Me."

"Not many people recognize me because I cut my hair. I saw that video and I thought, 'I look (terrible). I'm cutting off my hair.' So I shaved my head. Now grown out. Every once in awhile somebody does recognize me. They do a double take like they know me from somewhere.

Sometimes the recognition comes at an inopportune moment.

"I was at a San Diego Chargers game in San Diego and they cut off beer sales at the end of the third quarter because they don't want people getting drunk-er. All it means is that with two minutes left in the third quarter you start stockpiling beers

"Well, I was doing that, and as I'm in line this short guy says 'Hey, that's the guy from the Jewel video. Will you sign my wife's bra?" Although embarrassed, he

went right ahead and did it. Chalk it up to good fan relations. Healthy relationships is the theme of Poltz's solo debut "One

Left Shoe" (Mercury). "In a lot of ways I'm a lover,"



"Traveling Troubadour:" Singer / songwriter Steve Poltz performs songs off his solo debut "One Left Shoe" Friday, May 8, at the Mill Street Entry in Pontiac.

he said. "I'm not afraid to tell

Shoe" Poltz is photographed with

In the CD booklet of "One Left

a bouquet of wildflowers, on a pay phone presumably calling his girl, and in front of a bridal shop. But to throw in Poltz's trademark sense of humor, there's a shot of him coming out of a strip joint called the Bambi

to a season in the franchist contraction

Club.
On "One Left Shoe" Poltz wears his heart on his sleeve. On the sweet-natured "Impala" Poltz confesses "got to buy baby diamond rings/ Keep it simple/Just don't brag/Got to be high speed low drag/Impala of my love" to a prescripting acquiring guitar and percolating acoustic guitar and The Mighty Mighty Bosstones

Poltz's demeanor is so gentle "Impala" that lines like Everything these days is so high tech/Why can't we just park by the lake and neck?" and "You got nice cans/That's French for legs. Let's cook in the back like a couple poached eggs" come out

Another of Poltz's loves appears on "One Left Shoe" -

"I didn't limp around like John Kruk ... Used to have hope/ now we got soap on a rope/ used to have dreams/ now we've got overpaid baseball teams," Poltz sings in the first single "Silver

"I love baseball. It's a peaceful game," said the Nova Scotia-born Poltz, 37. "I was totally into

Ernie Harwell. I think it's a shame that he's not on the radio anymore. I had cousins who live in Windsor. I would go visit my uncle Wally, he lives in heaven now. He took me to a game when Ernie Harwell was still there,"

Ernie Harwell was still there," he said.

"The passing of Harry Carey was another great one who left. I liked his voice. There's very few good announcers left."

The credits on "One Left Shoe" read like a celebrity guest list. Poltz's ex-girlfriend Jewel sings harmony on "Impala" and "I Thought I Saw You Last Night," while drummer Jim Keltner, The Mighty Mighty Bosstones' horn section and Benmont Tench of Tom Petty and the Heartbreak-Tom Petty and the Heartbreak-

ers make guest appearances.
"I always wanted to do something like this. It's a dream come true to play with some of the world's greatest players like Jim Keltner, Benmont Tench, Jerry Scheff on bass, and Leland Sklar." Poltz said.

Poltz is on leave from the quirky pop band The Rugburns, a favorite of WRIF's Drew and

"I'll make another Rugburns album but it'll probably be another year and a half. I'm going to work on this for awhile. Going out solo with a guitar, I love it. It's easier on my ears. I was starting to go deaf," he said

er. I like getting up there ing a tre

ough "One Left Sh released earlier this year, already as a follow-up in

hopper.
"I have this other CD that's going to be coming out. It's like for a deal I'd done before this It's answering

for a deal I'd done before this. It's all songs off my answering machine. They're all 45 seconds. I got 70 songs that this guy sent me," Poltz said with a laugh.

"It's lower than low-fi. It's going to be on Scammo Rammo Records run by my friend Ted in San Diego. It's really funny. It's so weird. I'll probably just sell it. so weird. I'll probably just sell it at shows."

it will be as romantic as "One Left Shoe." One thing that isn't questionable is his love for his multi-platinum Alaskan-born

"I love doing this. I love singing with her. I love her so much. I really love her."

Steve Poltz performs Friday, May 8, at the Mill Street Entry below Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Tickets are \$7 in advance for the 18 and older show. For more information, call (248) 333-2362 or visit http://www.961melt.com. Poltz can be reached at poltz@aol.com.

## Punk rockers Bad Religion enjoy playing club scene

For the seminal punk rockers Bad Religion, it's all about play-

"It's so much better to do these shows," guitarist Brian Baker said of the Blind Pig show Tues-

day, May 12.
"We've done it before in Europe. It's really fun. We do a lot of shows in Europe before the festivals to warm up. This is the first time we've had a parallel. We're doing the Warped Tour so we thought we'd try this idea in the United States. It's been more fun playing the little clubs,'

Baker said.

Bad Religion is promoting its latest album "No Substance" (Atlantic), a hard-driving, rocking album which hit stores Tuesday, May 5. Melodic and straightforward, "No Substance" could provide at least five hit singles -the hook-laden "The Biggest Killer in American History, which musically pokes fun at metal; the punk of "At the Mercy of Imbeciles;" "Hear It;" "Raise Your Voice;" and the spoken-word rocker "The State of the End of the Millennium Address.

For "No Substance." Bad Religion took matters into its own

"It's a lot different. We didn't have a producer this time. The last three albums were producer things. Working without a prodoing it ourselves gives us pride of ownership.

Bad Religion also worked without the constraints of a commercial studio. The album was recorded at singer Greg Graffin's house near Ithaca, N.Y.

"There would be times when I'd be playing the guitar with my back against the pingpong table It was very very on the fly. It sounds cool. The best thing is sonically it didn't suffer as a result."

The album wrapped up production at the end of January.

"Since we were on our own time we had the luxury of wasting it," Baker said with a laugh. That's totally not the kind of thing we've been able to do for so many years.

Lyrically "No Substance" gets straight to the political point. The band didn't use metaphors to or make allusions make its

"This is definitely more blunt,

in-your-face," Baker said. Graffin belts out "I don't wanna hear it anymore" in the opening track "Hear It." In the title track Graffin dubs America "self-indulgent enterprise." "Once you convince yourself/ the universe falls into place/ you got your ideas and your posse of friends/ you won't make up rules and the fun never ends/but still

gasping for air/ you look for some meaning," Graffin sings.

You cling to your hopes/while you drop to your knees/There's no substance," he continues.

"The State of the End of the

Millennium Address" is a facetious slam on the government's lack of tact. "Neighbors nobody loves you like we do/neighbor your government has triumphed in finally making you a public fit for the 21st century."

"Acid rain is the thing of the ast/too many possible causes Who needs those narrow-minded laborers? Too many mouths to feed ... Who needs them here in the land of the free time ... The internet has expanded our ability to pacify average americans better than ever," continues Graffin, whose group was the first band to maintain a web site

"Raise Your Voice," which opens with Graffin singing "baba-ba-ba" similar to Jan and Dean's "California Dreamin," gets its message across through repetition. The words "Raise Your Voice" will continue to

repeat through the listener's

mind. "We've won. That's the goal we were trying to get," Baker said with a laugh.

If the message still isn't clear, there is a "Bad Religion Dictionary" on the web.

Unlike other political bands, Bad Religion practices what it preaches. The band started a research grant for college students in science field research. Graffin often returns to give seminars during career day and to teach at Cornell University, from which he earned his dcctor-

He is working on two books. One is a history of Bad Religion, the other is "Band Aid," which offers help to upcoming bands.

Graffin and bandmates Jay Bentley and Greg Hetson regularly record struggling bands for While Bobby Schayer drum techs for some and Baker plays in numerous Washington, D.C.

Bad Religion will return to



show: Semi nal punk band Bad Religion from left, Greg Hetson, Jay Bentley, Greg Graffin, Brian Baker and Bobby Schayer.

Intimate

town Wednesday, July 22, to perform as part of The Warped Tour. The show is tentatively scheduled for the streets around St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit.

"I really like the community concept. But I'm kind of concerned about the barbecue situation," Baker dead-panned.

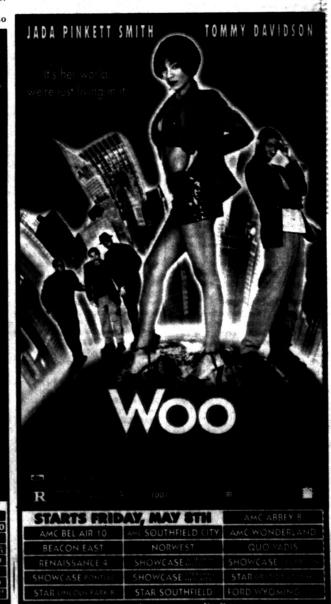
You know, like where it's located. How many people can

we feed. Location is the key. It's all about finding that perfect point in the fairgrounds Letting that slip by, he contin-

ued, "We're bringing a pirate radio station on tour. So we're going to be doing radio broad casts during the shows. I'm bringing my mountain bike. See, I'm looking at it as how much fun I'm personally going to







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11:30 a.m. - Pandora's Puppets; 12:30 p.m. - Sean Blackman and John Arnold; 1:30 p.m. - Brass Sextet from e Birmingham Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra; 2:30 p.m. The Harding Sisters Trio from the Detroit Civic Orchestra; 3 p.m. – The Schuster Trio; 3:30 p.m. – Daniel Carhane, saxophonist.

NOTE: The Musician's League students will perform throughout the festival.

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University instructor of Greek language. history and culture, 7 p.m. Monday, May 11, at the Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, 39851 West Five Mile, Plymouth. (734) 420-0131 **GUN AND KNIFE SHOW** 

Noon to 9 p.m. Friday, May 8, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, May 9, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, May 10, Gibraltar Trade Center, 15525 Rancho Road, Taylor. (734) 287-2000

LOU RAWLS

In honor of their 40th anniversary, The City of Southfield presents a special celebration concert featuring Lou Rawis, 8 p.m. Friday, May 8 at the Southfield Centre for the Arts. 24350 Southfield Road, Tickets \$30 and \$35, available at Southfield City Hall, 26000 Evergreen Road, weekdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; or the Parks & Recreation Building 5-7 p.m. evenings, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. Tickets also available at all Ticketmaster centers, or call (248) 645-6666. Afterglow reception efter concert with pastries, coffees and wines, \$5 payable at the door. For more information, call (248) 354-4854 MOTHERS GOOSE DAY Mothers Goose on parade noon Friday, May 8, come dressed as your favorite Mother Goose character and join the parade, gather in Farmers' Market area at Kerrytown Market and Shops, 407 N, Fifth Avenue, Ann Arbor. Free, (734) 769-3115. Followed by performance of "Mothers Goose on Parade" 7-8 p.m., at the Ann Arbor District Library, 243 S. Fifth Ave. To register, (734) 327-4301 JON NOSE DANCE MAGIC SHOW 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, May 10, JD's Macomb Theetre, 31 N; Wainut St., Mount Clemens, 315, \$10 children. (810) 465-5154 In honor of their 40th anniversary, The

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Structer, May 9, Hill, Auditorium, 530 Saturday, May 9, Hill Auditorium, 530 S. State St., Ann Arbor, \$15-\$45; Gala dinner and dancing follows at the Michigan League, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. \$300-\$1,000. (734) 764-2538

BENEFITS BENEFIT FOR INFANT MORTALITY With comedian Jeff Jena, supports the Michigan Catholic Health Systems Infant Mortality Project, Thursday, May 7, Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. \$12, four for \$40. (313) 868-8420 BARBARA ANN KARMANOS

CENTER DINNER

8 p.m. Saturday, May 9 (doors open at 6:30 p.m.), with performance by the Beach Boys following dinner, to raise \$650,000 for the drive against cancer, at the Chrysler Corporation's Conner Assembly Plant (home of the Dodge Viper and Plymouth Prowler), Detroit. \$250 per person, \$750 patrons, \$500 friends. (800) KARMANOS (527-6266) HANDS-ON MUSEUM AUCTION Benefit family auction includes dinner, silent auction and hands-on experi-

ences as you visit with a pilot, an archaeologist, a dentist, and detective. Come and explore "What You Wanna & Be When You Grow Up." 6-9 p.m. Friday, May 15 at the museum, 219 East Huron, Ann Arbor. \$75 per family. (734) 995-5439 METROPOLITAN DETROIT

Sponsors a lecture and tour of Frank Lloyd Wright's Affleck House in Bloomfield Hills 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 9, \$12, \$10 League members. (810) 988-1017
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PRESERVATION LEAGUE

Eastern Market 10 a.m. Saturday, May 9, at St. John-St. Luke Church on Russell Street southeast of Gratiot \$10, reservations recommended. (313) ALEXANDER ZONJIC & FRIENDS

Third annual Mothers Day Concert for the Windsor Downtown Mission, with organist Dave Wagner and gospel group Highest Praise, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 10, at Central United Church, 660 Ouellette Avenue, Windsor. \$12, \$10 seniors/children. (519) 973-5573

FAMILY EVENTS LOST DINOSAUR MAGIC SHOW

Magician Gordon Russ with dinosaur friends Pee-Wee the Brontosaurus, Tony the T-Rex and Clyde the Triceratops, 2 p.m. Saturday, May 9, at The Wunderground's Upstage Magic Theatre, 110 S. Main St., Royal Oak. \$6, \$5 for children ages 12 and under. (248) 546-1123 MAYBURY STATE PARK

"Sheep Shearing Days," 1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, May 9-10, at the park's Demonstration Building, 20145 Beck Road, Northville. Free with State Park motor vehicle permit; Spring bird hike, 8-10 a.m. Saturday, May 9, at the park's riding stable parking area on Beck Road, 1/4 mile south of Eight Mile Road. Free with State Park motor vehicle permit. (248) 349-8390 RUGRATS - A LIVE ADVENTURE" Various times Friday-Sunday, May 8-17, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$12.50, \$19.50 and \$25. All ages. (313) 983-6611 SOUTHFIELD ICE SPECTACULAR

With more than 120 skaters, 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 14-15, and 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 16, and 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Sunday, May 17, Southfield Sports Arena, May 17, Southneed Sports Arena, 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield. \$8.50-\$9.50. Benefit performance with Scott and Charlene Wong Williams, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 13. \$200 per group of four, \$100 per couple with an afterglow with the cast after the per formance; \$10 upper rinkside and loge, benefits Providence Hospital's Institute for Craniofacial and Reconstructive Surgery. (248) 354-9357/(248) 354-9603

POPS/SWING

ORIAN SAMUELS MEMORIAL

Highlights the music of George and Ira Gershwin, 8 p.m. Friday, May 8, at the Birmingham Temple, 28611 West 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. Free. (248) 477-

Mile, Farmington Hills. Free.(248) 4771410
TOMMY DORSEY ORCHESTRA
7:30 p.m. Friday, May 15, Southfield
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IMPERIAL SWING ORCHESTRA
9:30 p.m. Saturday, May 9, Blind Pig.
206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6. 19
and older. (swing) (734) 995-8555
EARTH ANGELS
Perform 7 p.m. Friday, May 8 at the
Westland Balley Center. Cell (734) 3267556 for tickets.

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LANCE LUCE AND TONY O'B

8 p.m. Saturday, May 9, Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road (at Grand River Avenue), Detroit. \$8. (313) 531-4407

#### CHORAL

AMERICAN BOY CHOIR

7:30 p.m. Friday, May 8, at Christ Church-Detroit, 960 East Jefferson at I-375. Free-will offering. Sponsorship available for \$50 includes reserved front seating. (313) 259-6688
FARMINGTON COMMUNITY CHORUS 'Shakin' the Blues Away" concert, 8

p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 8-9, Farmington High School, 32000 Shiawassee (west of Orchard Lake Road), Farmington. (248) 788-5322 FORD MOTOR COMPANY CHORUS "Movie Melodies," song and dance from the movies such as "Titanic" and "Footloose," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 15-16 and 3 p.m. Sunday, May 17. \$8, \$6 seniors/students ages 6-12. (313) 323.8173 NOVI CHORALAIRES

"A Date With Disney" concert, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 9, Novi High School's Fuerst Auditorium, Novi. \$6, \$5 seniors and children ages 12 and younger. (248) 347-0400 RENAISSANCE VOICES

4 p.m. Sunday, May 10, with guest Owain Phyfe of the New World Renaissance Band, at Christ Episcopal Church, 120 North Military at Cherry Hill, Dearborn. \$10, \$7 students/seniors, (313) 317-6566 SPIRIT OF DETROIT SHOW CHORUS OF SWEET ADELINES

INTERNATIONAL Will perform Music Under the Stars 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 16 at Mercy High School, 11 Mile Road at Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. The show features 1991 women's international quartet champions Swing Street and 1992 men's international champions keepsake, and the award-winning Spirit of Detroit Show Chorus singing a variety of songs from traditional barbershop to contemporary melodies. Admission \$14. seniors/students \$12 for matinee ounly. Call (313) 937-2429.

JAZZ

REGINA BELL With Phil Perry, 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 15. State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10-\$15. 21 and older. (313) 961-5451

PAUL FINKBEINER TRIO

8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, May 14, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free, 21 and older. (trumpet/piano/bass trio) (248) 645-

NNENNA FREELON

9 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 15-16, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$15 in advance. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310 HEIDI HEPLER & MICHELE RAMO

8:30-10:30 p.m. Thursdays, at Java Master, 33214 W. 14 Mile 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 PHIL KAPUT AND MAINSTREAM

JAZZ TRIO

9 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, May 16, at the Lonestar Coffee Co., 207 South Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 642-

PHIL KELLY TRIO

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, May 15. Edison's, 220 Merrill St. Birmingham. Free. 21 and older (piano/bass/drums) (248) 645-2150 KATHY KOSINS TRIO

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursday, May 7, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham, Free, 21 and o (vocal/piano/bass) (248) 645-2150 SHEILA LANDIS

With Rick Matle and Dave Taylor, Friday, May 8, Borders Books and Music, 5601 Mercury Dr., Dearborn. Free. All ages; With Rick Matle, 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, May 15-16, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Gross Pointe Farms, Free, 21 and older, (313) 271-4442/(313) 886-8101 LOBA AKOU

10 p.m. Friday, May 15, Jimmy's Double A, 314 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 332-0800 DEE DEE MCNEIL

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MATT MICHAELS TRIO

MATT MICHAELS TRIO
8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, May 7,14, 21, 28, at the Botsford Inn 28000 Grand River, Farmington Hills. \$5 cover waived with dinner. Reservations recommended. (248) 474-4800 NOTORIOUS
8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 8-9, D.L. Harrington's Roadhouse, 2086 Crooks Road (at M-59), Rochester Hills. Free, 21 and older. (top 40 contemporary jazz) (248) 852-0550 GARY SCHUNK TRIO
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, May 7, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free, 21 and older. (plano/bass/drums (248) 645-2150 URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY SUDSON

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tor Jessica Sinclair, several of the cos-tumes were designed and created by Cranbrook Academy of Art fiber student Sheila Walker, 8 p.m. Thursday-saturday, May 14-16, at Lerchen Hall, 550 Lone Pine Road between Lahaer and Cranbrook roads, Bloomfield Hills. Free, (248) 645-3064 DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE In cooperation with Swords into

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also "From Auschwitz to Hiroshima," a photography exhibit by Skip Schiel and Bill Ledger, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 9, on the second floor at Central United Methodist Church, 23 East Adams, and

Detroit. \$35, advance sale only. (313) 965-3544/(313) 963-7575

6:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday, May 9, boys age 14 and under, at the Southfield Pavillon. \$6, \$8 non-Southfield resident

Country-Western dancing, 7:30 p.m. to midnight Saturday, May 9, at the Italian American Cultural Center, Warren. \$7

non-members, \$6 members. (313) 526-

COMEDY

Friday-Saturday, May 8-9; Jim McLean, Friday-Saturday, May 15-16, at the club

in Mr. B's Roadhouse - Oxford, 595 N.

Lapeer Road (M-24), Oxford. (248) 628-

Bobcat Goldthwait, Hector Rezzano and

Goldthwait, Rezzano and Joev Bielaska Saturday, May 16 (\$18), at the club

36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia, 8 p.m.

Thursdays, and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

Adam Ferrara, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 7 (\$10, \$20.95 for dinner show pack-

age), and 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 8-9 (\$12 and

\$24.95); Bobby Collins, 8:15 p.m. and

10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 15-16 (\$14 and \$27.95), at the club, 5070

Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE

Lewis Black, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 7

(\$9), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Frida Saturday, May 8-9 (\$12); Totally

Unrehearsed Theatre, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 13 (\$6), 314 E.

Liberty, Ann Arbor, (734) 996-9080

"MOTHER'S DAY COMEDY JAM"

With Simply Marvelous, Chocolate, Maija DiGiorgio and Small Frie, 7:30

p.m. Sunday, May 10, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$17.50-\$35. All ages. (313) 961-5451

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Jeff Jena and Mark Knope, Thursday-

Wednesday-Thursday, May 13-14, and Sunday, May 17; Bill Engvall of "The Jeff Foxworthy Show," 8:15 p.m. and

10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 15-16

(\$17.50), at the club, 269 E. Fourth

Sunday, May 7-10; Mike Green

Woodward at Grand Circus Park

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WOLVERINE SILVERSPUR

9432/(810) 573-4993

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JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Basile, Nick Swardson and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday, May 7 (free), and Friday-Saturday, May 8-9 (\$15);

Chris Zito, Friday, May 15, and

above Kicker's All American Grill,

Fridays-Saturdays. (734) 261-0555
JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT

PAISANO'S

Chris Zito, of WPLT's "Johnny in the Morning Show," and Mark England,

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drummer for Chick Corea's drummer for Chick Corea's and Akoustic bands, 8 p.m. May 10, Magic Bag, 22920 ard Ave., Ferndale. \$13 in e. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 //www.themagicbag.com NDER ZONJIC & FRIENDS nnual Mothers Day Concert fo

t Dave Wagner and gospel group t Praise, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May Central United Church, 660 te Avenue, Windsor, \$12, \$10 /children. (519) 973-5573

WORLD MUSIC

A, 314 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. harge. 21 and older; 9 p.m. sday, May 13, Memphis Smoke Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 ler. (Jamaican jazz/si 00/(248) 543-4300 nican jazz/ska) (734) NITY

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m. Friday, May 8, Union Lake d Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, proe Township. Free. 21 and 5-7 p.m. Friday, May 15, Augie's, John R, Madison Heights. Free. older; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday, i, The Deck at Second City, Yoodward Ave., Detroit. Co 21 and older. (reggae) (248) 50/(248) 588-3120/(313) 965

DOIRO Wednesday, May 13, The Ark. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15. All "Celtic Spaniards") (734) 761-r http://www.a2ark.org

UO CONCERT an Recording Productions pre-program of original and tradi-trmenian and Middle Eastern folk ersamian and Joe Zeytoonian, percussion 7:30 p.m. Saturday afterglow reception 9:30-10 Henry Ford Centennial Library ium, 16301 East Michigan , between Greenfield and eld freeway, Dearborn. \$20 e, \$25 at the door, \$25 seniors eway, Dearborn. \$20

and over. (248) 851-9225 or MARELLI Wednesday-Thursday, May 6-7 o.m. Friday, May 8, Luciano's, Garfield Road, Clinton Townshi Il ages.(English/Italian/Spanish

LK/BLUEGRASS

Friday-Saturday, May 8-9. 's, 2555 W. 12 Mile Ros . Free. 21 and older. (248) 399

IZE Friday, May 15, The Ark, 316 S. t., Ann Arbor. \$20. All ages. ass) (734) 761-1451 or www.a2ark.org UNTER

to midnight Friday, May 8, Cafe, Northville, Free, All ages tic folk pop originals) (248) 305

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y, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak

sy, May 15-16, Smitty's, 222 t., Rochester. Free. All ages.

Sunday, May 10, Borders Books

Free. All ages. (734) 668-7100

ne fiddler and stepper, as well as idler in Shania Twain's band, per-

Theatre's Daniel Patrick Kelly

1, 121 University Ave. W., r, Ontario. \$20 (Canadian). All 519) 253-8065 or

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p.m. Saturday, May 9, in

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St., Royal Oak, 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays (\$6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays (\$6). Prices same unless otherwise noted. (248) 542-9900 or w.comedycastle.com charge. 21 and older; 8:30 p.m. SECOND CITY

at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 965-2222

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER

"Remembering Downtown Hudson's exhibit, a nostalgic look at what made the Hudson's downtown Detroit store an icon of the city's prosperous era. runs through December, at the muse um 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby). Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805

IMAX movies showing indefinitely dway." 10 a.m and 11:10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays; and "Special Effects." 12:20 p.m. and 1:20 Mondays-Fridays; at the muse 5020 John R (at Warren Road), Detroit \$6.75 for adults, \$4.75 for youths 3-17, and seniors 60 and older, includes one screening of an IMAX film, a visit to the Exhibit Floor, a live science demonstration in the Discovery Theatre and a er presentation. \$2.50 for each additional IMAX movie, Discounts avail able to groups of 10 or more. Hours are: 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays Fridays, and 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

8400 or http://www.sciencedetroit.org MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

"A Communion of the Spirits: African-American Quilters, Preservers and Their Stories" exhibits featuring 175 photographs of varying sizes, a selection of the surveyed quilts, interpretive panels, and a limited amount of other artwork related to the quilters, through Sunday, June 7. The exhibit features area quilters and celebrity quilters such as Maya Angelou, Rosa Parks, Bernice Johnson Reagon, Faith Ringgold, Sonia Sanchez and Alice Walker; "The Life and Times of Paul Robeson" exhibition featuring records, photographs and paintings on loan from private citizens and from the collection of the MAAH, runs through Tuesday, June 30, at the museum, 315 E. Warren Ave. (at Brush Street), Detroit. Museum hours 9:30 a.m. to 5 Detroit, Museum hours 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays-Sundays. \$3 for adults and \$2 for children aged 12 and younger. (313) 494-5800

#### POPULAR MUSIC

A DEUCE

With former Harms Way singer Brad Erwin, 9 p.m. Saturday, May 9, Cross tion, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (hardcore/industrial/hip-hop) (734)

ACETONE With Mysteries of Life, 6 p.m. Friday, May 8. The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$7 in advance. All ages. (pop) (313) 961-MELT or http://ww ACME JAM

8 p.m. Thursday, May 7, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800 AGENTS OF GOOD ROOTS

With Emmett Swimming, 8 p.m. Monday, May 11, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$12.50 in advance. 18 and older. (pop) (248) 335-8100 or http://www.961melt.com AURORA

With Godzuki and Little Princess, 9:30 p.m. Friday, May 15, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (experimental rock) (734) 996-8555

NORMA JEAN BELL AND THE ALL STARS 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and

Saturdays through June 27, Bacci Abbracci, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. Free. All ages. (variety) (248) 253-1300 BAD RELIGION With Squatweiler, 8 p.m. Tuesday, May

12, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$10 in advance. 19 and older. rock/punk) (734) 996-8555

10 p.m. Friday, May 8, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Saturday, May 9, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (R&B) (248) 349-9110/(734) 421-

BIHLMAN BROTHERS 10 p.m. Friday, May 15, Kodiak Grill, 45660 Mound Road, Utica, Free, 21 and older. (R&B) (810) 731-1750 THE BIZER BROTHERS

8 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday, May 15-16. The Rattlesnake Club. 300 River lace, Detroit. Free. All ages. (pop) (313) 567-4400 BLACK FUZZ

9 p.m. Thursday, May 14, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (rock)

734) 485-5050 BLUE CAT FEATURING KEN MURPHY

9 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older (blues) (248) 644-4800

BLUE EYED SOUL 9 p.m. Thursday, May 7, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge, 19 and older, (rock) (734) 485-5050 or

http://www.blueeyedsoul.com BOOGIE CHILLEN

9 p.m. Saturday, May 9, Carriage House Blues Alley, 24200 Grand River Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older (313) 535-3440

BROTHERS CREEGGAN Featuring Jim Creeggan, bassist for the Barenaked Ladies, and Kevin Creeggan, former keyboardist for RNL with special guest Susan Calloway, 8 p.m. Tuesd May 12, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (eclectic) (248) 544-3030 or

http://www.themagicbag.com RICHARD BUCKNER With Chris Knight, 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 12, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann

Arbor, \$11.50 in advance, All ages, THE CHISEL BROS. WITH

THORNETTA DAVIS 9 p.m. Saturday, May 9, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn, Cover charge, 21 and older, (R&B) (313) 581-

DANNY COX 9 p.m. Friday, May 8, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. DETROIT BLUES BAND 9 p.m. Thursday, May 14, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave..

Bioomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older (blues) (248) 644-4800 THE DIRTY THREE With Calexico, 9 p.m. Saturday, May 9. Stick in the Majestic co 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$8 in ce. 18 and older. (313) 833-POOL

well and Joe Brown, 10 p.m. Saturday, May 9, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 334-9292

DOWNTOWN NOEDOWN
With Ruby Lovett (6 p.m.), Thompson
Brothers (7:30 p.m.), Daryle Singletary
(9 p.m.) and Neal McCoy (10:30 p.m.),
Friday, May 15; With Matt King (3
p.m.), Forbes Brothers (4 p.m.), Rodney
Allen Atkins (5 p.m.), Suzy Bogguss (6
p.m.), Mark Chesnutt (7:30 p.m.),
Sammy Kershaw (9 p.m.), and Lorrie
Morgan (10:30 p.m.), Saturday, May
16; and with Clinton River (3 p.m.),
Keith Harling (4:30 p.m.), Melody
Crittendon (5:30 p.m.), Melody
Crittendon (5:30 p.m.), The Dixle
Chicks (8 p.m.), and Pam Tillis (9
p.m.), Sunday, May 17, Hart Plaza,
downtown Detroit, Free, All ages.
(country) (31:3) 259-4323
DREAM THEATER DREAM THEATER

With Full on the Mos May 12, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (rock) (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com DUNGBEATLES

10 p.m. Saturday, May 9, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 332-HOWL GLEN EDDIE BAND

9 p.m. Friday, May 8, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 15-16, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hill Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (734) 451-1213/(248) 644-4800 ELIZA

10 p.m. Thursday, May 14, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westla Free. 21 and older. (pop) (734) 421-2250 THE REV. MARC FALCONBERRY

7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 9, Hazel Park Raceway, 1650 E. 10 Mile Road, Hazel Park. (blues) (248) 398-1000 FOOLISH MORTALS 10 p.m. Saturday, May 9, Kodiak Grill, 45660 Mound Road, Utica, Free, 21

and older. (rock) (810) 731-1750 FOUR DEGREES 9 p.m. Saturday, May 9, Woody's, 208

W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday, May 15, Drinks North, 2505 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford Township, Free, 21 and older (rock) (248) 543-6911 /(248) 683-8186 or http://www.fourdegrees.com With Shellac and Blonde Redhead, 6

p.m. showtime Saturday, May 9, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$6.75. All ages. (punk/rock) (313) 961-5451 GAUNT

9 p.m. Friday, May 8, Motor Lounge, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 396-0090 or http://www.motordetroit.com

9:30 p.m. Monday, May 11, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$15 in advance, 19 and older, (rock) (734)

THE GRUESOMES With Slugbug, 9 p.m. Friday, May 15, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St.,

Ypsilanti, Cover charge, 19 and older (rock) (734) 485-5050

10 p.m. Friday, May 15, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 349-9110 GYPSY TRIBE

9:30 p.m. Friday, May 8, Bo's Brewery, 51 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Saturday, May 9, Mount Chalet, 32955 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Friday, May 15, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac, Cover charge, 21 and older (rock) (248) 338-6200/(248) 549 2929/(248) 332-HOWL

COL. BRUCE HAMPTION AND THE FUI MARINERS

With Johnny Socko, 8 p.m. Friday, May 8, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$8 in advance. 18 and older (248) 544-3030 or

http://www.themagicbag.com WAYNE "THE TRAIN" HANCOCK 8 p.m. Monday, May 11, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Fer advance. 18 and older. (blues) (248)

http://www.themagicbag.com

6 p.m. Friday, May 15. The Shelter pelow St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, \$8 in advance, All ages. (rock) (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com INDRAMA

With Opie's Dream, The Schugars and Brilliant, 9 p.m. Friday, May 15, on the main stage at JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock/pop) (810) 465-5154

JILL JACK 10 p.m. Thursday, May 7, Library Pub 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Friday, May 8, Library Pub. 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older; 8 n.m. Sunday, May 10. The Palladium Roseville. Cover charge. 18 and older: 9 p.m. Wednesday, May 15, Captain Tony's, 30919 N. Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (roots rock) (248) 349-9110/(734) 421-2250/(810) 778-6404/(248) 288-

JESUS LIZARD p.m. Thursday, May 7, Blind Pig. 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$10 in advance. 19 and older. (rock) (734)

JUNE OF '44 With Victory at Sea, 9 p.m. Friday, May 15, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$6 in advance. 18 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 833-POOL

rock) (313) 833-POOL MINE RUNG
8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 7, Royal Oak
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River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older;
With Jo Serrapere, Denny Cox and
Sister Seed, 9 p.m. Friday, May 15, in
the Verdict Inn in JD's Macomb
Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount
Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older.
(rock/acoustic rock) (248) 5441141/(248) 349-9110/(810) 4655154

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With Pitbull Daycare, Powertrain and Burner, 7 p.m. Saturday, May 9, The Palladium Music Club, 17580 Frazho Road, Roseville, \$15 in advance, 18 and older. (rock) (810) 778-6404 LA BOUCHE

With Geo and Amar, 9 p.m. Saturd May 9, ID's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. \$25 and \$32.50. 18 and older. (dance music) (810) 465-5 THE LOOK

9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 15-16. Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township, Free 21 and older. (rock) (248) 360-7450 MYSTERY TRAIN WITH JIM MCCARTY

10 p.m. Friday, May 15, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (R&B) (734) 421-2250

8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 8 9, Fox and Hourids, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800 RT NOLL AND THE BLUES

STEVE MADDELLA

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 8-9, Hami Pub, 741 S. Lapeer Road, Lake Orion. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 656-7700 or RobbieNoll@aol.com

PEE SHY 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140
Woodward Ave., Detroit, \$6 in advance.

18 and older: (pop) (313) 833-POOL STEVE POLTZ 8 p.m. Friday, May 8, Mill Street Entry below Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$7 in advance. 18 and older. (pop) (248) 333-2362 or

http://www.961melt.com 6 p.m. Friday, May 15, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6 in advance. All ages. (pop) (313) 961-

MELT or http://www.961melt.com 10 p.m. Friday, May 8, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21

and older. (rock) (248) 334-9292 and older. (rock) (248) 334-9292

QARY RASMUSSEN
With Jody Raffoul, 10 p.m. Saturday,
May 9, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse
Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older; With

Billy Brandt, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 14, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St. Royal Oak, Free, 21 and o (rock) (313) 861-8101/(248) 544-

THE REGULAR BOYS 9 p.m. Saturday, May 9, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues)

(734) 451.1213 JULES SHEAR

With Kate Campbell, 8 p.m. Friday, May 15, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., le. \$10 in advance. 18 and olde (singer/songwriters) (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com SIDEWINDERS

10 p.m. Saturday, May 9, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 2 and older. (blues) (248) 349-9110 SOLID FROG

With Caustic Pop. 9:30 p.m. Friday May 8, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (rock) (734) 996.8555

SONIC YOUTH

With The Ex and Universal Indians, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 14, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$16 advance. All ages. (alternative rock) (313) 961-5451 or

http://www.961melt.com SOUTHSIDE DENNY

10 p.m. Thursday, May 7, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Friday, May 8, Kodiak Grill, 45660 Mound Road, Utica. Cover charge. 21 and older; p.m. Saturday, May 9, The Lodge, 2442 Orchard Lake Road, Sylvan Lake. Cover charge. 21 and older. (R&B) (734) 421-2250/(810) 731-1750/(248) 683-

SUPERDOT 9 p.m. Friday, May 8, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Yosilanti narge, 19 and older. (ska) (734) 485-5050

9 p.m. Friday, May 8, State Theatre. 9 p.m. Friday, May 8, State Theatre 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$20 advance, \$25 day of show. 18 and older. (R&B) (313) 961-5451 TANGERINE TROUSERS

10 p.m. Friday, May 8, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Saturday, May 9, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (rock) (313) 861-8101/(248) 652-1600 8101/(248) 652-1600 TEDDY SALAD

With the Civilians and Donald Baker Band, 10 p.m. Friday, May 15, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 334-

9292 3 SPEED

with The Still and Nather Whitt, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, May 14, Blind Pig. 205-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor, \$4, 19 and older, (alternative rock) (734) 995

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7:30 a.m. Thursday, May 7, St.
Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress.
Detroit. \$17 in advance. 18 and older.
(guitar rock) (313) 961-MELT or
http://www.961melt.com

TWINSTEN' TARANTILLAS
9:30 b.m. Thursday, May 14, Karl's
Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial Road.
Plymouth. Free. 21 and older; 10 b.m. Gr.
Friday, May 15, The Lodge, 2442.
Crchard Lake Road, Sylven Lake. Core
charge. 21 and older, (rockabilly) (734)
455-8450/(248) 683-5458

TWO SKRINOTY J'S

10 p.m. Friday, May 8, St. Andrew's
Hall, 431 E. Congress. Detroit. \$5, 18
and older. (rock) (313) 961-MELT or
http://www.961melt.com

WAL VENTRO

VAL VENTRO
10 p.m. Fridey, May 8, Jimmy's Double
A, 314 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover
charge, 21, and older, (blues) (734)
332-0800 RANDY YOUN AND THE SONIC. BLUES

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9 p.m. Thursday Setunday, May 7-9, 252 Duggan's, 6722 Dixle Highway, Clarkston, Cover charge, 21 and older: A1 9 p.m. Monday, May 11, Bad Frog. 1 Tavern, 555 Woodward Ave. Tavern, 555 Woodward Ave., Birmingham, Free, 21 and older. (248) 625-3900/(248) 642-9400 or http://www.rocki

Seginaw, Pontiac. \$6 in edvance. 18 and older. (alternapop) (248) 335-8100 or http://www.961melt.com WALK ON WATER

Celebrate release of CD with DJ Papa

Ron, 9 p.m. Thursday, May 7, St.

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## 'Angels In America' elevates future collaboration at OU

"Angels in America: Millennium Approaches," a play by Tony Kushner, is a co-production of Meadow Brook Theatre and the Department of Music, Dance and Theatre at Oakland University.

Performances: 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, May 7-8, May 13-15; Z.p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday May 9 and 16; 2 p.m. Sunday, May 10 and 17. Varner Studio Theatre, Varner Hall, on the campus of

Varner Hall, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills. Tickets: \$18, (248) 377-

es a play come along contour does a play come along that serves as many purposes as "Angels in America: Millennium Approaches" at Oakland University's Studio Theatre.

A provocative play about a range of hot-button topics, "Angels In America" spares nei-ther tactfulness nor decorum in making its point: America is in serious denial, more concerned with consumerism than social

But politics aside, "Angels In America" is an optimistic sign of the future of theater in Oakland The collaboration between OU's Department of Theatre and Meadow Brook Theatre proves that at the core of any theatrical experience must be an appeal to community.

After one-too-many musical revivals and predictable dramas, perhaps Meadow Brook Theatre has found a way to push the boundaries without insulting

their conservative subscribers.

To his credit, director Geoffrey Sherman pulls off a gutsy production that combines some fine performances by an experienced cast along with a look at some promising student-thespians still figuring out their craft.

Set in the intimate Varner Hall Studio Theatre, Tony Kushner's Pulitzer Prize-winning play literally engages the audience by making them feel a part of the

In a frenetic display of indignancy, raw homosexuality and the haunting insanity of a society lacking compassion, the play unfolds on the floor-stage from

There are four entrances/exits

with actors carrying on props to complement the play's minimal set design.

The issues covered by play-wright Kushner could be placed in the pot of the most controver-sial issues of the day: AIDS, homosexuality, racism, sexism, political aggrandizement and notions about what exactly is

In essence, homosexuality isn't just a label or something that happens "out there." The proximity of the actors presents the "uneasy issues" an arm's length away. Close enough to see the humanity of those who are vic-tims of prejudice and a plague.

But as an alarming indication about the state of American theater, no other play in the '90s has compelled audiences to directly confront the long shadows weeping over American culture.

Essentially, Kushner defiantly poses a challenge to the audience: Deal with it. And the cast proves they're up

to the challenge. Again and again and again.
Structured in well-timed

episodes, the ensembles handles a range of roles. Primarily, the story revolves around the infa-mous attorney Roy Cohn, a homosexual couple and a hus-band and wife.

In a preview performance, the cast showed the raw energy and dexterity of an ensemble finding its own phythm and interpreta-

its own rhythm and interpreta tion. That's an incredible accomplishment given that they had rehearsed the play for less than

Once again, Sherman and the OU Department of Theatre deserve kudos for tackling the demanding play and putting together a production that doest compromise the author's

vision nor the character's dimen-

As mentors, veteran actors Robert Grossman and Karen Sheridan prove up to the task. In particular, Grossman's portrayal of Cohn is achingly surreal, at times he's the calculating beast behind the persecution of Joe McCarthy's political enemies and pathetically insecure about his own sexuality.

Given time, Grossman will no doubt create one of the most unforgettable portraits seen in some time in Detroit theatre.

The remaining cast all have their outstanding moments. Of special note is Ray Schultz, who walks a fine edge of his charac-ter's intellectual ramblings and his basic desire to survive the

onslaught of AIDS.
For sheer energy and emotional range, John Bidenbach demonstrated that he is an actor willing to stretch and

Bidenbach's performance is the centerpiece of the play. And he doesn't flinch. His energy and emotion resound long after the

winged angel descends.

For anyone who believes theater can heal, you'll find "Angels In America" is the first step. A catharsis of the first order.

The impressive debut of Meadow Brook-OU Department of Theatre's collaboration will be closely followed. And more importantly, greatly anticipated.

## Pianist from page E1

Yan Dyke, one Picasso and seeing a whole exhibit of Monets or the Picasso show last year where you could study all the paintings from the early part of his life. It's like the difference between taking a highlights tour and staying

a while," he said. Ohlsson said he was surprised by the total success of the project, though he said he knew Chopin was popular.

. "It was tremendous. It went far beyond ego gratification, though ego gratification is always nice, but it doesn't last," he said.

The Chopin cycle was atypical for the busy pianist who has built a career on playing a broad repertoire of classical music as a soloist, chamber player and with symphonic orchestras.

Solo recitals are more challenging, you have to create the atmosphere, everything," he said.
"It's like a poetry reading or a monologue by an actor. With an orchestra, it's more like a play, a cooperative effort. There is nothing like playing a great concerto with a fine orchestra and a great conductor. You are stimulating each other"

Ohlsson said he has a "standard seven" of great composers for the piano – Mozart, Haydn, Beethoven, Shubert, Debussy, Liszt and, of course, Chopin. But, he said, he plays many more not on that list, including contemporary composers

You can't play everything, but I tend to do a wide range," he

#### Rugrats from page E1

"We celebrate the episodes, but we wanted the stage show to be unique," said Hochwald. "The characters are six feet tall. It's almost a 'Honey I shank the Kids,' effect. It's purely magical. The parents are kept on a differ-ent level so they don't appear out of proportion. They're separated from the kids who are in their vn world. We chose a rainy day because it creates an atmosphere where the imagination could fly.

This is not a skip and wave presentation. The cast of 22 actors, dancers and singers portray over 30 characters. Cast members range in age from 21-

We snuck in Chuckie's fear of

"They're amazing," said Hochwald. "They capture the essence of the character even though they're buried underneath layers of costume."

It's a show designed for older kids, ages 5-11. Younger kids will enjoy it too, but they might not "get" everything in the story.

There's lots of dancing, and the live music includes disco, rock, cales, funk and opera performed by a three piece band. Devo frontmen Mark and Bob Mothershauch, company for the TV.

said. "I play as wide a repertoire as any concert pianist."

He said he plays contemporary

music because "music doesn't exist unless it's played" and it can't be judged if no one ever

Ohlsson, like most concert pianist began playing as a child.

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He said playing piano and violin are so complicated that you almost have to shape your body to the instrument, and it is hard for someone who doesn't begin as a child. Though he sometimes gets challenged.

"Occasionally I'll run into someone in their '30s who says

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they're going to buy a piano and take lessons so they can play like me. Well, good luck," he said.

Following his fete, Ohlsson will be making trips to New York, Spain and Italy before flying home to San Francisco and a three week break before the summer music festival rounds



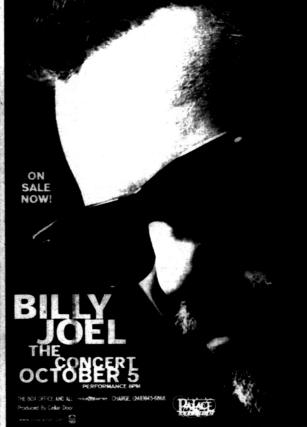
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