

The end is near. Clarkston's existing high school will say good-bye to its last high school graduating class in June. But hopefully, the high school won't close an important chapter of its history without an appropriate foreuell from those out an appropriate farewell from those who knew it best.

who knew it best.

That's why we're asking CHS graduates and CHS teachers — of yesterday and today — to send us one or more memories of your time at Clarkston High. We'll print those recollections in a June edition.

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dgar Clark is still enjoying his time in New York. The end of August 1863 finds him well and happy. Even homesickness seems to be easier to bear in New York City.

"My dear wife, I hope we stay here quite a while for this is a beautiful place. There is so much to be seen. ny fine this city, but that makes no difference to me. I have got one at home and that is enough for me. I wish you were here to see some of the sights of Broadway. We are having a nice time, the people are very kind and they give us a good deal of praise.

You wrote that you have a fine gar-den. I am glad of that. I wish I was den. I am glad of that. I wish I was there to help you eat some of it. I think the war is coming to a close. I think the downfall of Charleston will round the thing up. I think peace will be declared by winter and if not, we will come home by spring. There are very few of the Lansing boys (those who enlisted with Edgar) in the company for they are almost all killed off or are wounded in a hospital. Whit Miller is in Alexandria getting rich making eider and selling it to people. Your husband, Edgar W. Clark."

MEAP scores leap in math, readi



This year's MEAP results are cause for celebration in Clarkston School District, where students gained as many as 15 points in math and reading scores on the statewide standard-

wide results, MEAP math and reading scores for Clarkston school district's fourth- and seventh-graders generally jumped this year — and often in double-digit bounds. Consistent with state and county-

As a district, 91.6 percent of Clarkston's fourth-graders passed the math portion of the 1998 Michigan Educa-tional Assessment Program (MEAP), compared with last year's posting of

78.8 percent. And while improvement was less dramatic at the middle school level, 78.6 percent of Clarkston's seventh-graders scored satisfactorily in MEAP math — a seven-point increase.

On the reading test, 73 percent of Clarkston's fourth-graders passed the MEAP, a 15-point improvement over last year. And the district's seventhgraders also inched ahead, with a 62percent passage rate — up from 55 per-

cent in 1996.

In the math and reading MEAP, Clarkston's fourth- and seventh-grade median scores topped state and county

According to Dave Reschke, assistant superintendent of elementary operations for Clarkston schools, this year's math and reading MEAP scores reflect wise decisions that have been made by the Clarkston School Board. "I think the board has responded to adequate staffing levels, smaller class sizes and best teaching practices — and these scores show that," Reschke said. For Dr. Sharon Devereaux, principal

of Clarkston's Springfield Plains Ele-

mentary — which posted the highest math and reading scores in the district — 1998 MEAP results were cause for celebration. "We're just delighted. We're floating," Devereaux said Mon-day. "Now the scores show us as we really are."

The principal explained that staff at the 4-year-old school particularly worked to improve students' informa-tional reading skills this year. And that effort paid off in a 25-point gain in

"Last year, our third-grade teachers visited Challenger Elementary in How-ell to see the type of informational com-

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Riding 12



Helping hand: Kelly O'Brien holds the bridle of a horse as Mariea Donohue mounts. Kelly has received a Youth Recognition award for her volunteer work.



Trall blazers: Kelly O'Brien (left) and Kristine Drost, who help handicapped persons ride horses, are among 96 teens recently honored by Clarkston Area Youth Assistance for doing exemplary volunteer work for the community or an outstanding deed.

A real leader: Kristine Drost leads a horse ridden by Mark Bergerom. Kristine volunteers every Tuesday with the "Horseback Riding for the Handicapped" club.



Young volunteers lauded

larkston Middle School students Kristine Drost and Kelly O'Brien may wear hip T-shirts, wide-legged blue jeans and the occasional "as if" facial expression of every other adolescent in North America. But don't assume they're followers.

These two seventh-graders lead. Specifically, they spend their Tuesday evenings leading horseback riders with special needs on the "Triple B's Davisburg farm of Bertha and Frank

Dennis. The two young horsewomen say they've volunteered their time at the Davisburg "Horseback Riding for the Handicapped" club there for the past two or three years, not because everybody else is doing it or because it's the coolest thing since Puff Daddy, but because they just like helping people. (And they adore horses, of course.)

For their volunteerism, the two

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6 from Independence to run for state, county seats

dents have thrown their hats into the political ring — some for the second time around — in the wake of term limits that are forcing many elected state officials to step out of office altogether or to seek different posts.

As they do so, some local political watchers say they expect the sheer vol-

ume of those seeking office to spice up the August primary, though they con-tend it is much too early to know what the major issues will be.

"I think the key thing here is that term limits are kicking in," said Inde-pendence Township Trustee Neil Wal-lace. "We're really going to have, withe. "We're really going to have, without any doubt, some change in the Leg-

"That sets the tenor for the race. What we're going to see with this new Legislature is whether term limits work. I think people, when they passed term limits, were saying they don't want politics as usual."

Wallace said the term-limit notion makes it possible, and even desirable,

for "ordinary folks" to run for office, preventing career politicians from pos-sibly over-staying their welcomes.

"I think we need some straight talk on things - people who can take a fresh look and find ways to do it better," he said

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Pilot in stable condition after crashing on Clarkston Road

on the scene, Ginani's plane did not catch fire during the crash — which caused his plane to leak fuel — nor were there any vehicles or pedestrians in the area at the time, an unusual occurrence for the usually busy Clarkston Road, where Ginani crashed.

Ginani, who was alone in his plane, suffered injuries to his face, chest, neck

uffered injuries to his face, chest, neck and ankle, said Nault, who arrived

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Prom Night '98

Dancing: Heather Whitfield does the line dance at the Clarkston High Prom. More photos on Page

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office Tuesday.
The only real indication I get is that, probably, the Senate will have more interest ally. I would assume (it's) ause of the candidates, he d, referring to the fact that g-time Rep. Tom Middleton Independence) — who is mg forced out of his House to because of term limits — I be taking on long-time Senate incumbent Sen. Mat maskiss (R-Lake Orion) for a 16th District Senate position.

Like Walls, Springfield Clerk Nancy Strole had very few words on the topic.

"What they do or don't do in Lansing certainly has an impect," she said, adding that she is opposed to term limits. "We have term limits. It's called our right to vote."

In Independence Township, Supervisor Dale Stuart and Glerk Joan McCrary were unavailable to comment on how the results of the primary could affect Independence residents.

While Middleton and

to run for Dunaskiss' seat.

Political observers are also watching keenly to see which one of five newcomers will win the 46th District House of Representatives seat being vacated by Middleton.

Those candidates

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Those candidates include Independence Township resident Jeff Gallant, a Republican and former federal prosecutor. Other Republicans running are Oakland County Commissioner Ruth Johnson of Holly Township, John Lauve of Groveland Township, John Lauve of Groveland Township and Patricis Woods of Highland Township. One Democrat, Rozanne LaMontaine of Rose Township, also filed to run for the House seat.

Candidates for local, county, state and federal positions were required by law to file their intentions to run by 4 p.m. Tuesday.

day.

During a conversation Tuesday, Wallace said he thought the topics of road improvements, a part-time Legislature, and crime might surface as issues during the race.

He credited Gov. John Engler with getting federal dollars for local roads, but said some politicians might make road conditions an issue because Engler cannot dispense the money quickly enough to appease them or the public.

quickly enough to appease them or the public.

"I think people will try to make hay out of the roads," Wallace said. "I think the roads need fixing, (but) there are going to be people in these races that will take advantage of the fact that the roads haven't been fixed."

Rudy Lozano, an Independence resident and vice chair of the Road Commission for Oakland County, said he hopes local roads become an issue during the campaigns, though he too, said Engler has been doing a good job at getting federal money.

Lozano's complaint was that Oakland County taxpayers get only about 69 cents back for every dollar they send to Lans-

"I'm hoping, obviously, that they make roads an issue," he said. "Twenty years ago this was a unionized, socialized state. We've neglected our infrastruc-ture for years."

At the Oakland County level, seven people will seek three

positions as Oakland County commissioners serving Independence, Springfield and Clark

Incumbent Donna Huntoon (R-White Lake) will face White Lake Township resident David Galloway, a Republican, and Michael Kohut, an Independence Township Democrat, for the District 2 commission post.

Incumbent Lawrence Obrecht (R-Lake Orion) is running against Doug Brown, a Lake Orion Republican for District 3.

And, incumbent Frank Millard (R-Independence) is running against Waterford Democrat Jennifer A. Fichera for District 4.

At the federal level incumbent U.S. Rep. Dale Kildee (D-Flint) will compete against Auburn Hills Republican Thomas McMillin

McMillin.
In Springfield Township,
Trustee Richard Miller, an
appointee, and Wanda Rothermel, who was defeated in the
last trustee election, have filed
to compete for Miller's seat on
the Springfield Township Board.
Miller was appointed by the
board after Trustee Charles
Oaks stepped down to take a fire
chief's position.



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Crash site: Emergency personnel work to clear the site of the plane crash on Clarkston Road near Pine Knob.

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about 10:20 a.m.
"Overall, he's in pretty good condition," Nault said. "He was very lucky. On Clarkston Road, there's usually traffic and for some reason there wasn't. They

were blessed, I guess."

Nault had been observing Ginani's white two-seater from the parking lot of Pine Knob after seeing the plane circle over the area and his patrol car,

about eight to 10 times.

The plane appeared low, flying near a tower atop Pine Knob, Nault said, and he was considering whether to radio in about the plane, or simply resume his patrol, when the plane came down on a field at Pine Knob.

Nault said the plane's engine sounded normal and the accident appeared to be the result of simple confusion on the part of simple confusion on the part of Ginani, who was unfamiliar with the area and who thought Pine Knob was a landing strip. There was fog that morning to complicate the scenario, Nault said.

After landing in the field, the plane traveled 70 to 80 yards and then went airborne again, striking a tree before crashing at the edge of Clarkston Road,

Ginani realized he was travel-

ing too fast to avoid upcoming trees when he landed so he attempted to lift off the ground, grazed a tree, spun out and crashed, Nault said. The plane dropped about three stories before landing on its belly.

"I said, Boy, is that guy close to that tower," Nault said. "I'm watching him and all of a sudden he came down. He circled quite a few times. From the air looks like a landing area.

"It just didn't look right. Every time he made a pass, it looked like he was going to land and I said, 'No way.

Nault immediately went to the cene of the crash and assisted Ginani until paramedics arrived. Ginani told him later, Nault said, that he was headed to an airport in Troy on business and became confused over Pine Kneb, thinking that it might be

According to Nault, Ginani, who lives in New Buffalo, Ind., has been a licensed pilot for about three years.

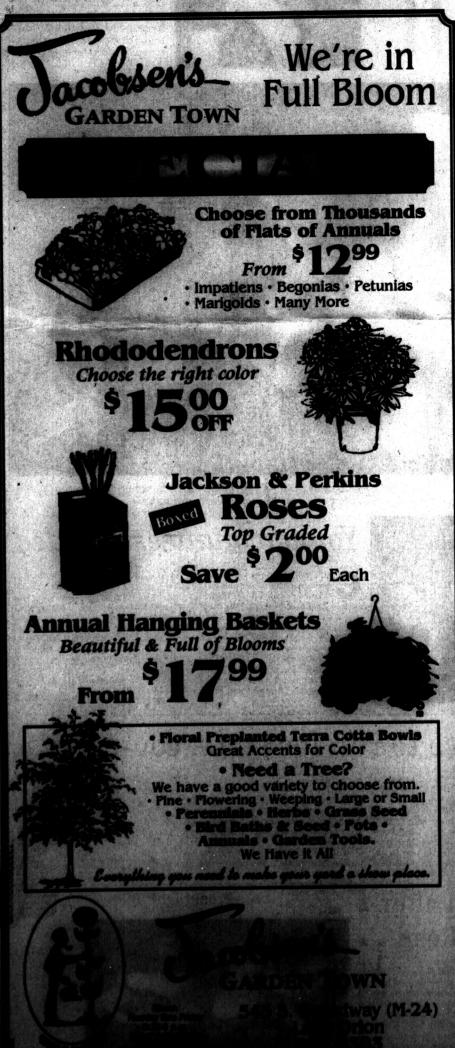
Clarkston Road was closed to traffic between Sashabaw Road and Pine Knob Road from about 10:30 until about 5 p.m. while the debris was cleared and federal aviation investigators came to review the scene, Nault said.



Close call: The lucky pilot of this downed single engine Cessna 150 is fortunate he survived.







CHS Senior Prom



Kodak moment: Amanda Yarber (center) poses with her friends for a photograph during the Clarkston High School Senior Prom on Friday.

n an almost timeless, annual rite of passage, 498 students from Clarkston High School celebrated the Senior Prom at Petruzzello's

in Troy Friday. Sponsored by the CHS junior class, the prom's theme was "Never Let Go," the theme song from the recent hit movie "Titanic."

Decorations included a huge, lighted Titanic silhouette on a wall, a balloon cloud and mirrors on tables with sequins and candy.



Gorgeous gowns: Erica Holman (left) and Heidi Olafsson spin to show off their gowns.

POLICE NEWS

The following incidents were reported to police and fire agen-cies in Springfield and Independence townships and the city of Clarkston May 7-11.

Springfield Police

On May 10, officers responded to a report of a 10-year-old girl who was struck by a runaway horse at a site off Andersonville Road. According to a police report/ the horse, which was tied to a hog fence, became spooked and bolted, striking the girl who was standing in a crowded field.

The girl was transported to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ponti-ac after complaining of back pain. On Monday, a hospital spokesperson said she was treat-ed and released.

Vandalism

On May 8, paint was reported sprayed on the side of a business on Dixie Highway.

On May 8, a fence was reported damaged at a residence on French Lane.

On May 9, a number of mailboxes were reported damaged on Clark Street.

Thefts

On May 9, a decorative wreath was reported stolen from a residence on Harbortowne Court.

Independence Police

Vandalism

On May 7, windows were reported broken on a vehicle parked on Sashabaw Road. On May 7, a windshield and

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chension activities they were sing," Deversaux remarked. hose (Howell) teachers sat we with our reading specialt. Claudia Hughes, to do a sekly plan on informational xt." The Springfield Plains incipal also said that her staff orked on improving informatical reading skills as one of the aidding's school improvement als.

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When asked if she thought budent demographics and socioconomic factors played a role in an expectation of the school's 98 percent-passage ate in math and 80-percent success figure in reading, Devreaux put it this way.

"I think these scores reflect tudents' ability and teachers' bility," she said. "I do think the hildren have the innate ability, but I also think we're offering hem the best learning environment. Our efforts at improving informational reading were on arget and math has been getting stronger all along. Our math specialist, Debbie thotwell, has helped our stunents hone their skills and she's fiven on the spot support to our eachers ... We're thrilled with hese results."

At Andersonville Elementary, wincipal Bill Potvin said he was pleased with his school's 15-point climb in math and 26-point

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	1998	Meap	result	s by scho	ol	
School	'98 Meth	'96 Math	Change	'98 Reading	'96 Reading	Change
4th Grade Andersonville	87.4	72.5	+14.9	66.7	40.6	+26.1
Balley Lake	90.1	88.0	+2.1	73.9	66.3	+7.6
Clarkston Elm.	97.6	83.1	+14.5	79.3	68.8	+10.5
North Sashabaw	86.7	73.2	+13.5	63.9	54,9	+9.0
Pine Knob	88.9	76.2	+12.7	69.4	57.1	+12.3
Springfield Plains	98.0	77.1	+20.9	80.2	55.2	+25.0
District	91.6	78.8	+12.8	72.6	57.7	+14.9
County	82.4	72.2	+10.2	68.2	58.3	+9.9
State	74.1	60.5	+13.6	58.6	49.0	+9.6
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Clarkston Middle	82.4	70.9	+11.5	70.9	54.0	+16.9
Sashabaw Middle	75.8	72.3	+3.5	55.4	56.2	-0.8
District	78.6	71.7	+6.9	61.9	55.2	+6.7
County	71.6	64.9	+6.7	58.7	52.2	+6.5
State	61.4	51.4	+10.0	48.8	40.4	+8.4

HELEN FURCEAN / STAFF ARTIST

surge in reading. But he also pointed out that his school's (pass/fail) line at 300 in reading, you get a certain number of kids who score near that cut line, but don't pass. About 20 percent of our kids are right near that line reading scores have gone up and down in the double-digits over the past few years. "I jokingly call it, 'the yo-yo,'" Potvin said Monday. "When you draw the every year. Internally, we're not upset on a given year when we're just under because we're so lose. But what we've particu-

(test result) category. Twelve percent of our kids scored in the low category this year as opposed to 20 percent last year. But even with that improvement, we still expect our reading score to be better than it is and

we'll keep working."
Potvin also pointed out that students boosted their MEAP scores statewide this year

because of a later testing date. The reading and math MEAP tests were last administered in the fall of 1996. This year, students took the exam in the winter — 20 weeks later into the academic calendar.

Ernie Bauer, MEAP coordinator for Oakland County, said in a phone interview Monday that comparing MEAP results between school buildings or school districts usually leads to inaccurate assumptions about

inaccurate assumptions about student performance. "A com-monly held misconception is that if you're not 'satisfactory if you're not 'satisfactory' in reading, you're not reading. It's just not true," Bauer said. "The 'percent satisfactory' score in MEAP reading is misleading. For instance, on a 20-item story, you might get all 20 answers right — which is perfect. But on the 20-item informational text (section of the test), you might (section of the test), you might miss the cut line by one point. As a result, you don't get a 'satis-factory' in reading."

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Bauer pointed out that on last year's MEAP reading test for seventh-graders, West Bloomfield scored fifth in the county at 60.8 percent. Clawson, meanwhile, ranked 25th in the 28-district county, posting a 35.4 passage rate. "The cut score was 16 on the story section and the sage rate. "The cut score was 16 on the story section and the informational test section," Bauer said. "West Bloomfield students averaged 17.0 on the story side and 16.4 on the infor-mation side. Clawson's seventh-graders averaged 16.4 on the

story and 14.3 on the informa-tional text. We're talking about less than a one- or two- answer difference. Yet, their MEAP scores showed a 25.4 percentage

gap."
John Diliegghio, principal of
Sashabaw Middle School, said
Monday that scoring ambiguities
aside, students should continual-

Monday that scoring ambiguities aside, students should continually improve. But while SMS students' math accres slightly inched upward this year, reading percentages in that building remained flat.

The first-year principal said he plans to sit down with his staff and go over SMS test answers line-by-line. "We haven't aggregated all the data yet," Diliegghio said Monday. "But we're going to look to improve. We did well on the informational part of the reading test — over 80 percent (satisfactory) — but we didn't improve on the story selections. We're going to particularly tackle reading in sixth-grade next year — strictly reading instruction."

The principal said he also

instruction."

The principal said he also expects the school's math scores to climb. "We're going through a transition period in our math program," he said. "Next year, we'll have a math support person in the building. And in lieu of taking an exploratory (class), seventh-graders will have the option to receive academic support from certified math teachport from certified math teachers. Whatever we need to shore up, we'll do it."

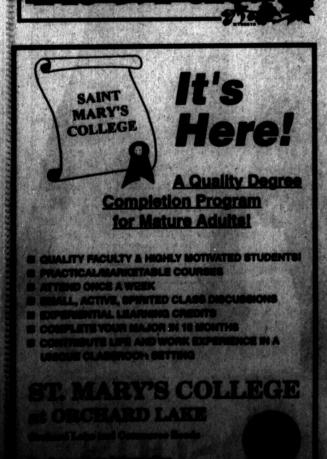


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Dr. Charles Munk will not be moving his orthodontic practice into the Mid-Oakland Medical Center at M-15 and Dixie High-

way, as reported in the May 3 edition of the Clarkston Eccentric. Also, Munk and Kale Roscoe are the building's primary part-

ners under Mid-Oakland Medical Center LLC. All medical providers in the building will be tenants.



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girls recently received Clark-ston Youth Recognition awards from Clarkston Area Youth nce and a round applause from people in the community. They were among 96 Clarkston-area youths who received awards for doing exemplary volunteer work for the community or an outstand-

cording to 12-year-old Kristine, an Independence Township resident who's be riding horses since the third e, one personal reason primarily triggered her volun-teerism in the therapeutic riding program. "I got involved because my uncle has cerebral palsy," Kristine said in a recent interview. "He went late into the Horseback Riding for the Handicapped' (program) at Bertha's and was involved there. And I kind of volunteered for a little bit. I was going to use my horse, but they didn't know how well he would do and they didn't need

Kristine said, however, that her uncle will someday ride her horse, Lobo, when the horse he's currently using "gets too old to carry him.

Kelly, 13, said she started oming to the Dennis farm about three years ago when she boarded a horse there and started learning to ride. She still takes horseback riding lessons from Bertha Dennis and also competes in horse shows.

The Springfield Township

teen said that her involvement at the farm led her to become a handicapped rider's helper. Kelly explained that during rapeutic riding program's two, 10-week stages, she and Kristine each lead a handicapped rider's horse while walking ahead of it on foot. Two other side-walkers or "spotters" also assist the rider walking and and the rider, walking on each side of the horse. Each session lasts during the last 15 minutes of that time, the horses usually

"When you're first working at it, you have to be a sidewalker to show that you're qualified around horses," Kelly aid. "Then, after they know that you're qualified, they let you lead the horse.

Bertha Dennis, who nominated Kelly and Kristine for the youth assistance award. said the girls not only know their way around equines, they have a knack for people. Dennis recently described Kelly as "a definite asset to the program and quite a horsewoman. She always has a cheerful 'hello' for whomever she meets and she has a way of showing the other person that he or she has value to her."

The farm owner also praised Kristine. "She's a natural in helping to establish and maintain the challenged person's self-esteem by socializing with him or her," Dennis said. "She's equally adept at helping stabilize the rider on the

horse's back or being in charge f the horse's gaits."
Kelly said she intends to con-

Kelly said she intends to con-tinue serving in the program.
"I like it," she said. "I have to walk around and it helps me work with my horse because he doesn't particularly like standing still. And it's good exercise
— especially with my horse.

He's the fastest walker."

The young volunteer said she's learned a few things

about people, too. "When I first started out, I was really surprised how peo-ple could ride when they have different difficulties," Kelly said. "I was surprised how

much they enjoyed it."
Kristine said she, too, will keep leading the way.

"It's really fun, actually" she remarked. "You meet a lot of kids who'll come up to you and say that they really like your horse. You get a lot of compli-ments ... And the (handicapped) people really like riding. It gives you a whole new world of freedom from crutches ecause you don't have anything sticking up underneath your armpits when you're on a horse. You can feel yourself moving underneath you and you don't have to constantly push yourself or pull yourself or drag yourself. You can actually have something do something for you - you just have to tell it the commands. And then you can get off and the sounds silly, but it's true.'

Police news from page A1

On May 8, a vehicle parked on Sashabaw Road reportedly had its windows broken and had

paint thrown on it.
On May 10, paint was reported sprayed on a garage door on Thendara.

On May 10, eggs were reported brown at a residence on Deer

On May 10, a car's paint was reported scratched while it was parked on Willow Park.

On May 7, stereo equipment and cassette discs were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Cummings Drive.

On May 8, a radar detector was reported stolen from a vehi-cle parked on Mountain Ash.

On May 8, a cell phone, Bible medical bag and cassette discs were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Mann Road.

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On May 9, a gas grill was reported stolen from a residence on Mann Road.

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Barn Fire

On May 8, officers responded to a barn fire near Clintonville and Maybee roads.

Several items, including two notorcycles and an all-terrain vehicle, were reported damaged.

Independence Fire

Between May 7-11, firefighters responded to 20 calls. Among them were 11 medical runs, two personal injury accidents, two building fires and one vehicle fire. They included:

On May 7, firefighters assisted a 3-week-old infant who was experiencing possible abdominal pain at a residence on Lochmoor. The infant was transported to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital by ambulance.

On May 8, firefighters responded to a large refuse fire off Mann Road.

Clarkston Police

On May 8, officers cited a

On May 8, officers respon to a Robertson Court adds where a woman was complain of chest pains. She was tra ferred to an area hospital by

On May 9, officers responded to a report that the Art & Sol store sign, valued at about \$350, had been stolen from the build-ing off East Washington Street. There are no suspects. The owners of Art & Sol are offering a cash reward for the return of the sign.

On May 9, officers stopped a vehicle for erratic driving on North Main Street near Clarkston Road. The 53-year-old man driving the vehicle registered a 0.20 on a Breathalyser test. He was taken to the Oak-land County Jail and bond was later posted for him. He is scheduled to appear in 52/2 District Court on May 19.

Youth Assistance honors 96 teens

tance recognized 96 Clarkstonarea youngsters April 30 during its annual Youth Recognition Reception in Clarkston United Methodist Church. This reception honors youth who have done exemplary volunteer work for the community or an outstanding deed and who live in the Clarkston Schools atten-

Individuals are chosen from nominations submitted to Youth Assistance by churches, organizations, schools, volunr coordinators and parents in the community. This year's reception consisted of a speaker, a presentation of certificates to the honored individu-

als and refreshments. The 1998 Youth Recognition awardees are: Ana Allingham, Anita Anderson, Megan Anderson, Alexis Aranosian, Matt Arquette, Jennifer Arremony, Kelly Ayres, Leslie Bailey,

Justin Bankston, Lauren Bendes, Curt Brewer, Kenny Bruce, Kim Burleigh, Beverly Burrell.

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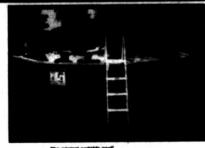
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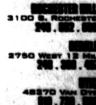
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evaluated prizes for the community. In soliciting prizes for the water and the water we think businesses and the Make Over Place each denated \$100 gift certificates. A story in our paper Sunday explained that they were swarded to bucky mother Pam Babcock of Clarkton, whose 10-year-old daughter, Christina, panned the winning essay out of \$7 entries.

We mention it here again because we think businesses don't always get the credit they deserve for the good they do in a community. In soliciting prizes for the contest, we became equivalent of two things:

B how often businesses in the Clarkston area eached to denate money, goods, services and clunteer efforts, and

Do you plan to watch the final episode of "Seinfeld" on television?

QUESTION:

COMMUNITY VOICE

The Clarkston Eccentric also helps whenever possible, buying ads in program booklets to support Clarkston High School groups, sponsoring teams through the Independence Township Parks and Recreation Department, donating free subscriptions or advertisements as prizes for school and church auctions.

Besides individual businesses helping toward individual projects, the members of the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce support en masse two large-scale community events — the concerts in Depot Park during the summer and the all-night party held on graduation night.

We laud all businesses for their role in making Clarkston a great place to live. And, we urge readers to return the favor by shopping at Clarkston businesses. As neighboring communities build up and more businesses move in — including Auburn Hills with its new megamall — it'll be important for Clarkstonities to continue patronizing Clarkston businesses.

Clarkston-area businesses are the backbone of the Clarkston community. Without them, we'd be nothing more than a bedroom community

Tougher laws on littering

Plan on a safe graduation

Libraries are invaluable

the power of information to build bridges and promote understanding. It gives me great satisfaction to be part of the exciting technological revolution that is transforming our community library into a center for global

Thanks to computers and the Internet, today's public library is able to provide both global reach and local touch on a scale never before possible. Want to know if it's raining in London? How much the dollar is worth in Buenos Aires? What is the time difference between the U.S. and Korea? Today you can log on at Rochester Hills Public Library and find out almost instantly. But even with the easy access to electronic information, the book still rules in the public library you public library continues to experience tremendous increases in the number of items borrowed each year. What we are seeing is that paper persists.

People still want to read books, whether they are paperback or hardback, fiction or nonfiction, large print or regular-sized print. Books continue to matter to the users and staff at the Rochester Hills Public Library.

Print is not dead or even dying. The publishing industry continues to grow with more and more books being published and purchased. More magazines are being printed and purchased as well. Indications are that electronic information.

changed, the commitment of librarians to ensuring that all people have the information they need to live, relax, learn, work and govern at their public library.

Printed materials continue to be key ingredients in that service because paper will continue to persist!

Christine Lind Hage, Director, Rochester Hills Library

Selective retelling of history

are dismayed by the lack of historically accurate information regarding Israel's 50 years of statehood. Seemingly forgotten is the 1947 United Nation's partition plan giving the Arabs 87.5 percent of historic Palestine. This plan was rejected by the Arabs, who in waging war, hoped to annihilate the Jewish State. Israel's victory ensured the Jewish national home, and consequently prompted the Arabs to create the most popular myth portrayed in Middle East politics today — that Israel forcibly removed Palestinian Arabs from their lands and is thus responsible for the current refugee situation.

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POINTS OF VIEW

A hierarchy for holidays would help husbands

get a little confused about holi-days. How does Mother's Day

uld it be treated like Christmas like the very commercial Sweetest

Day? : On a scale of 1 to 10, what kind of resent is appropriate? Is it a flower ay or a new outfit day?

We have official holidays when the office closes and everyone goes up orth, like Christmas, New Year's

Day, Memorial Day and Labor Day. Then we have official holidays where the office stays open like Columbus Day, Martin Luther King Day, President's Day and Veteran's

n we have unofficial holidays where the office closes like Good Friwhere nothing closes, but are held on Sundays, so nobody cares, like Sweetest Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day and Grandparent's Day. I've actually never ever seen this last one celebrated except in the window of Hallmark

Somebody ought to write an etiuette book rating each of these holidays and what is appropriate in the way of gifts and celebration.

They should include Halloween which I now understand is the No. 2 holiday in terms of retail sales.

Last Sunday was Mother's Day. Judging from the advertising in newspapers and TV, it is actually like Christmas in the spring.

We got a mailer from Sam's Club telling us what to get our Mom for her



The problem with Sam's Club is it is designed for big families. Nothing comes in little packages.

I thought about it for a long time and decided about the only thing I

could get for my children's mother as a single item would be a new tire, but she didn't need one.

Years ago I bought her a new TV Mother's Day, and the kids and I watched the Tiger game all afternoon, which not only didn't thrill her, I have heard about it many times sine

What's the proper way to celebrate the day? Our kids used to serve Mom breakfast in bed and she was never asked to do any chores around the house. Then we would go out to din-

My question is when the kids are ne, whose responsibility is it to fill

The next question is, Do people who run soccer leagues have mothe When you try to schedule a family

all sorts of activities. Maybe they should have Mother's Day celebra tions at half-time at the

Certainly, mothers are the most important people in the world. With

out them there would be no world. It should be more than a flower day; it should be a new outfit day. She should get her breakfast in bed and

not have to go to soccer games.

It should be an official holiday and the office should be closed.

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

Safety of young drivers steers need for education

h the wake of the settlement of the Durant case that forced the state to repay school districts for past underfunding, the Legisla-ture decided to save money by dropping the requirement that all school districts had to offer free driver train-

Those of us who have some personal stake in encountering well-trained young drivers on the road wondered what school boards would do in ise. Although around 20 school districts have dropped driver education programs altogether, most around 80 percent by informal survey

- will continue to offer the program. But at what cost? Driver training programs offered by schools cost an average of \$200 per pupil. But the state will contribute less than half the cost for driver ed, leaving a significant shortfall. I'd guess most school districts are either going to charge for their own driver training programs or subcontract with private companies that charge something like \$300 a

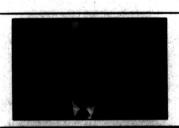
Either way, the risk is that some

kids (especially poor ones from poore school districts) are going to leave school without exposure to driver training. This is bad. Both nationally and in Michigan, traffic crashes are the leading cause of death for teenagers, and study after study has demonstrated that kids who take driver education courses are safer drivers than those who have not.

Why am I so concerned about all this? Simple. My son, Nathan, turned 16 this March.

Up to March, I had maintained a naive belief that I had a reasonably firm grip on the trials and tribulations of adolescence. But with Nathan's dawning recognition that the rite of passage of the 16th birthday opened the regulatory door to actually taking the road alone in a car, life in our family changed irrevocably.

First, were the negotiations about just how many milliseconds after he turned 16 would elapse before he would take his driving test and get his driving license. Fortunately, these talks evolved into discussions of



PHILIP POWER

just how he would take responsibility for finding and enrolling in the required defensive driving course

Second, and far more protracted, were the negotiations around cars. "Get him a beater with a heater." said Kathy, my wife, who argued persua-sively for a four-cylinder model that featured only laborious acceleration and weighed in excess of two metric tons. Nathan preferred something rather sportier, preferably in red.

Kathy and I set out a series of parameters not to be exceeded - price. speed, insurance cost - and some jointly held requirements - air bags

and a stick shift. We told Nathan that within these limits, the choice of a car was his. Then he and I took to the roadways, this newspaper firmly in hand, searching for used cars.

Despite one conflict situation - over a Mazda MX-6, as I recall - the car shopping turned out reasonably well. We settled on a 1993 Honda Civic coupe (red, to be sure) with 78,000 miles on it. We took it to a reliable mechanic for an evaluation and returned to the used car dealer, check in hand.

So now Nathan is driving, and every time we see his car disappear ing up the driveway, Kathy and I die just a little bit. And every night we go to bed before he gets home, we wonder whether the next thing we hear will be the late-night phone call from a police officer.

That's why I worry about driver training and what school districts are going to do about funding it.

I doubt this Legislature is going to remandate driver training for all schools, although I wish it would. I suspect a lot of schools are going to

buy into the easy rationale that it's nsibility for driver OK to duck responsibility for driver training, even though good driving skills are as essential in today's world as facility with a computer keyboard or the traditional reading, writing and

The fact is that younger drivers are the most dangerous driving group. Younger drivers who had not taken driver training are the most dar ous driving group of all. Schools ought to work hard to make driver training available to all kids, not just those whose families can afford it.

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

'Best years' of life no longer high school days

etting up at the crack of dawn five days a week to learn new things I already knew, being completely structured and obedient, being in the same routine day in and day out, filling out college applications in hopes for a scholarship or two, getting a "Warning: illegal parking" sticker on my car because sophomores think they are old enough to drive to school and take my spot and they call this the best years of my life?

I've heard many adults say their high school days were the best years of their lives. I've also been told my high school years will be my best years as well. I disagree! Who enjoys being cooped up in a building built for 900 with 2,000 ners? Who wants to do homework every night on the things you've already learned? Who gets a kick out of being asked for their sehior I.D. card? Not me! I will agree that I have had some good times in high school, but all the stress, the money, the immature problems? No thanks!

Most adults say their high school years were the best because they didn't have to worry about paying bills, raising children or being responsible. High school was all about fun, sports and dances. Not anymore! Back then, college wasn't necessarily needed to find a good job. Some would go to school and some would go straight to the working world. Now, if you don't get a college degree, your job choices are extremely limited.

High school has changed over the years. Parents have a hard time relating to some of the stresses kids have at school. Some of these blems are new and weren't here when their rents were. Adults think back to a time then the push to succeed wasn't there. We are cted to be responsible and have fun at the same time. The best years?

The best years of my life would have to be my younger days. Back when I was a child, I ild roam free. When recess was the best part



KRISTIN FRENCH

■ High school has changed over the relating to some of the stresses kids have at school. Some of these problems are new and weren't here when their parents were.

of the day and going back to school meant laughing and coloring pictures with friends. Fun consisted of bike riding, flower picking and buying a popsicle from the ice cream truck. Transportation consisted of racing my sister to the corner store or roller skating around the block. The only money that ever mattered was the quarter I found in the driveway or the leftover dimes I saved from my lunch money.

Stress wasn't a word in my vocabulary and the only homework I ever had was learning how to color in the lines. World affairs didn't go farther than my own back yard and the only care I had was what daddy was cooking for dinner. No stress, no college, no responsibility! These were the good old days.

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







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Suburban leaders balk at EPA rules

Suburban political leaders are unhappy that the federal govern-ment is threatening their eco-nomic booms with environmen-

tal rules.

They're unhappy that President Bill Clinton intends to adopt a proposal from his Environmental Protection Agency to enforce title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. The target is "environmental racism," where minority communities seem to become unwilling hosts te industries that pollute. llute

They also see a threat from EPA air quality rules.

There's going to be a te ing of positions," predicted Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara, a De nocrat who had Vice President Al Gore at his fund-raiser last week. "He (Gore) can't lose Ohio. Michigan and Illinois (if he expects to be elected president in 2000). They'll be

negatively impacted by this."
"We were the dumping grounds," said Oakland County grounds, said Oakland County
Executive L. Brooks Patterson, a
Republican. There are quite a
few sites that were open sores.
The federal government ought to
be a facilitator, not block us."
"I'm very concerned about
tying civil rights into development," added McNamara.
"Plants are puisances in many

"Plants are nuisances in many cases, but they represent jobs." If EPA gets too tough on civil rights enforcement, developers will go to "greenfield" sites in the country. "It's ludicrous to see this coming out of our great

president," he said.

Macomb County board chair
John Hertel, a Democrat, said
tough EPA enforcement would send developers to the green-fields of northern Macomb Counfields of northern Macomb County, "but we want to keep our open space. EPA should be helping us with brown water," Hertel said, referring to pollution of Lake St. Clair. "We want it cleaned up."

EPA issues air and water discharge certificates. The Clinton Administration thinks areas inhabited by minorities are get-

inhabited by minorities are get-ting a raw deal from developers. State and business leaders fear EPA's attitude may endanger h projects as an asphalt plant Belleville, landfill gas processing in Canton, storage tanks everywhere, a paint shop in Flat Rock, paint manufacturing and auto fiber glass operations in Westland, even hospital boilers

in Pontiac.

The three county leaders spoke at a May 6 meeting of the Society of Professional Journalists of metro Detroit.

Patterson bristled at a question about urban sprawl, the eating up of greenfields at a faster rate than population growth.

"One man's urban sprawl is another's economic development," Patterson said. "I consider it a pejorative word. I'll take economic development in stride. We're buying as much parkland as we can to preserve open space."

McNamara predicted the "new frontier" for developers will be Detroit, but that's "10 to 15 years away. This is the kind of recycling we should all favor." He said Royal Oak and Wyandotte are being "recycled" as business and home developers rediscover those older suburbs.

But the Wayne County executive, a former Livonia mayor and Michigan Bell executive, didn't envy the kind of controlled.

rowth one sees in Europe. "In Europe there's a line around a

Europe there's a line around a town. You apply for a building permit, and seven years later, they tell you you'll have to wait. The three (Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer was unable to attend) said their areas are prospering as Michigan's economy boasts a 3.9 percent jobless rate, its lowest in 25 years.

Patterson said many media

Patterson said many media eyes are on Detroit because it's getting three gambling casinos and two major league stadia at a value of \$2 billion. "But we do it epery year. We've brought in 28,000 jobs the last three years

in a row," he said.

Patterson said the Great Lakes Crossing shopping mall project in northern Oakland would bring in 1.7 million square feet of retail space. "(Gov.) Engler calls it a tourist destination. Big roads encourage development," he said.

McNamara's prize development spot is around Metropoli-tan Airport in Romulus. "It's a great job generator. All the ne essary things are in place," he said pointing to 25,000 acres between Metro and Willow Run. located on the Wayne-Washtenaw border and contain utilities

and drainage.

That's a global airport. There are 17 overseas flights a day. China decided it wanted only one direct flight airport (and picked Metro). We're the engine driving Oakland County, and that's OK," said McNamara.

Hertel said Macomb has the lowest unemployment rate in the state at 2.9 percent. Mount Clemens no longer has empty store fronts. "We still have farmers doing well with their U-pick-em orchards. We have cheaper insurance, less property damage, lower property tax rates, the third largest population in Michigan, and \$500 million of

Hertel said Macomb's biggest problem is, "How do we get M-59 (freeway) finished and build the

All three were enthusiastic about renewing one-third of a mill property tax to support SMART, the suburban bus system. The issue is due to be on the Aug. 4 ballot.

Hertel said his board placed the issue on the ballot for four years, instead of the original three, because "SMART has

done such a marvelous job."

Patterson said SMART is getting rid of its accumulated deficit. "You can't say we subsi-dize our inefficiencies," he said. McNamara called SMART a

better operation than Detroit's Department of Transportation where "there's very little attempt at reform. DDOT is a jewel that has gotten very heavy around the neck," he said.

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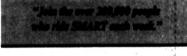
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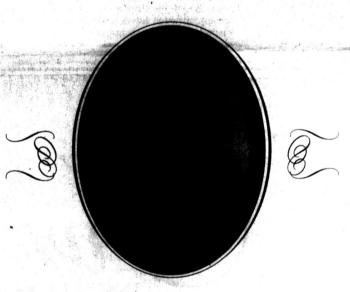
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ROCHELLE SMITE

Mom's Day can be perfect even when kids aren't

n case you haven't heard the word — they love us, they really love us. Last week, a few days before Mother's Day, I heard a news report which stated that, according to a national survey of children, mothers made the grade. When surveyed, the majority of children reported that their mothers earned an A+ in the area of caring for them, such as preparing healthy meals, taking them to the doctor, keeping them safe and wall cared for

well cared for.

The children also gave their mothers high grades in the area of time management. Even though many of the children surveyed reported that their mothers work full-time, they also reported that a very high percentage of the mothers still cook meals every evening, help with home work, spend time playing and reading to them and, overall, being a good mother.

What a pleasant surprise. I'm not surprised that we mothers are doing a great job. I'm surprised that the kids noticed. With Mother's Day still fresh in our minds, many of us mothers may be feeling the post-holiday blues. It's common to gear up for a holiday, whether it's Christmas, Easter or even Mother's Day. Often when the holiday is over, a feeling of depression sets in. For many years on Mother's

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Music director composes family values

"It's not easy to stand up in front of 500 people and sing a solo. I've told my kids, 'If some bully comes up to you in the hallway and says he wants to fight you after school, challenge him to a singing contest — and watch him crawl into a closet."

— Gene Grier, director of the Vocal Arts Academy

He wears his ponytail with the countercultural hipness of a '60s George Carlin — and spouts family values like Ward Cleaver.

So don't expect Independence Township songwriter Gene Grier to direct a singsong choral group at some stuffy music hall.

Not on your Aunt Vickie's vocal

Grier annually helps his school-age crooners perfect their pitch ... at the ball park.

The young singers, who comprise Grier's Vocal Arts Academy, will sing the National Anthem at Tiger Stadium Sunday. It will mark the choral group's 20th-anniversary performance at Michigan and Trumbull — a proud milestone for the Grammy Award-winning composer and his talented singers.

ngers. In a recent interview, Grier spoke of



These young people that I work with at the academy are some of the most intelligent, talented, perceptive and forward-thinking young people I've ever met in my life. And that's a trend in society today.'

Gene Grier director, Vocal Arts Academy



Taient on parade: Michelle Sloan (foreground) and the members of Gene Grier's Vocal Arts Academy rehearse their moves. Vocal coach Danielle Blanchard (top) directs during practice.

his vocal group as a labor of love and a testament to the young talent that exists locally.

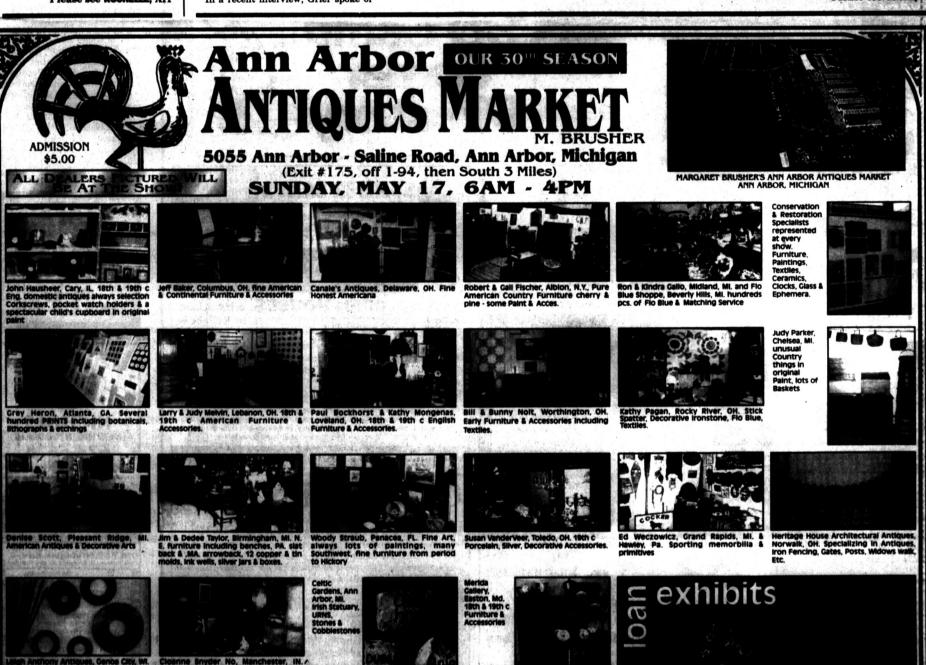
"Our kids range from 12 to 18, all from the tri-county area," the director said of his 35-member vocal group. "In the past we advertised ... and we would have a waiting list of over 300 kids.

And I limit the number of students I take to between 30 and 50. So, it became very disheartening to me to have to say to a child and a loving parent that they couldn't work with our group. That was not my purpose. I started the group so that young people could feel good about themselves

through music. It was causing just the opposite. So, I started to get people for the group through recommendations from countless great teachers and choir directors in the area."

Once those chosen singers have passed auditions and joined the group,

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EKSTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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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 fascinating stories of how these marvels came to be built and their lasting significance throughout the 20th century. Refreshments provided. No registration needed.

FRIDAY, MAY 15

STEAK ROAST
6 p.m., Independence Township
Senior Center. Cooked to order
ribeye steak with a buffet style
dinner to compliment is. dinner to compliment it. To register call the center at 625-8231 by Wednesday, May 13. Seating limited. Cost: \$7.

SATURDAY, MAY 16

eting all of the re

ments 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.

O STAR PARTY 8 - 10 p.m. Independence Oaks Nature Center, Learn about spring constellations in the Nature Center's Starlab planetarium show and enjoy outdoor telescope viewing (weather per-mitting). Not recommended for pre-schoolers. \$2 per person. Reservations required. Call 625-6473.

SUNDAY, MAY 17

WET W WILD FORD LIFE

1 p.m. Indian Springs
Metropark. Let's dive in and
take a good close look at the
interesting life that dwells in the
pond. You might be surprised at
what's splashing around in
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On the prowl



Thumbs up: This trio is celebrating the successful auction of the first yellow Ply-mouth Prowler delivered for retail sale in Michigan. Flashing thumbs up in approval are Chuck Fortinberry (left), Clarkston Chrysler Plymouth Superstore owner, Betsy Eaton of Orchard Lake, the winning bidder on the Prowler, and Glenn Trevisan, executive director of the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan. Eaton's winning bid was \$65,000, and Fortinberry donated 10 percent - \$6,500 - to the Children's Leukemia Foundation.

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We talk about family values and we talk about family values and we talk about what happens when you take the circle of love, and you give as well as receive, the explained. "I tell them, Let r good work speak for itself. good grades. Learn how to ranage your anger and frustra-tion.' My job is to create a beral leadership environment. But besides being the director and musical leader of the group, my job is to make sure that

philosophy and dignity of the academy, which is based upon establishing self-respect and family values through music."

With no children of his own, the music teacher said he often uses his unique perspective to help his vocal students grow as musicians and human beings. He never talks down to them. And he expects them to treat him with the same respect. He said he believes in them.

"I'm an outsider giving them an insight into what their parents have already told them,"

Grier said. "But I never tell them, When I was your age ... In fact, they should never believe me if I ever say that because I've never been their age. These young people that I work with at the academy are some of the most intelligent, talented, perceptive and forwardthinking young people I've ever

trend in society today." According to Grier, he and his wife, Audrey, started the academy 20 years ago in the basement of the Unity Church in Pontiac.

met in my life. And that's a

They soon moved their practice sessions to Oakland University, where Grier served as an adjunct faculty member. Since that time, the group has met there every other Saturday during the school year. Grier leads the voices. Audrey directs the singers in several choreography routines that they learn each year. And other vocal teachers from the area also help coach the kids.

"We also have several graduate assistants," Grier noted. "These are young people who

Director

graduated from the academy and are in college now, but who come back to work with the group, sing as section leaders and are role models for the kids."

It's a learning atmosphere that seems to mirror a close-knit family.

An incredibly successful, close-knit family.

In the academy's 20-year history, its vocal arts ensembles have recorded more than 32 albums, five of which were placed in nomination for a

Grammy Award in the "Best Children's Recording" category. They've also performed on local television stations and in two Emmy Award-winning Thanksgiving Day Parade specials.

However, the academy's tuition fee — \$300 a semester hasn't changed in 10 years, Grier pointed out.

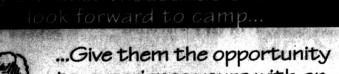
After 20 years, the director aid he's still excited to perform with his kids at Tiger Stadium and still a fan of baseball's home team. No matter what.

He seems to views his vocal group in a similar way.

There hasn't been a Saturday that I haven't learned something from these kids," the proud teacher said of his singers many of whom hail from Clarkston and Lake Orion. "We're in a circle of multi-talented young people and that's a reflection of their parents and their teachers. Family values exist in this community. I just enforce them.

He's a little bit of Carlin and a touch of Cleaver. And his kids make local folks proud.

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Clarkston youth finds path to drug-free life

he following is an open let-ter to the community of Clarkston, from one of our youth. It is reprinted here

My name is Chris. I am an olic and an addict. I have spent the past five years chasing drugs. I am 17. I am finishing up what should be my senior year of high school in a longterm treatment center.

ever knew growing up would be so hard. I wanted freedom, but I held myself in a personal prison. I was constantly in fear of messing up or not being good enough. I was scared to be myself. I thought no one would accept me for who I was. I was hurting on the inside, and getting high was a quick fix. I made friends with others who used drugs. I began to fail in school. I was lying about where I was and who I was with. I was cheating in school and cheating myself. I began stealing money from my family to get high Soon getting high wasn't fun anymore; it became a necessity I was worn out, sick and tired, at

age 17.
"I have had it," I would tell myself. But I couldn't stop. I threw away hopes, dreams and goals for my life. My day consisted of getting high and sliding by. I was feeling very lonely and hopeless at times. I was crying out for help. I didn't know where

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ment, landscape, plant flowers,

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jects for all ages, and families

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dents and community groups to

get North Sashabaw Elementary

ready for summer," said Day of

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Caring Chair Judy Ettinger.

"Living with my family was hard. I wanted out so badly, I was scared of the truth. The truth was, I was out of control and incorrigible. My parents had placed me in many treatment centers. I remember the anger I had. When others would not meet my needs, I would lash out at them. My anger was directed everywhere else than where it needed to be. My family loved and cared about me dearly. But while using, I felt

none of these feelings.

"Paranoia pushed me further away each day. Prior to coming into treatment, my family gave up on me. I had said too many hurtful words. I had stomped on my mother's heart too many times. My family became weak. My mom put up a wall between us. Sometimes, we did not speak to one another for days. We were broken and needed help to be mended back together again, but I still did not know where to turn. Luckily, I discovered Pathway [Pathway Family Center, Southfield, (248) 356-0373].

"Being in treatment has given my life back to me. I have learned I have a disease of alcoholism and drug addiction. I am powerless over drugs and alco-hol, and my life had become unmanageable. When using drugs, I could not cope with my daily life. I was very self-cen-



tered and egotistical. I know what insanity means, my loss of control, the power I allowed

drugs to have over me.

"The 12 steps are a part of my daily life now. I live in today, and I live life on life's terms. I take responsibility for my actions. I am clean and sober. I also plan to recover today. I give all credit to a power greater than myself. When times get tough, I have hope and faith to call upon. I am no longer alone. The feelings of emptiness are being filled

with love and joy.
"I am writing to let others know there is another way. It gets hard using drugs, but there is a way out. Become open, honest and willing!"

To learn more about the Clarkston Community Task Force for Youth, check out our website at www.clarkstonyouth.org or call us at 394-0252.

This column is shared by local community groups. Up next week: Habitat for Humanity.

Last year, United Way of Oak-

land County raised \$5.9 million

to provide funding for more than

100 health and human service

programs offered by 60 partner

organizations, including the

Clarkston Lighthouse located

across the street from North

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Day, my feeling of depression didn't wait until after the holi-day. It usually started a couple hours after I awoke.

On Mother's Day in 1986, my first son was about 8 months old. I was thrilled to be a mother. My expectations, however, for my first Mother's Day were a bit unrealistic. Since it was "my day, I expected the world to re ognize the importance of making the day perfect for me. My son should not fuss or cry. My hus-band should cater to my every whim. The sun should be shin ing and the birds singing - like on the greeting cards. It may come as a surprise to you, but the day was a bit of a letdown At 8 months old, my son did not realize he was supposed to be perfect. He fussed and cried the same amount that he would on any other day. I can't actually remember if the sun was shining or the birds were singing, but I remember I kept pointing out all day long that it was "my" day and things weren't going as well as I thought they would.

Instead of lowering my expectations. I decided that my son was just too young to understand the meaning of Mother's Day. I was sure by the next year he would be old enough to realize he was supposed to be really good that one day out of the year. Surprise, Surprise. At 20 months old he didn't seem to get the whole concept either. I spent another Mother's Day pointing out that my day was not as per-

fect as it should be. Year after year I expected that one day out of the year my family would be perfect. No whining, no arguing, no selfishness. But the more I insisted that they be perfect, the worse the day became. There is a saying, "If Mama ain't happy, ain't nobody happy." That pretty much summed up our house on Mother's Day. At the first sign of imperfection, I started the self pity. By the second or third sign that the day was not going to meet my expectations, I made sure everyone knew how disap pointed I was. Year after year I spent my Mother's Day knowing that every other mother was being treated better on "her" day

"If they forget that it's Mother's Day an any other day, I can stil be happy. After all ... I have two great kids all

than I was on "my" day. As the years have passed, my Mother's Days have slowly become exactly what I expect them to be and, occasionally, they have been much better than my expectations. Do you want to know the trick to this metamorphosis? It wasn't Mother's Day boot camp for my kids. There were no crash cours es on fixing breakfast-in-bed for Mom or seminars on preparing the perfect Mother's Day lunch. The solution, while simple, was ve difficult. In the 12 years that I have been celebrating Mother's Day as a mother, I've learned the answer to complete serenity "Expect nothing and you

won't be disappointed. That sounds easy, doesn't it? But it took years for me to mas-ter it. About four or five years rience, I realized that I was ruin-

ing my Mother's Day by expe ing too much. I started tellin myself that my kids were no ng to be perfect just ne date on the caler of the date on husband was not going everything to spend the day waiting on me hand and foot the rest of the world was not going to stop simply because it was "my" day. I would try to let the day eneak up on me without notice. But when the day actual ly arrived, it was hard to k those expectations in tact. When the managed to keep my expectations low, I've been grly rewarded. When my kids remember Mother's Day and make me a special card or insist that I sit and relax while they make lunch or clean the table, I'm in my glory. If they forget that it's Mother's Day and just act like they would any other day, I can still be happy. After all, I have what any m ly wants anyway — two great kids all year long. And if they forget to tell me how great I am now that I've heard about the survey, it doesn't matter, 'cau they love me, they really

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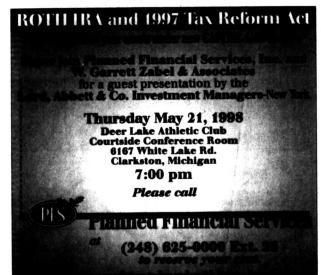
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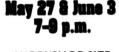
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Vacation Bible School puts focus on early Christian church

BY RENA FULKA

A bustling Antiochian mar-ketplace circa 49 A. D. will spring to life this summer in West Bloomfield when 120 ungsters step back to the ne of the apostles to visit a neall reproduction of the city mall reproduction of the there St. Paul began his min-

Dressed in the apparel of the era, the children wander the marketplace encountering Roman soldiers, beggars, tax collectors and storytellers as hey learn about the teachings of the newly risen Christ. A visit the specialty shops can mean arning a new trade from es of the brickmaker, netalsmith, potter, tentmaker,

Our Antioch 49 A. D. theme ers around the shops, peole and culture of the market-lace in Antioch, Syria," plained Dorothy Maman, coordinator of the annual Vaca-on Bible School program. "We perience this city, the launchng point and home base of aul's missionary journeys, by aple as new Christians of the

The program is being hosted West Bloomfield United ethodist Church in cooperation with neighboring Holy Spir-it Lutheran and Prince of Peace II 'The kids are happy to come. They learn of Bible times and Jesus in a fun, active environ-ment. They enjoy the interactive, hands-on approach.'

Dorothy Maman

-Vacation Bible School coordinator

Roman Catholic churches. For the past 20 years, the three churches have joined talents and resources to provide an ecumenical experience for children, who represent as many as a

dozen area congregations.

"Kids learn about the shared history of the early Christian church and their shared beliefs about Jesus," said Maman. "The kids are happy to come. They learn of Bible times and Jesus in a fun, active environment. They enjoy the interactive,

Week-long Vacation Bible School programs can be found during the summer months in a myriad of churches throughout Oakland County. Whether simply or elaborately done, most programs are structured to bring the Word of God to children in an atmosphere that keeps them coming back for more. Scripture readings, Bible study, songs, dances, crafts, games, music, activities, and nes even the snacks, are all geared to enhance young spiritual lives.

We take the Scripture, a little, tiny part of the Bible, and sing it, craft it, eat it, talk it and march to it," said Kitty Sweitzer, who heads the program at Lutheran Church of the mer in Birmingham. "We make it kid-sized and fun, but we're dead serious about the children learning about their

Pastor Steve Allen said the Neighborhood Bible Time at First Baptist Church of Troy has a definite impact on the 800 children attending the church's 15-hour program.

"In the five days they learn what the plan of salvation is and they know that when they die, they're going to go to heav-" said Allen, the church's minister of music. "There's a lot of excitement and enthusiasm. And we teach them patriotism during the week as well."

Parents see the value of the summer Christian education programs from a variety of perspectives. While some are quick to volunteer as facilitators, others stop in during the week to begin their day with the childgeared devotions.

"We realize that some parents see it as free day care for the morning, but others see it as a real opportunity for God to work in their child," said Allen. "If God can work in their hearts. God can work in their characters and behaviors as well."

Very few church centered summer education programs would be successful without the help of countless volunteers. ranging in age from teens to senior citizens, who devote their time to bond with children through Christ. Some volunteers even take a week's vacation from their jobs to experience the joy of teaching the children in a fun-filled setting.

"You find that when you work with children in a faith situation, your own faith develops, too," said Maureen Schreffler, early childhood coordinator at St. Andrew Roman Catholic Church in Rochester. "You can learn a lot from the children.

"The benefit is far greater than anyone could ever think it could be," added Sweitzer. "And kids go home and teach their folks. It's a great way to open the door for a family to come into the church and be a part of our family."

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Friend left children the best legacy of all

year ago, as I write, my friend dies of pancreatic cancer. He and I were the same age. We had become acquainted in western Michigan when we were both in the early years of our ministry. Our paths diverged, but we more or less kept in touch with each other over the years. Then, quite by surprise, we ooth found ourselves in the metro Detroit

area again. My friend was intelligent. conscientious and talented. In spite of those traits, I suspect that he often felt he disappointed himself. For some ministers, it's hard to take successes seriously, while it's very easy to blame oneself for every failure. And there are lots of failures!

My friend was not old when he died, and I feel sure that he had established goals that he had not met. He had a hard time thinking of his ministry as

I think he was successful. He has three adult children who go to church. Now, you may pre sume ministers' children always grow up to go to church. Not so! Just as many lay people are disappointed to discover that their own children don't keep the faith in which they were raised, so are many minis

Furthermore, I suspect that a good many ministers' kids develop a measure of resentment toward the church, which has consumed so much of their ministerial parent's time and energy.

Recently, I became a grandparent. That caused me to reflect on the years when my wife and I were raising our children. When a child is born, it seems as though an enormous length of time stretches out from infancy to adulthood. I can't go back. The childrearing is all over.

If I could go back, knowing what I know now, I hope I would do things differently. I hope I would be less selfabsorbed, less driven, less inclined to postpone things and

nt. I hope that I would take my childrearing more seriously, not leaving it too much on society to help me out.

I think I would not presume that my children could learn my values by osmosis. I would be more deliberate in sharing with them my deepest commitments. And then, of course,

they would still grow up to be their own persons. What children become can never be entirely in our control - thank

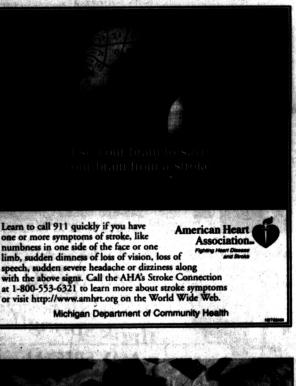
On my desk is a clipping, several years old now. It reports some surprising - and even embarrassing - statistics. It says that if your parents worshiped with you while you were growing up, chances are 80 percent that you will worship regularly as an adult. If only your mother worshiped regularly with you, chances are only 30 percent that you will worship regularly as an adult. If only your father worshiped regularly, chances are 70 percent that you will go to church regularly.

embarrassing That's because at first it may seem. sexist. Why should fathers have so much more influence over this part of a child's life than mothers do? Still the data doesn't reflect what ought to be - it simply records the facts.

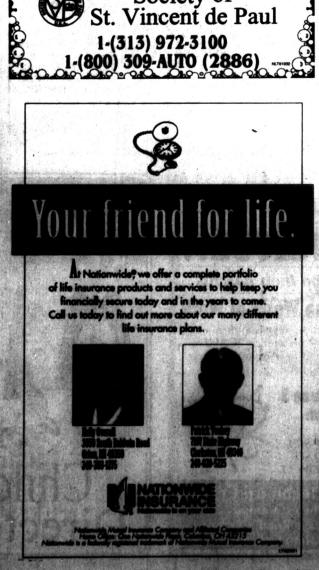
Apparently, if children don't see their fathers committed to a spiritual life, they find it easy not to take such things seriously. It's easy for boys, especially, to conclude, that faith is a feminine affair.

My hat is off to my friend, who was eminently successful in leaving his children the best legacy of all.

The Rev. Ronald Byars is astor at the First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham.







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FARMINATION HILLS Exit sign: The Michigan Department of Transportation has filed with the federal government seeking permission to build a freeway exit at I-696 and Inkster Road. Motorists have com plained for years about the lack of an exit east of congested Orchard Lake Road. A replay from the Federal Highway Administration is expected the three to nine months.

FRANKLIN VILLAGE

Big check: Franklin Village has received \$86,000 check from the IRS as the first installment of money due in a

drug forfeiture case. A former Franklin resident plead guilty in the 1991-92 cross-country cocaine trafficking and money laundering operation. His home and cars were sold by the government with a portion of the money coming back to Franklin.

LAKE ORION

Fish warning: Fish caught in Lake Orion have become the focus of a state Department of Community Health advisory. The state warns children, mothers-to-be and nursing moms to limit their intake of fish from the lake to once a month due to the presence of PCBs. The standard for other adults is once a week.

Computer bid: Oxford Village staff

embers are awaiting word from the village council on a proposed \$68,472 computer system. Staffers said the system would improve record-keeping.

Memorial compromise: In a comprom with school officials, Rochester High School yearbook editors will run quarter page memorials to two decease classmates in a summer yearbook sup-plement. Yearbook editors withdrew plans for full page memorials to the stu-dents, one of whom took her life during the school year, after school officials protested. Officials worried a larger memorial would unintentionally promote teen suicide.

SOUTHFIELD

Opposing Kevorkian: Rabbi Irwin Groner of Congregation Shaarey Zedek synagogue and Bishop Ibrahim Ibrahim of the Chaldean Catholic Diocese of America, both based in Southfield, are among the Michigan religious leaders who have signed an ecumenical letter opposing doctor-assisted suicide.

FIELD TOWNSHIP

Backyard golf: Neighbors Henry Grace and Gerald Cook pooled their resources - and their backyards - to build a golf course for themselves and whoever else wants to use it. Greens fees are paid by the honors system at the nine hole, parthree course.

K for Kentucky?: Troy officials are hard

at work to keep a portion of Kmart at work to keep a portion of kmart world headquarters from moving to Kentucky. City staff members are working with Kmart to address long term space needs at its Big Beaver Road headquarters complex. The retail giant could also receive tax breaks to keep operations in Michigan.

Bad feelings: Two parks and recreat members say they won't attend any future meetings – most likely denyin the commission a quorum – because they feel they have been derided by nts from other commission bers. The pair, Bernadine Edwards and Roberta Boyle, said they won't resume sion schedule until ing with an attorney.

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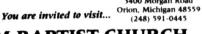
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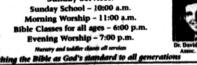
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Wolves hold on for win in softball thriller



■ It wasn't quite deja vu as Clarkston pitcher Rachel Fuller faced a much different softball scenario when the Wolves traveled to Rochester for a key Oakland Activities Associa-tion game against Adams.

I softball game

last time Rachel Fuller faced Rochester Adams, the Clarkston senior left-hander waltzed through a 10-0 triumph. But on Monday, things didn't come so easily.
Fuller needed some fine defensive

help from her teammates and a threerun, fifth-inning offensive surge to rally past host Rochester Adams 3-2 in a key Oakland Activities Association Division

The win kept the Wolves (19-9, 7-3) within striking distance of the division crown as they stand just two games out of first place with eight divisional games remaining. Adams slipped to 6-16 and 2-7.

"Rachel was there when we needed her," said Clarkston skipper Al Land. "But our defense was a big difference. All season long we have played very good defense. We make the plays when we need to."

Such was the case in the bottom of

the seventh inning.
With Adams trailing 3-2, the Highlanders' Sarah Meinecke reached base after being hit by a Fuller fast ball, and then pinch-runner Kylee Biddle advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt, giving Adams a runner in scoring posi-

tion with one out.

But Biddle was gunned down at third on attempted steal, and then Fuller got lead-off batter Lauren Kotulis to bounce out to second to end the game.

"We made a couple of major league

II 'All season long we have played very good defense. We make the plays when we

Al Land
Clarkston coach

plays out there," added Land, "Our first baseman (backup Mary Warchuck) made a great stretch to get their final batter out and getting (Biddle) out was also a big key. We tightened down on

defense and made the big plays." The loss was another close one for Adams, but veteran coach Fran Sci icz is pleased with his team's mid-s

"I thought we might pull this one out," he said. "We had a chance to tie it up, but they made a huge play to stop us. But I'm glad that we are staying in these close games because early in the season that wasn't the case."

The Highlanders drew first blood in the opening frame as Kotulis scored from second on a Clarkston error. But Adams didn't threaten again until the

Adams didn't threaten again until the sixth inning when an RBI infield single by Katie Kotulis close the gap to one

NORTH OAKLAND **SPORTS** SCENE

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Records fall, Wolves tie for title

With the state track & field regionals on deck, both Clarkston and Livonia Stevenson girls' teams used Saturday's Clarkston Invitational as a day for fine

Both the Wolves and Spartans scored in all 16 events and amassed 121 points each to tie for the title at the 11th annual get-together.
"This was a great meet," said Clarkston coach

Gordie Richardson. "There was a lot of speed, good distance (runners) ... everything that you look for in

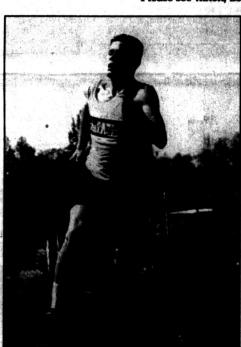
a big meet was here, It was a good time."

Pontiac Northern finished third with 89.5 points, while Sterling Heights (66.5) and Warren Mott (31) rounded out the top five in the 11-team field, which produced seven meet records.

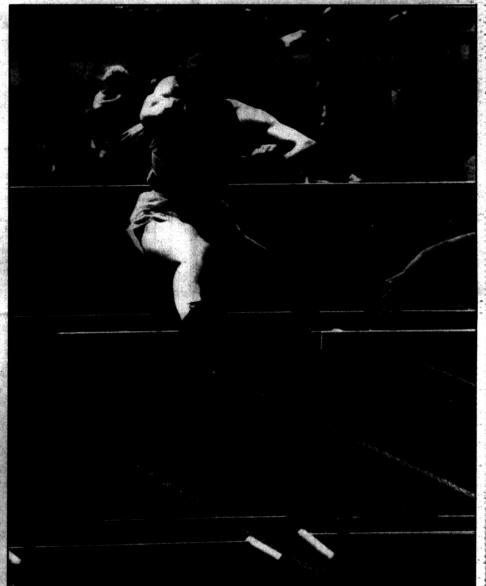
The Clarkston quartet of Jennifer Rooding, Lissa Luckens, Nicole Fisher and Megan Plante snapped the first record of the day in the 3200-meter relay with a blistering 9:44.5 clocking — one of the fastest times in the state this year.

After that point, the floodgates opened.

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To see how the boys did, see page B2.



Dash and flash: Freshman Adam Gebus in Up and over: Clarkston's Brittani Brewer clears the hurdles during her race at Satthe 200 meter dash at the Oxford Invite. urday's Clarkston track invitational. Brewer finished second in the 200 hurdles with a time of 16.75.

Hitters fail in clutch as Wolves fall to Athens

It came down to which team could e through with clutch hits Monday afternooh, and it turned out Troy thens had one more than Clarkston.

The Wolves (11-8, 6-6) suffered a disappointing 4-3 loss to the Red Hawks as freshman Mark Abro came through with a two-run double in the bottom of the seventh to lift Athens to the victo-

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The hit overshadowed a strong performance by Clarkston pitcher Josh Clark, who went the distance. Clark also accounted for all three Clarkston runs, hitting a two-run homer to tie the score early in the game, and driving in the go-ahead run in the sixth inning with a single.

"We hit some real shots but they were right at people," Clarkston coach Roy Warner said. "We didn't get the clutch hits and they did. That's been our story for much of the season."

Athens (4-19, 2-11) was lifted by a strong performance from Mark Miadel, who pitched a complete game himself for the win. Chet Miller went 2-for-3 for the Red Hawks with an RBI. Athens took a 2-0 lead in the first inning stringing together consecutive hits before Clark settled down on the mound, allowing the Wolves to come back.

For Clarkston, the game typified

some of the reasons they are at .500 in the league this season. Timely hitting was absent besides Clark's RBIs and defense played a role on Abro's gamewinning hit as Clarkston outfielders

fell down on the play.

"The guys just needed one more hit at the right time and we probably would have won by a few runs," Warner said. "For now we're going to move ahead and try to finish with a winning (regular) seas

Clarkston has been strong on the mound this season, with four pitchers throwing impressively for the Wolves. Clark and Jared Thomas have combined for 90 strikeouts heading into this week's games and Thomas carried a 1.93 ERA. Eric Jenks and Chris Mitchell, who was 4-0 heading into this

week, have also performed well for the Wolves.

The strength in pitching has not sur-prised Warner, who feels his team is capable of a run in the state tourna-ment provided hitting and defense

"We've been pitching well and our guys throw strikeouts," he said. "Pitch-ing could help carry us."

Clarkston has also faced one of the toughest schedules in the state this

Please see BASEBALL, B2



Bang-bang play: Troy Athens' Josh Wegner hits the dirt sliding into third base as Clarkston third baseman Phil Johnston waits to apply the tag during the Red Hawks' 4-3 win over the Wolves Monday. The loss spoiled a stellar pitching performance by senior Josh Clark.

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nwhile, the Wolves took d for good in the fifth to an RBI triple to right nie Harrison, an RBI single by Trish Brewer, RBI

counterpart, Adams junior right-hander Kendra Waldrep, took the loss, allowing seven hits and five walks against three

This was a good game where competed well," said Scislow.

"We just need a little bit of the now and then to get us over a huma"

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Wolves finish eighth at Oxford track invite

If anything, the Oxford Invita-tional was nothing more than a sneak preview — for the boys track & field state meet, that is. Several of the best through-breads from Southeastern Michi-gan converged on the grand oval at Oxford High School Saturday for a afternoon of turning out for a afternoon of turning out some of the top efforts in the state. And when the dust set-tled, defending Class A champi-on Pontiac Northern held off perennial power Detroit Mum-ford, 80-75, for top honors.

"This was an awesome time, a great meet to watch," said Rochester coach Mark Merlo. "It was almost like the county meet, except for Sterling Heights and (three) Detroit schools. We saw some of the best around."

Sterling Heights finished third with 49 points, while Rochester was the top Eccentric area school at the meet with 42 points, followed closely by Walled Lake Central's fifth-place total of 40 points.

Orchard Lake St. Mary's (7th), Clarkston (8th), Auburn Hills Avondale (9th), Lake Orion (10th), Oxford (11th) and West Bloomfield (12th) were the other area schools in the 20-team field.

Among the leaders, Lake

Among the leaders, Lake Orion junior Jordan Desilets was the lone double-winner on the day as he took both the 1600 (4:23.0) and 3200 (9:37.5) to lead

the Dragons.

"Jordan looked really good, he was really strong (down the stretch)," said Rich Burrell, Lake

Orion's coach. "If he keeps going like this, I wouldn't be surprised if he places in the top four 0r five at the state meet in both races."

Rochester rode to its fourth place finish thanks to its field events crew, led by senior Aaron Burton's victory in the shot put

"We did Ok," said Merlo. "our strength obviously is our field events, but all-in-all we competed hard and we are getting bet-

Clarkston senior Marc Venegoni, Avondale senior Dejohn Benion, St. Mary's senior Larry Batiste and West Bloomfield junior Joe Regiani were also amongst the cast of winners. Venegoni topped the field in the long jump (20-11 3/4), Benion

won the high jump (6-4), Batiste won the 100 meters with a sizzling 10.6, meet-record clocking, and Regiani won the discus with a toss of 144-3.

Rounding out the winners included Warren Mott's Dan Williams in the pole vault (14-6), Pontiac Northern's Jason Wingo in the 200 (21.8), Sterling Heights' Mike Lickocki in the 110 hurdles (14.1) and the Mumford trio of James Conner in the ford trio of James Conner in the 400 (49.9), Brandon Jiles in the 800 (1:56.4) and Johnie Birdsong

in the 300 hurdles (39.8).

Mumford also won the 400 relay (43.4), Northern won the 1600 relay (3:21.7) and White Lake Lakeland won the 3200 relay (7:57.1) - another meet

Junior varsity routs Eagles in twin bill sweep

The Clarkston Wolves kept their winning streak alive recently, beating Lapeer East in the first game of a double-header, 10-0, and trouncing the Eagles 16-4 in the second

game.

In the first game, Francis Hodges was 1-for-1 with two RBI. Jon Robinson and Brett Gove each went 1-for-2 with two RBI apiece. Others getting hits for the Wolves were Brett Crawford and Josh Rigg. The winning pitcher for this contest was Dan Holody, who in five innings only gave up two hits and had two strikeouts.

In the second game, Nick

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3 hitting and batted in five runs. Crawford was 2-for-3 with two RBI, and Robinson was 2-for-2, also with two RBI. A handful of hits came from Nick Petrinec and Gove. Josh Rigg was the winning pitcher,

going five innings and only giving up two hits with five strike-

The next team to fall prey to the killer Wolves (7-0) in a do bleheader was the Knights from the land of Royal Oak Kimball. In the first game, the Wolves won 11-1. Crawford had a stellar game, going 2-for-3 with a home run and three RBI. Ryan Marino was 1-for-2 with two RBI. Robinson and Rigg also chipped in with one hit and one RBI.

The victorious pitcher was Hodges, who struck out nine and allowed just one hit. The key moment in the game came in the third inning, when the

Wolves rallied for a six-run inning. It was all started by Crawford, who had a two-run single, an RBI by Hodges and another two-run single by John Thomas.

The second game was a car-bon copy, 11-1 win for the Wolves. Jeff Walters was 2-for-3 with two RBI, including a double and a triple. John Thomas was 2-for-3 with a triple and one RBI. Hodges was 1-for-4 with three RBI. Others getting hits were Adam Petrulis, Matt Smith, Crawford, Rigg and Robinson. Marino, who was the winning pitcher, gave up three hits and struck out six.

Baseball from page B1

season, having to play both defending state champion Rochester, which was 22-2 after Monday's win over Oxford, and Troy (20-4), three times.

The Wolves battled the Colts and their top pitcher, Jim Essian, Wednesday afternoon at

That schedule could help Clarkston during district play, which begins May 26 at Lapeer

West High School. Pairings will be drawn the week of May 18, but other teams in that district include the host Panthers. Lapeer East, Lake Orion and

The Wolves will know more about Lake Orion tomorrow, when they play the Dragons in a doubleheader beginning at 4

Clarkston will also play

Rochester Adams, Lapeer West and Royal Oak Kimball next week to finish the regular sea-

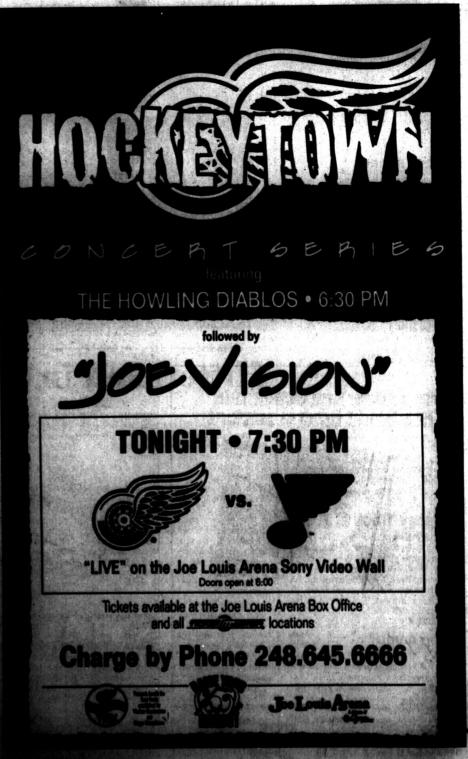
Another difficult part of Clarkston's schedule this season has been their lack of home games because of scheduling conflicts at Clintonwood Park.

Warner estimated his squad has played well over half its games on the road, particularly in the second half of the regular

But for now, hitting is the biggest concern. Clarkston likes to run once players reach base, but as Warner said, that's not always happening.

The guys have to get on base before we can (run)," he said. "We'll be tested these last few games and then we'll see if we can do something in districts."





Track from page B1

Pontiac Northern set records in both the 400 relay (50.8) and 800 relay (1:48.8), as did Huskies junior Lashunta Blander in the 300 hurdles (46.8).

Livonia Stevenson claimed the other three records on the day as Kelly Travis broke the tape in the 1600 (5:21.1), Kelly McNeilance did the trick in 800 (2:21.2), and the Spartans' unit of Katie Sherron, Nicole Dettloff, Jenny Bardacre and McNeilance cruised to the pole position in

the 1600 relay in 4:07.8. Travis was the only double inner as she also won the 3200

(11:48.1)

"This meet was a good way to prepare (for regionals)," added Richardson, who had two gold lot balance throughout and saw a lot of times improve. I think every team used this as a good meet to get ready for regionals." meet to get ready for regions

In the field events, Sterling Heights won two events as Ann

Marsh took the shot put (35-7.5) and Patty Brnjac the high jump (5-1). Stevenson also won two field events, receiving winning efforts from Emily Yambasky in the discus (106-1) and Dettloff in the long jump (15-9.5).

Rounding out the winners were Bloomfield Hills Andover's were Bloomfield Hills Andover's Elesha Smith in the 200 (26.3), Clarkston's Erica Holman in the 400 (1:00.8), and Northern's Tamekia Carter in the 100 hurNow that's how you start a

Nathan Matzelle and Mike Holody were nearly perfect Sat-urday, combining on a no-hitter and leading the Clarkston 11year-old Riverdawgs to a 12-2 win over Troy in the North Oak-land Baseball Federation opener

After the traditional opening After the traditional opening ceremonies were over, Matzelle and Holody took center stage for the Riverdawgs. Matzelle pitched the first three innings, striking out four and walking

The new Detroit Shock of the

Women's National Basketball

Association had an Open House

on Monday at the Palace, a time

everything they wanted to hear

Korie Hlede. Detroit's first-

one past Nancy Lieberman

Cline, the Shock's coach and

Lieberman-Cline happened to

be walking by when Hlede said something about defense to a

reporter. Maybe Hlede, a guard

who hails from Croatia, should

have been talking in her native

defensive stance," said a smiling

Lieberman-Cline, posing in a

Hlede, the all-time leading

scorer at Duquesne with 2,631

career points, laughed as she

of the question, but the 5-foot-9

Hleke she says she can play

a month and already she's the

brunt of some good-natured teas-

Perhaps it's a sign that the

Shock, who began training camp Tuesday and start the season

June 13, are already forming

good chemistry.

Monday's Shockfest included a

visit from WNBA president Val

Ackerman, some videos on the

Hlede's not even been in town

eaded her case. Dunking's out

Defense? This is Korie's

short of lying.

general manager.

shooter's stance.

'Dawgs greet season with no-no

Holody was even better, facin the minimum six batters and striking out four while closing out the mercy victory. It was all Holody for his two innings: the two hitters he didn't strike out both bouncd back to him for easy

"I can't think of a better way to start," Riverdawg manager Rick Piechura said. "The day was perfect. It's been a great spring for baseball. The opening ceremony was real nice. It's

great for the 11-year-olds, wing around all wide-eyed."

The Riverdawgs, who com-

The ST U.S. STREET,

ted just one error, got stellar defensive help, particularly from shortstop Brad Goodman and second baseman Robbie Ronk, Pierchura said.

Brian Chase went 3-for-scored three times and had o RBI to help pace the offens attack. Ryan Klepchak had two-out, two-run base hit a Devin Fuller went 1-for-2 w two walks and scored twice.

PREP TRACK RESULTS

GIRLS TRACK CLARKSTON INVITATIONAL

(5-9 at Clark TEAM SCORES - 1. (tie) Clark ston and Livonia Stevenson 121; 3. Pontiac Northern 89.5; 4. Sterling Heights 66.5; 5. Warren Mott 31; 6. mfield Hills Andover 24; 7. Bloomfield Hills Lahser 18; 8. Northville 10; 9. Berkley 8; 10. Lak Orion 5; 11. Birmingham Marian 2.

SHOT PUT - 1. Ann Marsh (Ster ling Heights) 35-7 1/2; 2. Ria Hardy (Pontiac Northern) 33-7; 3. Sahnnor Arwood (Warren Mott) 33-1 1/2.

DISCUS - 1. Emily Yambasky (Stevenson) 106-1; 2. Latisha Hawley (Clarkston) 100-9; 3. Jill Jablonski (Sterling Heights) 98-3 1/2.

HIGH JUMP - 1. Patty Brnjac (Sterling Heights) 5-1; 2. Brittani Brewer (Clarkston) 4-10; 3. Erin Rodgers (Lahser) 4-9.

LONG JUMP - 1 Nicole Dettloff (Livonia Stevenson) 15-8 1/2; 2. Lashunta Blander (15-1 1/2. 3. Rachel Hehman (Clarkston) 14-11 1/2.

3200 RELAY - Clarkston (Jennifer Rooding, Lissa Luckets, Nicole Fisher, Meagan Plante) 9:44.5*; 2. on 9:45.3; 3. Sterling Heights 10:03.3: 4. Pontiac Northern 10:15.7; 5. Northville 10:15.9; 6. ld Hills Labser 10:41.7

100 HURDLES - Jamekia Carte (Pontiac Northern) 16.5; Brittani Brower (Clarkston) 16.8: 3. Heather Pollack (Sterling Heights) 16.9; 4. Amanda Chicalas (Clarkston) 17.4; 5. Cassie Ehlfendt (Livonia Stevenson) 17.4; 6. Latoya Carr (P. Northern)

100 - 1. Lori Turner (Warren Mott) esha Smith (Bloomfield Hills ver) 12.9: 3. Erica Holman (Clarkston) 13.1; 4. Janeva Bullock (P. Northern) 13.3: 5. Jackie Psandi (Livonia Stevenson) 13.4; 6. Kelly Moryc (Livonia Stevenson) 13.5.

800 RELAY - 1. Pontiac Northern 1:48.8*; 2. Clarkston 1:50.6; 3. Livonia on 1:50.7; 4. Bloomfield Hills Lahser 1:51.2; 5. Warren Mott 1:51.9; 6. Lake Orion 1:52.1.

1600 - 1. Kelly Davis (Livonia Stevenson) 5:21.1; 2. Danielle Harris (Livonia Stevenson) 5:31.6; 3. Sara Lasota (Sterling Heights) 5:32.2; 4. Megagen Plante (Clarkston) 5:44.0; 5 Katie Seabaugh (Berkley) 5:46.3; 6. Cassie Edwards (Warren Mott) 5:50.1.

400 RELAY - 1. Pontiac Northern 50.8*: 2. Warren Mott 51.7: 3. Clarkston 52.1; 4. Northville 52.4; 5. Bloom field Hills Lahser 52.6; 6. Livonia enson 53.7.

400 - 1. Erica Holman (Clarkston) 1:00.8; 2. Rachel Uchman (Clarkston) 1:01.7; 3. Tabetha McFarland (Pontiac Northern) 1:01.9; 4. Jenny Hardacre (Livonia Stevnson) 1:02.0: 5. Sarah George (Lake Orion) 1:02.7; 6. Susan Owen (Bloomfield Hills Lahser) 1:04.7.

300 HURDLES - 1. Lashunta Blander (Pontiac Northern) 46.8*; 2. 48.5; 3. Anıanda Chicalas (Clarkston) 48.6; 4. Hether Pollock (Sterling Heights) 49.1; 5. Lauren McDonnell

Birmingham Marian) 49.9: 6. Laove Carr (Pontiac Northern) 50.1.

800 — 1. Kelly McNeilance (Livonia nson) 2:21.2*: 2. Jennifer Rooding (Clarkston) 2:26.5; 3. Vicki Niebryzdowski (Sterling Heights) 2:28.6; 4. Nicole Fisher (Clarkston) 2:30; 5. lle Harris (Livonia Steve 2:30.4: 6. Joanna Fleming (Sterling Heights) 2:32.5.

0 — 1. Elesha Maith (Bloomfield Hills Andover) 26.3; 2. Lashunta Blander (Pontiac Northern) 26.9; 3. Racehl Uchman (Clarkston) 28.3: 4. Nicole Pettloff (Livonia Stevenson) 28.6; 5 Gretchen Pitser (Clarkston) 29.2; 6. Nicole Brown (Lake Orion) 29.55.

00 - 1. Kelly Travis (Livonia evenson) 11:48.1; 2. Andrea Parker (Livonia Stevenson) 12:00.6; 3. Sara LaSota (Sterling Heights) 13:00.0; 4. Amanda Sprader (Northville) 13:04.4; 5. Hannah Hirschland (Bloomfield Hills Andover) 13:04.6; 6. Emily Hogan (Clarkston) 13:17.1.

1600 RELAY - 1. Livonia Stever son (Katie Sherron, Nicole Dettloff. Jenny Bardacre, Kelly McNeilance) 4:07.8; 2. Clarkston 4:10.0; 3. Pontiac Northern 4:11.8; 4. Bloomfield Hills Lahser 4:26.9; 5. Berkely 4:29.6; 6. Warren Mott 4:31 2

BOYS TRACK OXFORD INVITATIONAL

(5-9 at Oxford H.S.)
TEAM SCORES — 1. Pontiae Northern 80: 2. Detroit Mumford 75; 3. Sterling Heights 49; 44. Roche 42: 5. Walled Lake Central 40: 6. White Lake Lakeland 35; 7. Orch Lake St. Mary's; S. Clarkston 24; 9. Auburn Hills Avondale 22; 10. Lake Orion; 11. Oxford 18; 12. Waterford Mott 16; 13. West Bloomfield 15: 14 Ponitac Centra; 13; 15. Detroit Renais sance 11; 16. (tie) Warren Mott and Waterford Kettering 10; 18. Redford-Detroit Catholic Central 9; 19. Detroit U-D Jesuit 4; 20 Holly.

LONG JUMP — 1. Marc Venegoni (Clarkston) 20-8 1/2; 2. Jon Hall (Pontiac Central) 20-3 1/2: 3. Alex Hritcu (WL Central) 20-2; 4. Same Gonzales (OLSM) 19-11; 5. Vito Ciaramellano 19-6; 6. Jeremy Bauer (Waterford

POLE VAULT - 1. Dan Williams (Warren Mott) 14-6; 2. Jeremy Janson (Waterford Mott) 12-6; 3. Justin Rodgers (Lakeland) 11-6: 4. Ian Cascio (sterling Heights) 10-0.

HIGH JUMP - 1. D.J. Benion (Avondale) 6-4: 2. Jeremy Bauer (Waterford Mott) 6-4; 3. Jacob Surber (Rochester) 6-2; 4. Kurt Stein (Rochester) 6-2; 5. Mike Papiel (Catholic Central) 6-0; 6. William McDonald (Pontiac Central) 6-0.

SHOT PUT - 1. Aaron Burton (Rochester) 52-1; 2. Jacob Zurbinski (OXford) 50-5; 3. Ryan Kavanagh (Avondale) 50-0; 4. Tony Fullilove (Mumford) 49-2; 5. Tony Piwko (Lake land) 48-1 1/2: 6. Brian Vereecre (Ster

DISCUS - 1. Joe Regani (West

Bloomfield) 144-3; 2. Warren Re (Pontiac Northern) 142-3; 3. Mike Preston (Avondale) 139-3; 4. Jack Fugate ter) 137-9; 5. Mike Symrtk (Detroit Jesuit) 133-4; 6. Brett Dibble (West Bloomfield) 132-11.

O RELAY - White Lake Lake land 7:57.1: 2. Sterling Heights 8:05.3; 3. Clarkston 8:05.8; 4. Pontiac North ern 8:10.2; 5. Walled Lake Central 8:11.6; 6. Redford Catholic Central

110 HURDLES - 1. Mike Liekocki (Sterling Heights) 14.1; 2. Jason Culbert (WL Central) 14.5; 3. Johnnie Birdson (Mumford) 14.7; 4. JAmes Stanford (Mumford) 14.7; 5. Cortes Strikland (Pontiac Northern) 15.0; 6. Brain Mitcehll (OLSM) 15.2.

100 — 1. Larry Batiste (OLSM) 10.6: 2. Donnie Tabor (Sterling Heights) 10.7; 3. Matt Bautel (Oxford) 10.8; 4. Eddie Hillery (Rochester) 11.0; 5. Ryon Jarons (Kettering) 11.1; Andy Movalson (WL Central) 11.2.

800 RELAY - 1. Pontiac Northern 1:30.1; 2. Mumford 1:30.3; 3. OLSM 1:30.8: 4. Sterling Heights 1:32.0: 5. Renaissance 1:33.2; 6. Kettering

1600 - 1. Jordan Desilets (Lake Orion) 4:23.0; 2. Nick Gow (Lakeland) 4:23.2: 3. Nate Warren (Kettering) 4:31.6; 4. David Sage (Clarkston) 4:32.5; 5. Juan Bliveles (Mumford) 4:33.1; 6. John Digiovanoi (Catholic Central) 4:34.7.

400 RELAY - 1. Mumford 43.5; 2. Rochester 43.8; 3. Pontiac Northern 44.1; 4. WL Central 44.6; 5. Detroit Jesuit 44.9; 6. Kettering 45.1.

400 - 1. James Conner (Mumfe 49.9; 2. Jason Rutilio (Pontiac Northern) 50.4; 3. Jason Lopez (Pontiac Bloomfield) 50.9: 5. Kurt Welchner (Lakeland) 51.3; 6. Mike Spencer

300 HURDLES - 1. Jonnie Birdsong (Mumford) 39.8; 2. Cortez Strikland (Pontiac Northern) 40.2; 3. Mike Cickocki (Sterling Heights) 40.5; 4. Jaosn Culbert (WL Central) 41.0; 5. D'Juan O'Donald (Renaissance) 41.3; 6. Gary Stanford (Mumford) 41.3.

800 - 1. Brandon Jiles (Mumford) 1:56.4; 2. Deondre Shelton (Pontiac Northern) 1:59.7; 3. Nick Gow (Lakeland) 2:01.1: 4. Ken Donaghue (Rochester) 2:02.1; 5. Roland Aliz (WL Central) 2:02.3; 6. B.J. McCool (Lakeland) 2:02.6.

200 - 1. Jason Wingo (Pontiac Northern) 21.8; 2. Larry Batiste (OLSM) 22.0; 3. Elton Anderson sance) 22.3; 4. Matt Bautell (Oxford) 22.5; 5. James Conner (Mumford) 22.7; 6. Jason Auer (WL Central)

3200 - 1. Jordan Desilets (Lake Orion) 9:37.5; 2. Jason Brusick (Ster ling Heights) 9:39.7; 3. Todd Mobley (WL Central) 9:45.8; 4. Dan Jess (Catholic Central) 9:55.3; 5. David Sage (Clarkston) 9:58.4: 6. Matt Shannon (Catholic Central) 9:59.8

NBA-like introduction of the team roster, complete with ke and a spotlig

Clarkston girls among Shock watchers

"On my national team, that's for team members to tell fans all I do is play defense," said le, still smiling about her coach's ribbing. "You can't create offense without defense. I think round draft pick and the fourth we'll hit the 70s or 80s. We want to get up there. That's how you draw fans." selection overall, sounds believable enough but she couldn't put

This is the WNBA's second year in existence. The Washington Mystics join the Shock as first-year franchises, bringing the total number of teams to 10.

WNBA players won't wow fans with their athleticism - get there early because you might only see a dunk in warmups but many can shoot as well as, if not better than, their NBA

Most players aren't going to get rich playing in the WNBA. An NBA player can almost earn as much as the average WNBA player on a 10-day contract.

Hlede looked like one of the fans with all the souvenirs in her hands. She's one of five on the 16-player roster not from the

Many area high school teams showed up, including the girls from Clarkston High School. Getting to mingle with the players is important because they're still getting to know the names of the WNBA stars, let alone

In a poll of two Clarkston players, Courtney Roberts said Joe Dumars is her favorite player - isn't he a Piston? - and Nicole

Colosimo said the "one who had a baby last year.

She was thinking of Cherly Swoops of the Houston Comets, the inaugural champion of the WNBA.

Before Monday, the most famous player the Clarkston players met was their coach Anne Lowney.

The most recognizable name on the Shock after Lieberman-Cline is 38-year-old guard Lynette Woodard, who won an Olympic Gold Medal in 1984 and was the first female member of the Harlem Globetrotters (985-

Mae Ola Bolton, the older sister of WNBA star Ruthie Bolton-Holifield, is a 5-11 forward for the Shock.

"I taught Ruthie everything she knows - all the good things," Bolton said, laughing.

The Shock play a 30-game chedule and have sold more than 7,500 season tickets. according to Wilson. The WNBA has television contracts with NBC, Lifetime Television for Women and ESPN.

"I was there two years ago when NBA commissioner David Stern promised he would start a women's league the next year and the level of disbelief was incredible," Wilson said. "The feeling that Stern had lost it filled the room. After I watched the championship game last year and saw 16,000 fans in the stands. I called Stern the n day and told him we wanted in."

overhead scoreboard and an Select club sponsors Soccer Fest

The Clarkston Select Soccer Club, in cooperation with Independence Township Parks and Recreation, is holding the first Soccer Fest Day at Clintonwood Park Saturday, May 30.

To highlight the day, activities have been scheduled for visitors, including children's games, a Moon Walk and soccer matches scheduled throughout the day. The day begins with Kiddie Kickers in the outfield of the baseball fields. These are instructional games for children 3 through 5 years of age.

The select soccer club teams will also be playing on the following fields: Boys U-13, 10 a.m., Soccer Field #1; Boys U-11. 10 a.m., Soccer Field #2; Boys U 14, noon, Soccer Field #1; Boys U-12, noon, Soccer Field #2; Girls U-12, 2 p.m., Soccer Field #1; and girls U-11, 2 p.m., Soccer The Select Soccer Club is hav-

ing the Soccer Fest to increas awareness of the program and to encourage young soccer players to attend the tryouts for the teams. Tryouts will be held June 22-26. There will be an informa tional booth on site at Soccer Fest to answer any questions about the program.

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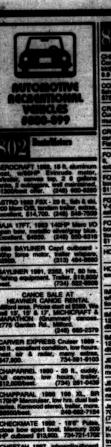
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MOLEDAY SHOOT
Detroit Archers will hold a holiday shoot on Saturday, Sunday and Moaday, May 23-25, on its walk-through course in West Bloomfield. The course will be open 9a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and 9a.m.-2 p.m. on Monday. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more informa-

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

A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Satur-

days at Detroit Arch nfield, Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more infor-

CLASSES

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

mation and to register.

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

CLUBS

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

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

IGAN FLY FIS The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and esdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS 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.

Fishing Buddys Fishing Club ets monthly in Roche Hills. The meetings are open to all anglers. Call (248) 656-0556

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

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

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rn Hills off M-24, Call (248)

MIAC LAKE Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shot-gun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (248) 666-1020 for more informa-

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Ortonville has rifle, pistol and

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OAKLAND **COUNTY PARKS**

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

Pree wood chips from the Oak-land County Parks Christmas tree recycling program, will be available on Saturday, May 23, at Orion Oaks at the Clarkston Road entrance. Individuals are asked to provide their own shov-els and to load the chips by hand. Additional wood chip dates are scheduled for June 27, July 25, August 29, Sept. 26 and Oct. 31.

Ages 7-11 will learn what makes frogs, toads and amphibians spe-cial-during this program, which begins at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 30, at Independence Oaks.

STATE PARKS

Maybury State Park, Proud

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

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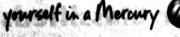
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When I complained about the poor

ow removal at the last member neeting, I got no response from the card or the president of the association. After the membership meeting,

now removal contractor.

Do we, as owners of the condominium, have a vote in the matter or say-so and what can we do?

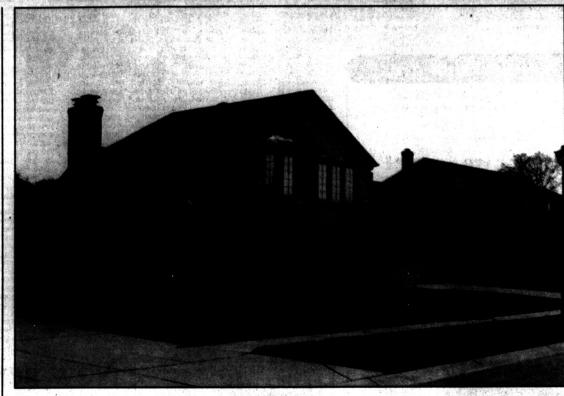
I can appreciate your frustration in not being involved in the control of the associa-tion. You may wish to consider supplies for tion. You may wish to consider running for the board of directors, which ultimately makes the decisions in regard to the daily kes the decisions in regaration of the association.

As to poor snow removal, not only the ssociation itself, but its board of director association itself, but its board of directors and its officers and presumably the snow removal contractor may be liable to anyone who is injured due to negligence on the part of the association.

Unless you have a personal responsibility for maintaining a certain area, you wouldn't be liable for injury except to the extent that you must underwrite any liability incurred by the association.

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I would suggest that you contact the sociation's insurance carrier directly pressing your concerns about the manner which the association is conducting self, put the board of directors on notice of ur concerns and, as you suggest, hire a od condominium lawyer to represent you d presumably others who are as frustratas you are concerning the operation of association.

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Appreciating: Homes continue to increase in value at a rate faster than inflation in almost all O&E

Prices keep on rising

The value of houses continues to ratchet up in suburban Detroit.

The median (half above/half below) sales price in Wayne County during the first three months of the year leaped to \$99,580 - an increase of nearly 11 percent from \$89,750 reported January through March of

The jump in Oakland County was nearly 8 percent - to \$145,680 from \$135,160.

The figures were provided by Realcomp II, a giant multilisting service for the Western Wayne Oakland County, Birmingham Bloomfield Rochester South Oakland, North Oakland County, Detroit, Dearborn and Livingston County boards of Realtors.

Comparative sales and listing figures also soared during the first quarter for the entire Realcomp II

ervice area. Cumulative listings (houses available for sale) increased 18 percent to 16,926 from 14,284 - and sales improved by nearly 13 percent - to

7.078 from 6,270. All sales and listings include exist-, ing and new houses and condomini-

The chart shows the median prices for houses in Observer & Eccentric municipalities, with first quarter 1998 median sales price listed first, 1997 second.

"It's been very good. Our little office broke a record for March; it was the best March we've ever had," said Nicole Gourand, broker/owner of

She declined to provide specific

"This is a growing area," Gourand said. "We have the Chrysler Tech Center bringing in a lot of new jobs and new people. You just have to look around to see all the new construction going on.

"A lot of people are buying up. New (residential) construction creates markets for people buying for the

Median Home Sales Prices Wayne County

	-4.50	-40.
Canton	\$165,000	\$163,000
Garden City	\$94,250	\$90,000
Livonia	\$139,900	\$125,500
Plymouth Township/Plymouth	\$160,450	\$147,500
Redford	\$85,950	\$80,000
	\$108,000	\$90,000
Westland	\$108,000	\$90,000
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C	akland County	4
Birmingham	\$191,000	\$186,750
Clarkston/Independence Town	ship \$186 ,000	\$172,250
Farmington Hills/Farmington	\$177,000	\$167,000
Orion Township/Lake Orion	\$148,500	\$141,000
Rochester	\$185,000	\$148,900
Rochester Hills	\$192,000	\$192,500
Southfield	\$120,000	\$122,750
Troy	\$183,000	\$178,000
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first time in existing houses," she

said. A tremendous break in the federal capital gains tax on residential sales that took effect last year also is spurring the market now, Gourand

maintains. "Some are buying down," she said. I have some baby boomers who are buying a smaller house here and another smaller house someplace

Judy Walker, broker/owner of Red Southfield, described as "super" the

first quarter real estate market here. "First, it's Mother Nature. We had a very, very gentle winter. It kept people mobile," Walker said. "Certainly, in fact, interest rates are very Confidence in the economy is very strong. People feel secure in their positions. We've had no infla-tion to speak of."

Walker sees the slight dip in medi-

an price for home sales in Southfield as an aberration. "There may have been more sales on the lower end of the spectrum as opposed to 13-Mileand-Bell-Road, big-ticket items," she

Diane Howard, office and sales manager of Real Estate One in Plymouth, echoes many of he sentiments expressed by Gourand and Walker.

"The auto industry seems solid. It's given a sense of confidence to buyers ut there to make a decision Howard said. "(Mortgage) rates are moderate. I think rates have supported buyers' decisions to buy now as opposed to wait until later.

"I think new construction has encouraged the existing market to go forward," Howard added. "We were fortunate this year to have a mild winter. People were out there look-

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Bloomfield Twp.	1996 98	197
Farmington Hills	82	54
Independence Twp.	101	54
Orion Twp.	84	100
Oxford Twp.	43	32
Rochester	97	107
Rochester Hills	86	67
Troy	58	66
West Bloomfield	119	105
Canton	233	203
Livonia	34	70
Plymouth Twp.	38	39 54
Westland	139	54
Source: Housing Consult	ants, Inc.	

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Shorter loan costs less in the long run



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Not that long ago, choosing a mortgage was an option homebuyers didn't have The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage ruled, and if you didn't like it, tough - keep renting.

But today, most mortgage lenders offer a wide variety of loans. The following informa-tion of mortgage options is from Approved Mortgages, Inc. (734) 455-2219.

While it may seem like just one more choice you have to make at a time when you've already got too many, choosing the best mortgage for you could make the difference between get ting the home you really want and set-tling for something less - or saving thousands of dollars over the life of the

mortgage. To decide which is best for you, sit down with your mortgage lender and sort through your options. Go to your meeting prepared to discuss the four factors experts agree are most impor-

Your current financial situation. ■ How you expect your finances to

change ■ How long you intend to keep the

home you're buying. ■ How comfortable you are with the possibility of your mortgage payment

going up. All the mortgages you've seen and heard about really fall into just three categories: fixed-rate, adjustable-rate

and convertible mortgages. Fixed-rate mortgages

With fixed-rate mortgages, the interest rate is fixed for the life of the mortgage ... your monthly payments for interest and principle never change for (although property taxes and homeowner's insurance, usually included in the monthly payment, may change.

The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage is the most popular kind of mortgage. It offers the lowest monthly payments of any of the common fixed-rate loans. That affordability, combined with its predictable monthly payments, makes this kind of mortgage the best choice for many people.

If you can afford higher monthly payments but still like the security of a fixed rate, consider a 15-year fixed-rate mortgage, which lets you own your home in half the time - perhaps before your children start college, or you reach retirement. More important, because the term of the mortgage is shorter. you'll pay less than half the total interest of a 30-year mortgage over the life of the loan. If security and predictability are what you're looking for, ask your lender about fixed-rate loans.

Next week's article will discuss adjustable rate and convertible mortgages and their advantages to you.

David Mully is president of Mortgage Search, a company that offers consulting services. He also writes articles for mortgage industry publications and is a member of the National Association of Real Estate Editors. To contact him, call 1-248-669-6900 ext. 227 or mail him at P.O. Box 485, Novi MI 48376. You can access Mully's Mortgage Search column and current mortgage rates on-line at http://www.observereccentric.com/realestate David Mully is president of Mortgage

Spring is home improvement time

After the long months of winter many of us enjoy focusing our atten-tion on home related projects – clean-ing the outdoor furniture, planting flowers, raking debris from our lawns, painting or even building an addition to our dwellings.

If you're fixing up your home or buying one that may require fixing up, the CertainTeed Home Institute has a great tip for you - consider an energy efficient loan. If any part of energy efficient loan. If any part of your project involves an improve-ment geared towards improving the energy efficiency of your home, you may qualify for an energy efficient loan. Energy efficient loans are for buying energy related products or services to improve the energy effi-

If you had a drafty winter, consider an energy efficient loan to make your home more comfortable.

ciency of your home. They are available at low rates today and pay themselves back for many years to

If you found your home uncomfortable during the winter's cold you may want to use an energy efficient loan to upgrade your insulation levels. The spring time is the perfect time to call a professional insulation contractor to evaluate your home's energy

To locate an insulation contractor. call friends or neighbors, look in the Yellow Pages, or call the local contractor's association.

After a tour of your home, an insulation contractor will advise you as to where your home needs upgrading, how much material is required and the most state-of-the-art products available today like blown-in fiber glass insulation.

For more information on hiring an insulation contractor or on blown-in insulation write to the CertainTeed Home Institute, P.O. Box 860, Valley Forge, PA 19482 or call 800-782-8777 for "How to Hire an Insulation Contractor" and "What You Should Know About Blown-In Insulation.

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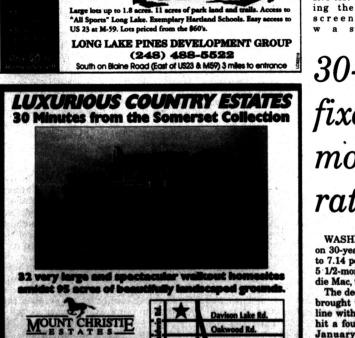
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The decrease, from 7.22 percent last week, brought the 30-year mortgage rate back in line with its average for all of April. It had hit a four-year low of 6.89 percent in mid-January as investors transferred money from Asia to the United States.

Fifteen-year mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, also fell back, to an average 6.78 percent this week, after hitting a sixmonth high of 6.85 the previous week.

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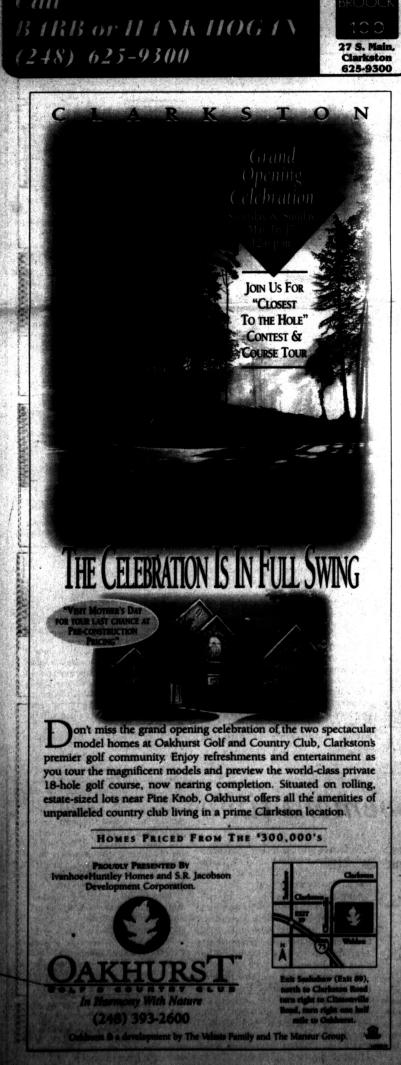
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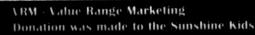
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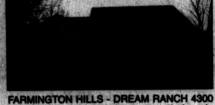
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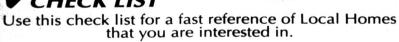
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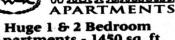
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Ziegelman, founding princi-pal and chairman of Luckenbach/ Ziegelman Archiects in Birmingham, has been awarded the American Insti-tute of Architects Detroit Gold



Medal. given by the AIA for notable contributions to the profession and particularly for his distinguished body of

vork in design. Notable work by the firm includes the Pontiac Silverdome, University of Michigan Business School and Birmingham's Adams Street Fire Station.

Robert Grimmet has joined the real estate office of RE/MAX Rite Way in Southfield.

business for 24 years, will specialize in Detroit, Southfield and Oak Park.

He formerly was broker/ owner of a real estate firm and holds the designations of Graduate Realtors Insti-tute and Realtor Alumnus of Michi-

Joe Nimmo, a Realtor with Real Estate One in Livonia, has acquired the professional designation of Certi-fied Residential Specialist.

Nimmo entered real estate in 1985 and consistently has been a top-pro-ducing sales associate with Real

Soil and Materials Engineers of Plymouth announces several

appointments.

Gerard P. Madej, PE, has been named a principal of the firm. He holds both bachelor of science and master of science degrees in civil engineering from Wayne State Uni-

Madej has 26 years of geotechnical engineering and construction materials consulting experience and will be responsible for managing con-struction materials services in Southeastern Michigan.

Thomas P. Rozman, PE, CFM Manager-Facility Services, has been named a senior associate.

He has 27 years experience in facility planning, management,

Rozman holds a bachelor of sci-ence in electrical engineering from the University of Detroit and a mas-ter of science in civil engineering

from Wayne State University.

Mark K. Kramer, PE, senior project engineer, has been named a

He has eight years of experience in performing geotechnical and envi-ronmental evaluations for various types of projects including landfills, padways and large commercial/ industrial facilities.

Kramer holds a civil engineering degree from Arizona State Universi-

E. Laney Henson, business development coordinator, has been named an associate of the firm. She's responsible for managing mar-keting activities and customer devel-

oment and maintenance. Henson has a bachelor's degree in business from Michigan State University and is president elect of the Society for Marketing Professional Services, Michigan Chapter.

Herbert A. Hoskins, CHMM and a senior consultant, also has been named an associate. He's responsible for managing regulatory compli-ance projects and provides technical oversight on environmental evaluations and site remediations

Hoskins holds a bachelor of science in biology and a master of science in occupational and environ-mental health from Wayne State

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GRAND OPENING

Ivanhoe-Huntley and S.R. Jacob-son Development have scheduled free concerts by Bugs Beddow and his blues band 1-4 p.m. Saturday, May 16, and noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, May 17, in conjunction with the grand opening of models at Bristol Corners, a residential community on West Road east of Beck in Novi.

The concerts will take place in an open-air tent, and refreshments will be served. The models, (248) 6697533, will be open noon to 6 p.m. both days.

SHOW HOUSE

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

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

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gory Scott is hoping that his dreams become reality. Thanks to the help of legendary pro ducer Bill Halverson and music critic Robert Oermann of Nashville's "Music Row," Scott's country/rock sound has piqued the interest of The Nashville Network's "Prime Time Country," Willie Nelson's Farm Aid, and W4

After performing for 16 years, Scott has released his debut CD "Dreams and Reality" and will perform songs from it at noon Saturday, May 16, at the Hoedown at Hart Plaza.

Country's "Budweiser Downtown Hoe-

"I always felt the time to put out my own CD. It just took this long and this many CDs to try and do it in the right light. All the demos I've done on my own I sent it to people who said they weren't good enough, or they weren't this or they weren't that," Scott said.

When I finally merged with Bill Halverson, who had so many incredi-ble credentials and is so highly respected, it really gave me some real validation to my music. As a partner-ship between the producer and myself, all these great things are starting to blossom.

Oermann wrote a column headlined "
'98 Starts Out Great" and cited Scott's CD along with works by Bill Engvall, Seven Day Jesus, Steve Green, Blue Highway and George Strait as honor-

"It's interesting to me, Oermann is a pretty tough critic. I was stunned when I saw the list in Music Row Magazine," he said.

The CD is available at Media Play locations, including those in Livonia and Southfield. Besides performing with his seven-piece band at the Hoedown, Scott will sing solo with an acoustic guitar 3 p.m. Sunday, May 17, at Media Play, 23269 Eureka Road, Taylor. The show is free. For more information, call (313) 287-6309.

"Dreams and Reality" can also be ordered by writing to him in care of p.o. box 39133, Redford, Mich., 48239. Fan club information is available at http://www.ifco.org/directory.shtml.

Chance meeting

Scott recorded "Dreams and Reality" in July and August 1997 and finished mastering it in December. Ironically, Scott met Halverson 10 years ago while attending the Recording Workshop in Chilicothe, Ohio.
"As I was getting ready to do a

ecord, I sent him a bunch of demos. He loved my demos and decided he wanted to do a record with me. He's such a legendary producer. He's done so much stuff I was real thrilled to work with him," Scott said

Halverson's resume, which includes work with David Crosby and Graham



Dreamer: After performing for 16 years, Gregory Scott of Redford has released his debut CD "Dreams and Reality" and will perform songs from it at noon Saturday, May 16, at the Hoedown at Please see DREAMS, E6



Featured performer: Daryle Singletary performs 9 p.m. Fri-day during the 1998 Budweiser Downtown Hoedown.



On stage: Dixie Chicks perform 8 p.m. Sunday.

MUSICIANS THANK FANS. RADIO WITH HOEDOWN

t's not just struggling Detroit musicians who benefit from free radio station concerts like the Budweiser/106.7 WWWW-FM Downtown Hoe-

Daryle Singletary – who scored a hit with his cover of "The Note" recorded by a variety of artists including Gene Watson and Tammy Wynette – opted to do a series of free shows instead of tick-eted performances as a way of thank-ing his fans and W4 Country. "We do a few of them a year," Single-tary said of free shows. "We can't do a

lot of them because we had to go other places. We always try to do as many of them as we can. They really help us out the rest of the year by playing our records. It's our way of showing appre

Singletary, who released "Ain't the Truth" (Giant) this year, is managed by Randy Travis's wife Lib Hatcher. He met Travis and Hatcher through his roommate who was working as Travis' bus driver. Since moving from Georgia to Nashville in 1990, he's visited the Detroit-area on a number of occasions.

"Detroit's always been nice to us. The day we were there, it rained really bad and we had to go indoors. It was myself, Mark Collie and Daron Norwood. We did an acoustic set and it was the most wonderful thing. The fans were very respective of the fact that we were trying to put on a little show. It didn't have all the lights and the glamour and the full-band sound. But we had a really great time. We've been

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CD DEBUT

Anthem singer takes 'Moment' to help Wings

strength while she sings the "National Anthem" prior to every Detroit Red Wings game. With her blonde hair flowing behind her and her bright blue eyes turned up toward the flag, Newman even keeps her composure during nail-

biting playoff games.

When a little girl with her hands full of dolls approaches Newman at her husband's Freddy and Daniel Salon in Southfield, Newman melts.

Salon in Southfield, Newman melts.

"Oh are these your Barbies? Oh no, it's the Spice Girls. Look they even have tattoos," Newman said with an inquisitive look.

As she and the girl try to identify each of the dolls, Newman looks away and says, "Maybe they'll make a Barbie of me some time. Wouldn't that be funny?"

It would seem apropos. She's already got the eye of every male Red Wings fan. Catcalls greet her when she hits the ice. Men line up to meet her at personal appearances.

Earlier this year, she took her singing career a step further by releasing "Moment in the Wind" (High Heel Records), her debut CD.

Whet: Karen Newman What: Performs and signs autographs Whee: 1, p.m. Saturday, May 23 Whers: Media Play, 45250 North Pointe Parkway (riear

Where: Media Play, 45250 North Pointe Parkway (near Lakeside Mall), Utica. (810) 997-3400.

Why: To celebrate the release of her album "Moment in the Wind" and to raise funds for Sergel Mnatsakanov and Vladimir Konstantinov's family trust funds.

Karen Newman's CD is available at Borders Books and Music stores, Media Play, Harmony House, and at the Freddy and Daniel Salon, 29260 Franklin Road, Southfield. She can be reached at

Soutment S. She can be reached at http://www.rust.net/~woodldmu or via e-mail at woodldmu@rust.net.

Cards to Mnatsakanov and Vladimir Konstantinov can be sent in care of Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit, Mich., 48226.

Proceeds from the CD and Newman's promotional appearances will go toward the trust funds for the families of Sergei Mnatsakanov and Vladimir Konstantinov, the trainer and player, respectively, who sustained severe head injuries in a limousine accident Friday, June 13.
"I want to touch Sergei and

Vladimir on more of a personal level. The Wings keep us in the loop as much as they can with respect to their privacy," she said.

Both of the injured Wings, she said, have experienced bouts with depression. With the accident's oneyear anniversary approaching, the

two Wings feel that everybody has forgotten about them, said. Newman said that she hopes a large donation will show them that that's not the case.

"On my website I urge people to send cards and letters in care of Joe Louis Arena. When I e-mail my fans back I mention that, too. He (Konstantinov) needs to know that fans are worried about him even though he's not the big name hockey



With 'Tainted,' local filmmaker is out for blood



"Tainted" screens
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Then, last summer, Farley started kicking around the idea of making a movie with a fellow Suncoast Video employee. Less than a year later, the 22-year-old filmmaker is premiering his debut feature, "Tainted," at the Star John R in Madison Heights.

Farley prefers to call his \$40,000 movie a "dark comedy thriller" rather than a horror movie. In it, three video clerks, on their way to a movie in Southfield, encounter a coven of vampires.

Shot in 16 millimeter last Snot in 16 millimeter last September and October, the movie uses several familiar Detroit-area locales: hospitals, gas stations, private residences, along with Thomas Video in Clawson, and City Club in Detroit.

Detroit.

"Around here, people aren't as used to seeing a movie being shot, so they're a little more cooperative," Farley said. "It's a simple case of supply and demand. There are maybe three people at a time filming in Detroit where there are 30,000 in LA. in New York."

Farley, who lives in Warren, began his movie career in 1985 at the age of eight, with a small part in the Sam Raimi-directed "Crimewave." His video store jobs, first at Warren's Video Zone and later at Suncoast, inspired some of the bits in the film.

"Some of the customers in our film were inspired by real cus-

tomers," he said, "particularly the oddballs that would come in on an almost daily basis."

Full of ideas, but little technical experience, Farley enlisted the help of Brian Evans, a student at Columbia College in Hollywood, to do the directing and cinematography. Robert St. Mary also wears several hats on the project, including co-producer, sound mixer, and co-editor.

The cast is comprised of actors Farley and Evans met while performing on stage in "Stalag 17" at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts. Farley plays

Performing Arts. Farley plays J.T., one of the clerks, but insists he's not the star. "Actually, I'm billed third on the poster," he

Part of Monday's \$5 ticket price will support the Hoense-laar ALS Clinic at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. Farley's father, Mike, died last year after a prolonged battle with Amy-otrophic Lateral Sclerosis, commonly known as Lou Gehrig's

From there, "Tainted" will tour the film festival circuit while

tation promised in the trailers. After all, mayhem – not whether

or not scrappy newspaper reporter Tea Leoni reconciles with her father - is what we

And for about 10 minutes or

on, "Deep Impact" does deliver.
When that great tidal wave sweeps over the skyscrapers of Manhattan, we know we're witnessing something Irwin Allen couldn't have concoted in his

most vivid fever dream.

Wide-eyed Elijah Wood is on a routine astronomy outing when he first sees the fire in the sky.

He snaps a picture and sends it to a scientist (Charlie Martin

Smith), who promptly rolls over his jeep and dies before he can tell the authorities.

The important plot develop-

President (Morgan Freeman),

who announces to a stunned

America that the dust kicked up

by the city-sized comet will mean

the end of civilization as we

His Plan A: Send a rocket ship

manned with nukes to blow the

BY JOHN MONAGHAN

Action: Dusan Cechvala (Alex, left) and Jason Bouer (Slain) in a scene from "Tainted."

Farley and company shop it five guys into movies screwing around to studios (New Line, around with the camera," Farley Fox, and Tri-Mark have already expressed interest). There will also be another screening June 1

at the Magic Bag in Ferndale. me to step back "To me, Tainted' will always be at it objectively."

around with the camera," Farley said. "I'm not saying it's not good, but I know everybody on it, what went into it, so it's hard for me to step back and really look

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'Deep Impact' crash lands thriller: Tea Leoni finds herself faceto-face with the President

of the United States (Morgan Freeman) in 'Deep Impact."

al lottery which will send a million regular folks under 50 (along with some hand-picked experts like news reporters and military personnel) to begin life

anew in underground caves. There's presumably something for everyone in "Deep Impact." Older audiences should relate to the Robert Duvall character, a John Glen-style astronaut brought along on the space mission for his first-hand experience with lunar landings. His younger crew mates consider him little

more than a PR gesture. Kids, I suppose, will appreciate the hokey premise that the teenage Wood must marry his high school sweetheart so that she can join him in the caves. Just don't tell me it's a coincidence that the girl, Leelee Sobieski, looks just like a junior version of "Twister's" Helen

Morgan Freeman plays the President and he pulls the role off with his usual effortless authority. He elicits genuine reverence when he tells the world that we have probably lost the fight, but we can prevail and rebuild. Couldn't he run for office in 2000 instead of Al Gore?

What bugged me most about "Deep Impact" was how seriously director Mimi Leder ("The Peacemaker") took all this hokum. Even "Independence Day" (which may well have been made by robots) poked fun at its own poress, realizing that it was nothing more than a B-movie with A-grade special effects.

"Deep Impact" isn't bad enough to make it a guilty pleasure nor good enough to make you believe for a second. It's a 90-minute countdown to some truly awesome effects, including a shot of the Statue of Liberty almost worth the price of admis-

The worst part: we have to sit through the whole thing again when "Armageddon," a second big meteor movie, lands later

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thing up, or at least send it off course. Plan B; Call for a nation-SCREEN SCENE

A sampling of what's playing at alternative movie theaters

across metro Detroit as reviewed by John Monaghan. Detroit Film Theatre – Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. Call (313) 833-2323 for information (\$5.50; \$4.50 studenta/seniors)

**4.50 students/seniors)

"Happy Together" (Hong Kong - 1997). Friday-Sunday, May 15-17 (call for show times). Wong Kar-Wai, the spirited director of "Chungking Express," follows a pair of gay lovers who travel from a neon-lit Hong Kong to an otherworldly Buenos Aires, honing to salvage their rocky. hoping to salvage their rocky

hoping to salvage their rocky relationship.

"The Kingdom (Parts 3 and 4)" (Denmark-1997). 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 18. Around the same time he became famous for "Breaking the Waves," director Lars von Trier launched this bizarre drama (made for television) about an ultra-modern hospital where strange things happen. Think of a cross between "ER" and "Twin Peaks" (with subtitles) and you might have a clue what to expect.

Magic Bag - 22920 Woodward, Rorndale, Call (248) 544-3030 for information. (\$2)

"As Good As It Gots" (USA: 1997). 9:30 p.m. Thursday, May 14 and Wedshaday, May 20. An extra-crotchity Jack Nicholson learns how to get along with others in this Guarwinning comedy by James 5. Brooks.

Mots. 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 Jorda ("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

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 relationship with a mysterious tycoog (Steve Martin). Expect plenty of fascinating verbal interplay in this latest film written and directed by David Mamet ("Glengarry Glen Ross").

"Two Girls and a Guy" (USA-1907). Shot in real time, this examination of a love triangle stars Robert Downey, Jr., Heather Graham, and Natasha Gregson Wagner. Directed by James Toback.

Maple Art Theatre - Maple at Telegraph, Bloomfield, Call (248) 455-5000 for information. (84.50; 34 before 6 p.m.)

"Dain Va" (USA-1998). Anoth-

er talkfest from writer/director Henry Jaglom, this time about the strange relationship that can sometimes develop between strangers. Victoria Foyt co-wrote and stars with Stephen Dillane

and Vanessa Redgrave.
"Men With Guns" (USA-997). John Sayles' latest, filmed in Mexico, about a doctor from the big city who sets out discover what happened to his students who he sent out into the poorest parts of the South American jun-

parts of the South American jungles.

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"That Midnight Kies" (USA 1949). 8 p.m. Friday, May 15; 2
p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, May 15; 2
p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, May
16 (organ overture begins à half hour before show time). Mario
Lanza was hailed as the new Caruso in his screen debut as a singing truck driver. He falls for a Philadelphia heiress (Kathryn Grayson) who wants to be an opera singer in this lighter-than-air MGM musical.

Southfield Centre for the Arts - 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield Call (248) 424-9022 for information. (\$3)

"The Stranger" (USA-1947).
7 p.m. Friday, May 15. Orson Welles, in an attempt to show RKO that he could make a conventional thriller, directed and starred in this thriller about an escaped Nasi hiding out as a college professor in a small New England town.

Van Halen welcomes a down-to-earth new singer

Anthony, new lead singer Gary Cherone is a God-send.

"He's very down to earth. He doesn't have 'LSD Syndrome.' That's what we call 'lead singer disease' where it's like all the planets rotate around the singer. He's just a very down-to-earth

guy," Anthony said. He added that he was the only member of Van Halen who was familiar with Cherone's former band, Extreme, before the trio

"I had met Gary five years ago at a concert they played. We all knew that he was a talented singer, though. But it's probably more about how he is as a person. When you're in a band, it's like you're married to one anoththis business," he said.

"It only took probably for him to get out of the car for us to say, 'Hey, this is it.' Forty-five minutes later we wrote 'Without

That single, from the band's debut effort with Cherone, "Van Halen III" (Warner Bros.) proved to be successful.

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drummer Alex Van Halen, and guitarist/vocalist Eddie Van Halen, bring along a new singer but a new producer as well – Mike Post. Post is best-known for composing the theme song to the TV show "Hill Street Blues."

Originally, Glen Ballard was chosen to produce the album, but he was committed to doing Ala-

"Ed knew Mike Post because they had golfed together a couple from times. They were casual acquaintances. ... Mike Post was actually Gary's idea. He did stuff years ago. He produced and won a Grammy for Mason Williams. He played guitar on all of Sonny and Cher's recordings. He got fed up with that end of the bu because he never got his big break," Anthony said of Post.

By going into that other aspect of the business he got quite famous.

The new blood in the band was inspirational to Van Halen in a few ways, Anthony explained.

"He writes great lyrics for one thing. This is the first album that Eddie will tell you lyrically

inspired a lot of his songwriting. Usually the music came first, we'd create a melody and put a lyric to that."

Cherone has also inspired the band to travel to countries like New Zealand and Australia, which the 10-year-old band had never visited.

"Right from the get-go, the shows were great. It's actually the first time we ever played over there. We had singers in the past who have never wanted to go there," Anthony said.

"Figures, now that Sammy's not in the band, he's down there right now. Maybe his wife wanted to go there."

Van Halen and Creed perform at 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (1-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. Tickets are \$40 and \$27.50 reserved for the all-ages show. For more information, call (248) 377-0100 or visit http://www.palacenet.com.

• The Verve Pipe is slated to receive an ASCAP award Monday, May 18, in Los Angeles for the song "The Freshman." which

was dubbed one of the top 50 singles of 1997.

The East Lansing-based band will return to the studio at the end of June with producer Michael Beinhorn to record its follows up to the platforum selling Michael Beinhorn to record its follow-up to the platinum-selling album "Villains." Beinhorn's credits include Social Distortion's "White Light, White Heat, White Trash," the Red Hot Chili Peppers' "Mother's Milk," Social Asylum's "Grave Dancers Union," Ozzy Osbourne's "Ozzmosis," and the Violent Femmes' "Why Do Birds Sing?" RCA Records hopes to release RCA Records hopes to release the album by fall.

Verve Pipe fans who can't wait that long to hear new material can pick up the soundtrack to the film "The Avengers" (Atlantic Records) on July 7. It will feature "Blow You Away," a song that singer Brian Vander Ark wrote with XTC's Andy Par-

 Steve Poltz's ballad "Leavin" Again," from his solo debut "One Left Shoe" (Mercury) was scheduled to be featured in the season finale of Fox's "Party of Five." He

was coy about the scene in which it will be used. However, the

it will be used. However, the lyrics "You can say you're comin' back/You can say you're leavin'/I wish that you would let me know/So I can start my grieving' lead to the break-up of Julia and Griffin's marriage.

"Charlie's gonna die. Bailey's gonna start drinking again and little Claudia's violin is going to be stolen. No, I don't know what going to happen," Poltz said with a laugh during his show Friday night at the Mill Street Entry in Pontiac.

"Maybe they'll play it when Neve Campbell ('Julia') is mak-ing love to that husband of hers (Griffin, played by Jeremy Lon-

don). What about that guy? He's always whining about money. What a loser. Get a job."

Poltz, the lead singer of the quirky pop band The Rugburns, also co-wrote "You Were Meant for Me" with Jewel. While performing the song Friday, he stopped after the line "Got myeggs, got my pancakes too/Got." eggs, got my pancakes too/Got maple syrup/Everything but you" and said, "You know a guy didn't write the next line." Poltz went on to sing with an exagger-ated smile "Break the yolks and make a smiley face."

He also did acoustic covers of "Waterfalls" by TLC and "Red Corvette" by Prince.

Backstage Pass gets back to normal

are over. Some of these big events are like the holidays: You have a little nog, visit with friends you only see at that time,

and really enjoy them while they're happening. But when but when things go back to nor-mal, you breathe a huge sigh of

We really are creatures of habit. Even the things that break up our routines are sometimes, well, routine. They happen every year like clockwork, and we mark our calendars and wait for them to come around to divert us.

The same is true in Detroit's arts and cultural events. Many take place each year, and while they grow and evolve and boast and better acts each year, we look forward to them partly because of the continuity of the happening. With the city on the brink of the summer festival season, a whole slew of annual events are on the slate, and Backstage Pass is primed to bring them to you.

This week, for instance, Gary Graff will preview the 16th annual Downtown Hoedown. America's largest free country music festival. I spoke with Mike Watts, the Hoedown's executive director, about the event that every year kicks off Detroit's summer festival season in Hart Plaza. "This year's the strongest in the history of the event, with acts like Pam Tillis, Neal McCoy, and Lorrie Morgan, as well as the hottest new acts like Matt King, Sammy Kershaw, Melodie Crittenden, and the hottest of them all, the Dixie Chicks." Other acts on the bill include Ruby Lovett, Rodney Allen Atkins, Suzy Bogguss, Mark Chesnutt, the Thopmson Brothers, Daryle Singletary and Keith Harling, among others.

The Hoedown not only gets bigger stars every year, attendance grows, too. Mike said, With the beautiful weather they're predicting, we plan on seeing over a million people this year. Already over 20 million have attended since the event began in 1982. Most of the hotels downtown are already sold out.

"And Proceeds from the Hoedown benefit the City of Detroit Recreation Department. So this money filters down to parks and to children who play in them.' So you can feel good not only

about the great music, but about

where the money goes, too! Also on the Big Show, Gary Anderson will host a performance from Part One of "Angels in America," Tony Kushner's Pulitzer and Tony Award (along with just about every other the-ater award imaginable) winning epic. Gary ran the show down to "This is the first of a twopart play that looks at the AIDS epidemic, homosexuality and conservatism during the R administration. It's an interest-ing piece that's probably more ambitious than most American play writing today. It tries to approach these subjects in a nner that elicits thought and action from the audience - it asks them to explore just what the social responsibilities are, and addressed issues of tolerance in America, which were challenged by the AIDS epidem-

Gary told me that the show is ground-breaking in another respect, too. "Angels' kicks off a collaboration between the Oakland University Department of Music, Theatre and Dance and Meadow Brook, a professional theater entity that's long been housed on Oakland's campus. The partnership benefits both parties. It's a good experience for the student, because it forces them to stretch, and the exposes

them to the professional talent. And the other part of it is that Meadow Brook is able to take on

more challenging pieces. "Geoffrey Sherman directs. What he's done is to try to make this company of professionals and undergraduates a cohesive ensemble. 'Angels' presents a challenge because it's a piece that addresses some big issues for undergraduates. But it push-

es them to grow."
I asked Gary what space will be used for this new collabora-"The main performance space for the department is the Varner Studio Theatre. It's a smaller space, so they had to pare 'Angels' down to make it fit. Some of the spectacle of the Broadway show doesn't really occur here. In a way, that's a good thing, because it focuses the production on the quality of the work, the quality of the writing."

Also on the big show, we'll preview the annual student exhibition at Detroit's Center for Creative Studies, and in honor of the Hoedown, we'll get country-influenced performances from WDIV's Devin Scillian and Hamtramck-based band, the Vole-

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deal with an impending collision with an

Romantic come

law clerk's blind date with a beautiful young woman that results in an evening of nonstop adventure. Scheduled to open Friday, May 15

THE QUEST FOR CAMELOT"

Thrilling adventure set in a magical

world. Timeless legends and contemporary humor are intertwined with images created by some of the world's most distinguished animation artists. WILDOWYSTH.

A depressed U.S. Senator finds himse

saying publicly for the first time what he's always known to be true about race and wealth in America. Stars War

Exclusively at the Landmark Main Theatre. A story of passion and ambition ut a father and son locked in a struggle to destroy each other. Stars Fedja van Huet.

Exclusively at the Main Art. Romantic melodrama of impossible cross-cultural love between a British journalist and a

THE HORSE WHEEP

Based on Nicholas Evans' best-selling vel of a mother's quest to save her d daughter, and a horse driven mad by pain. Stars robert Redford.

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urday, May 14-16, and 2 p.m.
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Simon's "Laughter on the 23rd Floor."
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8 Road). Farmington Mills. \$8, (248) 9295

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y starring two Detroit Latin musia Benny Cruz and Elisen Orr. Thursdaytay, May 14-17, \$5. Arma (at Latingette), Detroit.
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FAR CONSERVATORY OF THERAPEUTIC
AND PERFORMING ARTS
The "Wizard of Ox." 2 p.m. Saturday, May
23, in Knox. Auditorium of First
Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple Road
(between Crarbrook and Southfield roads),
Birmilgham. The cast recently performed
the classic at the Very Special Arts
Feethal presented by the Southeast
Region Committee in Livenia, Free, donations are welcome. (248) 846-3347
MANQUIS THEATRE
"Hance and Getest," 230 p.m. Saturdays,
May 15 and 23, and June 6, and 230 p.m.
Sanday, May 17, at the theater, 135 E.
Main St., Northville, \$5.50, Children
younger than 3 will not be admitted. (249)
349-8110

MEADOW SHOOK THEATRE

Theatre for Young audiences performs two new one-act plays by Karim Airawi, "Straw Soldiers" and "Wilderness" Thursday-friday, May 14-17, "Straw Soldiers" only 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Thursday-friday, May 14-15, and both afrons 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saurday, May 14-16, and both afrons 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saurday, May 15 and 2 p.m. Thursday-friday, May 17, at the theater, Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rechester, \$10, \$5 children age 12 and under, (248) 377-3300 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 15-16, and 3 p.m. Sunday, May 17, at the Novi Chric Read, Nov. \$8, \$7 advance, (248) 347-0400 p.m. Sunday, May 17, at the Novi Chric Players Club, 3321 E. Jefferson Saturdays and Sundays through May 24, Historic Players Club, 3312 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, Noon Junch and 1 p.m. show Saturdays, and 1 p.m. unch and 2 p.m. show Sandays, \$7.50 includes Junch. (810) 662-8318

SPECIAL EVENTS

THE SCHOOL'S

etroit Historical Society program
the Detroit Opera House, dinner to
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Thursday, May 14, 345, members,
mormembers, Reservations limited

BENEFITS

LAUGHREE*
FIT **
With Oakland County Executive L. Brool With Oakland County Executive L. Brool Patterson, hosted by Ken Calvert, Thursday, May 21, Mark Ridley's Come Castle, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. (810) 771.4872/(246) 542-9900 (810) 771.4872/(246) 542-9900

FAMILY EVENTS

tion, 6-11:30 p.m. Friday, May 22, noon to 11:30 p.m. Sartufay-Sunday, May 25, and moon to 10:30 p.m. Monday, May 25, on the St. May's Prep campus at Orchard Lake and Commerce Roads, Orchard Lake, 248) 682-1885

"RUBRAITS - A LIVE ADVENTURE"
7 p.m. Thursday, Friday, May 14-15, noon, 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Sartufay, May 16, 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Sartufay, May 17, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit, \$12.50, \$19.50 and \$25. All ages. (313) 983-6811

SECOND CITY KIDS' CAMP
Twoweek day camp for kids ages 10-16 that heips children develop teamwork skills by learning how to improvise in group situations, 9 a.m. to noon or 1-4 p.m. July 6-16 or Aug. 3-13, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit, \$12.0, (313) 964-5821
SO UT H FIELD ICE
S P E C TA C ULA R
With more than 120 skaters, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday, May 14-15, and 1:30 p.m. sartufay, May 16, and 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Skurday, May 16, and 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Skurday, May 16, and 1:30 p.m. sartufay, May 16, and 1:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. sartufay, May 16, 354-950.

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WORLD MUSIC
THE AFTICLES
10 p.m. Thursday, May 21, Jimmry's
Double A, 334 S. Main St., Ann Arbor.
Cover charge, 21 and older. (Jamaican
jazyska) (734) 332-0800
BLACK MANUET
9 p.m. Friday, May 22, The Dack above
second city, 2301 Woodward Are.,
Darbit. Cover charge, 21 and older. (reggae) (3,3) 965-9600
COMPARY 67 STRANGERS
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Sunday, May 17, at the historic Michigan Theater, Ann Anon; \$12, \$7
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Aiden Activity Center, 17500 Fernington, 2014, (734) \$53-736.

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THE DIRTY DOZEN
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Formerly known as The Dirty Dozen Brass
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Rhursday, May 21, Magic Bag, 22920
Woodward Ave., Ferndale, 812 in
sidvance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or
http://www.themagicbas.nom

The late funder of the Graystone international Jazz Museum in Detroit is honored Sanday, May 17, at the museum, 1248 Weathington Bivd., Saite 201. Detroit, Guests can tour the museum from 2-3:30 p.m., program and reception follows on the 13th floor from 4.7 p.m., and entertainment by Dr. Beans Bowles and other jazz artists. Free, donations accepted, (313) 963-3813

PMB. MELLY TREO
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, May 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free, 21 and older, (plano/bess/druns) (248) 465-2150

SWEINA LABBES

With Rick Matle, 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, May 15-16, Jimmy's, 123

Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free, 21 and older, With Rick Matle, 8:30-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 22-23, Smitty's, 222

Main St., Rochester, Free, All ages, (313) 886-8101/(248) 652-1800

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 15-16, D.L. Harrington's Roadhouse, 2086 Crooks Road (at M-59), Rochester Hills, Free, 21 and older, (top 40 contemporary jazz) (248) 852-0550

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, May 16, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free, 21 and older, (vocal/plano/bass trio) (248) 645-2150

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drinks during live entertainment. All ages. (248) \$46-1400

CARGUST CRAWFORD TINO

Former Motown backup singer performs 6:309:30 p.m. Friday, May 22, Kallegg Park, Ann Arbor Trail and Main Street, 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 22, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10-\$15.

21 and older. (313) 961-8451

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Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$15 in advance. 21 and older. (734) 962-8330 or http://www.pfmusic.com characteristics. 207 50 p.m. Wedneaday, May 22, or Art 11 p.m. Friday, May 22, or Marcis, 2655 W. 12 Mille Road, Berkley, Free. 21 and older. (248) 399-6780 Merrill Marting America (248) 399-6780 Merrill Marting America (248) 399-6780 Merrill Merrill Miller (134) 305-7333 142 W. 14 Mille Road (east of Faminigton Road), West Bloomfield; 7-10 p.m. Fridays, at Cafe Cortina, 30715 W. 10 Mille Road, Frammigton Hillis; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's Market. 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi. (248) 905-7333 1422 W THE STREETS*

All Stare, 6-9 p.m. Thursday, May 21, at the museum, 5401 Woodward and Mirby, Datroit, \$15 includes valet parking. (313) 838-1805

AUDITIONS
JAZZ & SPIRIT DANCE THEATRE OF

JRED MOTOR CO. CHORUS
Advie Melodies," song and dance from
e movies such as "Titanic" and
'ootloose," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May
5:18 and 3 p.m. Sunday, May 17, \$8, \$6
inlors/students ages 6:12, (313) 323[73]

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9 p.m. Wednesday, May 20, O'Grady's Irrish Pub, 586 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy. Free. 21 and older, (Irish) (248) 524-4770 MINUSTY

5-7 p.m. Friday, May 15, Augle's, 31660 John R, Madison Haghts, Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday, May 15, The Duck at Second City, 2301 Woodward Are., Detroit, Cover charge, 21 and older; 10 p.m. Saturday, May 16, Library Pub.; 36230 Central City Parkway, Westland, 56230 Central City Parkway, Westland, 56231 and older; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

days a week

Making contact: Please submit popular music items for publication to Christina Fuoco; all others to Linda Chomin, two weeks in advance to the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or by fax (734) 591-7279 22, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. 310 in advance. 18 and older. (funk) (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com 800EXT FERM 9 p.m. Saturday, May 16, Moby Dick's, 5482 Scheefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 581-3650

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12:30 p.m. Sunday, May 17, O'Grady's
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Free, 21 and older, (Irish) (248) 524-4770
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9 p.m. Saturday, May 15, O'Grady's Irish Pub, 575 W. Big Beaver, Troy. Free. 21 and older. (Irish) (248) 524-4770 RSAL XPRESSION

9 p.m. Saturday, May 16, The Deck above The Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (reg-(313) 965-9500

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

AFTIBORY 8 p.m., Sunday, May 17, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11, \$10 members, students and seniors. All ages. (a capella folk) [734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

CATIE CURTIS 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturday, May 16, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or

http://www.a2ark.org ANNIE GALLUP AND JACK HARDY 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org HOT RIZE

8 p.m. Friday, May 15, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$20. All ages. (blue-grase) (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

9:30 p.m. Saturday, May 16, Gypsy Cafe, 214 N. Fourth St., Ann Arbor. \$4. All ages; 9 p.m. to midnight Friday, May 22, Tuscan Cate, Northville. Free. All ages. (acoustic folk pop originals) (734) 994-3940/(248) 305-8629

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9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 22-23, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-1600

10 p.m. Friday, May 15, Jimmy's Double A. 314 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 332-0800

8 p.m. Friday, May 22, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, \$9, \$8 members, stu dents, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 20, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 544-1141

DANCE

BELLY DANCE CLASS

on basic technique and cultural pits of Middle Eastern dance begin-May 20 for six weeks in Westland, all and skill levels. \$32. (734) 422-1246 COUNTRY CLASS

Country/Western Dance, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 16, at the Plymouth Elks, 41700 E. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. \$6.50. (734) 425-7207 DOK SCHOOLS

Evening of Dance," with original choreography by Cranbrook Kingswood Upper School dance instructor Jessica Sincleir, and created by Cranbrook Academy fiber student Sheila Walker, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 14-16, at Lerchen Hall, 550 Lone Pine Road (between Lahser and Cranbrook roads), Bloomfield Hills. Free. (248) 645-3064

COMEDY

BIG RED'S COMEDY CLUB Jim McLean, Friday-Saturday, May 15-16, at the club in Mr. B's Roedhouse – Oxford, 595 N. Lapeer Road (M-24), Oxford. (248)

DEV'S COMEDY CLUB Sobcat Goldthwait, Hector Rezzano and Chris Zito, Friday, May 15, and Idthwait, Rezzano and Joey Bielaska, turday, May 16 (\$18); Mike Green, Setth (Lenard) Valentine and Rich ligginbottom, Thursday, May 21 (free), 9 hm. Friday-Saturday, May 22-23 (\$10), at he club above Kicker's All American Grill,

adeys, and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. DY CLUB AT PAISANO'S y Collins, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.r aturday, May 15-16 (\$14 and \$27.95 for dinne

show package); Ruben-Ruben, 8:30 p.m. Thursd May 21 (\$5), and 8:15 y, May 22-23 (\$8 and \$18.95), at the club, born. (313) 584-8885

MAINSTREET COMEDY

Lowell Sanders, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Ma 14 (\$7) and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturday, May 15-16 (\$10); Totally Unrehearsed Theatre, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 20 (\$6), 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Mike Green, 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
(\$47.50); Mark Cordes and Jon Uberroth,
Wednesday-Saturday, May 20-24, at the
club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8:30

p.m. Tuendays (\$5), 8:30 p.m. 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

MUSEUMS AND TOURS CRANBROOK INSITUTE OF SCIENCE

Pond Study 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 16, at 1221 N. Woodward, Bloom embers, \$8 non-m Reservations necessary. (248) 645-3200 DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY In conjunction with the exhibit "A Community Between Two Worlds: Arab in Greater Detroit" continuing instruments with admission 2 p.m. Saturday, May 16 in Louise C. Booth Auditorium; "Remembering Downtown Hudson's" exhibit, a nostalgic look at what made the Hudson's downtow Detroit store an icon of the city's prosp ous era, runs through December, at the museum, 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 DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER

IMAX movies showing indefinitely include: "Super Speedway," 10 a.m. and 11:10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays; and "Special Effects," 12:20 p.m. and 1:20 p.m. Mondays-Fridays; at the museum, 5020 John R (at Warren Road), 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 short laser pre-sentation. \$2.50 for each additional IMAX movie. Discounts available to groups to 10 or more. Hours are: 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. (313) 577-8400 or http://www.sciencedetroit.org

POPULAR MUSIC

AGAINST ALL AUTHORITY

With The Criminals, 6 p.m. Thursday, May 21, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (punk) (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

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 BUGS BEDDOW BAND 6-8 p.m. Sunday, May 17, Eastpointe

Community Center, 16435 Eight Mile Road (between Gratiot and Kelly roads), Eastpointe. (trombone-driven party blues) (810) 445-5081 or http:// www.bugsbeddow.com

9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays

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

BIHLMAN BROTHERS

10 p.m. Friday, May 15, Kodiak Grill,
45660 Mound Road, Utica. Cover charge.
21 and older. (R&B) (810) 731-1750

21 and older. (R&B) (810) / 31-1750 BITTER LOVE With Dead by 28 and Cockflower, 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, Palladium Music Club, 17580 Frazho Road, Roseville. Cover charge, 18 and older. (rock) (810) 778-THE BIZER BROTHERS

8 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday, May 15-16, The Rattlesnake Club, 300 River Place, Detroit, Free 567-4400 BLACK BEAUTY

9:30 p.m. Thursday, May 21, Karl's Cabin

779 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, Free (rockabilly) (734) 455-8450 BLACK FUZZ 9 n m. Thursday, May 14, Cross Street

Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older; 10 p.m. Saturday, May 16, Mount Chalet, 32955 Woodward Royal Oak, Free, 21 and older; 9:30 New York, Nova (New York), New York, /(248) 339-6200

With Master Cylinder, 9 p.m. Friday, May 22. JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and BLUE METRO

p.m. Tuesday, May 19, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-BLUE ROSE

9 p.m. Friday, May 15, Paycheck's Lounge, 2932 Caniff, Hamtramck. Co charge, 232 carritt, namtramck. Cover charge, 21 and older. (blues/rock) (313) 874-0254 BLUE SUIT

With Alberta Adams, 9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, May 21-22, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. F and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800 MEREDITH BROOKS

7 p.m. Wednesday, May 20, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$12 in advance. 18 and older. (pop) (248) 335-8100 or

With Nester's Bad Habit, Tone Fatty 5 and



Detroit debut: Pop singer Meredith Brooks performs Wednesday, May 20, at the 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$12 in advance for the 18 and older show. For more information, call (248) 335-8100 or visit http://www.961melt.com.

as part of Thermonuclear Tuesday at Tri-City Christian Center, 39390 Michigan Ave. (3/4 mile east of I-275), Wayne. \$3. All ages. (Christian-based ska) (734) 326-

CAUSTIC POP

With Sensitive Clown, 10 p.m. Friday, May 22, Rivertown Saloon, 1977 Woodbridge, Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (pop) (313) 567-6020 CIRCUS MCGIR

With Packaged Bliss, 9:30 p.m. Friday, May 22, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 19 and older. (rock) (734)

CITY LIMITS BLUES BAND 9 p.m. Saturday, May 16, Carriage House Blues Alley, 24200 Grand River Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 535-3440

With Sevendust, Day in the Life, and Human Waste Project, 7 p.m. Friday, May 15, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$15 in advance. All ages. (rock) (248) 333-2362 or http://www.961meit.com

10 p.m. Friday, May 22, Jimmy's Double A, 314 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (734) 332-0800 DETROIT BLUES BAND

9 p.m. Thursday, May 14, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-

DOWNTOWN HOEDOWN With Ridge Runners (noon), Cody Young (1 p.m.), Diamondback (3:30 p.m.), Tracey p.m.), Diamonoack (3.30 p.m.), Traese, Lynne (4.30 p.m.), 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 Greg Scott (noon), Steele Canyon (1:15 p.m.), Seasy (2:30 p.m.), Matt King (3:45 p.m.), Forbes Brothers (5 p.m.), Suzy Bogguss (6:15 p.m.), Mark Chesnutt (7:45 p.m.),

v Kershaw (9:30 p.m.), and Lorrie Morgan (11 p.m.), Saturday, May 16; and with Hot Walkter (noon), Derringer (12:50 p.m.), Janis Lee and Luck of the Draw (1:40 p.m.) Clinton River (2:30 p.m.). Keith Harling (4:30 p.m.), Melodie Crittenden (5:30 p.m.), The Dixie Chicks (8 p.m.), and Pam Tillis (9 p.m.), Sunday, May 17, Hart Plaza, downtown Detroit. Free. All ages. (country) (313) 259-4323 GLEN EDDY

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 15-16, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (734) 451-1213

ELIZA

10 p.m. Thursday, May 14, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Saturday, May 16. Kodiak Grill, 45660 Mound Road (734) 421-2250/(810) 731-1750 FOUR DEGREES

9 p.m. Friday, May 15, Drinks North, 2505 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford Townsh Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Saturday, May 16. Rivertown Saloon, 1977 Woodbridge Detroit. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 543-6911/(313) 567-6020 or http://www.fourdegrees.com

LESLEY GORE 16, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Macomb Community College, 44575 rfield Road, Clinton Township, \$29, \$26

(81C) 286-2141 GRANT LEE BUFFALO 6:30 p.m. Saturday, May 16, Mill Street Entry below Clutch Cargo's, 65 €. Huron, Pontiac. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (alternative rock) (248) 333-2362 or

THE GRUESOMES

With Slugbug, 9 p.m. Friday, May 15, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross Sl 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; 9 p.m. Sunday, May 17, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and olde 9110/(248) 543-4300

10 p.m. Friday, May 15, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Saturday, May 16, The Lodge, 2442 Orchard Lake Road, Sylvan Lake. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 332-HOWL/(248) 683-5458

Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8 in advance. All ages. (rock) (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

Chicago dance DJ and producer/remixer, 9 p.m. Saturday, May 16, Motor Lounge, 3515 Caniff, Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (dance) (313) 396-0080 or http://www.motordetroit.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 charge, 18 and older. (rock) (810) 465-5154

NIKKI JAMES AND THE

FLAMETHROWERS
10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 22-23,
Kodiak Grill, 45660 Mound Road, Utica. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (810) JARS OF CLAY

With Plumb, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 20, Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. \$22.50 in advance All ages. (Christian pop) (248) 546-7610

9 p.m. Saturday, May 16, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cocharge. 19 and older. (rock) (734) 485-5050

JACK JONES

With Gloria Loring, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 17, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Macomb Community College, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. \$29, \$26 students and seniors citizens. All ages. (pop) (810) 286-2141 JUNE OF '44

With Victory at Sea, 9 p.m. Friday, May 15, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex 40 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$6 in wance, 18 and older, (alternative r

10 p.m. Thursday, May 14, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older; With Jo Serrapere, Danny Cox and Sister Seed, 9 p.m. Friday, May 15, in the Verdict Inn at JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (248) 349 9110/(810) 465-5154

NEE DEEP SHAG With Wordenhaus, 10 p.m. Saturday, May 16, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. r charge, 21 and older. (funk) (248)

KUNG FU DIESEL 10 n.m. Friday-Saturday, May 22-23, The Lodge, 2442 Orchard Lake Road, Sylvan Lake. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rocka-billy) (248) 683-5458 LAZY BONES

Earth, 8 p.m. Thursday, May 14, Palladium Music Club, 17580 Frazho Road, Roseville, Cover charge, 18 and older (rock) (810) 778-6404

BOBBY LEWIS AND THE CRACKERJACK

Park, Ann Arbor Trail and Main Street ntown Plymouth, Free, All ages. (rock)

9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 15-16, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Thursday-Friday, May 21-22, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave... Novi. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 360-7450/(248) 349-9110

9 p.m. Thursday, May 21, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge, 19 and older. (rock) (734) 485-

EDDIE MONEY With Stewart Francke, 7:30 p.m. Friday May 22, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence nship, \$12.50 pavilion, \$7.50 lawn, All ages. (rock) (248) 377-0100 MUDPUPPY

9:30 p.m. Friday, May 22, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 543-0917 MYSTERY TRAIN WITH JIM MCCARTY 10 p.m. Friday, May 15, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Saturday, May 16, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free, 21 and older. (R&B) (734) 421-2250/(248) 349-9110 DAVID NELSON BAND

With Knee Deep Shag, 8 p.m. Friday, May

With The Civilians and Donald Baker Band,

PETER AND TYRONE 9 p.m. Fridey, May 15, Motor Lounge, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. Cover charge. 21 and older. (Dis/dance music) (313)

With Fletcher Prett, 6 p.m. Friday, May 15, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress Detroit. 96 in advance. All ages. (pop) (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961meit.com QARY RASSOUSSER

QARY RASMUSSEN
With Billy Brandt, 8:30 p.m. Thursday,
May 14, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E.
Fourth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and ol
(acoustic reck) (248) 544-1141
THE REPUBLIS

May 16, Lill's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. Cover charge. 21 and older. (pop) (313) 875-6555

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10 p.m. Saturday, May 16, Jimmy's Double A, 314 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (734) 332-

with Sherill and 3-D Soul, 9 p.m.
Saturday, May 16, JD's Macomb Theatre
31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover
charge. 18 and older. (R&B) (810) 465-

With Kate Campbell, 8 p.m. Fridey, May 15, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (singer/songwriters) (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com

With 3D Soul, 9 p.m. Saturday, May 16, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St.,

Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (R&B) (810) 465-5154 SONIC YOUTH

With The Ex and Universal Indians, 7:30

with life Ex and Universal Indians, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 14, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$16 in advance. All ages. (alternative rock) (313) 961-5451 or http://www.961melt.com SOUTHERN CULTURE ON THE SKIDS

With The Woggles, 9 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, Magic Stick in the Majestic comple

and older. (funky alternative rock) (313 833-POOL or http://www.961melt.com

Grievance and Inercourse, 7 p.m. Thursday, May 21, The Palladium Mu

Club. 17580 Frazho Road, Roseville. \$8 in ce. 18 and older. (rock) (810) 778-

With Cathy Davis, 9 p.m. Friday, May 22, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (734) 451-1213

10 p.m. Thursday, May 21, Library Pub.

35230 Central City Parkway, Westland Free. 21 and older. (roots rock) (734)

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CUZING OF FUNK
With Daddy Longlegs, 8 p.m. Saturds
May 16, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodwa
Ave., Ferndale, \$6. 18 and older.
(funk/reggae) (248) 544-3030 or
http://www.themagicbag.com
DION RODDY

Formerly of Spank and Mis-

SAM SALTER

JULES SHEAR

21 and older 396-0080 or

10 p.m. Friday, May 15, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 334-9292 VONDA SHEPARD Performing her music from the television show "Ally McBeal," with Billy Mann, 7 p.m. Friday, May 22, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E.

Huron, Pontiac, \$10 in advance, 18 and older. (pop) (248) 333-2362 or http://www.961melt.com With The Still and Nathan Whitt, 9:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 14, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4. 19 and older. (alternative rock) (734) 996-8555

10 p.m. Saturday, May 16, The Shelter ow St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Co Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (rock) (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com TWISTIN' TARANTULAS

9:30 p.m. Thursday, May 14, Karl's Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Friday, May 15, The Lodge, 2442 Orchard Lake Road, Sylvan Lake. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rocl billy) (734) 455-8450/(248) 683-5458

Featuring Rob Halford, formerly of Judas Priest and Fight, with special guests Course of Empire, 7 p.m. Saturday, May 16, The Palladium, 17580 Frazho Road, ville \$15, 18 and old

9 p.m. Friday, May 22, Hennessey's Pub. 49110 Grand River Ave., Wixom. Free. 21 and older. (oldies) (248) 348-4404

With Creed, 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship D (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills, \$40 and \$27.50 reserved. All ages. (pop) (248) 377-0100 or

VAL VENTRO

7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 16, Hazel Park Raceway, 1650 E. 10 Mile Road, Hazel raceway, 1800 E. 10 Mile Road, Mazel Park; 10 p.m. Friday, May 22, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 398-1000/(734) 421-2250

With Fin Fion, 9 p.m. Friday, May 22, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$6 in advance. 18 and older. (alternative rock)

(248) 335-8100 or http://www.961melt.com WIETMARE PROGE With Macchine and St. Ashley, 9 p.m Friday, May 22, Gold Doller, 3129 Ca Ave., Detroit. Free, denations suggest to The AIDS Foundation, 21 and olde (unstable) (313) 833-8673

to The AIDS Foundation, 21 and older. (variety) (313) 833-6673 RAMPY VOLIN AND THE SONIC BLUES 9 p.m. Wednesday, May 20, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfiel Hills. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday. Saturday, May 22-23, Dominic's, 37030 Jefferson Ave., Mount Clemens. Free. 21 and older. (248) 844-4800/(810) 954-1870 or http://www.rockindaddys.com VUDU SEPPERS.

VUOL HIPPES 8 p.m. Fridey, May 15, 7th House, Seginew, Pontiec. \$6. 18 and olde nepop) (248) 335-8100 or

With Masters of None, 10 p.m. Friday, May 22, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac, Cover charge, 21 and older. (rock) (248) 334-9292 wi, 9:30 p.m. Tu

With Screen, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, May Blind Pig., 206-208 S. First St., Ann Ai \$10 in edvance, 19 and older. (alterna rock) (734) 998-8555 or http://www.98muslc.com SCOTT WIELAND

6 p.m. Thursday, May 21, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$15 in advance. All ages. (bluesy rock) (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com WILD BUNCH
With The Triggers and The High Rollers,
9:30 p.m. Thursday, May 21, Blind Pig,
206-206 S, First St., Ann Arbor, \$4, 19

and older. (quirky rock) (734) 996-8 WITCH DOCTORS 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 15-16, L 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 15-16, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (734)

451-1213 STEVE WOOD AND ROBERT GILLESPH 8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 21, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. ler. (rock) (248) 544-1141

CLUB

BLIND PIG "Swing-abilly" night with dance leason from 89 p.m. and dancing with DJ Del Villarreal, 9 p.m. to close Sundays at t club, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. S before 9 p.m., \$5 afterward; "Solar" night with DJ Eclipse, Punisher, T.C. Wu and Disco D, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 20, at the club. \$5. 19 and older. (734) 996-

CLUTCH CARGO'S/MILL STREET "Flashback" night with "The Planet" WPLI on level two (Clutch Cargo's), old achool funk on level three, and techno and house on level four, 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, at the club, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older; Alternative dance

Cargo's. 18 and older. (248) 333-2362 of http://www.961melt.com INDUSTRY Electronica, Euro and retro, 8:30 p.m. Fridays. Free before 10 p.m. 21 and older; Euro dance, 9 p.m. Saturdays. Free before Euro dance, 9 p.m. Saturdays. Free bot 10 p.m. 21 and older, "Homesick Night," 9 p.m. Tuesdays. Free for those 21 and older before 11 p.m. Cover charge for those 18-20, all at the club, 19 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 334-1999 or http://www.961melt.com JD'S MACONIE THEATRE

veround" night with dance music by DJ Mike Scroggs and a Corky's Swimwer Fashion Show, and DJ Charles English in the Iguana Lounge, 9 p.m. Thursday, 14; Dance music with DJ Dan of Life Productions in the Iguana Lounge, 9 p.m. Fridays; Swing nights, 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the main room, and a "music jam" with Ernie Douglas "The p.m. Wednesdays, all at the theater, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (810) 465-5154

MAGIC BAG

Jeremy Guerin and Cold Crush Rus, and guest DJ Randall of Motor City Macs, 9 guest DJ Randall of Motor City Macs, 9 p.m. Sunday, May 17, at the club, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Free before 10 p.m., \$5 afterward, 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 o http://www.themagicbag.com

"World Wednesdays" featuring DJs Urban Kris and Culture spin world music, 9 p.i Wednesdays; at the club, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. (313) 396-0080 or

"Men 4 Men" New York-style dance party with DJ St. Andy spinning high-energy, pro-gressive house, 10 p.m. Fridays; "Alternative Life" withy progressive and deep house with DJs Cecil Gibbs and St. Andy 10 n.m. Saturdays: "Tea Dance. with high energy and top 40 dance on thoutside patio with DJ Cecil Gibbs, 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. Sundays, at the club, 2575 Michigan Ave., in Detroit's Corktown area. charge. 21 and older. (313) 964

ST. ANDREW'S/THE SHELTER
"Three Floors of Fun" with hip-hop and rap
in St. Andrew's Hall, alternative music in
The Shelter with Dis Dianna and Quig, and
techno and dance in the Burns Room, 10" p.m. Fridays. \$3 before 11 p.m., \$5 after-Family Funktion in the Shelter, live broad cast from The Edge 105.1 in St. Andrew cast from the tage 105.1 in St. Andrews and "Go Sound!" with live bands in the Burns Room, 10 p.m. Saturdays; "incinerator," 9 p.m. Wednesdays in The Shelter 86. 21 and older. St. Andrew's and The Shelter are at 431 E. Congress, http://www.961melt.com

"Club X," with 89X CIMX, 9 p.m. Saturdays at the theater, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (313) 961-5451

'Elixir of Love' intoxicating mixture of singing, acting

Michigan Opera Theatre pre-sents "The Elixir of Love" by Gae-tano Donizetti 8 p.m. Friday & Saturday, May 15-16; 2 p.m. Sunday, May 17 at Detroit Opera House, (at the corner of Madison Avenue and Broadway, one block east of Woodward Avenue), Detroit Tickets \$18-\$95, cal, (313) 874-7464, or (248) 645-(313) 874-7464, or (248) 645-

By MARY JANE DOERR SPECIAL WRITER

Michigan Opera Theatre has come up with the right concoc-tion in "The Elixir of Love." It is an intoxicating mixture of grand singing pouring out from the hearts of the great actors. Mario

Corradi's comedic directing style, and the spirited handling of the orchestra by Steven Mercurio. Perhaps Mercurio is still revved up from his recent "Batman" CD that brings so much life to

On stage, the scene is a delightful Japanese made set of revolving stucco buildings with rippled-tiled red-roofs that form an Italian village, the farm of a rich young carefree Adina. In a story-telling style, director Corradi stylishly introduces his characters using the scrim and characters using the scrim and lighting effects during composer Donizetti's tuneful overture.

The story opens as the love-sick farm boy, Nemorino, lyrical-

ly sung by an MOT favorite, tenor Vinson Cole, declares his love for Adina. Detroiter Janet Williams is the capricious Adina. Twelve years ago she first caught MOT General Director David DiChiera's eye at the Detroit Metropolitan Opera auditions, and she has been cap-tivating international attention ever since.

ever since.
Saturday evening she returned again, taking leave from her Berlin Opera position, to give a touching performance, singing a warm "Prendi, per me sei libero" that left no doubt as to why she is capturing so many hearts.

The love triangle is rounded out with bass-baritone Richard

Bernstein's humorous portrayal of the conceited army Sergeant Belcore. The range is perhaps a little high for this fabulous voice, but Bernstein maintains a perfect smirk on his face and the right punchy style in his "Come Paride vezzoso" as he tries to win the heart of the whimsical town beauty, Adina.

Adina has read the Celtic tale

beauty, Adina.

Adina has read the Celtic tale of Queen Isolde's love potion to the illiterate villagers. So, when the town peddler arrives, the quack Doctor Dulcamara, local yokel Nemorino wants to buy his love potion so Adina will fall in love with him. In what seems like the return of last season's highly successful "Marriage of

Figaro" cast (Bernstein, Williams, and Hammons), here the charmingly funny Thomas Hammons is the quack. With his clown-styled hair, and bright costuming, the adept actor Ham-mons has the antics and the bel canto voice to sell his cure-all-

This 1832 version of "Love Potion No. 9" is really Dulcama-ra's Love Potion Bordeaux Wine. Taken in double doses, it makes Nemorino stand offish which sparks Adina's romantic interest. What really sparks the village girls' romantic interest is Giannetta's (Samia Bahu) news that Nemorino's rich uncle has died

From the moment he opens the opera, Cole's pleasant Nemorino has the audience's sympathy. His Pavarotti hit tune furtiva lagrima" was sung with impassioned tenderness that hushed the audience. His lovable Nemorino deserves Adina's affections especially with Cole's melodic blending with Williams in "Chiedi all'aura lusinghiera."

These artists capture Donizetti's musical style in a lively manner, and the many beautiful duets and ensembles make this show a panacea for common ills. The entire production is a love tonic that is certainly no placebo.

Dreams from page E1

Nash, and the Beach Boys, didn't necessarily equal a big budget.

We had no budget to work with. As a result the album isn't like a major, major studio production. I believe it's good enough. It's gotten me that great review and gotten Dick Clark Productions behind me, which is saying a lot in itself," he

Scott is talking with Dick Clark Productions about appearing on its "Prime Time Country" show on TNN in July. He is also hoping to perform on "Austin City Limits" as well as Willie Nelson's fall festival Farm Aid.

Shades of insecurity come out as Scott describes why it's this collection of music that has garnered attention for him.

I do think it was Bill alone but there is so much merit to the songs. I write all my songs. If I gat down to try and write a song, I couldn't write a song to save my life. They have written themselves. I consider them gifts from God," he said.

Something you may have said a half hour ago may have sparked something in my heart or soul. That's what's finally come across in the music. They're not fabricated songs. It's about the power of dreams, faith

All the money in the world can't make a dream come true. You have to have passion and drive to follow these things through."

Surfer boy

Music wasn't the first calling for Scott, born Gregory S. Koenig, Nov. 4, 1965, in Dearborn. Having grown up in Hawaii, he preferred surfing until his seventh grade teacher

piqued his interest in music.
"It was funny. I was learning rock 'n' roll and Elvis songs and boogie woogie stuff on a ukulele," he said with a laugh.

He soon left paradise behind when he and his family moved to Redford in 1981 for financial rea-

"It's very expensive to live there. My mother wanted a better life for us. It's great to be a beach bum, but the island has only an 80-mile radius. Unless were a doctor or something great, it's hard to survive there

Scott soon found success in his home state. In 1983 he and his friends won first place at Redford Union High School's talent show with three songs Scott had

Following his graduation the same year, Scott did a short stint in college with aspirations of becoming a chef. Instead he went

to recording school and has run his own studio for 10 years.

Since then, he's played "in just about every club in Detroit." His list includes the metal club Harpo's on the east side of Detroit with his band Signs of Life, which also featured Patrick Leonard of Livonia and Jeff White of Redford. Scott is at a loss for words to describe Signs of Life's music.

"I didn't know what we were called. I've always been writing my songs from the heart and just playing for the audience with all my intensity and passion that I could," Scott explained.

He added that his music now

is still hard to categorize.

'I'm real surprised that the country people have embraced this record. I think the cross between rock and country have merged so much that I hope the time of my success is right."

Scott is already making plans to return to the studio in the winter or spring to follow-up "Dreams and Reality." This time. he's hoping that trip will be financed by a major label.

"It's been a long road just to get to step A here. The work hasn't begun yet. I'm thrilled and excited and I hope the fans are just as excited about my music as I am.

player anymore."

At a special event called "We Still Believe" at Media Play in Utica on Saturday, May 23, Newman is going to encourage support for the fallen Wings.

Singer from page E1

"It's not just a mini-concert and a fund-raiser. We're also going to have a giant get well card for Vladdie and Sergei that people are going to be able to sign and put their best wishes she explained.

on," she explained.
"I'm trying to get my friends from Fox Sports to come out and put together a great little video for them with people giving their well wishes and little bits of the oncert. Hopefully they can edit it and make copies and get it to

"Moment in the Wind." produced by Tim Mitchell and Bob Stewart, was partially inspired by her stint as Bob Seger's background singer on his 1996 "It's a Mystery" tour.

From a business standpoint, there I was on a major artist's tour playing with level A players like Tim Mitchell and Bob Stewart. From a personal standpoint I had just finished a tour and I was ready to take the next step

Early in her career, she dabbled in country music. But being on tour with Mitchell opened the Southfield resident up to other

I listened to a lot of things that tripped my trigger. Sometimes I didn't know if it was going to work until I got in the

"Moment in the Wind" carries a pop feel. Newman shows her ility to belt out a rock tune on "Innocent Man" while expressing pain on the cover of the Roy Orbison and Nazareth hit "Love Hurts." Newman's wide-ranging vocals are showcased in "Tears in the Rain," co-written by Stewart and Birmingham's Randy

With its guitars in the style of

R.E.M.'s "This One Goes Out to the One I Love," "Bring it Back

Alive" could fit into multiple radio formats. Radio could also embrace the dramatic "Destination. To record "Moment in the

Wind," she "coughed up the cash for this and I called in a lot of favors," she said with a laugh. Billy Payne of Little Feat stopped by and played keyboards the heartbreaking ballad 'Independence Day" and "Love Hurts." Kevin Chown of Tiles offered bass lines for the album. Benny Rappa, who played drums for Ted Nugent, also appears on the album.

Newman's earliest stage was her home, and her audience was her friends and family. At Rochester High School she crisscrossed the social lines as a cheerleader and spring board

"I'd always ended up singing on the bus to away games," she

Her junior year of high school, her father was transferred and moved the family to Grand Blanc, something that didn't sit right with Newman.

'I was pretty mad at my dad because he moved us from Rochester to Grand Blanc."

For Newman, it turned out to be a blessing in disguise.

"Grand Blanc had an incredible music program. Doug Schaffer, what a nice guy. He influenced my career path.

Newman began her career singing National Anthems when her husband, Freddy Cohen, was hired as the official stylist of a tennis tournament at Cobo Arena in late 1980s.

Detroit Pistons and the Detroit

From there, she sang for the

recently went to my first Lions

game. It was so great," she said.
The Detroit Red Wings asked her to sing the anthem seven years ago and five years ago the organization signed her to-an exclusive contract.

"I was honored and still am to this day. At the end of the season, I still wait for the phone to ring and hope that they want me back. I'll do it for as long as they want me and I'm around to do it," said Newman, whose vocals have been featured in commercials for Ford Motor Co.

Newman's next challenge, like many local performers, is to hear her music on Detroit radio.

The Fan (WDFN) and WJR are two of my biggest supporters, ironically. That's not even their format. WNIC and Q95 (WKQI) gave me a lot of time when the CD came out, but that's about it." she said.

Newman explained that when she asks radio stations how she can get her material on the air. they tell her there's nothing they

"It comes to us formatted." he recalled one station telling her.

A few record labels, however, are interested. But for now, Newman plans to stay in the Detroit

"I've had some nice response nothing I'd pack up a U-Haul and move to Los Angeles for, said Newman, who added that she recently found a "great entertainment lawyer.

In the "far, far" future, Newman said she may expand her talents into acting.

"I'll tell you, I'm one of those singers who say, 'Somewhere down the road I want to act.' I have very little experience in it but as a performer you have that 'I never sang for the Lions. I bug in you anyway.'

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looking forward to coming back," he said.

Emily Erwin of Dixie Chicks has also anticipated a return to Detroit. Resting at home in Texas before heading on a 45day tour, Erwin said that her sister, Martie Seidel, and Natalie Maines, have had fun here in the past.

They visited the Detroit area last summer for a show at Diamonds and Spurs in Pontiac at Halloween for a W4 performance and at Christmas to play for WYCD-FM fans. The shows went great. From

the sales numbers, we're selling a lot in that area. The airplay followed up with some touring has helped a lot."

To show their thanks, the Dixie Chicks agreed to return for the Hoedown.

"It's a follow-up to a radio tour that we did. When we went out in the fall - we called it our "conference room tour" where we visit the stations and play acoustically to let them know who we are before the album comes out," she said.

"They would ask us if we want to come out. It helps us et in front of their audience. get in iront of like you scratch our back, we'll scratch yours.

Released on Jan. 27, the Dixie Chicks' major-label debut "Wide Open Spaces" soared up the Billboard album charts landing at No. 17 its first week. Besides looking good, the threesome are

accomplished musicians. Seidel and Erwin played the fiddle, dobro, mandolin and banjo parts for the disc while Maines, the daughter of steel guitarist Lloyd Maines, provided the vocals.

"We're very happy with how it turned out. You never know how other people are going to respond to it. We were proud going into the release. We took a lot of time to get it the way we wanted it to be. The fact that other people are reacting to it is even more incredible.

With a line-up that also includes Pam Tillis, Lorrie Morgan, Sammy Kershaw and Mark Chesnutt, this year's Hoedown has been dubbed "the biggest ever.

"I really think that myself," said Mike Watts of Watts UP Inc. in Plymouth, which is publicizing the event.

"Lorrie Morgan, she's a major star. Sammy Kershaw is very hot. Neal McCoy is wonderful. Daryle Singletary and Pam Tillis are crowd favorites. The hottest new act right now is the Dixie Chicks. You can't get any more diversity and any more for your money then this show. And the neat part is that it's free."

The Hoedown, also sponsored by Farmer Jack, is celebrating its 16th anniversary this year. Funds raised from the event will benefit the Detroit Recre-

ation Department's programs for city youth, which provide assistance and support to thou-

sands of Detroit-area children. But primarily it's all about

"Gosh darn, we're just gonna have fun. We just love having a good time. People in Michigan are so nice to us, period," Singletary said.



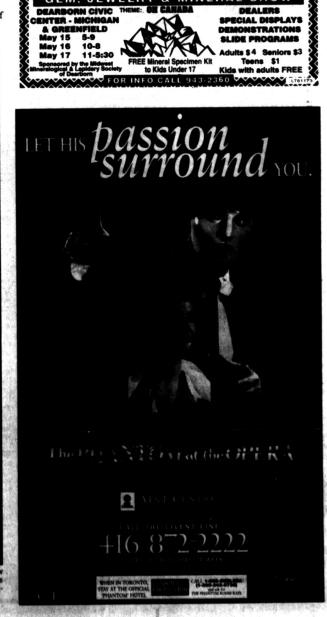
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