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Wunderkind: A Clarkston High School senior scores exceptionally high on a nationwide physics exam. / A11

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Kings of the mats: Clark ston's AJ Grant, Ryan L'Amoreaux and Pat DeGain all won individual state titles and led a quintet of Wildcats to berths on the Eccentric. All-North Oakland wrestling team. / **B1**

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he Library of Congress in Wash-The Library of Couge ese at into ington, D.C., has moved well into the information age. It has 44 collections and one million items available on the Internet for research, or just for fun. Its website, http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/ammem home.html, is easy to use and

home.html, is easy to use and extremely interesting. In honor of April Fools Day, here are a few quick stories from the Library of Congress collection titled "Today in History." The collection has interesting facts for any day of

the year. We all know that children love April Fools Day, and it seems that this has been true for a long time.

now Apple residents: Close our road

About 60 Snow Apple Drive residents turned out for a meeting with State Senator Mat Dunaskiss Tuesday to seek solutions to an ongoing problem of cut-through traffic. Residents suggested closing the road.

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA

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"We are being put in a position of all of the traffic being diverted to us," she said. "We've had enough. It needs to be closed? Michelle Krug has had enough of cut

Krug's comments at Tuesday night's through traffic blocking her residential street, Snow Apple Drive. Town Hall meeting regarding traffic on Snow Apple Drive and Almond Lane

mirrored the sentiments of her neigh-bors. According to a petition, 86 percent of the residents wish to have Snow Apple Drive closed at Clarkston Road. The drive runs north-south and is

considered a cut-through for motorists between Clarkston and Waldon roads, despite signs that read "No Thru Traf-fic" and efforts of local police. About 60 residents attended the

meeting organized by State Senator., Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion, Also in attendance were Independence Town-

ship. Supervisor Dale Stuart; Lt. Dale LaBair of the Independence Township substation for the Oakland County Sheriff's Department; Kurt Shanks, president of the Clarkston Schools Board of Education; and Lee Liston and Gerald Holmberg from the Road Commission for Oakland County.

The meeting, held in the Community Room at Independence Township Library, was an effort to find a suitable solution to the problem of cut-through Please see SNOW APPLE, A6



Bubbles everywhere: Louie Zednik has fun making bubbles at Lewis E. Wint Nature Center.



Sudsy science Kids experiment with 'bubbleology'

magine a group of 6- to 8-year-old youngsters spending a few hours with water, soap suds and recycled materials found at home. Now imagine them making all sizes and shapes of bubbles based on scientific principles they've just learned about, and

you've imagined the fun afternoon these kids had at Bubbleology for Eco-

"They had fun with the bubble solution while experimenting with scientific processes. They can do amazing things in unpredictable shapes such as tetrahedrons (four-sided shapes)," she said.-Conover also taught her class some different ways creatures in

nature use bubbles. They learned about the spittlebug, for example. It exudes a frothy-like material

Children throughout history have always loved to play pranks on their teachers. In 1848, recalled Dr. Samuel Latham in his narrative which is a part of the "American Life Histories" collection, April 1 "was dreaded by most rural teachers. The pupils would get inside and bar the teacher out. The teacher, who didn't act on the principle that discretion is the better part of valor, generally got the worst of it." One of his teachers, though, realized there was a better Mr. Douglass soon learned way. this, and, on April Fools Day, he would walk to the school, perceive the situation, laughingly announce there would be no school until the morrow, and leave."

Of course, other children, like Sally Marlow who went to school in South Carolina in the early part of the cen-tury, did not have such success with their jokes. The children in her school stayed outside and hidden until noon on April Fools Day. However, she tells us, "What do you reck-on they done to us for it? Kept us in school so late every evening that week till the moon would be shining bright enough to show us the road home.



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Unusual bubble blower: Chelsea Hundzinski tries to catch a bubble she made by blowing through a piece of a pop bottle.

urđay, Lynn Conover is an assistant naturalist at Lewis E. Wint Nature Center, Independence Oaks County Park She said the children made a lot of "really, very neat" bubbles in sophisticated, geometric shapes using such

things as pipe clean-

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ers and straws.



Hot alr: Quinn Debrowski attempts to blow a bubble.

then lays its eggs inside this bubble. The bubble gives protection to its young. "We also talked about the diving beetle. It creates a bubble of air which it uses the same way a scuba diver uses a tank of air to go under the water," she explained.

from its abdomen,

STAFF PHOTOS BY STEVE CANTRELL

Cafe owners support NATO action

BY SUSAN TAUBER STAFF WRITER

Pete and Anne Berishaj may be more concerned than most Clark-ston residents about what's hap-

pening to the Albanians in Yugoslavia. The owners of Olde Village Cafe in downtown Clarkston are of Albanian heritage, although both were raised in the United States

after being born overseas. •When they weren't assisting cus tomers Tuesday, they were glued to one of two televisions in their restaurant. Both sets were tuned

to a national news station. Later, Berishaj left to attend a rally in Detroit in support of the U.S. led NATO bombings against the Yugoslavian government and its president, Slobodan Milosevic. The purpose of the ongoing bombings, begun last week, is to weaken Milosevic's Serbian gov ernment and defense systems in order to convince him to stop the order to convince min to stop inte violence against Kosovar Albani-ana and accept a peace plan. Koso-var is a predominantly ethic Alba-nian province of Serbia. Yugoslavia is made up of the republics of Serbia and Montene-

"Just because he accepts a peace Just because he accepts a peace plan, what will stop Milosevic from starting to kill the Albanians again? He can't, be trusted," Berishaj said.

Berishaj said. Shaking his head, he said he's very concerned about what's hap-pening in his former country. "Milosevic has been killing.

Albanians for 10 years. What right does he have? There have always been Albanians living in Yugoslavia, even before the Serbs arrived there hundreds of years

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The Observer & Eccentric/ THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 1999

Housing plan wins concept approval

BY CAROLYN WALKER SPECIAL WRITER

After years of talk and sev eral planning incarnations building proposal for 112 single family dwellings on 113 acres at the corner of Dixie Highway and Rattalee Lake Road has received concept approval from the Springfield Township Board of Trustees. "I'm very satisfied," said devel-

oper Barry Stulberg on Friday "We've worked a long time with the township board. It's been a long time coming. They did it very fairly."

According to Springfield Clerk Nancy Strole, who was contacted at her office following Thursday night's special

enter into a consent judgwith ment* developer.Stulberg,

Stulberg sued the township in **Oakland** County Circuit Court

when officials voted to deny rezoning of the property for a mix of multipleand single-family units: While that rezoning request was in place, Stulberg also submitted a request for a planned unit development rezoning, which ties a specific plan to a specific piece of. property

A straight rezoning for multiple and single family residences could have resulted in more than 300 dwellings, Strole said, explaining why the board defeated the first request.

According to the consent judgment, the 112 residences will be built under a PUD rezoning, she said, adding that about six neighbors of the property attended the board meeting. In the past many have expressed concerns about the number of units that would go on the acreage, which is surrounded by low-density housing, light industrial buildings and even some multiple-family dwellings.

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"I think it's safe to say a number of the residents don't want 112 units," Strole said, adding that the board has received written and verbal input from others who are satisfied with the amount.

The consent judgment still has to be entered into court for it to take effect.

"It's a mechanism for both parties to agree to a course of action," Strole said.

As a part of the consent judgment, Stulberg agreed to several stipulations that could benefit the residents of

Springfield, and to a lesser extent those of **Oakland** Countv

They included an agreement to pave a portion of Rattalee Lake Road to the

property's bor-

ler, short of Gibbs Road: the contribution of \$150,000 toward the township's road fund (in lieu of paving to Gibbs because the township wants to protect adjoining oak trees); the placing of three inground water tanks for fire protection; and the contribution of \$15,000 toward a possible stop signal at the corner of Dixie Highway and East Holly Road.

The Road Commission for flashing light, Strole said.

Stulberg must still go through He said he is responsible for developing the lots, which he



Who's that?: Fifth-grader Bethany Dietz makes a face mask at North Sashabaw Ele mentary's Festival of the Arts.

orth Sashabaw Elementary School students left the three R's in their desks Thursday to experience a different type of learning. They spent the entire school day

immersed in various forms of culture. "Every year we have a special day devoted to either art, science or multicultural sessions. This year was our year for art," said Kathy Tibitoski, PTO president

She and PTO secretary Terri Bendes worked together as co-chairs for the day-



Clowning around: Mary Ellen Clark gets into the spirit of the occasion.

Festival of fun Clowning and culture order of day at school

Culture: Gym teacher Nathan Hunter helps North Sashabaw students learn about African-American music.

long Festival of the Arts. They enlisted the help of other PTO members and the entire staff of North Sashabaw to give the children a day they won't soon forget. "We had 22 presenters do 45-minute segments throughout the day. The children were able to pick five workshops they wanted to attend. We even brough the kindergartners in," Tibitoski said. the kindergartners in." Thirtoski säid The workshops included karate, sponge painting, stenciling, clowning, quilting, jazz dance, soap art, mime, cake decorat-ing, tile trivet making, Van Gogh-style self-portrait, pencil drawing, face masks,



STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

origami, rhythm, cartooning, Lovin' Shakespeare and puppeteering. The day culminated with an assembly featuring the Michigan Opera Theater "The idea behind Festival of Arts is to "The idea behind restval of Arts is to introduce youngsters to various forms of culture. We give them a hands on experi-hence "Tibitoski said" "They took home so many things they" made. They even got to take home a pre-corder from that class.

"Our music teacher, Lois Richardson, had everyone playing a song before they left that session."



meeting, the board voted **II 'I'm very satisfied.** unanimously to We've worked a long We've worked a long time with the township board. It's been a long time coming. They did In the past, it very fairly.'

> -Barry Stulberg developer

> > Oakland County will have to determine whether a stop light is needed to replace the existing

the site plan process, submitting more detailed plans and receiv-ing final site plan approval before construction can begin.

then sells to builders He anticipated that develop-ment would begin this summer; with the houses going up late in the year or early next spring.

Premarc ready to expand; residents still not satisfied

By STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER scasola@oe.homecomm.net

A local pipe company's plans to expand were OK'd Thursday by

expand were OK'd Thursday by Independence Township's plan-ning commission, though some residents still voiced concerns. The plans presented Thursday by Premarc Corp, were reworked from their original plans, which were last presented to the com-mission on Sept. 24: On Thurs-day the plans were granted final day, the plans were granted final site-plan approval in a 6-1 vote, with Commissioner Todd Moss opposing it. Moss also opposed ecial land use and conceptual site plan when the issue was addressed last fall.

The expansion will allow Premarc Corp. to begin manufactur-ing products at its approximate-ly 30-acre facility at 4950 White Lake Road near Clement Road. The area is zoned heavy indus-The area is zoned heavy indus-trial but is located near a resi-dential district. The zoning raised concerns for residents like James Harding, who lives near Clement Road. Harding said Premarc is causing "the detrio-ration of everything" "I just built my house three years ago," he said before the commission: "I don't know why the planning board put heavy.

the planning board put heavy industrial next to residential. I don't know. I don't want to move. I'm a little concerned

Township officials and engi-neers said the plan has come a long way. They recognized Premarc's effort to preserve and protect the natural wetland areas that exist in and around the

property. "The site's been greatly improved," said Commissioner Joseph Figa. "We've come a long way

way. Some residents neighboring the facility still said it wasn't far enough. Chairman Steve Board opened the issue to the public, though a public hearing was not olanned

Douglas Burke, a Hillcrest res-ident, said he was opposed to the facility.

POLICE NEWS

The following incidents were, reported to police and fire agen-cies in Springfield and Indepen-dence townships and the city of Clarkston March 25-28.

Springfield police

On March 25, five gemstone rings were reported stolen from a residence on Scott. The value of the rings totaled \$2,500.

On March 25, the window of a vehicle parked on **Big Lake Road** was reported damaged and a wallet, compact discs and car radio were reported stolen.

Independence police

fiscated measuring scales and a substance believed to be mari-

Embezzlement

On March 27, the manager of a gas station on Dixie Highway

a gas station on Dist Highway reported that \$200 was stolen. On March 28, the manager of a restaurant on **Ortonville Road** reported that \$440 was stolen from the safe.

"I'm asking you not to approve any kind of permit for any kind of facility coming from this com-pany," said Burke, "Why do they have to come into Clarkston? We want them out. We want them to donate their property. We need green space.

Burke called the Premarc facility an unnecessary "eyesore" in his community.

"For one thing, we don't feel Premarc has any business in Clarkston," said Burke, "We have two other companies bring-ing the same products Premarc is bringing in. Ever since they have come into our neighbor-have they have hear problems." hood, there have been problems." He cited bright lights, concrete

dust, diesel smell and the loud noises of manufacturing as unresolved issues. "I strongly oppose anything

Premarc," he said

But commissioners said they have looked into residents' con-

As for the noise concerns Board said, "the building depart-ment has gone out to the site 17 times. They have not been able to notice excessive noises, except for one time."

The visits to the site were mostly conducted at night and were done on an arbitrary basis, he said. The new plans also include the 10-foot-high wooden fence meant to lessen the noise coming from the facility. Board said he too was concerned with the reference to bright lights, but added that the building department could require per-

mits to regulate it. To limit truck traffic, Premarc agreed to operate between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. during daylight saving time, and 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. during Eastern Standard Time. Premarc has followed township ordinances and recommend-

ed changes to its plans Commissioner Richard Opp-man called the plan "a step forward" environmentally before he made the motion to grant final site-plan approval.

The driver, a 23-year-old Pon-

a vehicle under the influence of

parked at a construction site on Forest Valley Drive. Accident

1996 Chevrolet traveling on

time of the accident.

Trespassing

found two spen and half-full, cans of beer. Reports showed that the driver had a blood alcohol content of 0.11. tiac man was cited for operating

liquor, disorderly conduct, open Thefts intoxicants in a vehicle and reck-

less driving. The passenger in the vehicle, also a Pontiac man, was cited for disorderly conduct and open intoxicants in a vehicle.

On March 27, a 17-year-old boy and his 16-year-old girlfriend were reportedly found trespassing as their vehicle was

Possession of Marijuana On March 27, a 21-year-old West Bloomfield man was stopped for running a stop sign on Pheasant Run Road. According to reports, police con-fiscated measuring scalae and d

juana

Vandalism On March 27, a lawn on Rattalee Lake Road was reported BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA Staff Writer scasola@oe.homecomm.net

The good news — Indepen-dence Township Fire Depart-ment had its first opportunity to put a brand-new Hummer to

The bad news — it's prime time for grass fires in the Clarkston area.

Two large grass fires broke out Sunday afternoon, keeping fire-fighters busy. Many more are expected in the coming weeks. But the recently purchased. Hummer proved useful in fight-ing those fires, said Chris Nor-berg, engineer with the Independence Township Fire Department

"We used it for the first time,"

he said. "It worked excellent." The Hummer allowed fire fighters to get right onto the burning fields and extinguish the spreading flames, while offering protection. The dry grass and strong winds make March and April particularly busy months when it comes to extinguishing grass fires. It's a combination that makes grass flammable and fire quick to spread. Grass fires are most common in early spring and fall. "The wind was kicking up and

kept changing directions," said Norberg. "This time of year the grass starts drying out." Around noon on Sunday, fire-This time of year the grass starts drying out."

Grass fire season approaches peak

fighters responded to a grass fire in the area of Indianwood and Dartmouth roads. A fire had

started in a gravel pit. "We never did find out how that started," Norberg said. "We never found any evidence (that someone set the fire)."

When he arrived on the scene, the fire had spread to about 200 square feet, but strong winds caused it to spread and eventu-ally encompass one acre of the vacant field. Norberg said it took one hour to put the fire out.

Grass fires require special vehicles. Firefighters use a four-whiel drive vehicle that allows them to travel through the field. Pumper trucks — large fire trucks carrying large amounts of water — are also stationed around the area and near homes to prevent the fire from spreading further.

Pumper trucks were stationed at Cedar Knoll Court, north of where the first grass fire started, No one was injured, and no structural damage occurred

About three hours later, fire-fighters set off to fight another grass fire, this time along Pine

Knob Road and Greenview Drive

"Residents were burning some brush and it got away from them," said Norberg, "The wind pushed it." It took about two hours to con-

trol the fire. Again firefighters used grass fire vehicles and went straight into the burning fields. They used a combination of They used a combination of water and special brooms to sweep the embers away. Some firefighters used portable water tanks which allow the firefight-ers to walk through the fields. Norberg said fighting grass firefighters are dependent of the fields.

fires is just as dangerous as other types of fires, such as house fire "It can be smoky," said Nor-

berg. Brandon Township Fire Department assisted with both incidents

But grass fires are not out of the ordinary. "The problem here is that grass fires for the next few weeks will be real heavy," he said

In Independence Township, burning is allowed only on the first and third Tuesdays, Satur-days and Sundays of the month. Avoid burning on windy days. If a fire does start, call the fire discretistic modicid.

Independence Township Fire Department

-Chris Norberg

a fire does start, call the tire department immediately. A permit is required before residents can burn brush, dry leaves, paper or wood scraps. It is free of charge, lasts for the calendar year, and is available at any of the fire stations in the township. The permit outlines up to can and cannot be burned. what can and cannot be burned, and when burning is acceptable Nothing that gives off black smoke, such as trash or treated wood, may be burned. Individuals who own more than three acres of land may burn on any

day. The burning ordinance is enforced by the fire department, especially when complaints are received. Violating the ordinance will result in a fine of \$75 or more

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(Now we know what he does before the big day.)

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damaged by tire tracks.

On March 28, numerous scratches were reportedly made to a vehicle while parked at a drug store on **Dixie Highway**. Thefts

On March 26, a tire and rim of a vehicle were reported stolen while parked on Parview Drive

On March 26, a rowboat was reported stolen from an Ander-sonville Road location. On March 27, approximately

\$327.91 was reported stolen from a fast-food restaurant on

rrom a rasc-tool restaurant off Dixie Highway. On March 27, a cell phone was reported stolen from a business on Dixie Highway.

on Dixte Highway. Drunken driving On March 26, police stopped a 41-year-old Waterford man who was heading east while driving in the west-bound lane on May-bee Road. Police found the driver to be operating his vehicle, while under the influence of liquor. His blood alcohol content was 0.173 at 8:44 p.m., according to reports. He was arrested and lodged in Oakland County Jail. On March 28, police were dia-patched to a Flemings Lake Road address for threats and harassment. When they reached the intersection of Flemings Lake and Sashabaw roads, they stopped the suspected vehicle. According to reports, police

Waterford woman, who had two passengers. A 19-year-old passenger in the vehicle, from Argentine, Mich., suffered inca-pacitating injuries and was transported to Pontiac.Osteopathic Hospital. According to reports, neither the driver nor the other passenger, a 22-year-old Waterford woman, was visibly injured. The Commerce man was cited

The vehicle that was struck

was driven by a 20-year-old

for failure to yield. He was also arrested for operating a vehicle under the influence of liquor and taken to the Oakland County Jail, reports showed.

Independence fire

Between March 25-28, firefighters responded to 14 calls Among them were six medical calls, one personal-injury accident, two building fires and two grass fires.

On March 28, firefighters and police responded to a call about a field fire near Pine Knob Road. According to police reports, the fire was started by a 34-year-old Clarkston man who was burning scrap wood without a permit.

Clarkston police

Domestic dispute On March 25, police responded to a boyfriend girlfriend dispute

on North Holcomb Road. Both parties were advised by police.

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Muttsy's Mission brings comfort to Alzheimer's patients who know someone," she said.

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY STATE WRITER akingsbury@oe.homecomm.net

Sasha Goldner, 12, of Independence Township is a "Muttsy Missionary,"

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The boy read in the newspaper about a program that provides a cuddly toy dog called Mutty to Alzheimer's patients and sent \$20 of his own money to the program founder.

Later, when a neighbor's Alzheimer's worsened, he and his mother Sally made sure she got a Muttsy of her own, and they watched in amazement as her face changed as she held the

dog. The experience turned the Goldners into "Muttay Mission-aries," determined to help the program grow. Now Sasha's whole school has joined the effort.

The program, Muttsy's Mis-sion, was founded by Fran Maiers of Rochester Hills, who will likely never forget the day she was visiting her mother in a nursing home and noticed the stuffed animal.

Its fur was well worn, flattened by countless strokes from aged hands, strokes of love that

comforted the animal's owner toward the end of her life.

That experience set Maiers on a mission — to put a stuffed dog in the hands of every Alzheimer's patient. It's a labor of love in memory of Maiers' own mother, a former Thumb-area teacher who died of Alzheimer's in 1996.

"I said somehow, someway I'm going to put a Muttsy on the lap of every Alzheimer's patient in the world," Maiers said. "Little did I know there were four million

Maiers recently was at Kingsbury School, where Sasha is a student, pursuing that goal. Students at the private school in Addison Township have fallen in love with Muttsy, a soft, longeared stuffed dog made by the Gund toy company.

Maiers spoke at assemblies at Kingsbury and also was on hand for a bake sale put on by the students to raise money for her mission. Animal-shaped cookies with gobs of sweet icing and cookie cups with their chocolatekiss toppings slightly askew were baked by students and sold at lunchtime to help pay for the started out using her voice to

NO BONES ABOUT IT!

WE HAVE MOVED TO

Muttsys, which Maiers said cost \$25 each to buy and distribute, Maiers sings gospel music and



raise funds. Through word of mouth and good press, her mission has spread and she has given out 700 Muttsy dogs so far, well on the way to her goal of 2,000 by the year 2000. She's established the mission in Myrtle Beach, and describes giving away a dog this way: "I always say it's like fixing my mom a cup of tea. What is amazing is not what I've done, but it's the trans-formation (in the patient)." Alzheimer's disease strikes the brain and causes loss of memory and other mental abilities. Though it attacks few people before age 60, it occurs in about 20 percent of people who live to

Maiers said she's Alzheimer's patients hold the dogs like babies, and one even puts it under his bed every night "so it doesn't bark." One man, whose nursing-home-bound wife had received the dog, told her, "This is the first time she's smiled in the four years she's been here. Maiers said even at their young age, students have some idea what Alzheimer's is about. One student told Maiers, "My grandpa doesn't remember my

mon "It's a disease no one talks about, and then when you do talk about it in a room there's age 85. There is no cure. always a minimum of 30 percent

Muttsy **Missionar**and his mother, Sally, pre-

les: Sasha Goldner, 12, sent neigh-

bor Evelyn Velzy with a Muttsy dog, designed specifically for those afflicted Alzheimer's

seen

Kingsbury students will soon pick an Oxford-area nursing home and distribute dogs bought with the funds the kids raised, It's just a simple little thing I set out to do. God gave me the vision and he's blessed the mis-sion," Maiers said. "It's a grass roots kind of an organization we hope will be a national plan. . . "What is it about the Muttsy? I

"But it's so ugly, no one wants to

The Muttsy dogs were chosen

in part because they can lay flat across a patient's lap and not fall

off, Because they're completely

floppy, they are easy to handle and can be held in one hand by

the tail or leg. They can go wherever the patient goes, and the patient's name is written on the

pad of one soft, brown Muttsy

"Caregivers come and go, but these stay," Maiers said.

The dogs are distributed by Maiers personally. She finds

patients one at a time and likes

to keep the dogs in the communi-

ty where the funds were raised. For that reason, she and some

talk about it.

don't know. I don't have the answer to that. I just know that it works. . . It's just God's simple way of getting a little bit of comfort to these people."

To learn more about Alzheimer's, call the Alzheimer's, A ssociation at (1-800) 272-3900. To make a donation to Muttsy's Mission, send checks to Amie's Inc. (a non-profit organization) at P. O. Box 80784, Rochester Hills, MI 48308-0784, Maiers can also be reached by phone at (248) 340-0618 or e-mail at .temfm@aol.com

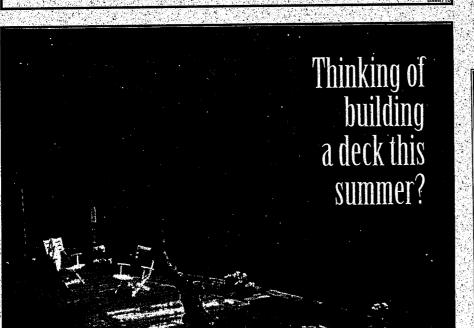


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School district trustee earns merit award

Rick Crigger, a member of the Clarkston Board of Education, recently earned the Award of Merit presented by the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB).

(MASB). The special recognition is school trustees also need to be given by the MASB to board. Infelong learners regarding edu-members who go back to school a cation issues and challenges fac-and invest time in learning to ing public schools today." become better policy makers.

They also spend hours in leadership training Justin King, the MASB director who announced Origger's award, said, "Like students in their districts, locally elected

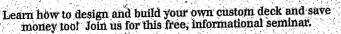
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Easter EVENTS

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and workshops vear-round across the state to serve board members' needs, Although attendance is optional, most sessions are well-attended by state school leaders eager to stay up-to-date on trends, mandates and education technology. Crigger will receive his Award

of Merit April 28 in a cerem at River Rouge High School.

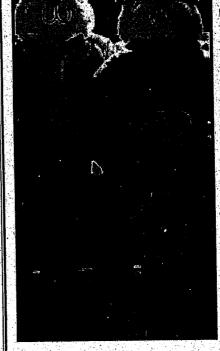


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Emotional cases try county courthouse security measures

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Moments before the jury returned to the courtroom with its verdict against Dr. Jack Kevorkian, eight uniformed sheriff's deputies filed into the courtroom.

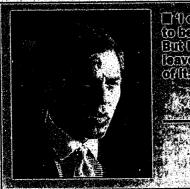
Sidearms holstered; the deputies formed a human wall between the 40 or so people in the audience and the trial participants - Kevorkian, the judge and lawyers for the

defense and prosecution. The uniformed wall made it. impossible for most spectators to see Kevorkian, who was seated, and difficult to see Judge Jessica Cooper who was at the elevated bench.

"It was scary," said one of Kevorkian's associates who did not want to be identified, "Was that really necessary?" lecessary?

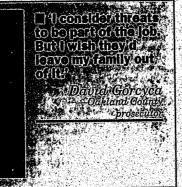
Maybe, said Sheriff's Capt. Michael McCabe, and maybe not. "But that police presence worked, there were no outbursts of any kind."

McCabe is chief of operations for the sheriff's department that provides security for the Oak-



land Circuit Court. Such a police presence — even with uni-formed police cordoning off the judge — is becoming routine, McCabe said, "especially in emo-tional, high profile cases."

Friday, at the conclusion of a week-long trial, Kevorkian was convicted of second degree murder and delivering a controlled substance in the Sept. 17 death of Thomas Youk, 52, who suf-fered from advanced Lou Gebrigs disease. A video of the death in Waterford Township, with Kevorkian stating he was injecting Youk with a lethal drug



was subsequently shown nationally on "60 Minutes," attracting high rating.

Youk's death, and its broadcast nationally, triggered emo-tions among people who held strong feelings on mercy killing, McCabe said.

During a break in the trial for example, members of "Not Dead Yet" surrounded the table at which Kevorkian and his associates were sitting in the cafeteria, he said. There was no physical vio-lence, McCabe said, "but they

made some critical comments to

Kevorkian, who summoned security. Given the strong emotions involved, we thought a strong police presence was appropriate."

Leading up to the trial, the prosecutor's office received an estimated 200 letters, phone calls and e-mail messages. "Some expressed opinions clear-ly and matter-of-factly," said rosecutor David Gorcyca. "Others were venomous."

Some messages were support-ive of Kevorkian, Gorcyca said, while others were critical. I did-n't do an actual count," the prosecutor said, "but I estimate that 60 percent of the messages were from people who didn't want Kevorkian prosecuted."

Perhaps the most emotional letter, Gorcyca said, came from a man in New York City who "accused me of hypocrisy, arro-gance and a lack of humanity for rosecuting Kevorkian." Many of the messages were

insigned, But the letter from New York — which Gorcyca con-sidered to be among the most 'hateful" — was signed, with a return address and phone number attached. The Eccentric left a message

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Kevorkian guilty but debate rages on

BY PAT MURPHY

Dr. Jack Kevorkian

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The trial of Dr. Jack Kevorkian may be over — for now. But the issues underlying the five-day legal battle in Oak-land Circuit Court are far from resolved, both sides agreed after a jury late Friday ended a day and one-half of delibera-tion and found the retired pathologist from West Bloomfield guilty of second degree murder and delivering a controlled substance.

substance. "We are disappointed the jury me are unsappointen the jury mistook an act of compassion for murder," said attorney David Gorosh, who assisted Kevorkian as he acted as his own lawyer. We will explore our options before making any decisions on an appeal.

The jury's verdict was the right i decision, said Oakland County assistant prosecutor John Skrzynski, "because it was based on law, rather than emotion,"

Kevorkian was convicted in the Sept. 17 death of Thomas Youk, of Waterford Township who 52 suffered from and advanced case of Lou Gehrig's disease. A video of

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the death — with Kevorkian nar-rating about how he was injecting Youk with a lethal drug — was sent to OBS Television and subsequently broadcast on

60 Minutes At a press conference following the verdict, Prosecutor David Gorcyca said Kevorkian's conviction was appropriate. "A jury of his peers determined that what Kevorkian did was Please see KEVORKIAN, A7

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3 named to bank board

Clarkston State Bank (CSB), which opened earlier this year, has appointed three Oakland County residents to its board of directors.

The new members, are: Heather M. Coats, owner/manager of Coats Funeral Home in Waterford; Dennis M. Ritter, former Waterford Township official and nurseryman and master gar-dener at Bordine's Nursery, Clarkston; and Kenneth Rogers, deputy county executive; Oak-

land County, Ed Adler, board chairman for Darkston State Bank, Clarkston announced the appointments.

"Since opening in January, we have solidified our financial posi-tion by accumulating \$12 million in assets, a projection we had set for April," said Daye Harrison, CSB president: "These new board members help strengthen our most important asset, peo-

traffic. The control of the road is under the jurisdiction of the Road Commission for Oakland County.

Snow Apple from page A1

Liston, traffic services engi-neer for the commission, called it "a long-standing problem." He conducted a study in 1997 to count traffic and track the license plate numbers of cars that passed down the street. Liston said 60 percent of the traffic was local, not cut-through traf-fic. The commission is working to paye Walters Road in an effort to divert traffic eastward.

"We believe once Walters Road is paved ... most traffic is going to go that way," said Holmberg. To that statement the crowd

erupted in unison, yelling no. "These people have already established their route," said Chris Witherspoon, an Almond Lane resident.

Traffic flow along Snow Apple Drive has increased since the northern tip of Almond Lane was closed last fall, according to residents like Ken Aho, a Snow Apple Drive resident for more than 25 years. Ano spearheaded the effort to limit cut-through traffic on his street. the after-school drag strip," said "I know you're trying to do the Aho. "Each day we pick up trash

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right thing," said Aho. "But there are things happening there that you don't know about.

Holmberg said with the open-ing of Clarkston High School of Flemings Lake Road, there was "no way to keep Almond Lane open," It was an issue of safety, he said.

"We could not destroy the intersection at Flemings Lake and Clarkston (roads), leaving Almond Lane coming into the intersection," he said. But traffic from the high

school, Aho said, constitutes only about one-third of the problem.

Aho conducted a separate traffic study, from June 5, 1998, to March 17; 1999, and estimated that 3,000 cars pass down Snow Apple Drive each day, double the figures given by the commission.

"We on Snow Apple Drive wake up to boom boxes most mornings and go to sleep by them most nights," he said. He named tasks such as get-

ting the mail, taking walks in the subdivision, and cutting the lawn to be "dangerous" due to the speed and volume of traffic. "Snow Apple Drive has becom

consisting of cigarette butts, bev erage cans, fast-food items and paper of all kinds. Snow Apple Drive is also a bypass for the rush-hour traffic on Main Street and Sashabaw Road which includes commercial traffic of all sorts,"

To help alleviate the com-pounding problems, the road commission has placed stop signs along the road and turn prohibitions during school hours.

Police heavily patrol the area. Bob Morse, who has lived on Snow Apple Drive since 1956, said he's proud of the job police are doing, but it's not enough. "The Sheriff's Department is

doing as much as they can, and doing a fine job," said Morse. "But they're spread too thin. One of these days they're going to come down and clean up a mess." LaBair said his officers are down there "every single day." Since the high school opened last fall, police have issued 112 cita-tions for speeding and illegal turns at the intersection of Snow Apple Drive and Clarkston Road.

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"For a limited area, that's a tremendous amount of citations," said LaBair. "The problem won't go away." During the meeting possible

solutions were discussed, such as installing speed humps, changing the restricted hours for turns and installing a collapsible barrier to close the

LaBair said he was concerned about the idea to close the road, for safety reasons. While it might keep cut-through traffic out, it would also make it more difficult for emergency vehicles to get through, he said. Aho said he still supports clo

sure of the road, and would like it done immediately. Holmberg said he will compile information on how closing the road would affect residents. He will also notify them of a public hearing to further discuss the

issue

Cut-thru May

short-term solutions Dunaskiss called it "a community problem.

'I think we've heard some solutions here," he said. "I think it's been very, very positive.'

Berishaj doesn't trust the Yugoslav president. "He's an evil man who rules everything, from the media to the hospitals, in his country. Whatever we see coming from the Yugoslav news stations is the Yugoslav, news stations is propaganda. He has complete control. People here don't under-stand how that can be."

Berishaj certainly is willing to talk about where he stands on the issue of the Albanians and the Serbs in Yugoslavia.

He said just the other day he and a few 5others — one man a Serb – were sitting at a table in

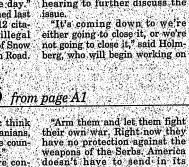
Serb – were sitting at a table in his cafe talking politics. "You'd never see anything like that in Yugoslavia," he said. "It was really something."

ago. Why does Milosevic think he can get rid of the Albanians, who are a majority in the coun-try? He's a world criminal." The Berishajs also are concerned about mass migration of Albanians from Kosovo. "What will happen to them?" he asked. "What will happen to these republics that already have such a strain on their resources?" The restaurant owner said customers frequently ask why the Albanians don't rise up against the Serbs. 'Americans don't understand. When you've been oppressed all your life, it's not that simple." He thinks one answer to the genocide horror is for the U.S. to help arm the Albanian liberation. army in Kosovo





said Berishaj. Even once that happens;



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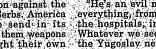
bombings) until Serbia's leaders accept peace or we have seriously damaged his (Milosevic's)

weapons of the Serbs. America doesn't have to send in its armies; just give them weapons and let them fight their own He strongly supports NATO's bombing attacks and agrees with President Bill Clinton's state-ment that "we will continue (the



"Arm them and let them fight their own war, Right now they have no protection against the







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Land-use workshop to address problem of urban sprawl

With Michigan greatest resources - lakes, forests, wildlife and clean air at stake — the absence of land use planning is the state's most serious environmental problem, according to a task force appointed by Gov. John Engler.

Oakland Community College and several state environmental organizations are teaming up to educate environmental groups and citizens concerned about land use on the positive effects of curbing urban sprawl in a Land Use Workshop, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Satur-day, April 10, at OCC's Royal Oak Campus.

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Community development corporations, environmental organizations and municipal officials will explore how they can work together to implement smart growth locally; and inte-grate it statewide. The aim is to establish statewide growth management policy that does not diminish the authority of local governments.

Among the workshop topics will be so-called "smart-growth policies" that create communities with homes, shopping and work clustered around a down-town area, much like Royal Oak and Birmingham. This kind of community is more walkable, uses fewer resources, causes less pollution and traffic, and preserves green space, some believe.

The Land Use workshop is

presented by the East Michigan Environmental Action Council, the Michigan Environmental Council, the Michigan Land Use Institute, and the Environmental Solutions Center at the Royal Oak Campus of Oakland Community College For more information, contact the Michigan Environmental Council at (517) 487-9539.

OCC offers an associate degree program in Environmental System Technology. For information on Oakland Community College's Envi-ronmental Solutions Center and the Environmental Systems Tech-nology program, call (248) 544-5574.

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murder," he said, "But it will not resolve questions about mercy killing or assisted suicide

Prosecutors asked Judge Jessica R. Cooper to revoke bond and order Kevorkian jailed to await sentencing. Assistant prosecutor Dan Lemisch described Kevorkian as "dangerous," and noted that he was out on bond when he helped Youk die.

Cooper continued bond only after Kevorkian promised to refrain from illegal conduct. "No assisted suicides, no injec-tions, no anything," the judge said. "You know the consequences if you do," she said. "I give my word," replied

Kevorkian. It was Kevorkian's action in that video that led to his prosecution, Gorcyca reminded a bevy of reporters. "In that tape, Kevorkian dared us to file charges," the prosecutor

said. "We didn't go hunting for Kevorkian," said Gorcyca. This was an appropriate and legiti-mate prosecution, he said, "not a political persecution."

on his voice mail. But he hadn't returned the calls as of Wednesday.

Most of the message, including the hate ful, the prosecutor said he considered expressions of opinion. "There were no grounds for criminal action," he said, "all we can do is save them and keep them on file.

Threatening letters, however, are a different matter, Gorcyca said. "But most of those were unsigned, although I've turned a few of them over to the sheriff's detectives.

Perhaps the most disturbing message was threatening phone call to the Gorcyca home in Troy, despite his having an unlisted number. The caller, Gorcyca said,

Post verdict press conference: Attorney David

handed down March 26.

Gorosh, who assisted Kevorkian during the trial,

faces the microphones after the guilty verdict was

"Nobody wins when one person ; said of Kevorkian. "He made dies, and another pays with them with extreme sincerity,

knew the names of his 3-year-old twins. "I didn't answer the letter from New" York," Gorcyca said, "I didn't want to dig-nify it with a response. But the phone call got to me. I consider threats to be part of the job. But I wish they'd leave my family out of it."

Nobody wins when one person dies, and another pays with his freedom.'

David Gorcyca Dakland County prosecutor

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but there's no way of assessing

the impact (of Kevorkian

One of the jurors, however,

told reporters Kevorkian's con-

duct in court was detrimental. "I was insulted," the juror said

arguing his own case)."

in a press conference. Another person who thought Kevorkian trid made a mis-take was his former lawyer, Geoffrey Fieger. "I love him dearly," Fieger said in a radio interview. But he made a mistake (by representing him-self), and he hurt his own cause,

When reminded of Kevorkian's pledge that, if sentenced to prison, he would starve himself to death, assistant prosecutor Skrzynski said he didn't want that to happen. "But Kevorkian is a strongwilled person, and he's free to make his own decisions."

One thing is certain, Skrzynski continued, "He (Kevorkian) is going to prison. They don't hold many press conferences from prison, and in that sense he has silenced himself."

tol. Gorcyca said he applied for and received permit to carry a concealed weapon last July. "But I never really envisioned carrying a pistol, so I kept it (the .38) in a drawer at home.

"But now I carry it all the time, and I'm a pretty good shot," he said. His wife, Carol, is also "comfortable"

around weapons, Gorcyca said. He declined to elaborate except for one detail. "She's a pretty good shot," he said. "She grew up with guns."

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Science Day for Kids coming to OCC May 15

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Oakland Community College's:, further information call (248) ninth annual Science Day for Kids will be held 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, May 15, at the High-land Lakes Campus. Admission is \$12 for adults and children. Lunch is available for an additional \$3.

Designed to spark curiosity in children ages 6-13, this unique program demonstrates how sci-ence is part of our daily life in an amusing and instructive man-"

The day begins with "Mr. Wiz-ard's Science Program," followed by a selection of more than 40 fascinating workshops from Topics include: "Dissecting Frogs," "Bug Wars," "Hot Air Ballooning," "Slimy Slime," "Michigan Bats," and more The closing program will feature Mr. Zemo and "The Science of Spinning," Each child will receive a free yo-yo to take home.

Space is limited, and early registration is encouraged. For

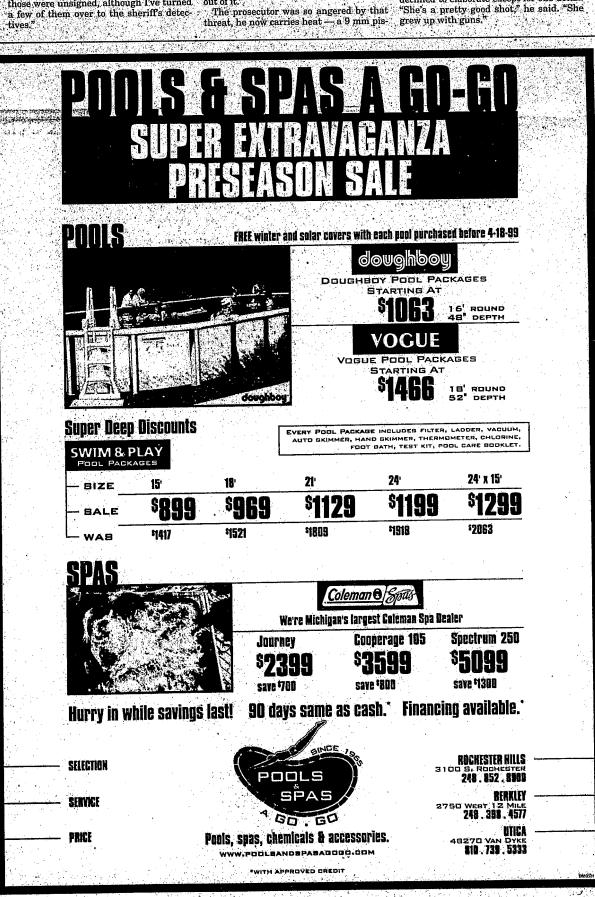
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Neither side addressed the effectiveness of Kevorkian's acting as his own defense attorney. "He made some bril-Even so, Gorcyca said, the verdict was not a victory. liant points in his closing statement," attorney Gorosh Security from page A5

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Volunteer recognition Chamber accepts nominations for honors

ou've probably heard of the 20/80 rule: Twenty percent of the people in any community organization do 80 percent of the work.

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Our guess' is that there's another rule: Only a fraction of that 20 percent ever get recognized for their efforts.

We'd like to help change that second rule by promoting the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce's Community Awards program.

The annual program recognizes unsung heroes for their volunteer efforts. Each year, the chamber strives to honor unassuming Clarkston-area residents and business people who quietly make a difference.

For example, one year the chamber presented the Citizen of the Year award to a retired couple for picking up day-old bread from the grocery store everyday and delivering it to Clarkston Lighthouse for distribution to needy families

However, the chamber needs help in finding individuals like the retired couple to honor. Since unsung heroes don't call attention to themselves, the chamber can't know about them unless someone nominates them. We urge readers to consider the following award categories and think of people they know who deserve recognition. The nomination deadline is April 30. Simply send your. name and phone number, the person you'd.

like to nominate, the category and why he or she is deserving of the award to: Michigan Week Community Awards c/o Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, 5850 Lorac, Suite C Clarkston MI. Or, entries can be faxed to (248) 625-8041.

This year's breakfast will be held at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 19, in Deer Lake Athletic Club.

The categories are: Citizen of the Year — An individual who has given of his or her time, energy and

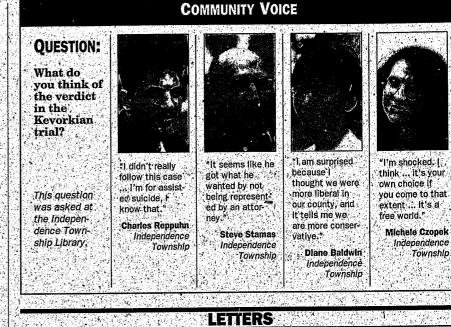
talents to improve the community. ■ Young Person of the Year — Young

person (18 and younger) who has given of his or her time, energy and talents to improve the community

Adult-Youth Volunteer — Individual who has given of his or her time, energy and talents in a volunteer capacity to help area oung people. This award seeks to recognize individuals who provide ongoing volunteer efforts for youth in the community.

Business Person of the Year - Local business person who has contributed to the. community making this a better place in which to live and do business.

Community Preservation --- Individual, group or business that has made a significant contribution towards the preservation of the community.



Organizers of youth. meeting deserve praise

ometimes a group of people get so caught Sometimes a group of people get so caught bup in the process of an event that they for-get to fully acknowledge those who have made it possible. Such was the case with the Town Hall meeting which took place at the CCA March 20. In the excitement of seeing 70 energetic and eager Clarkston teens fully engaged in animated dialog with 70 adults who were not quite sure what to expect, but, were willing to take a chance, we forgot to announce who had "greased the wheels" for all of this to happen.

Liz Jamieson and Karen Weaver, coalition members since the group's beginning, and active committee co-chairs for the past 12 months, were the servant leaders who accept ed the challenge of taking the "Youth Focus Project" into its second phase - which came to be known as P.A.R.T.Y. (People Are Relat-ing To You) or the third Annual Clarkston Community Town Hall Meeting

Like suburban pioneers exploring new territory, this youth-empowering duo formed the. backbone of a non-traditional planning committee which seemed at times to have a cast of thousands. Their willingness to be adaptable, cheerful despite lost sleep and wages, crutches, and sometimes physical pain, yet faithful in'every detail, has caused us to create an entirely new award category — "Outstanding Asset-Building in Uncharted Waters."

Supporting them in this adventure were several others who also sacrificed varying amounts of sleep and leisure time during an intense six weeks of committee work — David Bihl, who became the Pied Piper of P.A.R.T.Y. Kelly Kanigowski, CHS student assistance coordinator; Charlene Hernandez; Al and Charlotte Schaffer; Dee Syms,; Diane St. Peter, Cindy Dixon and Dennis Kaszeta.

> + Clarkston Community Task Force for Youth

Township should listen to citizens, not outsiders

am writing to you regarding the zoning. issues of M-15 in Independence Township. I moved my family to Clarkston three years ago lential commu ity th did not have strip malls, hotels, or fast-food restaurants mixed in with subdivisions. We settled in along M-15 primarily because it was all residential housing. As a concerned citizen, I fully expect our , local government officials to adhere to the "Vision 2020" plan that was reviewed and approved a few years ago. Furthermore, I cannot believe Independence Township would approve commercial development along M-15 near a newly constructed elementary school. Independence Township needs to listen and respond to the interests of the citizens of its

community and not corporate outsiders.

Dan Cook Independence Township

Thank you, auction donors

he Clarkston Area Optimist Club's 11th he Clarkston Area optimist care Annual Dinner Dance/Auction is over, and it was another enjoyable evening for all who attended. Our club would like to once again thank each

of the contributors to our auction, for without your donation, we would not have been able to raise the funds that we did to help support the youth of our community.

Your support has insured the continuation of the programs we already have in place and the opportunity to initiate new ones as the ideas and needs arise. The funds raised will also allow us to continue to offer financial assistance to groups involved in the young people of our community as well as to continue to increase our scholarship program in the

years to come. You "Put Your Heart into It" and we appreciate it. We hope that we will be able to count on you for your continued support in future years. The youth of Clarkston are worth it.

> Don Brose, President Kristen Anderson, Chairperson

Good job, parks director

n today's world, it's not often that we see public servants acknowledged for their dedication and service towards a community.

Webster defines a "public servant" as "someone devoted to a cause." The Independence Township Director of Parks & Recreation is a prime example of a public servant. If you haven't already discovered, our Parks & Recreation Department is and will continue to be one of our community's greatest assets. The necessity of developing future programs and parks cannot be overlooked.

The next time you see parks director Ann Conklin, simply say, "Well done, keep plan-ning ahead, our Parks & Recreation Depart-ment is important!" Your children will thank you someday for acknowledging and supporting Ann's service to our community.

I would also like to commend her staff and township planner Dick Carlisle for a job well done and look forward to their future progress.

State botched school takeover



oy. John Engler and the Michigan Legislature performed one of the most botched operations in modern history with the takeover of the Detroit school system.

The House of Representatives had an excuse – 64 greenhorns and the rest, with no more than four years experience. The Senate had half an excuse – it was taken by surprise. But Engler owes the people an elaborate explanation of promises not made and not kept.

Start with the 1998 campaign when candidate Engler floated a cockamamie idea about parents taking over Detroit schools. Detroit has many dysfunctional families, and parents were in no position to take over anything.

Then without warning, Engler in his State of the State address came up with the idea of mayors (plural) taking over their school dis-tricts: He quickly dropped Grand Rapids and Lansing from the equation, leaving only Detroit

Why involve the mayor of Detroit? Sen Burton Leland, D-Detroit, put it succinctly: "We wish him well, but putting my mayor in charge is sort of like putting a lifeguard in charge who can't swim. I read recently we gave back \$18,5 million to the feds because money wasn't spent on the homeless; \$6.5 million went back because it wasn't spent on a lot of different programs. We're not the best-managed, and you're putting my mayor – who works hard, who means well – but he's got his plate full."

Dennis Archer has mended political fences with heighboring communities and won back much investor confidence dissipated by his predecessor, but he still has been unable to

make the bureaucracy work.

nois, where state officials appointed a three member panel to address East St. Louis' massive school problems? .

Why didn't our governor look at the 1991 Mississippi law that allows state intervention? At the New Jersey Board of Education's, 1989 takeover of the Jersey City school district under an "academic bankruptcy" law? At Patterson and Newark in New Jersey? Or at New York state's takeover of the Roosevelt School District?

And especially at Texas' chapter 39, under which the state can intervene in a district that fails to satisfy performance-based criteria? The large number of examples have two

things in common: 1) A state board of educa tion or state superintendent did the work; 2) The bad schools failed to meet objective criteria. Engler disregarded both principles.

Engler owes Michigan an explanation of why he departed from standard practice. Yes Illinois gave the job to Mayor Richard Daley, but that was an exception rather than the rule

Engler should explain and defend his extreme bias against the elected State Board of Education, Why did he bypass that constitutional body? Why didn't he even invite them to his State of the State speech? Why does he have the Jobs Commission (the old Commerce Department) passing out educational grants to community colleges?

Why didn't Engler seek a role for the State Board in chartering public school academies? Why did his 1997 executive orders seek to strip the State Board of power to monitor the corruption and academic failure of so many charter schools?

Why didn't Engler first propose standards to define school failure that might. geted districts in worse shape than Detroit and certainly would have involved shutting down that miserable charter school in Menominee County? Goy, Engler has acted inexplicably, suddenly, without reason and harshly in the Detroit school takeover. He has some heavy explaining to do if he ever expects to win back the trust of public school people in the suburbs as well as in Detroit.

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Why didn't Engler look at California, where the state superintendent of public instruction assumed the governing powers of the Compton School District?

Why didn't Engler look at Connecticut, where the general assembly replaced the Hartford Board of Education with a state board which was to implement an improvement plan developed by the Connecticut commissioner of education?

Why didn't Engler look at downstate Illi-

Bill Wint

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- Philip Power



POINTS OF VIEW

catch much of interest at school

was writing, composing dazzling sentences from a comfortable seated position inside the Clarkston High School Creative Arts Center. It is a perpetually quiet room. It is a reasonable space to occupy, a place where you could come and get your work done without the distracting ambient insanity that dominates the atmosphere in most other classrooms.

Taking a break from my musings, I decided to stroll over to my locker where there waited a most fascinating book on ancient Roman culture that had been monopolizing my attention for something like a week. I exited the Creative Arts Center, the

Are there really so many villains in the building that our actions need to be watched at all times? Wouldn't the money spent for these omnipotent eyes be better spent on academic tools? On something that would enhance our learning?

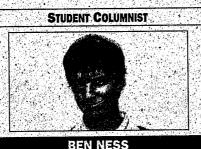
grand plexus of solitude, and started walking down the front hallway, anticipating all of the wonderful facts I would soon be learning about tunics and plumed helmets and hathhouses and gladiators. The optimistic train of thought was suddenly broken as I surveyed

my surroundings. Strange things were happening at the high school that morning. Men in uniforms had removed a good number of ceiling tiles and were shoving into the vacant area huge quantities of multicolored wires. Forever a man of action and curiosity, Lapproached the workers hoping to figure out the nature of their project. What are you guys doing?"

The mustachioed laborer glanced at me with aggravation. "We're installing security cameras."

"Security cameras?" It sounded rather absurd. Security cameras are understandable at Rite Aid or Radio Shack, but this was a high school, a building where nobody is trying to how

steal sunglasses or chocolate bars "Why are you installing security cameras?"



"Keep an eye on kids like you. There has been a lot of vandalism in this school. People spent a lot of money on this school. Security cameras make sure that anybody who commits a crime gets busted,"

Somewhat baffled, I resumed my wander ings. Are there really so many villains in the building that our actions need to be watched at all times? Wouldn't the money spent for these omnipotent eyes be better spent on academic tools? On something that would enhance our learning

. I tried to view things objectively. Of course kids are not going to misbehave if they know their actions are being monitored. There are people in the school who do bad things, and if cameras will make them stop then I suppose I have no choice except to endorse their presence. So everybody put on your prettiest outfits. Put on your sport coats and your neckties and your black shiny shoes. We are all going to be watched. We all ought to look our best.

(Editor's note: Clarkston Community Schools spokeswoman Barbara Johns' said security cam eras were installed at entrances to the new high school to monitor who goes in and out of the building, especially at night. Though the cameras are being installed now, they have always been part of the plan for the building and are not a reaction to vandalism, she said.)

Ben Ness is a student at Clarkston High School, His column alternates with one written by Clarkston Community Schools Superintendent Al Roberts.

Peering cameras probably won't | Stage set for dandy Senate race

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o it's going to be Debbie Stabenow versus Spencer Abraham for the U.S. Senate in November 2000.

That's fine. If the public purpose of an election contest is to pit the two best possible candidates against each other, a Stabenow-Abraham race fits the bill perfectly. Some early polls have shown Stabenow with

a slight (45-39 percent) lead over Abraham. They won't mean much once the campaigning gets serious. But they do give substance to the widely held theory that Stabenow has a real chance and that Abraham is unusually vulnerable for an incumbent senator.

Don't be fooled. Abraham has lots going for him. As an incumbent with statewide reach, he'll work the Washington sound-bite culture to get on the 11 p.m. news. And he's hard at work on Republican fund-raising circuit, with a stated \$9 million goal.

Most of all, Abraham has in his corner the Republican machine built and fine-tuned by Gov. John Engler. Just how committed it is is another question, given Abraham's decision to endorse his old boss, former

Vice Président Dan Quayle, for president rather than Engler's choice, Texas Gov. George W. Bush. GOP insiders are cluck-clucking over this slip in Abraham's usually cautious political maneuvering.

And Abraham has hardly set the Senate on fire. Other than an easy-to-attack vote for impeachment and a sensible but easy-to-forget bill easing immigration restrictions, Abraham hasn't constructed much of a legislative record. And a lot of people who have repeatedly tried and failed to get schedule commitments through Abraham's office are very critical of his staff performance and Abraham's evident preference for appearing at very controlled and scripted events.

As for Stabenow, the only question was whether she'd run for Senate next year or for governor in three years. Michigan likely will lose a congressional seat after the 2000 census results are in. Stabenow's district, uneasily poised between liberal, urban Lansing and conservative, exurban Livingston County, is ripe for elimination when the redistricting deals are finally cut.

So for Stabenow, necessity - in this case running for the Senate - is the mother of inven tion. With former Gov. Jim Blanchard out of the race, Stabenow is about the only Democratic leader left with an established political track record and relatively high name ID statewide.



PHILIP POWER

Stabenow served in the state Senate, where she precipitated the events that wound up with Proposal A to reform school finance. That cost her organized labor's endorsement when she ran for governor in 1994 and lost in the Democratic primary. She went to Congress in 1996 after a bitter race against incumbent Dick Chrysler. Last year she strolled to easy victory

in the face of a Republican landslide. Forget what the Abraham spin doctors are saying that Stabenow is only a second stringer

now that Blanchard is out of the race. I've watched her on the campaign trail, and I can confirm that she's one terrific campaigner.

A long-time Livingston County political observer calls her "one of the most formidable campaigners I've ever seen. When she works a room, it's a work of art.'

Politically, she's a moderate: who has won a reputation in Congress for solid reasonableness and good staff work. In fact, Stabenow has a somewhat unusual reputation for being both a good campaigner and a good legislator.

Who knows whether Democrat Stabenow will be able to knock off an incumbent Republican U.S. senator, especially in a state where the institutional Democratic Party has essentially vanished. I'd guess the issue will turn on whether Stabenow can stay close to Abraham in the money-raising contest and whether organized labor still bears a grudge for Proposal A.

And there's always wild-card Geoffrey Fieger, who has threatened to run as an Independent if he loses a Democratic primary and could well siphon votes away from Stabenow. However it turns out, it should be a first

class race. Stay tuned. -Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown 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: ppower@oeonline.com

Volunteers make up core of Lighthouse local service agency

ighthouse of Oakland County Inc. and its family of subsidiaries is fortunate to be erved by so many wonderful volunteers.

These devout volunteers are an integral part of the Lighthouse family as Lighthouse works to fulfill its mission

Lighthouse of Oakland County Inc. exists to provide emergency assistance, foster self-sufficiency and advocate for human dignity. In partnership with its affiliates and volunteers and by collaborating with businesses, human service agencies, religious communities, schools and service organizations, Lighthouse accomplishes the efficient provision of quality services and programs and community planning and educa-

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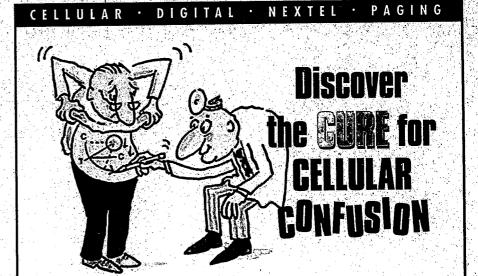
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Lighthouse Emergency

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Clarkston Branch, and then Lighthouse North, since its opening in 1990.

Betty is now 83 and has been an integral part of the Clothing Closet since the early days when it was housed in a small corner of the church basement. Today, the Clothing Closet fills up most of the second floor sanctuary. The Clothing Closet provides donated clothing at no cost to those in need. It is a big job requiring organizational ability and a caring heart. Betty brings a wealth of experience and a desire to help others with her each Wednesday. In addition, she often picks up other volunteers on her way. The Clothing Closet would not be the same without her.



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tion With volunteers to assist in this mission, Lighthouse is a beacon of hope for more than 75,000 Oakland County residents in need. Lighthouse offers a helping hand to those members of our community who have fallen upon hard times. In addition to the basic emergency needs of food, shelter and clothing, Lighthouse offers many programs, which help empower people to live independent and self-sufficient lives. In other words, Lighthouse offers a hand up, not a hand out. These programs are only possible because of the selfless hard work and effort of our dedicated volunteers. Volunteers are our most valuable resource for they bring to our mission a world of many talents, skills and abilities. They come to us from all walks of life but with one unifying quality, the desire to help others.

National Volunteer Week will be celebrated April 18-24, It is a time set aside each year to honor those who give of themselves without compensation for the benefit of others. Lighthouse of Oakland County and its subsidiaries is proud to host a special luncheon on April 28 to honor volunteers: Awards for outstanding service and commitment to Lighthouse programs will be presented.

While it is not possible to tell you about all the special volunteers we wish to honor, we thought you might like to know about three. They are just a few of the heroes of our organization and of our community.

As one of the very first to lend a helping hand, Betty Storum has been a volunteer at

Judy McConnell, a former schoolteacher, has been a regular volunteer at Lighthouse, Clarkston Branch, since last summer. At Lighthouse we all contribute to the success of the team and Judy is a great team player. Somewhere, between answering the phone, packing food stocking the pantry and working on the computer, Judy always has a smile to share and a story to tell. Her energy and willingness to help others is an inspiration to us all.

Birthdays are an important time, especially for children. Lighthouse creates "Birthday Bags" for children from low-income families. It is an opportunity to bring a little joy into a challenging situation. Elaine Petty, a stay-at-home mom, gives of her time two days a month to help create "Lighthouse Magic" for children with birthdays. She is the volunteer who fills the bags with cake mix, frosting mix, books, toys and birthday sur-prises that serve to bring a smile to a child in need. Although Elaine has a 2-year-old son at home, she gives something back to her community through her volunteer service to Lighthouse.

These three wonderful volunteers represent three different generations and have very different stories to tell, but they are united in their unselfish effort to help others. On behalf of the staff of the Lighthouse family of agencies, we applaud their efforts and salute all of the volunteers for their commitment to our mission and to those we serve. We are proud to work with these local volunteer heroes!

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

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Lame-duck chancellor supports new university funding plan

BY TIM RICHARD

The chancellor of the University of Michigan-Dearborn broke with the leadership from Ann Arbor and is sup-porting Gov. John Engler's "four-tier" formula for funding 15 state universi-

Dr. James C. Renick, who is leaving for North Carolina July 14 after six years, told a House budget panel that Engler's recommendation "establishes a plan for stable and predictable fund-ing."

While there are many questions about the rankings recommended in the executive budget," Renick said, "the idea of funding tiers recognizes that our colleges and universities have dif-ferent missions and meet different needs, and hence require different levels of support from the state."

UM-Dearborn would be in tier 2, along with Oakland and Western Michigan universities, getting \$4,700 per student.

The plan was opposed a week later by Lee Bollinger, U-M president, who called the tier formula "unwise. It takes away the role of the Legislature to make annual complex judgments. Every single university is special. Abandon the idea of formula funding altogether."

Bollinger predicted Engler's formula, if enacted, would force up U-M tuition to 5 percent.

Renick said UM-Dearborn, however, will be able to stay within the governor's recommendation for minimal tuition increases

Meanwhile, U-M announced March 22 that Renick is leaving to become chancellor of the North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State Universi-ty. It's considered an "historically black college," said Molly Corbett Broad, president of the 16-campus University of North Carolina.

A native of Rockford, Ill., Renick attended colleges in Ohio, Kansas and Florida and worked his way up the

administrative ladder in Florida before

joining UM-D in January 1993. Bollinger praised Renick for "work-ing closely with faculty and business and community leaders." While one board of regents governs

UM's Ann Arbor, Dearborn and Flint campuses, they are operated separately and have separate line items in the \$1.48 billion state higher education budget.

UM-D is proposed for \$25.7 million in Engler's FY 2000 budget: The campuses have quite different

missions. For example: Bollinger cited brain research on the Ann Arbor campus while Renick cited "an MBA program for physicians that we are offering along with Oakwood Health Care System.

While UM is considered a world-class research university, UM-Dearborn notes that it's part of "the intellectual capital of the auto industry," with twothirds of students in some programs gaining work experience and salaries

as interns in business. Renick said he got a "valentine" message from a Compaq recruiter who said he's "happy if I get one candidate from he's each day's interviewing," At UM-D, the recruiter had five applicants and "I found four that I would have hired on the spot. ... These are the best pre-pared and brightest students that I interviewed all week."

Now 40 years old, the UM-Dearborn campus has the highest percentage of engineering students (12 percent of credit hours) of any state university except Michigan Tech, Renick said.

"At UM-Dearborn," said Renick, "instructional and physical plant costs associated with teaching engineering, computer science and natural sciences are major factors in our cost structure." During Renick's tenure, UM-D enrollment has risen to a record 8,800 and will continue to rise 2-3 percent a year, he said. Major building projects have been completed, and the campus raised \$25 million in capital.



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> James C, Renick Chancellor, UM-Dearborn

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Push for more nursing home inspectors fails

BY TIM RICHARD. STAFF WRITER

State Senate Democrats came up one vote short in an effort to add 23 nursing home inspectors to the Department of Consumer and Industry Services.

"Senior citizens should be paramount. They are the most vulnerable," said Sen. Joe Young Jr., D-Detroit, during the March 25 debate.

But Sen. Joel Gougeon, R-Bay. City, said a state panel to study nursing home conditions would convene soon and "be done by summer. We don't know how many inspectors and how we pay for long-term health care. Funding the exact number of inspectors now is premature.

Sen. George Hart, D-Dearborn, said, "We've closed two nursing homes in the metro Detroit area in the last six months. The state said you don't pay enough, and we don't have the inspectors. Some say, 'Just let the state issue vouchers.' Hell, that doesn't get the job done," Hart should.

How they voted

The amendment went down 19-17, with 20 needed for passage. Voting yes were 14. Democrats joined by five Repub-licans. Art Miller, D-Warren, was absent and could have provided Democrats the 20th vote. Here is how area senators

voted: YES - Dianne Byrum, D-Onondaga, John Cherry, D-Clio, George Hart, D-Dearborn, Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, Alma Smith, D-Salem, and John Schwarz, R-Battle Creek.

(Other Republicans voting yes were Mike Göschka of Brant. Beverly Hammerstrom of Temperance, Dave Jaye of Macomb County and Leon Stille of Spring Lake.

Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion, Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, and Mike Rogers, R-Brighton, ABSENT – Shirley Johnson, R.Royal Oak, Johnson was elect-

NO - Loren Bennett, R-Canton, Bill Bullard, R-Milford, Mat

Some 52,000 people are residents of 456 nursing homes. "I understand these nursing homes are inspected only once a year," said Jaye, a maverick Republican who departed from his usual budget-cutting posi-

tion. "We have increases for cor-porate welfare. Where are your Standards for decency?" Sen. Virgil Smith, D.Detroit, said, "We are defending the. abusers against the people who have worked their entire life in this state. Paid taxes to this state. Are finally in their twilight years of living in a nursing

home situation – and we do not want to protect them. That is absolute insanity. "Another complaint included 28 separate allegations about care provided to 17 residents including allegations that the director of nurses physically abused a resident because she

could not stand the sound of the resident gritting her teeth -115 days without doing anything about it. "An employee was fired for

refusing to falsify documents -136 days with nothing done about it.

"A resident signed himself out of a home and did not return for days. Investigation? No.

Nothing done about it. "Another facility had 16 complaints that have not been inves-tigated. The oldest uninvestigated complaint alleged that a resident's leg was amputated because the facility did not take proper precautions to prevent infection. That complaint has gone 320 days without being investigated."

Feds critical

Cherry, the Senate minority leader, said Young's amendment was prompted by two federal reports showing severe flaws with Michigan's nursing home enforcement. The General Accounting Office, a congressional agency, criticized the state for minimizing the seriousness of complaints and failing to follow



ed a week earlier to replace Mike Bouchard, newly appointed Oak-land County sheriff.

The bill was passed 22-14 with all Republicans except the absent Johnson voting yes and all Democrats except the absent Miller voting no.

52,000 affected

The CIS total budget is \$76.5 million in state money and nearly \$420 million in federal.

Gov. John Engler's budget message didn't spell out how many nursing home inspectors he is recommending, but Demo-cratic senators put it at 100 and asked for 23 more at a cost of \$1.7 million.

Engler's budget message said, "The highlight of the FY 2000 recommendation is a new \$10 million Nursing Home Quality Incentive Grant program which CIS will administer with assistance from the Michigan Quality Council.

The grant program will reward homes that consistently maintain health and safety standards while going the extra mile

to provide quality care." The CIS budget covers all state inspections and regula-tions. It also provided \$20.8 million in arts grants, the same as last year.

Refer to Senate Bill 361 when writing to your state representa-tive, State Capitol, Lansing 48909-7514.



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Jarkston Life **Mr. Wizard**

CAROLYN WALKER

Divine Miss M made every fan feel marvelous

or those of you who did not make it to the Divine Miss M's auto-graphing party last week, it was divine indeed.

Miss M — actress/singer/comedi-enne extrordinaire Bette Midler — whooshed into the Farmington Hills Harmony House on March 21 to sign not one but two autographs for the hundreds, and I do mean hundreds, of fans who were in attendance.

Tm guessing there were upwards of 700 or 800 people in the line — maybe there were even 1,000 or more — that snaked its way from the long side-walk through the cassette disc and tape displays for a chance to speak to this fun entertainer. People of every shape and size, from the purple-haired to the white, from the stroller-to the wheelchair-bound, waited patiently while Midler - who was even on time! — gamely signed heav-en-knows-how-many autographs, and then broke all the house rules.

She stopped and posed for photos when the guards said she wouldn't. She made idle chitchat when they said there was no time for conversation. She autographed recording props when they said she would only sign cassette discs and, throughout it all, she made each visitor feel like a Against a backdrop of hot lights

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U.S. students to pass a first-round exam toward eligibility for the International Physics Olympics. But, aack! David doesn't own a pock-

BY JAN BAKER SPECIAL WRITER

et protector. He doesn't wear wing-tip shoe He doesn't ever go out to paint the

town beige. And — gulp — he doesn't long to own a vanity license plate with random let-ters and numbers on it.

h-oh. Call the stereotype squad. A shattering is in

progress. David Oostdyk, a senior at Clarkston

High School, recently attained the lofty distinction of becoming one of only 150

David, David, David, In a recent interview, the CHS physics wunderkind explained that he doesn't spend any time thinking about goofy stereotypes: Physics is awesome. His teacher is a peach. Learning is groovy. And he is who he is. Mostly, he appears to be an excep-tionally bright and good-natured

teenager The key to his success in school thus

far? "Well, my dad used to give me a dol-

lar for every "A' I got," he said with a laugh. "I told him I'd say that." But aside from his family, George Washington, capitalism and a good sense of humor, the CHS student said he just had to figure out what he was passionate about. Then working

toward that pursuit started to look like "Before I tool: physics, I actually did-n't know what I was very good at," he said. "I wasn't really good at English

or foreign language or anything like that. But now that I've found some-thing that I really enjoy — and that I'm good at — it's more fun to actually know something thoroughly than to get an 'A' on a test." No, David said he's not available for

CHS senior recognized as

exceptional physics student

cloning. (Busy doin' other stuff.) However, he does have a track record for taking risks. The CHS senior recalled that in 10th grade, he asked physics teacher Ned Burdick if he could sign up for both chemistry and physics as a junior. Burdick didn't exactly say no to

David's desire for the double whammy. He didn't recommend it either.

But even good physics instructors make false assumptions about people now and then.

At that time, I didn't know David and I was trying to give him the best advice I could give as a teacher based on what both work loads would look like," the teacher admitted. "But fortunately, David disregarded what I said and took both.

From that point, the student was on fire, Burdick said. Now in his last year at OHS, David is working on an independent study program of calculus-based, sophomore college physics. That means he will enter the school of his choice next year — Michigan State University — with at least a sophomore's status in engineering physics. Who ever said rocket science wasn't a

blast? "And just to ensure that I have no life, I'll take math (as a major there), as well," David added with a chuckle, He has already been awarded a \$1,800-a-year-professorial assistantship in

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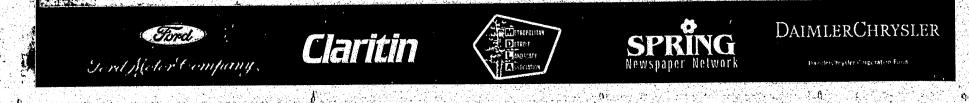
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WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP 7 p.m. Independence Township. Senior Center in Clintonwood Park, Clarkston. Informal sharing meeting. Topic: Speaking openly about your loss. Please bring picture of your loved one to share. Facilitator: Christine Spencer, M.A., L.P.C., director of bereavement services at Lewis Wint & Son Funeral Home. Walk-in, No registration. Free of charge. For men and women recently widowed. All ages. Refreshments served. All area. residents welcome. Any ques-tions or if anyone would like to be on our mailing list, call the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home 625-5231.

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tic and Treatment Center, 6815 Dixie Hwy., Clarkston. In order to heighten awareness regarding mental health issues, this center is participating in national screenings. Common symptoms of problematic alcohol use

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FRIDAY, APRIL 9 CLARKSTON AREA WHITETAILS UNLIMITED, INC. CHAPTER

BANQUET 30 p.m. Deer Lake Athletic Club Conference and Banquet Center, 6167 White Lake Road. Tickets are \$55 each, \$95 per couple, \$35 for youths 15 years old and younger. Ticket deadline is March 29. People invited to come and learn more about the national, non-profit organization that addresses issues involving whitetail deer and their habitat. The fund-raising event for WTU features dinner, an auction, door prizes, sporting equipment, lim-ited edition wildlife and outdoor art and WTU collectibles. Proceeds earmarked for conservation and youth projects. To order tickets, call Tom Bushong at (616) 781-8430 or WTU National Headquarters at 1-800-274-5471.

DANCE 7-9 p.m. Hart Community Center (at the Millpond), Davisburg. Dance to the music of Aaron Vaughn and the Sumthings. For further information call 634-9570.

SATURDAY, APRIL 10 **AMPHIBIAN AMBLE**

7:30-9 p.m. Lewis E. Wint Nature Center, Sashabaw Road. Visitors young and old can meet live frogs and hike to listen for amphibian antics. Cost is \$1/per son. Pre-registration is mandato-ry. A vehicle entry fee of \$8/vehicle (\$5/Oakland County resident discount rate) will be charged for , programs beginning before 4 p.m. Call 625-6473 to register or for more information co

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10 a.m.-9 p.m., 6 p.m., and 2 p.m. respectively. Independence Township Library, 6495 Clark-ston Rd., Clarkston. Put on by Friends of the Library. There will be a "Friends Only Preview" When the second sec on Wednesday, April 21 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. You may join the Friends at the door for \$15. Saturday is "\$2 a Bag" day, For more information, call 625-2212.

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7-9 p.m. Hart Community Center (at the Millpond), Davisburg. For information call 634-9570.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL

28 & THURSDAY. **APRIL 29**

TURNING YOUR TOT INTO SPRING 10-11:45 a.m. or 1-2:45 p.m., o May 1 from 1-2:45 p.m. Lewis E. Wint Nature Center, Sashabaw Road. Younger siblings are discouraged from attending. Cost is \$3/tot. Pre-registration is mandatory. A vehicle entry fee of \$8/vehicle (\$5/Oakland County resident discount rate) will be charged for programs beginning before 4 p.m. Call 625-6473 to register or for additional information.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS Presented by the Clarkston Village Players, in association with Music Theater International. April 30, May 1, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 21 and 22. Thursday showtime is 7:30 p.m., Friday 8 p.m. Depot Theater 4861 White Lake Road, Clarkston. For light fare, you'll find this scrumptious. musical comedy a tasty morsel indeed. Seymour, a nerdy clerk in a plant store, loves Audrey, whose poor self-image drives her toward tougher men. E-mail us at Cvdepot@juno.com. Visit us on the web at: http://members.aol.com/kvovillia/cvpdepot.htm. Ticket line 625-8811. Tickets available at Tierras 625-2511; All tickets are 7-9 p.m. Hart Community Cen-ter (at the Millpond), Davisburg. Dance to the music of D.J. Rod-

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PLUS PROGRAM The "People Listening, Understanding, Sharing Program" of Clarkston Area Youth Assis-tance needs adults to serve as mentors. Volunteers provide time, help and encouragement to children ages 5-17 in need of positive role models. Training and support are provided. Call 625-9007.

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ASSISTANCE

p.m. meetings held the second Tuesday of each month at the Senior Citizens Center in Clintonwood Park. Volunteers work with staff to plan and sponsor programs to strengthen youth and families and prevent and reduce juvenile delinquency.

Call 625-9007. CLARKSTON COMMUNITY BAND Woodwinds, percussionists and brass wanted. Rehearsals 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays. Sponsored by Independence Township Parks and Recreation. To join or for more information, call 625-8223 or 625-3546.

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DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP p.m. third Wednesday of every month. (There will be no August or December meetings). Inde-pendence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, Questions or directions, please call Carol at 625-5275 or The MLDA at 1-888-LYME.

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Toastmasters promotes communication and leadership skills. The club meets at the Clarkston Christian Association from 630-8:30 p.m. Meetings are the first and third Thursday of month. Toastmasters is a non-profit organization for individuals 18 and older. For more information contact Nora Butcher at 620-6751.

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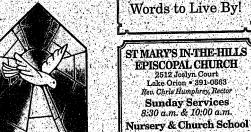
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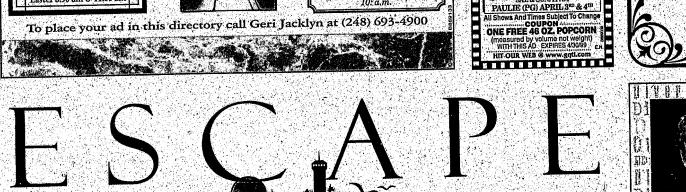
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Wanted: Home remedy for bad case of mother guilt

ongratulations. You'ye made it through the winter. It's April, finally. The month that transforms Michigan into a fresh breath of healthy springtime, All of your winter wees will instantly melt away and you will be happy and healthy from now on. Every day will be sunny and warm and you will never feel sick or guilty again ... April Fools! OK, I realize April will not solve all the

perils of the world, but I have high hopes that the spring weather it is sure to bring will solve my family's recent problems with this winter's flu season. You may have noticed that I combined the words "sick and guilty" in the same sentence. That's because, as I sit at my computer typing this column, I am feeling both sick and guilty, Sick, because I am recovering from the flu. Guilty, because I'm a mother. During the 13 odd years (yes, they have all been somewhat odd) that I have been a mother I've noticed one recurring theme — guilt. Prior to par-enthood I thought the only connection with motherhood and guilt was the ability to impart it upon others. It wasn't until I became a parent that I realized how frequently guilt becomes the feeling of the day

for mothers. If I don't have enough fruit in the house to pack a healthy lunch, I feel guilty. If they forget to take their homework to school and I can't leave work to bring it to them, I spend my day feeling guilty. If I'm caught in traffic and leave them waiting at the school to be picked up, it's guilt again. I feel guilty over many things that are completely out of my control

A couple weeks ago I got a minor sore throat. Nothing significant, just annoying. L warned my husband to stay away from me because my sore throat might be contagious, but, the affectionate fellow that he is, he did-n't listen. A couple days later he came down with one of the most violent cases of the flu that I have witnessed. While my minor sore

music Students from Clarkston High School participated in the

District and State Solo and

Ensemble Festivals held at

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Those students earning First

Division Ratings at the District Festival Feb. 13 qualified for entry into the State Festival

District Festival Ratings

Lissie Okopny, 9th Grade

Piccolo and Flute Solos; Kath-leen Moniaci, 9th Grade Bas-

soon Solo; Paul Mueller, 9th

Grade Trumpet Solo; Jeremy

Hertzler, 10th Grade Horn Solo, Kathryn Zarzycki, 11th Grade Horn Solo; Karen Zynda, 11th Grade Trumpet Solo; Tom Wisniewski, 11th

Grade Alto Sax Solo; Karen

Emick, 12th Grade Clarinet

Solo; Katie King, 12th Grade

Flute Solo; Diana Moore, 12th

Grade Flute Solo; Andrew Sprung, 12th Grade Tuba and

Baritone Solos; Mindy Kitson,

School Feb. 13 and March 27.

competition.

Ratings)



throat progressed into a "bit of a cold," my poor husband spent five days running a high fever and experiencing all of the most revolt-ing summers. ing symptoms often associated with the flu. I felt slightly guilty, knowing that he caught the virus from me, but I quashed the guilt by reminding myself (and him, as any devoted wife would do) that he had been warned to

stay away from me. 🕬 Since both of my sons had been given a flu shot early in the winter, I felt confident that our little family would be fine as soon as my husband managed to kick the monstrous bug that had so brutally attacked him. Unfortunately, on the same day that my husband started feeling better, I started feeling worse. It began with a feverish feeling and a headache, then progressed to dizziness and an upset stomach. I also had the flu.

What made matters worse was our timing. There is, of course, never a good time to get sick, but there is, definitely, a bad time for it. My husband discovered that he had the ful on a Sunday morning, right before he was suppose to be getting on an airplane at 5:30 a.m. Monday morning to go on a week-long business trip. That was bad timing, but a few phone calls and a little imposition on a coworker and his trip became someone else's problem,

My flu symptoms started slowly on a Thursday, afternoon — about a day and a half before I was suppose to accompany my youngest son on his fifth-grade trip to Toron-

High school music students score high at festivals

to. We were to board the bus at 5 a.m. on Saturday morning, travel for 5½ hours to Toronto, tour the Ontario Science Center, see the Phantom of the Opera and spend see the rhantom of the Opera and spend another 5% hours on the bus to get home around 11 p.m. on Sunday, Since I have sig-nificant problems with motion sickness, I was not looking forward to the bus ride, and my son knew it. But I had accompanied his older brother to Toronto when he was in fifth grade and I was duty-bound to treat the boys equally. For months before the trip I worried about the long bus ride. I had not done very well on the first Toronto trip with my older son and seriously dreaded a repeat performance. Since my case of the flu did not have the

same obvious outward signs that my husband's had involved, my whole family was sure I did not have the flu — just a bad case of nerves. I tried to assure them that I was not faking, but they all doubted the severity of my ailment — including my youngest son. By Friday morning I knew I was not going to be able to handle the trip and worried about infecting an entire bus full of peo-ple with my germs. When I informed my son that I couldn't go he pleaded, "This is my only Toronto trip and you're going to miss it?" Oh, the guilt. By the time he left for the trip on Saturday morning, I was not only feverish and queasy from the flu, I also felt a bit nauseous from the guilt. I assured him that we would go away for a weekend, just the two of us, when I'm feeling better and I would make it up to him. Although he seemed to accept it, the guilt has continued.

As I sit here drinking my Echinacea tea to boost my immune system, I'm wondering if any of the many medications available to treat flu symptoms have a significant affect on easing a mother's guilt.

Rochelle Smith is a free-lance writer. She lives in Independence Township.

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and the simple human body heat generated by the legions who had lined up for hours to meet her — some as much as seven hours early — Midler showed us all what the term "star quality" really means.

She was friendly and affectionate. She was generous and jovial. She was even compassionate when she stepped down from behind her elevated signing desk to pose with two

disabled men who had paid their I She was friend-dues in the line. while I have stood my ground more than once to meet some favored ate. She was genentertainer, I still haven't figured out what it is that drives one human to do such a thing another for . human.

her elevated sign-What is it about ing desk to pose entertainers, authors or athletes with two disabled (forget politicians) that makes us, want to take time men who had paid their dues in the from our busy lives line. to faun over them? Maybe it's the

concept of pure escapism. Childish as it may seem, the many adults who waited to meet Midler were clearly smitten.

For me, half the fun of the day was watching my 46-year-old sister and her best friend, along with my 11-year-old son, meet the woman who has brought them so much pleasure. My sis-ter has followed Midler's career practically since its outset (1 think she has seen her show about four times in the flesh) and my son has favored her ever since she played such a convinc ing witch in the movie "Hocus Pocus.

They had a lot of fun in line

generating questions to ask her and practicing how to speak to her in a way that would make sense. Nobody wanted to babble.

Maturity is a funny thing. I have spent the better part of my adult life regretting the unkind ways in which I treated my younger sister when we were children. I ruled the roost with a sarcastic tongue and an unabashed brattiness that, finally, induced my 10-year-old sister

to flee to her bedroom with a stash of peanut butter sandwiches. Because of me, she was never coming out, she told our mother.

I like to think that in some small way I made up for all that sibling harassment caused on the day I phoned her to tell her Midler was coming to town. I can still see

in the my sister's glow-ing face as she met her heroine. Hopefully, my photographs will turn out and I will have immor-

talized that glow for generations to come.

Time, and a good developing, will tell.

All the while, as I approached Midler's desk, I kept wishing I had lost more weight. I wish that every time I meet someone famous. Don't ask me why (good impressions, I guess). Of any of those whose paths I have crossed, I'm guessing Midler would have cared the

most.

Carolyn Walker is a free-lance writer. She lives in the city of the Village of Clarkston.

Physics from page A11

physics at MSU — the deciding factor in his college choice.

According to Burdick, David's passion and aptitude for physics made him the teacher's No. 1 candidate for the annual physics talent search conducted by the American Association of Physics Teachers. That group annually assembles a top-achieving team of U.S. high school students to participate in the International Physics Olympics. Held in July, the two-week competition will take place in Italy this year.

David recently passed the AAPT's first-round physics exam a three-hour session. Results of that first-round test narrowed down the contestant field and placed David among the nation's top 150 physics students. Last week, he sat for the group's second-round exam -- another

three-hour stint. Though Burdick doesn't know unwavering in his praise of David. "He just has a love for physics and he has a love for learning " Burdish saw

earning," Burdick says. David holds an equally high

David noins an equally night regard for his physics teacher. Though he may spend 1 1/2 hours a night working on only four physics homework prob-lems, David said it doesn't feel like work. "Mr. Burdick makes it (classroom instructional time) interesting," David said. "And he often makes it humorous."

What does David see himself doing in five to 10 years? "It would be really awesome if I could get paid to do research," the CHS senior said. "I'd half want to teach, but I'd also want to be able to have some say in some new things that are coming about.

ng acout. Sounds like a pretty awesome plan, indeed — for a bright and engaging kid who doesn't hap-pen to wear a pocket protector. Or wing-tip shoes

The owners of a new store say sportswear should be made from natural fibers — theirs is. Find the story in Sunday's Malls & Mainstreets

11th Grade Horn Solo; Robert Okony, Flute Duet; Laura The following instrumental nusic Students from Clarkston ligh School participated in the District and State Solo and Currie, Flute Duet; Jessica Bucinski and Sarrah Benson, Flute Duet; Laura Arpke and Tory Lauzun, Woodwind Duet; Judkins and Bryan Dan Crandall, Saxophone Duet, Blake Coe and Ryan Schwarb, Trombone Duet; Shaunna Barr, Mary Ann Treder and Mindy Kitson, Trumpet Trio; Katie King, Karen Emick, Jessica Williams, Kathleen Moniaci and Breanna Bartley, Woodwind Quintet. Second Division (Excellent

Ratings) Claudia Lara, 9th Grade Clarinet Solo; Laura Arpke, 9th Grade Flute Solo: Sarrah Benson, 9th Grade Flute Solo; Tory Lauzun, 9th Grade Clar-inet Solo; Jessica Arsenault, 9th Grade Cornet Solo; Ray Smith. 9th Grade Trombone Solo; Lisa Gauthier, 9th Grade Marimpa Solo; Terri Joseph, 10th Grade Flute Solo; Ardis Sprung, 10th Grade Bass Clarinet Solo: Jenifer Way, 11th Grade Oboe Solo; Lisa Smith,

Koch, 11th Grade Mixed Percussion Solo; Tina Sommers and Ashley Vanderweel, Woodwind Duet; Lauren Kreager and Nikki Peters, Woodwind Duet; Heather Jones and Dana Currie, Woodwind Duet; Terri Joseph and Sarah Larson, Woodwind Solo; Stacey Mercado and Diane Doyle, Trumpet Duet: Jessica Bucinski, Laura Davidson, and Lisa Hopcian, Flute Trio; Kristen Harris and Jessica Arsenault, Cornet Duet; Adam Sloan and Justin Gay, Trumpet Duet; Jeff Ginn and Geoff Denstaedt. Trumpet Duet; Jon Moniaci, Andrew Sprung, Kathryn Zarzycki, Mary Ann Treder and Shaunna Barr, Brass Quintet.

State Solo Ensemble Ratings (March 27) First Division (Superior

Ratings) Lissie Okopny, 9th Grade Flute and Piccolo Solos; Kathleen Moniaci. 9th Grade Bassoon Solo; Sarah Benson and Jessica Bucinski, Flute Duet; Dana Currie and Lissie

Woodwind Duet; Blake Coe and Ryan Schwarb, Trombone Duet; Shaunna Barr, Mary Ann Treder, and Mindy Kitson, Trumpet Trio; Katie King, Karen Emick, Jessica Williams, Kathleen Moniaci and Breanna Bartley, Wood-wind Quintet; Karen Emick, Proficiency III Clarinet Solo Katie King, Proficiency III Flute Solo: Diana Moore, Proficiency III Flute Solo; Kathryn Zarzycki, Proficiency II Horn Solo; Tom Wisniewski, Proficiency II Alto Sax Solo.

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Second Division Ratings (Excellent Ratings)

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Oakland University hoping for a 'healthy' new MBA program

Oakland University's School of Business Administration next August will admit the first students into a new executive MBA program specializing in health care management.

The executive program tar-gets working professionals who have at least five years of Health care experience, including physicians, nurses, physical therapists and public health professionals. The MBA is designed to train aspiring hos pital executives and others who have significant health care

management responsibilities, said program director Daniel Braunstein, professor of management and psychology, SBA. Only a handful of similar programs exist throughout the

nation, Braunstein said. "This MBA program is important because we have to deal with the management crisis in health care,' he said "The costs to individuals, especially seniors, are escalating. It's important for health care facilities to better manage operations to serve the public

at lower costs and encourage more effective professional service

Oakland's MBA program is nationally accredited. Faculty and experienced health care practitioners will organize the program. For example, an OU faculty member will teach an accounting course in which a hospital accountant will deliver guest lectures.

"Braunstein is a specialist in management decision-making. His published doctoral disse tation examined the staff

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decentralization of a large veterans hospital.

The MBA program's advisory board includes the area's top health care executives. "Health care professionals who aspire to advance their

careers should find this pro-gram appealing," said Ted gram appealing," said Ted Wasson, president and CEO, William Beaumont Hospital, and an advisory board member For further information on

the program, call (248) 370 328 -mail embahcm@oakland.edu.



Lenswoman: Photographer Kathy Vander sees the world through a camera lens.

Writers Live program to host photographer

Award-winning film maker Kathy Vander is the final speaker in this season's Writers Live Series at the Royal Oak Campus of Oakland Community College, Tuesday, April 13,

Vander will speak in the cam pus' Jones-Johnson Theatre from 7-8:30 p.m. Admission is free and the public is invited. An afterglow" follows in the theater lobby.

Vander, a Berkley resident, won a CINE Golden Eagle Award for Best Film Documentary in 1998. In addition, she received a Special Recognition Award from the Council on Family Relations.

The prize-winning film, Walk This Way, tells this story of Ron Bachman who gave up prosthetic legs for the freedom of walking on his hands.

Bachman is now a motivation al speaker who talks to audiences of young people about overcoming obstacles. Other documentary films writ

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ten and produced by Vander includes, The Threads of Survival, a study of Laotian Hmong women living in Detroit, and A Poet's Voice, profiling African-American poet and publisher Naomi Long Madgett.

Vander realized that she wanted to work in film, TV and broadcasting while attending The University of Michigan. After graduating she went to work for WXYZ-TV, advancing to the position of television producer. She is currently employed as a video producer/writer for AAA of Michigan.

The Writers Live Series is sponsored by the Royal Oak Campus Library and English Department. For more information, call (248) 544-5589.

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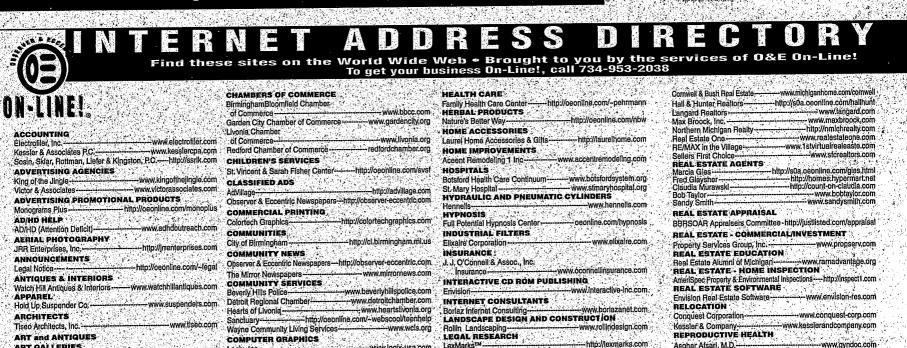
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New laws

Most bills passed by the Michigan Legislature take effect 90 days after lawmakers adjourn at the end of December in evennumbered years. Here are some 1998 laws hitting the books this

No cloning - Human cloning becomes illegal, and violators can face 10 years in prison, loss of professional licenses for five years and fines of \$30 million. Sponsor was Sen. Loren Ben-nett, R-Canton. Cloning is the creation of a duplicate human being by genetic manipulation. Sheep, but not humans, have been cloned. Michigan is the first state to ban human cloning. Bennett said Fewer billboards – Scenic

roadways will have fewer bill-boards under PA 553, which hikes fees for erecting and mainthem 500 feet apart. Sen. Leon Stille, R-Spring Lake, said his act also bans stacking billboards and establishes a felony penalty for destroying trees within a road right-of-way to make a sign more visible.

Jet Skis - The Personal Watercraft Safety Act require anyone renting Jet Skis or similar products to complete a boater safety course or obtain training in safety prior to rental. Violators can get 90 days in jail and fines up to \$500, said the spon-sor, Sen. Walter North, R-St.

Ignace. Hazardous wastes - Polluters must pay the costs of dumping hazardous wastes' under new amendments to the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act. Payment would be in addition to court fines, said the sponsor, Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton. His amendment covers people involved in transporting, treating, storing, disposing of, or generating hazardous wastes.

New bridges

Some 71 local bridges will get a 50 percent funding boost for a no percent funding coost for repairs and replacement, the state Department of Transporta-tion announced. MDOT improved funding from \$19 mil-lion last year to \$29 million this year.

This is nearly four times as many bridges as last year," said Gov. John Engler, attributing the increase both to more money and lower per-bridge cost esti-mates. On the list, with estimated costs

Fowlerville - Grand River Avenue bridge over Red Cedar River. \$567.000.

Rochester - Second Street bridge over Paint Creek, \$740.000

Southfield - Eleven Mile Road bridge over Rouge River, \$510,000

Eaton County – Kinsel High-way bridge over Lacey Creek, \$190,000.

Ingham County - Green Road bridge over Lowe Lake Drain, \$115,000; Kane Road bridge over West Cedar Drain, \$112,000.

Wayne County - Haggerty Road bridge over Middle Rouge River, \$1.75 million.

Moving up

The House of Representatives is due to take up a bill by Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, giving local library boards authority to restrict young patrons' Internet to nornography.

have introduced bills to allow prosecutors to charge persons who deceived them in order to The bills obtain immunity. would allow prosecution despite prior immunity agreements if additional information shows the person either lied to prosecu tors or failed to disclose fully his own involvement. The bills were sent to the Senate Judiciary

Committee. Loan interest - Seu: Loren Bennett, R-Canton, has intro-duced a bill that would allow students to deduct interest pay-ments on their student loans from state taxes, SB 483 was sent to the Senate Finance Committee.

Cancer aid – Sen: Mike Rogers, R-Brighton, has intro-duced a bill to cover firefighters who get cancer from the job under worker's compensation. SB 451 was referred to the Sen-ate Human Resources Committee, which Rogers chairs: He promised a public hearing in the coming weeks.

New job

Gov. Engler has appointed: Edward Florence Jr., Farm-ington Hills, to the Veterans Trust Fund board, which provides temporary emergency aid to veterans and their dependents. Florence is a former man ager for Allied Foods and will represent veterans of World War II, Korea and Vietnam. Compiled from news releases

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Police-chase debate turns partisan

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A bill to regulate police pursuits turned into a partisan issue when it was passed 24-13 by the Michigan Senate March 18 and sent to the House

Senate Democrats, led by Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, objected that it would cut chances for innocent victims to recover pain and suffering damages from police who were reckless and didn't follow departmental policy. "Pursuits often have tragic conse-

quences," said Peters. "Society should hare in the compensation, the same way it benefits from a police pursuit." Sponsor William VanRegenmorter, R-

Jenison and chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, argued successfully for cap-ping non-economic damages at \$280,000. If the model policy is adopted by a defendant city, if its police officers are trained, and if someone is injured, there are limits on pain-and-suffering, but not on actual damages," such as medical care and work loss time, said the Republican

leader. Here is how area senators voted on final

YES - all 22 Republicans, including Loren Bennett of Canton, Bill Bullard Jr. of Milford, Mat Dunaskiss of Lake Orion, Thaddeus McCotter of Livonia, Mike Rogers of Brighton, John Schwarz of Battle Creek, joined by Democrats Art Miller

of Warren and Chris Dingell of Trenton. NO – 13 Democrats, including Peters, Dianne Byrum of Onondaga, John Cherry

of Clio, and Alma Smith of Salem. VanRegenmorter's first bill, SB 319, encourages counties, cities, townships and villages with departments to adopt a model policy. Reason: Police pursuits often cross municipal boundaries, particularly in crowded southeastern Michigan. "Neigh-boring communities have different pursuit policies," he said. "This encourages them to adopt a model policy."

His second measure, SB 320, was less controversial, passing 35-0 with two Democrats absent. It sets up a commission to draft the model policy

Peters' Democrats did battle with how innocent bystanders would be treated by the law if they were injured or killed during a pursuit. On mostly party-line votes, senators rejected his amendments to:

Let a judge decide as a matter of law whether a pursuit was conducted in accordance with department policy. Peters argued for letting a jury decide it as a mat-ter of fact. "This is a radical departure from our traditions of civil procedure," he said, quoting James Madison and Winston Churchill

"There are obvious things a judge can decide as a matter of law and others for a jury," replied VanRegenmorter

■ Remove the \$280,000 cap on non-eco-nomic damages. Peters said there is "no supporting evidence" for that figure, and

the original bill set a \$1 million cap.

VanRegenmorter scoffed at it as "the Geoffrey Fieger amendment," a reference to the flamboyant trial attorney who seeks profitable deep pockets." He said \$280,000 is "the same cap as in the medical malpractice law, It's the same cap as in the product liability law, There's no cap on real damages - only on pain and suffer-

ing." Allow each municipality in which a chase occurred to be sued for the maxi-mum \$280,000. "You may have a caravan going through multiple communities," said Peters

VanRegenmorter called a caravan of lawsuits "illogical."

He had easier going with SB 320, though Peters objected that a representative of crime victims should have a place on the commission establishing a model pursuit policy

A victim has a perspective that is essen tial," said the Democratic debater.

"That's highly insulting to police," Van-Regenmorter replied. "This bill establishes a commission of experts."

Peters' amendment to SB.320 also went down on a party-line vote, but the measure got unanimous Senate final approval.

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The bill retains local control for libraries but gives them statutory support to restrict access. Her HB 4191 was reported out by the House Local Government and Urban Policy committee. Companion bills to allow town-

ships to have parks and recre-ation boards with odd-numbered members have advanced through one chamber and are before the other. Rep. March Shulman, R-West Bloomfield, saw his bill pass the House and go on the Senate calendar. Sen. Bill Bullard Jr., R-Milford, saw his bill pass the Senate and go on the House calendar.

New bills

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Nursing homes - Sen. George Hart, D-Dearborn, has introduced SB 426 requiring the Department of Consumer and Industry Services to create a consumer rating index for nursing homes. Ratings would be based on the number and types of accidents, care, nutritional value of meals and staffing levels. Ratings would be published through Internet, the Long-Term Care Ombudsman and Office of Services to the Aging. Legal immunity - Sens. Mike Rogers, R-Brighton, and Shirley Johnson, R-Royal Oak,

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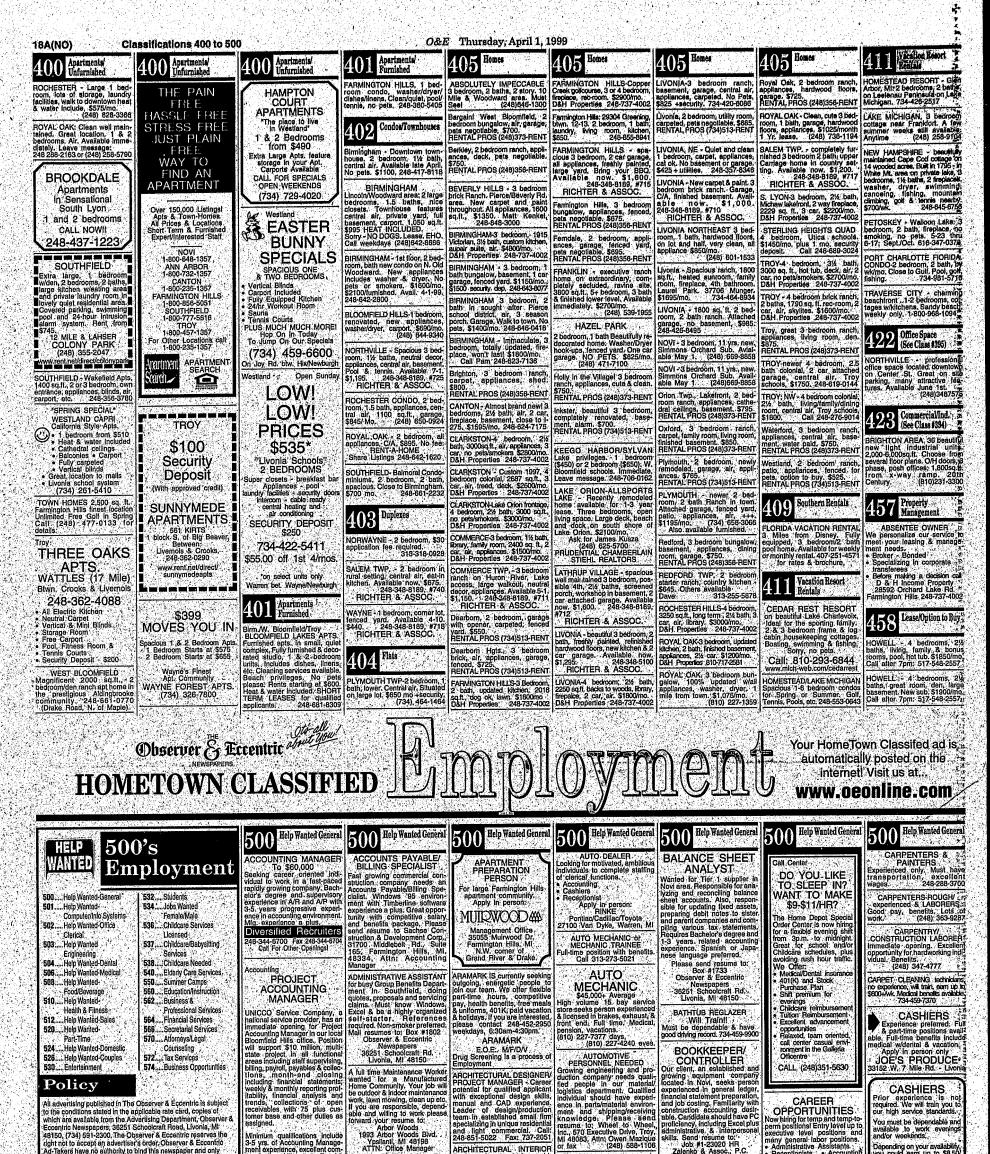
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McDevitt said. "He showed our

young guys you can get a lot

accomplished by working hard."

Andy Dewey, Lake Orlon, senior — When Dewey reached the state tournament, his moth-

er said, "We just hope he can

place." Well, Dewey did much better

than that; capping an outstand-

ing senior season by reaching

the championship match before

falling short of a state title at

Dewey won the Oxford Invita-

tional, was second at the Oak-

land Activities Association Divi-

sion I meet and third at the Oak-land County tournament.

Dewey finished 42-6, and all

six losses were to wrestlers who

"You are not going to find any-one with greater character and

quality than Andy," Dragons coach Doug Kline said. "Qualify-

ing for the state meet was some-

thing we looked at as a foregone

conclusion because of the kind of

kid he is. He had a tremendous

year, and he deserved every sin-

Mike Lamble, Lake Orion,

senior — Lambie struggled to a

5-13 record before the Christmas holiday; including a fifth-place

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While going 30-5 after the hol-

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Chris Bettridge

Lake Orion

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He was forced to injury default

out of the state tournament

where Kline believed he would

certainly have earned a medal. "If he hadn't gotten hurt, he

would definitely have placed," Kline said. "After Christmas, he

was one of the top four kids in

the state meet that we had a good chance to get him all the

way to the semfinal, because he was wrestling that well ". I Jason Eldridge, Oxford, fresh-

man — Eldridge was a surprise to most people, but not necessar-

ily to McDevitt, who watched his

youngster dévelop in the middle

That's why McDevitt wasn't.

necessarily surprised when

Eldridge set a freshman record

for wins at Oxford, going 32-22, finishing third in the Flint Metro

League and becoming a regional qualifier, all in his first varsity

"I've watched his progress, so I expected a lot of him," McDevitt

said. "But he even surpassed my

■ Andy Auten, Clarkston, senior — While the three indi-

vidual champions got all the ink,

""season on a much higher note,

reaching the championship match in the Division I state

wrestling tournament before falling to Luke Lazzo of

"I really believed going in to

the state

school ranks.

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A.J. Grant, Clarkston



Andy was our silent

leader. He had a great

season, kept his focus

Mike DeGain

-Clarkston wrestling coach

Auten also finished second

the Oakland County meet, the district and regional tourna-

"Andy was our silent leader,"

and was able to do

almost anything he

wanted to do.'

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unbeaten regular season.

Bettridge earned silver medals

at the Oakland County, league,

district and regional tourna-

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Bettridge won the Oxford Invi-

onship matches to Boyd.

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Auten went about putting DeGain in last year's state meet, together a tremendous season "and an overtime loss to DeGain. Auten couldn't have ended his "Bettridge earned silver medals

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DeGain, who missed several weeks with bad ribs, finished his

second consecutive unbeaten

season at 34-0 and cruised to the

He also won everything in

sight and was rarely tested after

finishing second at the world

"He's the most at-ease kid I've ever coached," said his father-

coach Mike DeGain, "He's never

nervous. He just goes out and wrestles like he practices. As

soon as he hits the mat, he's

Eric Ghiaciuc, Oxford, junior

- After struggling to find his groove at the beginning of the

séason, Ghiaciuc finished 35-8

and made people forget it was

just his second season of

tournament over the summer.

straight state championship.

business in the wrestling room and on the mat, there was no doubt in my mind he was going to place again at state," Kline said: "I was proud of him. There was a lot of pressure on him all

potential by wrestling well at the regional tournament last year, then made good on the potential with his performance as a sophomore.

eague finals to Holly's Justin Torres, an eventual state cham-

land County meet and was the district and regional champion. His best performance came in

Stouffer came into the match

DeGain joined Grant in shar-

"I think it's time for a break," said Slayton Monday, "After 17 years, it's time to hand it over to someone else.". Slayton notified Springfield Christian athletic director Phil Sheffield last month that she is stepping aside so she'll have more of a chance to watch her two daughters, Chrissie and

Slayton began the girls basketball program at Springfield in the fall of 1982 — her first game was a 93-23 loss to Class B Mt. Morris — but has since complied

one of the best winning percent-ages in talent-laden Oakland County.

In her 17 seasons with the Eagles, Slayton compiled a 165-69 record (.705 winning percent-age) which includes just two losing seasons, two undefeated seasons, six league championships, two league tournament titles, six regional titles, two Michigan Association of Christian Schools Division I state championships

past fall, losing only to Kalama-zoo Heritage Christian in the Slayton also coach the Eagles'

varsity softball team for 10 sea-

(.763 winning percentage) with three MACS state finals appear-

she'll be missed," said Sheffield. "She did an awful lot for our girls basketball program. You can't say enough about her."

Slayton is leaving the door open for a possible return to the sidelines sometime in the future.

"This is for at least one year," she said. "In a year, I'll re-evalu-

ate the situation and see if I want to come back. Who knows -I may want to go after another state championship."

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tational and finished seventh at the state meet, where he drew the hardest draw in the tournament.

"The way he goes about his year, and he handled it well."

■ Willie Breyer, Oxford, sopho-more — Breyer showed he had

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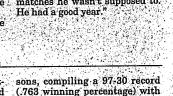
McDevitt said of Breyer, "I think he just finally started feeling his apresence on the mat and gained

ing a piece of Clarkston history this year, but he's got a chance to make history all his own next

ances

"Vicki has been a great influ-ence to our girls over the years,

Like many sports personnel,



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Flint Metro League and finished fourth at the Oakland County meet

"He really improved as the year went on," McDevitt said. "He wrestled well (at state), but just got caught. Now he'll come back and work harder next

year." I Jon Robinson, Clarkston, - When Robinson entered Junior -

a tournament this year, you could usually just pencil his name into the championship match. Robinson gave the Wolves a teady force at the heavyweight spot all season; reaching the

finals of every tournament he entered except the individual

regional and individual state meets. He won the district and beat **James Pack of Rochester Adams**

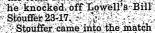
to win the Oakland County and

OAA I tournaments.

"If you look at his losses, one was to the state champion and another was to maybe the sec-ond-best heavyweight in the state. Jon didn't lose too many Rice avenged his only loss of matches he wasn't supposed to.

DeGain said: "He's kind of a Breyer finished fourth at the state meet to cap a 42-13 season. quiet kid, hadn't made it to state before this, but made the most of it by getting to the finals. He had a great season, overcame a lot of disappointments from last pion season, kept his focus and was able to do almost anything he E Chris Bettridge, Lake Orion, senior — If it hadn't been for Kevin Boyd of Rochester Adams

the team state semifinal, when he knocked off Lowell's Bill Clarkston's Pat DeGain



Bettridge would have had an As it was the Dragon senior finished 41-8, with five losses to Boyd, who finished 2nd to

unbeaten. "I can't even explain this kid,"

wrestling. Ghiaciuc followed his seventh place medal at last year's state meet by reaching this year's championship match before los-ing to Levi Rice of Mason.

the season, to Ghiaciuc in the regional final.

Ghiaciuc cruised through the Slayton from page B1

she is stepping down from the Eagles' program after 17 years of

service

Courtney, play middle school athletics at Springfield.

and four runner-up finishes; The Eagles finished 19-1 this MACS Division I finals.

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Dragons' Miller finishes 2nd at county 3-point shootout

BY JIM TOTH AND MARTY BUDNER STAFF WRITERS

It was Senior Night at the 9th Annual Oakland County:Slam Dunk/3-Point Shooting Contest held Tuesday evening at Troy High School.

Walled Lake Central senior Jason Obomsawin captured the 3-point championship after a close shootout in the finals against Lake Orion's Jason Miller. Oak Park senior Jonathon Oliver survived a tough battle to win the Slam Dunk crown by just three-tenths of a point over Andrew Burt, a senior, from Farmington Harri-

For Obomsawin, the victory was a satisfying end to a brilliant season when he led all Oakland County scorers with 72 treys this season for an average of nearly four per game. In fact, the 5-foot-8 Vikings guard came into the contest feeling a bit overlooked.

Obomsawin read some reports that indicated Ben Dewar, a senior from Walled Lake Western who led Oakland County in scoring average, was favored to

win the 3-point contest. Considering those regular-season statistics. Obomsawin felt he had something to prove.

had sometring to prove. "I thought I had a really good chance to win it," said Obomsawin, "It kind of made me angry when I read that Dewar was seeded ahead of me. It gave me a

little more incentive. "I had one game this year (against Northville) when I hit 10 3-pointers and finished with 34 points. Dewar had a game where he hit nine 3-pointers," he said.

Competing in his first 3-point contest, Obomsawin tied for top honors in the opening round and easily qualified for the semifinals along with 12 other shooters. In the semifinal, Obomsawin again tied for top honors to earn a 'final-round berth against. Miller.

Obomsawin and Miller came out smoking in the championship round. After the first three racks, the players were tied at 11-each. However, from that point on, Obomsawin outscored Miller 5-0 to gain the trumph.

"It was exciting for me, I practiced today at school and I just came out shooting," Obomsawin said, "I looked up at one point and saw it was 11-11 and I just started shooting quicker. I was just shooting and I didn't see many of them go in."

Meanwhile, climbing above the rim has been nothing new to Oliver, who said he first started dunking a basketball in the ninth grade. What was new was, the dunk attempt that sent him soaring past the competition.

After gaining a spot in the 12man final field, the 6-2 Oak Park senior lined up for one of his allimportant final-round slams. Oliver lofted the ball high toward the basket and, while taking steps to chase it down, raised his white No. 59 Troy Community Coalition slam dunk t-shirt over his head and authoritatively one-handed the leather through the cylinder.

"That's the first time Ive tried, that," said Oliver, sporting an ear-to-ear smile: "At first I didn't think I could do it, but my friends were behind me and said go ahead and try it."

go ahead and try it. The advice promptly paid off as. Oliver edged runner-up Andrew Burt of Farmington Harrison, 165.5-165.2. Mike DeGain of Madison Heights claimed third place with 162.9. Avondale's Darius Whiteside took fourth with 160.6, Jeff Mitchell of Walled Lake Western was.fifth with 157.1 and Mike Billingsley.of Birmingham Seaholm placed sixth with 147.1.

Oliver was the first to admit that crowd noise played an important part in his success. "When I see the crowd, I try to out on a show and make it fun

put on a show and make it fun for them," Oliver said. "I love getting the crowd into it because they help me." In addition to the top six fin-

In addition to the top six imishers in the dunk, the rest of the final field included Ben Dewar (Walled Lake Western), Jamala Lamba (Birmingham Groves), Ralph Sylvester-(Birmingham Brother Rice), Jason Maes (Whitelake Lakeland), and Stan Bodzick (Berkley). Winners again: For the second straight season, the Lake Orion Special Olympics Unified Basketball team came home from the state meet with the gold. The Olympians went to the state tournament March 14 and won all three games, emerging victorious in all three to capture the title. Under the leadership of coach Rich Burrell, Orion put together an unbeaten 1999 basketball season. Team officials offered their thanks to coordinator Marita Sharp and facilitator Sharon McCatty for their time and unselfish devotion to the program. Their efforts, officials said, give "our Special Olympians the opportunity to compete at any level." Team members include Terry Beardsley, Mark Churchill, Jason Sjoblom, Nathan Duff, Dan Plotzke, Aaron Senak, Brian Webster, Paul Cranick, Nick Gonzales, Mike Reynolds, Coach Rich Burrell, Dan Torres and Jason Taft.

SPORTS CAMPS

• Rochester Adams girls softball and basketball coach Fran Scislowicz will serve as director for a pair of upcoming camps. From Tuesday, April 6, through Thursday, April 8, the Spring Training Softball Camp will be held for girls between the

ages of six and 14 from noon to 2 each p.m. at Adams, Camp focus will to de include daily drill sessions such a w as hitting, throwing and catching, Infield/outfield, skills and othe daily scrimmage games will be skills included, Each camper is asked ... Co

to bring a glove. The same three days will hold t the Mega Sports Camp inside 8

the Hamlin School gymnasium from 9-11 a.m. Open to boys and girls in grades one through five, the camp will offer a variety of activities including scooters, floor hockey; basketball and indoor soccer. The activitiesbased camp is designed to give each participant an opportunity to develop skills and compete in a wide variety of sports. Campers will be grouped with others of comparable physical skills and size. Cost for each camp is \$40.

 Cost for each camp is \$40.
 For further information, contact Scislowicz at (248) 656-8308. • Rochester High School varsity baseball coach Bob Dieters, along with assistant coaches and varsity level players, will be conducting the Spring Training. Rochester Holiday Baseball Camp April 5-7 for youngsters ages 6-14 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Rochester High School baseball fields.

Cost is \$75 per person. Each youngster is asked to bring a bat, glove and baseball shoes. The camp will feature daily drill sessions - involving hitting, pitching, throwing and catching, infield/outfield skills, sliding and bunting - and game situations.

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Big smallmouth: Mike Canfield and his daughter Maggie pose for a photo with Mike's Master Angler smallmouth. The fish measured in excess of 23 inches and was the biggest catch-and-release smallmouth registered last year with the DNR's Master Angler Program.

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tations by Al Stewart, the DNR's new upland gamebird specialist, as well as local wildlife biologists and veteran turkey hunters. There will also be door prizes, raffles, a kids calling contest and more.

For tickets and more information or to make a donation to the chapter call Rick Riley at (616) 549-2179.

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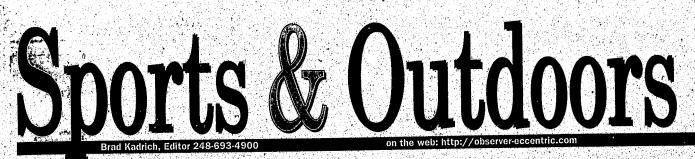
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BILL PARKER

No foolin' trout season is upon us

Trout season is open and not just for April Fools.

Trout anglers school-up early each year on the Huron River to participate in a special files-only, catch-andrelease trout season. A two-mile sec-tion of the river in the Proud Lake Recreation Area - from the signs just below Moss Lake to the signs 100 yards below the Wixom Road Bridge -

is open for the special season. The regular trout season doesn't open until Saturday, April 24, but those who can't wait the additional three weeks can get in on some spring training on the Huron. This special season runs April 1 to the regular season opener.

Approximately 2,500 eight- to 12-inch trout, are planted in the river each year prior to the start of the special season.

Normal regulations apply when the regular season opens with the excep-The program began in the mid 1970's and has been a joint venture of the Livonia based Michigan Fly Fishing Club and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources ever since.

The biggest smallmouth The recent warm weather has most air-weather anglers across the state spooling-up new line and cleaning out tackle boxes in anticipation of the summer fishing season. If the weath-er hasn't been enough of a boost the following tale is sure to get your

Adrenaline flowing. Livonia's Mike Canfield, his wife Deborah, and their six-year-old daughter Maggie were fishing in the Loud Dam Pond last July 5 when they decided to beach their boat and allow Maggie to take a swim along a sandy bar. After a short swim, Mag-gie got back into the boat and Mike cast a night crawler harness out the

back of the boat. "As soon as it hit the water he hit it," Canfield said. "He gave me a great fight,

After battling the feisty smallmouth bass for several minutes Canfield was able to bring it to his net

and finally got a good look at the fish. "I really had no thought of keeping him," Mike said. "I knew it was a big fish: but Maggie had already named him "Fred" before I even got him into the boat. We quickly measured him, took a picture and released him.

The bass was big enough to earn Canfield a Master Angler Award for catch-and-release smallmouth bass. The minimum entry is 21 inches. On top of that, Mike recently received another award from the DNR because. his fish was the largest catch-andrelease smallmouth in the state that was registered with the Master Angler Program during the 1998 fishing season. "I knew he was big, but I had no. ldea he was an award winner," Canfield said. "I'm just glad we thought to measure it and take a picture. "It was a good afternoon of fishing

Springfield hires Holly resident to replace Slayton

BY DANIEL STICKRADT STAFF WRITER dstickradt@oe.homecomm.net

Lynn Beardslee not only understands the challenges that lie ahead of her, but the size of the shoes she has to fill. Yet Beardslee is still very eager to begin her new position.

Beardslee, a resident of Holly, was recently named the new varsity girls basketball coach Springfield Christian High School in Clarkston, beginning. with the 1999 season.

Beardslee replaces veteran Vicki Slayton, who recently stepped down after 17 seasons (1982-98) with the Eagles, where she collected a 165-69 record with six state finals appear-ances in the Michigan Association of Christian Schools Division I tournament, including two state titles.

"Vicki is a great coach and I really do have some big shoes to fill," said Beardslee. "But I'm looking forward to it, I don't think I'll change (the pro-

gram) much, I'll just try to incorporate what I know and try to continue the success that Vicki Slayton has creat-ed."

Although this is Beardslee's first varsity position, she is not new to the sport of basketball. A 1980 graduate of Holly High School, Beardslee earned four varsity letters in basketball from 1976-79 with the Broncos, including three as a starting guard, and helped lead Holly to the Flint Metro League title as a sophomore and runner-up league finishes as a junior and senior.

Beardslee, who also lettered in soft-ball at Holly, has served as a volunteer girls basketball coach at Springfield the past two years.

"Vicki Slayton did a wonderful job and we think that Lynn Beardslee can pick up right where she left off and continue to keep the our strong tradi-tion in girls basketball going," said Springfield Christian Athletic Director Phil Sheffield,

Sheffield noted that the rest of the



When fall sports practices resumes next spunt, for the first time in school history Vicki Slay-ton will not be blowing a whistle at Glarkston Springfield Christian

High School. Slayton, the longtime varsity girls basketball coach at Springfield Christian, which is adjacent to the I-75-Dixie Highway interchange, announced recently that

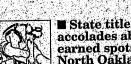
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girls basketball coaching staff remains in tact, as Wendy Hopkins will return



One of the best: Clarkston's Andy Auten made it all the way to the state finals and earned a place on the Eccentric All-North Ŏakland wrestling team.

Kings of the mats Wrestlers earn post-season honors



■ State titles, medals and other wrestling accolades abounded for area wrestlers, who earned spots on the 1999 Eccentric All-North Oakland wrestling team after putting forth stellar seasons.

🖬 AJ Grant, Clarkston, senior -When Charlotte's Toby Dickson beat Grant in the 1997 state tournament, it fueled a winning streak that turned Grant into the most prolific vrestler in Clarkston history.

Since that semifinal loss, Grant on more than 100 matches in a row

as the 7th/8th grade coach and Mellisa Richmond will return as the 6th grade coach at Springfield, the only member of the MACS to have three basketball teams.

Springfield Christian, which has captured two straight Fundamental Baptist Athletic Conference Red Division and league tournament titles, and has reached the MACS Division I titles game the past two years, where they have lost to Cadillac Heritage Chris-tian ('97) and Kalamazoo Heritage Christian '98), respectively, is expected to be a Top 10 team again next fall.

When practices resume on August 9, the Eagles are slated to return eight letterwinners, including two starters, and have as many as three quality eight graders expected to move up from the school's undefeated middle school team

"I think we'll have the potential to do well," said Beardslee. "I am really look forward to August and for practices to start

Hawks, wind combine to stop Wolves

Although it was mild and sunny, the weather still had a major effect on Clarkston's season opening tennis match.

The Wolves were unable to handle the stiff wind as well as the starters for Troy Athens on Monday, March 29 and the Red Hawks came away with a 6-2 win at Clarkston in one of the first matches of the season in Oakland County:

Clarkston started off well as Patrick Heber at #1 singles came away with a 6-2, 6-3 win but Athens, who this issson moved up to OAA Division I as a result of their success in recent years, rolled up consecutive victories in the remainder of the singles matches.

According to Clarkston head coach Kevin Ortwine, one of the keys to many of the matches was better serving from Athens players, a trait that was especially important in the windy conditions.

"At some points the wind was ridicu-lous," said Ortwine, whose team begins their Division II schedule the week of April 12. "With those conditions it's the little things which make the difference and it becomes a survival of which side hits better shots.

A more powerful serve is a valuable weapon in extreme wind because it makes it more difficult to hit an accurate return. And for the Wolves, it was the diffèrence in a number of matches,

The #3 doubles team of Paul O'Connor and Blake Coe picked up the other win for Clarkston. They split the first two sets with their opponents and won the decisive third 6-4.

Ortwine was pleased with the performance of the pair, especially consider-ing the team results had already been decided.

"It's nice to see them pull it out even though we had already lost," said Ortwine. "They came back and played

a good third set." The Clarkston coach also was pleased with the pla junior who was participating in his first match at #1 singles. He said Heber does not beat himself and forces his opponent to be aggressive. With Monday's wind, Heber's smart play was a big difference in the outcome. "He just plays under control and always seems to play the right shot, Ortwine said. "He was really in control of his match from the start." Clarkston's #2 singles team of Jesse Roderick and freshman Mike Rashid lost their first set in a 7-6 tiebreaker but played well despite their inexperience at the varsity level. Brent Griffith also gave a good showing at #4 singles, coming back to win the second set before falling in a hard-fought 7-5 third set. "Brent hit the ball with a lot more confidence than he did a year ago so that was good to see," said Ortwine. Overall he was pleased with his squad's performance, considering they have only been allowed to practice for two weeks. The early match could give the Wolves a leg up on their opponents after Easter break and Ortwine feels he has a better idea of how his lineup will appear. Despite the loss Ortwine is confident his team will make noise in OAA Division II. Their league portion of the regular season begins on Thursday, April 15 at hone versus Auburn Hills Avondale.

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as Maggie caught her first bass and Mom got to take another picture.".

Fund-raiser reminder

Don't forget about the spring wild turkey workshop coming up Satur-day, April 10, at the Northland Sportsman's Club in Gaylord, especially if you hunt in the northwestern section of the state.

The Traverse Bay Chapter of the Michigan Wild Turkey Hunters Asso-ciation distributed over 100 tons of shelled corn in northwestern Michigan this winter to help the birds in that area get through the harsh winter. On top of the hundreds of hours provided by local volunteers, the corn cost the chapter some \$14,500.

This turkey workshop is the chapter's main fund-raiser. Proceeds will be used specifically for the wild furkey supplemental winter feeding program

The workshop will feature presen-

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BY BRAD KADRICH SPORTS EDITOR bkadrich@oe.homecomm.net

Some are veterans, others rookies. Some have been there before, others haven't.

The 14 wrestlers who make up the 1999 Eccentric All-North Oakland wrestling team have one thing in common: outstanding seasons. All but three reached the individu-

al state meet, and the group put together three individual championships and nine medals from this year's meet alone.

Here's a look at the best wrestlers in the area:

I Justin Craft, Oxford, sophomore Craft struggled early in his first varsity season, but teamed with 112pounder Ryan Gall to give the Wildcats an early boost in meets down the stretch.

Craft finished fourth at the Flint Metro League meet and was a region-al qualifier for coach Paul McDevitt. He finished the season with a 31-20 record.

Justin showed steady improvement," McDevitt said. "At the end of the year, he was as tough as any 103pounder in Division II, He gained confidence in himself. It just took awhile."

Mike Quigley, Lake Orion, sophomore — Quigley, who spent much of his freshman season in the Dragons'

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lineup, proved he belonged as a sophomore.

Quigley finished 31-12, was fifth at the Oakland County meet, second at the Oxford Invitational, and reached the individual regional. He lost 11-10 in the consolation semifinal to Adam Cross of Rochester Adams, but had Cross on his back when the buzzer sounded.

"It was a good sophomore year," Lake Orion coach Doug Kline said. "He grew up a lot the second half of the season. I think placing second at Oxford was more important to him than placing county, because he wrestled well there. I think that gave him the shot of confidence he really needed."

Ryan L'Amoreaux, Clarkston, senior — He transferred from Water-ford after his freshman season, and L'Amoreaux quickly went about prov-ing he's one of the best in the state.

After medaling at 103 pounds last ear, L'Amoreaux capped a stellar career by winning the 119-pound state title this season. He also won. the Goodrich Tournament of Champions, along with winning district and regional titles while posting a 43-2 record.

"Obviously he had the kind of season he wanted to have," Clarkston coach Mike DeGain said. "He felt he could have been a state champ last year, and he came back this year and proved it."

and picked up a pair of state championships, becoming one of only two Wolves (teammate Pat DeGain is the other) to win two titles.

Grant set a school record for wins (197), is a three-time Oakland County champion and is the only wrestler to win the Goodrich Tournament of Champions four times, "He just finished out a great high

school career," DeGain said. "He's like a machine. He goes out and dom-inates his opponent and gets the team fired up. That's what being a leader is all about."

winning the Oakland County meet and reaching the state tournament a year ago.

No problem. Wilfong, Oxford's senior co-captain, led the Wildcats to the team state semifinals and once again reached the state tournament as he put a solid capper on a good career

Wilfong finished third at the county meet and 2nd at the Flint Metro League tournament. He was fourth in the regional, losing in the consolation semifinal to eventual state champion Joe Ray Barry of Mason. Wilfong finished his senior year at

"He was an excellent leader,"

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McDevitt said, "He showed our young guys you can get a lot accomplished by working hard." Andy Dewey, Lake Orion, senior — When Dewey reached the state tournament, his moth-er said, "We just hope he can place

Well, Dewey did much better than that, capping an outstanding senior season by reaching the championship match before falling short of a state title at 130 pounds.

Dewey won the Oxford Invitational, was second at the Oak-land Activities Association Division I meet and third at the Oakland County tournament.

Dewey finished 42-6, and all six losses were to wrestlers who placed at the state meet.

"You are not going to find any-one with greater character and quality than Andy," Dragons coach Doug Kline said, "Qualify-ing for the state meet was something we looked at as a foregone conclusion because of the kind of kid he is. He had a tremendous year, and he deserved every single great moment he had.'

Mike Lamble, Lake Orion, senior — Lambie struggled to a 5-13 record before the Christmas holiday, including a fifth-place showing at the Oakland County Meet.

one of the best around. While going 30-5 after the holidays, Lambie won the Oxford Invitational, finished third at the league meet, second at dis-

tricts and third at the regional. He was forced to injury default out of the state tournament where Kline believed he would certainly have earned a medal.

"If he hadn't gotten hurt, he would definitely have placed," Kline said. "After Christmas, he was one of the top four kids in the state.

"I really believed going in to the state meet that we had a good chance to get him all the way to the semfinal, because he was wrestling that well." Jason Eldridge, Oxford, fresh-

man — Eldridge was a surprise to most people, but not necessarily to McDevitt, who watched his youngster develop in the middle school ranks. That's why McDevitt wasn't necessarily surprised when Eldridge set a freshman record for wins at Oxford, going 32-22, finishing third in the Flint Metro eague and becoming a regional qualifier, all in his first varsity

"I've watched his progress, so I expected a lot of him," McDevitt said, "But he even surpassed my expectations

Andy Auten, Clarkston, senior — While the three individual champions got all the ink, Auten went about putting together a tremendous season" Auten couldn't have ended his " season on a much higher note, reaching the championship match in the Division I state wrestling tournament before falling to Luke Lazzo of

II 'Andy was our silent leader. He had a great season, kept his focus and was able to do almost anything he wanted to do.

> Mike DeGain Clarkston wrestling coach

Rochester Adams.

Auten also finished second at the Oakland County meet, the district and regional tourna-

ments. "Andy was our silent leader DeGain said. "He's kind of a quiet kid, hadn't made it to state before this, but made the most of it by getting to the finals. He had a great season, overcame a lot of disappointments from last season, kept his focus and was. able to do almost anything he wanted to do." Chris Bettridge, Lake Orion,

senlor — If it hadn't been for Kevin Boyd of Rochester Adams and Clarkston's Pat DeGain, Bettridge would have had an unbeaten regular season.

As it was the Dragon senior finished 41-8, with five losses to Boyd, who finished 2nd to DeGain in last year's state meet, and an overtime loss to DeGain. Bettridge earned silver medals at the Oakland County, league, district and regional tourna-ments, losing all four championship matches to Boyd. Bettridge won the Oxford Invi-

tational and finished seventh at the state meet, where he drew the hardest draw in the tournament

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"The way he goes about his business in the wrestling room and on the mat, there was no doubt in my mind he was going to place again at state," Kline, said. "I was proud of him, There was a lot of pressure on him all year, and he handled it well." Willie Breyer, Oxford, sopho-

more — Bröyer showed he had potential by wrestling well at the regional tournament last year, then made good on the potential with his performance as a sopho-

Brever finished fourth at the

state meet to cap a 42-13 season. He lost in the Flint Metro League finals to Holly's Justin

Torres, an eventual state champion. Breyer was fifth at the Oakland County meet and was the district and regional champion. His best performance came in the team state semifinal, when he knocked off Lowell's Bill

Stouffer 23-17.

Stouffer came into the match unbeaten. "I can't even explain this kid," McDevitt said of Breyer. "I think he just finally started feeling his mpresence on the mat and gained

📕 Pat-DeGain, Clarkston, Junior - DeGain joined Grant in sharing a piece of Clarkston history this year, but he's got a chance to make history all his own next

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she is stepping down from the Eagles' program after 17 years of service.

"I think it's time for a break," said Slayton Monday. "After 17 years, it's time to hand it over to someone else,"

Slayton notified Springfield. Christian athletic director Phil-Sheffield last month that she is stepping aside so she'll have more of a chance to watch her two daughters, Chrissie and Courtney, play middle school athletics at Springfield.

Slayton began the girls bas-ketball program at Springfield in the fall of 1982 — her first game was a 93-23 loss to Class B Mt. Morris — but has since complied.

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straight state championship.

DeGain, who missed several

weeks with bad ribs, finished his second consecutive unbeaten

season at 34-0 and cruised to the

He also won everything in

sight and was rarely tested after

finishing second at the world

tournament over the summer. "He's the most at ease kid I've

ever coached," said his father-

coach Mike DeGain. "He's never

nervous. He just goes out and

wrestles like he practices. As

soon as he hits the mat, he's focused."

Eric Ghlaciuc, Oxford, junior

- After struggling to find his

groove at the beginning of the season, Ghiaciuc finished 35-8

and made people forget it was

just his second season of

Ghiaciuc followed his seventh-

place medal at last year's state

meet by reaching this year's championship match before los-

Rice avenged his only loss of

the season, to Ghiaciuc in the

regional final. Ghiaciuc cruised through the

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title.

In her 17 seasons with the Eagles, Slayton compiled a 165-69 record (.705 winning percent-age) which includes just two los-ing seasons, two undefeated seasons, six league championships, two league tournament titles, six regional titles, two Michigan Association of Christian Schools Division I state championships and four runner-up finishes. The Eagles finished 19-1 this

past fall, losing only to Kalamazoo Heritage Christian in the MACS Division I finals.

Slayton also coach the Eagles' varsity softball team for 10 sea-

Oakland soccer league extends sign-up deadline

Flint Metro League and finished fourth at the Oakland County meet,

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"He really improved as the year went on," McDevitt said. "He wrestled well (at state), but just got caught. Now he'll come back and work harder, next vear

Jon Robinson, Clarkston, - When Robinson entered lunlor a tournament this year, you could usually just pencil his name into the championship

match. Robinson gave the Wolves a steady force at the heavyweight spot all season, reaching the finals of every tournament he entered except the individual regional and individual state meets.

He won the district and beat James Pack of Rochester Adams o win the Oakland County and OAA I tournaments.

"If you look at his losses, one was to the state champion and another was to maybe the sec-ond-best heavyweight in the state. Jon didn't lose too many matches he wasn't supposed to. He had a good year."

sons, compiling a 97-30 record (.763 winning percentage) with three MACS state finals appearances.

"Vicki has been a great influence to our girls over the years, she'll be missed," said Sheffield. "She did an awful lot for our girls basketball program. You can't say enough about her."

Like many sports personnel, Slayton is leaving the door open for a possible return to the sidelines sometime in the future.

"This is for at least one year," she said. "In a year. I'll re-evaluate the situation and see if I want to come back. Who knows - I may want to go after another state championship."

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Hills picked up at Global Soccer in The first OYSL golf outing is Lake Orion, the RARA Office in also scheduled for May 10. For Rochester, the Rochester Hills more information, call (248) 391-



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Dragons' Miller finishes 2nd at county 3-point shootout

BY JIM TOTH AND MARTY BUDNER

It was Senior Night at the 9th Annual Oakland CountyiSlam Dunk/3-Point Shooting Contest held Tuesday evening at Troy High School.

High School. Walled Lake Central senior Jason Ohomsawin captured the 3-point championship after a close shootout in the finals against Lake Orion's Jason Miller. Oak Park senior Jonathon Oliver survived a tough battle to win the Slam Dunk crown by just three-tenths of a point over Andrew Burt, a senior, from Farmington Harri-

son. For Obomsawin, the victory was a satisfying end to a brilliant season when he led all. Oakland County scorers with 72 treys this season for an average of nearly four per game. In fact, the 5-foot-8 Vikings guard came

into the contest feeling a bit overlooked. Obomsawin read some reports that indicated Ben Dewar, a senior from Walled Lake Western who led Oakland County in scoring average, was favored to .

win the 3-point contest. Considering those regular-season statistics, Obomsawin felt he had something to prove, "I thought I had a really good

"I thought I had a really good chance to win it," said Obomsawin, "It kind of made me angry when I read that Dewar was seeded ahead of me. It gave me a little more incentive.

141 had one game this year (against Northville) when I hit 10 3-pointers and finished with 34 points: Dewar had a game where he hit pine 3-pointers," he said.

Competing in his first 3-point contest, Obomsawin tied for top honors in the opening round and easily qualified for the semifinals along with 12 other shooters. In the semifinal, Obomsawin again tied for top honors to earn a final-round berth against Miller.

Obomsawin and Miller cameout smoking in the championship round. After the first three racks, the players were tied at 11-each. However, from that 'point on, Obomsawin, outscored Miller 5-0 to gain the triumph.



Big smallmouth: Mike Canfield and his daughter Maggie pose for a photo with Mike's Master Angler smallmouth. The fish measured in excess of 23 inches and was the biggest catch-and-release smallmouth registered last year with the DNR's Master Angler Program.

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tations by Al Stewart, the DNR's new upland gamebird specialist, as well as local wildlife biologists and veteran turkey hunters. There will also be door prizes, raffles, a kids calling contest and more.

For tickets and more information or to make a donation to the chapter call Rick Riley at (616) 549-2179.

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

"It was exciting for me, I practiced today at school and I just came out shooting," Obomsawin said, "I looked up at one point and saw it was 11-11 and I just atarted shooting quicker. I was just shooting and I didn't see many of them go in,"

Meanwhile, climbing above the rim has been nothing new to Oliver, who said he first started dunking a basketball in the ninth grade. What was new was the dunk attempt that sent him soaring past the competition.

After gaining a spot in the 12man final field, the 6-2 Oak Park senior lined up for one of his allimportant final-round slams. Oliver lofted the ball high toward the basket and, while taking steps to chase it down, raised his white No. 59 Troy Community Coalition slam dunk t-shirt over his head and authoritatively one-handed the leather through the cylinder.

through the cylinder. "That's the first time I've tried that," said Oliver, sporting an ear-to-ear smile. "At first I didn't think I could do it, but my friends were behind me and said go ahead and try it."

The advice promptly paid off as Oliver edged runner-up Andrew Burt of Farmington Harrison, 165.5-165.2. Mike DeGain of Madison Heights. claimed third place with 162.9, Avondale's Darius Whiteside took fourth with 160.6, Jeff Mitchell of Walled Lake Western was, fifth with 157.1 and Mike Billingsley, of Birmingham Seaholm placed sixth with 147.1.

Oliver was the first to admit that crowd noise played an important part in his success. "When I see the crowd, I try to

"When I see the crowd, I try to put on a show and make it fun for them," Oliver said. "I love getting the crowd into it because they help me."

In addition to the top six finishers in the dunk, the rest of the final field included Ben Dewar (Walled Lake Western), Jamala Lamb A (Birmingham Groves), Ralph Sylvester. (Birmingham Brother, Rice), Jason Maes (Whitelake Lakeland), and Stan Bodzick (Berkley). • Röchester Adams girls softball and basketball coach Fran Scislowicz will serve as director for a pair of upcoming camps. From 'Tuesday, April, 6, through Thursday, April, 6, through Training Softball Camp will be held for girls between the ages of six and 14 from noon to 2

p.m. at Adams. Camp focus will include daily drill sessions such as hitting, throwing and catching. Infield/outfield skills and daily scrimmage games will be included. Each camper is asked to be a close

to bring a glove. The same three days will hold the Mega Sports Camp inside

the Hamlin School gymnasium from 9-11 a.m. Open to boys and gris in grades one through five, the camp will offer a variety of activities including scooters, floor hockey, basketball and indoor soccer. The activitiesbased camp is designed to give each participant an opportunity to develop skills and compete in a wide variety of sports. Campers will be grouped with others of comparable physical skills and size.

Cost for each camp is \$40. For further information, contact Scislowicz at (248) 656-8308. • Rochester High School varsity baseball coach Bob Dieters, along with assistant coaches and varsity level players, will be conducting the Spring Training Rochester Holiday Baseball Camp April 5-7 for youngsters, ages 6-14 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Rochester High School baseball fields.

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Cost is \$75 per person. Each youngster is asked to bring a bat, glove and baseball shoes. The camp will feature daily drill sessions - involving hitting, pitching, throwing and catching, infield/outfield skills, sliding and bunting - and game situations.

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Winners again: For the second straight season, the Lake Orion Special Olympios Unified Basketball team came home from the state meet with the gold. The Olympians went to the state tournament March 14 and won all three games, emerging victorious in all three to capture the title. Under the leadership of coach Rich Burrell, Orion put together an unbeaten 1999 basketball season. Team officials offered their thanks to coordinator Marita Sharp and facilitator Sharon McCatty for their time and unselfish devotion to the program. Their efforts, officials said, give "our Special Olympians the opportunity to compete at any level." Team members include Terry Beardsley, Mark Churchill, Jason Sjoblom, Nathan Duff, Dan Plotzke, Aaron Senak, Brian Webster, Paul Crantck, Nick Gonzales, Mike Reynolds, Coach Rich Burrell, Dan Torres and Jason Taft.

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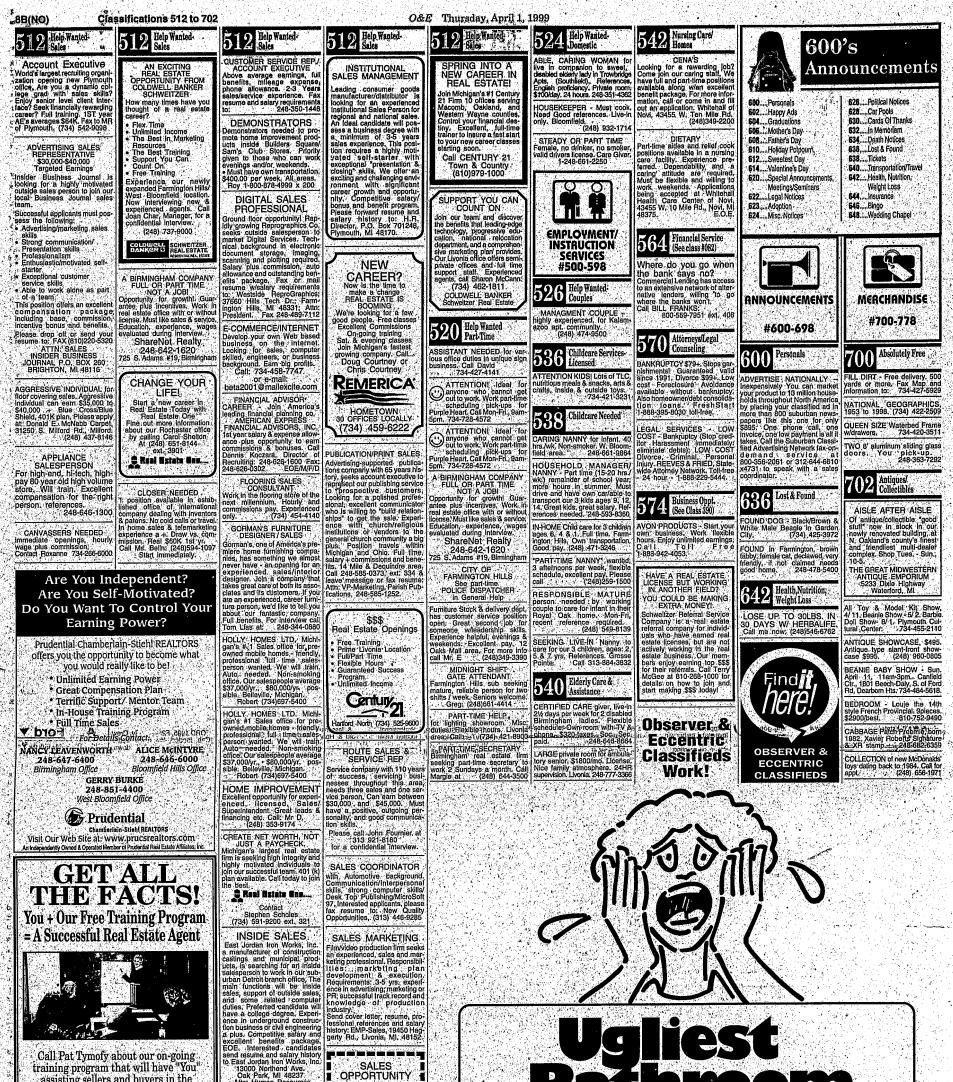
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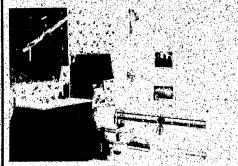
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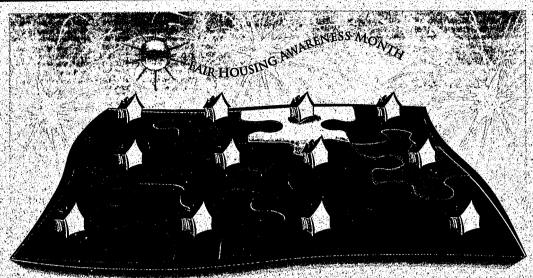


Q. I just bought some property next to a gas station that had, at one time, toxic waste that had to be cleaned up.

Unfortunately, th fact that the gas station was a toxic waste site. has been publicized. Now I am wondering whether or not I am entitled to any claim for damages because of this

situation. Do you have any suggestions for me and what I can do?

A. In a recent Utah Supreme Court case, the court held that a leak from a gas station that contaminated a nearby shopping center was a basis for the owners of the



Realtors piece together today's neighborhoods with sensitivity

BY DOUG FUNKE STAFF WRITER dfunke@oe.homecomm.net

air housing awareness is no longer just a black-and-white issue, maintains Jean G. Golchuk, executive officer for the

Detroit Board of Realtors. It's a sensitivity to what's impor-tant to buyers and sellers of various ethnic backgrounds, she said.

"If you have people of different cul-tures coming in, you should be aware of what their culture is about," said Golchuk, a Realtor for 20 years, most recently in Plymouth. "Certain Orientals; for example;

don't want a door facing south or the number five in the address. You men-tion it and leave it to them to decide. That's the sensitivity part coming out of Fair Housing. It's also a matter of good business sense, Golchuk added. "The gist of all of this is to do the best for the cus-

tomer or client." April is observed as Fair Housing Awareness Month.

Realtors here have an opportunity to attend a free luncheon and program, "Many Cultural Neighbor-hoods-One America," Wednesday, April 21, at the Charles H. Wright **Museum of African American History** in Detroit.

Co-sponsors include the Birming-ham Bloomfield Rochester South Oakland Association of Realtors; the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors and the North **Oakland County Board of Realtors** For reservations, call Golchuk at (313) 962-1318.

Standard Federal Bank (headquartered in Troy), the Department of Housing and Urban Development and Fannie Mae (a mortgage lender)

are major sponsors Speakers include Michael Peck, WWOCAR executive vice president, who will talk about wording in real



TRAINING ON FAIR HOUSING ISSUES The Property Management Council, a sub-sidiary of the Apartment Association of Michigan, and the Western Wayne Oak-land County Association of Realtors plan additional training on fair housing issues. WHAT The Property Management Court cil presents a workshop, "Fasts on Fair..... Housing."

WHEN and WHERE: 9 a.m. to noon Friday, April, 30, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia,

COST: Which includes continental breakfast, is \$29 for Property Manage-ment Council members, \$39 for members of the Apartment Association of Michigan and the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and \$49 for oth-

RESERVATIONS: call (248) 737-

WHAT: The Western Wayne Oakland realty board presents a workshop, "At Home with Diversity." WHEN and WHERE: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, May 17, at its offices 24125 Drake, Farmington. COST: \$129. To register, call Vickey Gassam at (248) 478-1700

category where most arise here.

More than half, - 147 of 254 com-plaints - filed with the Fair Housing Center during the year ending Sept. 30, 1998 alleged racial discrimina-tion, said Clifford Schrupp, director.

Other protected categories with major complaints were handicaps, 53 filings; familial status, usually involving children, 17; age discrimination, 12; national origin, 9; gender, 7: and marital status, 6.

Nearly 80 percent of the filings involved rental rather than buy/sell situations

or not, Schrupp said. And people don't have to work as a Realtor or rental agent to get involved, he added.

"They can make a personal commitment to be inclusive in their thinking and inclusive in their behavior in housing as well as other civil rights," he said.

Current residents can personally welcome newcomers to the neighborhood. People can speak out when they hear comments that stereotype ridiçule or disparage a group or mis-)

Clergy, in particular, can play an effective role in raising these issues through homilies, sermons," he said.

e're always open to people who want to become testers interested in helping gather evidence that may or may not show discrimination, Schrupp added. Call (313) 963-1274. Personal contact is the best way to

break down barriers, Realtors say. The biggest thing I find is people

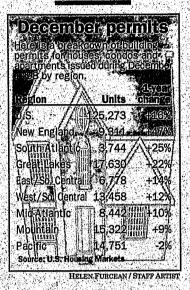
don't get a chance to know other peo-ple," said Linda Nuzzo, a Realtor with **RE/MAX** in the Village in Bloomfield Hills and chairwoman of BBRSOAR's member services/ equal opportunity in housing committee

"If they did ... they would know they're no different than anyone else," Nuzzo said. "No one should be denied access to property in any way if they can afford it." "We can't legislate how somebody

feels, but we can guide them by legislation in the right direction as far as action goes," said Lynn Kacy, a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Professionals in Clarkston.

She's also chairwoman of the equal opportunity in housing committee for the North Oakland County Board of Realtors.

"Rather than just beat people over the head and say, 'Thou shalt not .. let's bring people together. Let's enjoy meeting people and enjoy the



30-year fixed rates fall to 4%

APRIL FOOLS DAY! MORTGAGE SEARCH DAVID C.

Sorry, but rates are still very low – around 7 percent. Now that I have your attention, let's talk about the spring home-buying ason and some of the things to keep in mind when you apply for your mortgage. limits increased last year to \$240,000, up



from \$227,150, the previous Ioan limit. Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae adjusted this loan limit because the national average of home prices increased

between October 1997 and October 1998 (and are still increasing). This has had an effect on those who have loan amounts in this range,

Conforming rates tend to be lower than so-called jumbo rates (jumbo mortgage rates are now anything above the \$240,000). Because there is a greater risk in jumbo loans, lenders charge anywhere from 1/4 percent to a 1/2 percent higher rates for these loans. That represents paying any where from \$25 to \$60 a month extra

for a 30-year jumbo fixed rate. With the new loan limit of \$240,000 you can use that extra monthly savings to perhaps buy a little more expensive home or afford a few more extras in hone of another your building. And that new home your building. And that's no April Fools Day joke. One lender, Home Loan Mortgage, actually contacted all of its past clients

when the change took place and offered a no-cost refinance to those falling into the category between \$227,150 and \$240,000, saving their clients money.

What I found particularly impressive about this lender is that it makes sure all of its past clients are aware of the current mortgage market conditions

shopping center to sue. They could try to er for nuisance and trespass for damages both in the clean up and the resulting stigma that fell onto their property.

The stigma damages are in excess of any damages recovered for any temporary injury itself.

The court reasoned that "stigma damages' compensate for loss to the property's market value that resulted from the long-term negative perception of the property. The stigma damages are in excess of any damages recovered for any temporary injury

The court went on to say that a plaintiff can recover stigma damages if he can show that the defendant caused some temporary physical injury to the plaintiff's land. He must also show that repair of this temporary injury will not return the value of the property to its prior level because of a lingering negative public perception.

itself.

While that is not necessarily a precent for case law here in Michigan, it may stand as an important precedent.

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estate advertising. Henry Stancato, a lawyer with the

Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit, will update on recent court decisions.

E'toile Libbett, a Réaltor in Kalamazoo and former chairwoman of the fair housing/ diversity committee for the National Association of Realtors, will discuss the new diversity professional designation.

While race may not account for all fair housing complaints, it's still the

"Most of the time we deal with people who know what they're doing, know what the laws are," Schrupp said.

The center usually prevails on upwards of 40 percent of the com-plaints through negotiation or law-suits, Schrupp said. The rest are dropped due to lack of evidence or lack of resources to pursue.

Everyone can promote fair housing, whether he's currently in the market

"I think it goes back to treating everyone like you want to be treated, said Betty Bjarnesen, a Realtor with RE/MAX 100 in Novi and chairwoman of the education committee for the Western Wayne/Oakland board.

"Listen so you can respond with the proper sensitivity. Sometimes, we listen to people (just) so we can say what we want to say next," Bjarnesen said.

and notify its clients when changes occur that can benefit them. Nick Heppard, the company's vice president, manages the everyday operation and says their client loyalty is at an all time high.

John Markoul, a mortgage consultant with the company, helps educate the move-up buyer client on the tax reform of 1996. He says, "Many of our past clients that would have normally waited a few more years before selling and buying another home, have made their plunge earlier." The federal tax reform allows sellers to pocket \$250,000 to \$500,000 worth of sales profits tax-free.

"Besides the heavy refinance activity that we have experienced, our purchase business has increased because of our past clients deciding to move earlier. and coming back to us for another mortgage" says John. Always consult your CPA when it comes to tax issues. Have a great April Fools Day!

David Mully's company, Mortgage Search Services, surveys lenders and provides updates on mortgage rates for homeoivners. His survey and weekly column can be accessed online at www. rateupdate.com The survey report is also on cable TV's Home Preview Channel and also appears inside Thursday and Sunday's Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. The company provides consumers with a Mortgage Search Hot line at 1-877-MTG-SHOP (684-7467). For information, call Mully at (248) 305-7337 or e-mail info@ rateupdate. com

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New home sales decline in February

BY DAVE SKIDMORE ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

(AP) - New home sales declined 2 percent in February, the third consecu-tive drop since they hit a record high last fall.

Americans bought new homes at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 881,000 last month, a five-month low and down from 899,000 in January, the Commerce Department said. Though down considerably from the

record 985,000 pace in November, the February sales rate was nevertheless considered strong. Sales for the first two months of this year are running 1.4 percent ahead of the same period in 1998.

Low unemployment, strong inflationadjusted income gains, high stock

prices and low mortgage rates are supporting sales.

"Demand remains strong from both first-time homebuyers and in the move-up segment," said economist Lynn Reaser of Bank of America Private Bank.

Existing home sales, tracked by the National Association of Realtors, also slipped in February. They were down 0.4 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.02 million, compared with a record 5.04 million pace in January

While analysts expect continued. strong sales for both new and used homes, they believe a small increase in mortgage rates - from around 6.75 percent early in the year to about 7 per-cent currently along with an expected

moderation in the overall economic growth rate, will contribute to a modest sales slowdown from last year's torrid nace

Sales of new homes fell 8.7 percent in the West to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 231,000. They declined 7.4 percent to a rate of 386,000 in the South. They were unchanged at a rate of 86,000 in the Northeast and rose 22.9 percent to a rate of 177,000 in the Midwest, after a weather-related slump in January.

Nationally, the median price of a new. home – meaning half sold for more and half for less – was \$158,000 in February, up 1.3 percent from a year earlier. The supply of unsold homes at the end of February totaled 301,000, the nost in two years.

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LICENSE TRAINING

Homes by Donahue of Tra-verse City offers a pair of intensive, one-day workshop to pre-pare for the state builders licensing examination.

One class goes 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 3, at the Troy Holiday Inn, 2537 Rochester Court. A second session runs 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 10, at the Radis-son Suites Hotel, 37529 Grand River, Farmington Hills. Cost is \$125. To register, call. (800) 852-3168.

PROPERTY INVESTORS

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne County hosts a program on home inspections, heat tape and water damage 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, at the Southgate Holiday Inn,.

17201 Northline, one block east of I-75.

Cost is \$10 for non-members Beginning landlords interested in a free introductory package should call Wayde Koehler at (313) 386-7228.

HOME IMPROVEMENT

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan hosts its third annual home Improvement show 2:10 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 8-9; 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, April 10; and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, April 11; at the Novi Expo Center, I-96 at Novi Road. Participants can browse

exhibits and attend seminars. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors and children 6-12 years of age. Family tickets are available for \$9 at Farmer Jack stores. Parking is extra. For information, call (248)

737-4478, or visit the Internet at www.builders.org

ENERGY SEMINARS

Detroit Edison and Home Building Workshops present a free seminar on energy-efficient techniques for new and existing homes, including geothermal heating and cooling, at two loca-

tions in Livonia. The first runs 11:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 11, at the Marriott Hotel, 17100 Laurel Park Drive; the second, 6:45-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty. To register, call (800) 833-2786

MOLD ERADICATION

The North Oakland County Builders Association, a subgroup of BIA, presents a discussion about ways to reduce moisture. and mold problems in construction of new homes, 5:50 p.m.-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, at Mitch's II restaurant, 6665 Highland Road, Waterford Speaker: Bill Edginton, Dow

Chemical Co. Cost, including dinner, is \$20. To register, call (248) 737-4477.

BUILDING CLASS

Oakland Builders Institute and Livonia Community Education present a 16-hour class on how to build your own home 6-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 13-22, at Riley Middle School, 15555 Henry Ruff, Livo-

nia. Cost is \$170, plus \$25 for call (734) textbooks. To register, call (734)

523-9277.

LICENSE TRAINING II

The Birmingham Bloomfield Rochester South Oakland Association of Realtors and the Real Estate Education Center present a 40-hour pre-license training class required to take the state real estate sales exam 6-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 13-May 13, at the BBRSOAR offices, 901 Tower Drive, Troy Cost is \$195, which includes all materials. To register, call Carole at (810) 274-4320, or Karen at (248) 879-5730

CREW MEETING/OUTING Commercial Real Estate Women host a meeting and night at the opera Wednesday, April 21.

The evening begins at 5:45 p.m. at the Detroit Athletic Club with hors d'oeuvres and a discussion about Detroit's theater dis trict with developer Chuck Forbes and David DiChiera, gen-eral director of the Michigan Opera Theatre. Cost is \$25 for members, \$30 for non-members. A performance of Madame Butterfly follows at 8 p.m. at the **Detroit Opera Hous** \$40 for members, \$45 for non-

members Registration required by Tuesday, April 13, to Margaret Van Meter, (313) 465-7642.

LICENSE TRAINING III

Birmingham Community Education presents a seminar to prepare for the state builders licensing examination 6-10 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, April 12-21, at Seaholm High School, 2436 W. Lincoln, Birmingham. Cost is \$170, plus \$20 for

textbook fee. To register, call (248) 203-3800.

HOME BUY SEMINAR

Birmingham Community Education hosts a class for first time home buyers 7-9 p.m. Mondays, April 19-May 10, at Sea-holm High School, 2436 W. Lincoln, Birmingham.

Cost is \$32. To register, call (248) 203-3800.

ARCHILECTURE

Lawrence Technological University presents Dan Hanganu as speaker during its free architecture lecture series 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 29, at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Hanganu is a member of the Order of Architects of Quebec,

the Ontario Association of Architects and the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts.

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RENOVATION CLASS

Birmingham Community Education sponsors a class, "Fixing Up a Fixer-Upper," 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, April 29 and May 6 and 13, at Seaholm High School, 2436 W. Lincoln, Birmingham

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month high of 7.11 percent two. weeks earlier. But the rate remains nearly a quarter percentage point higher than the 6.74 percent average at the end of January, Freddie Mac, the

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On one-year adjustable-rate

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Free brochure offers tips on flood insurance

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assess their damage and contact their independent insurance agents if loss is severe, "But give vour agent a chance to get back

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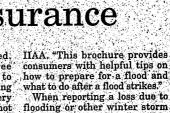
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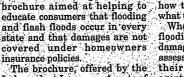
company, in addition to oversee-ing property acquisitions and corporate special events.

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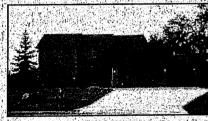
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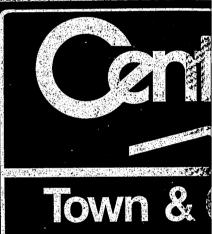
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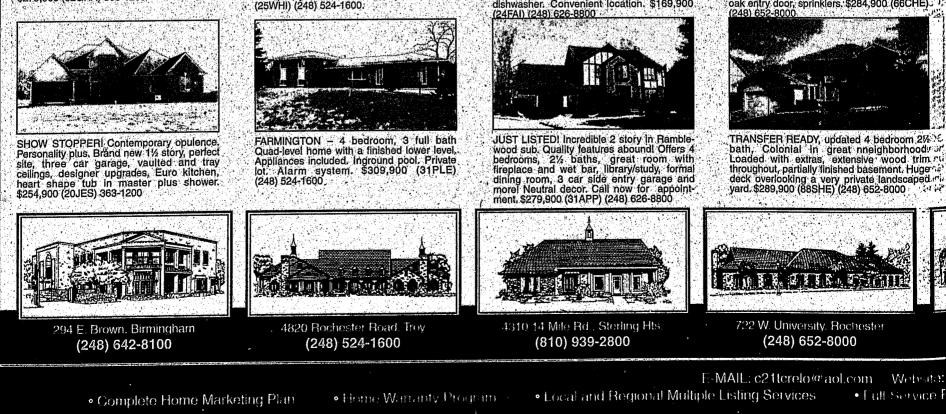


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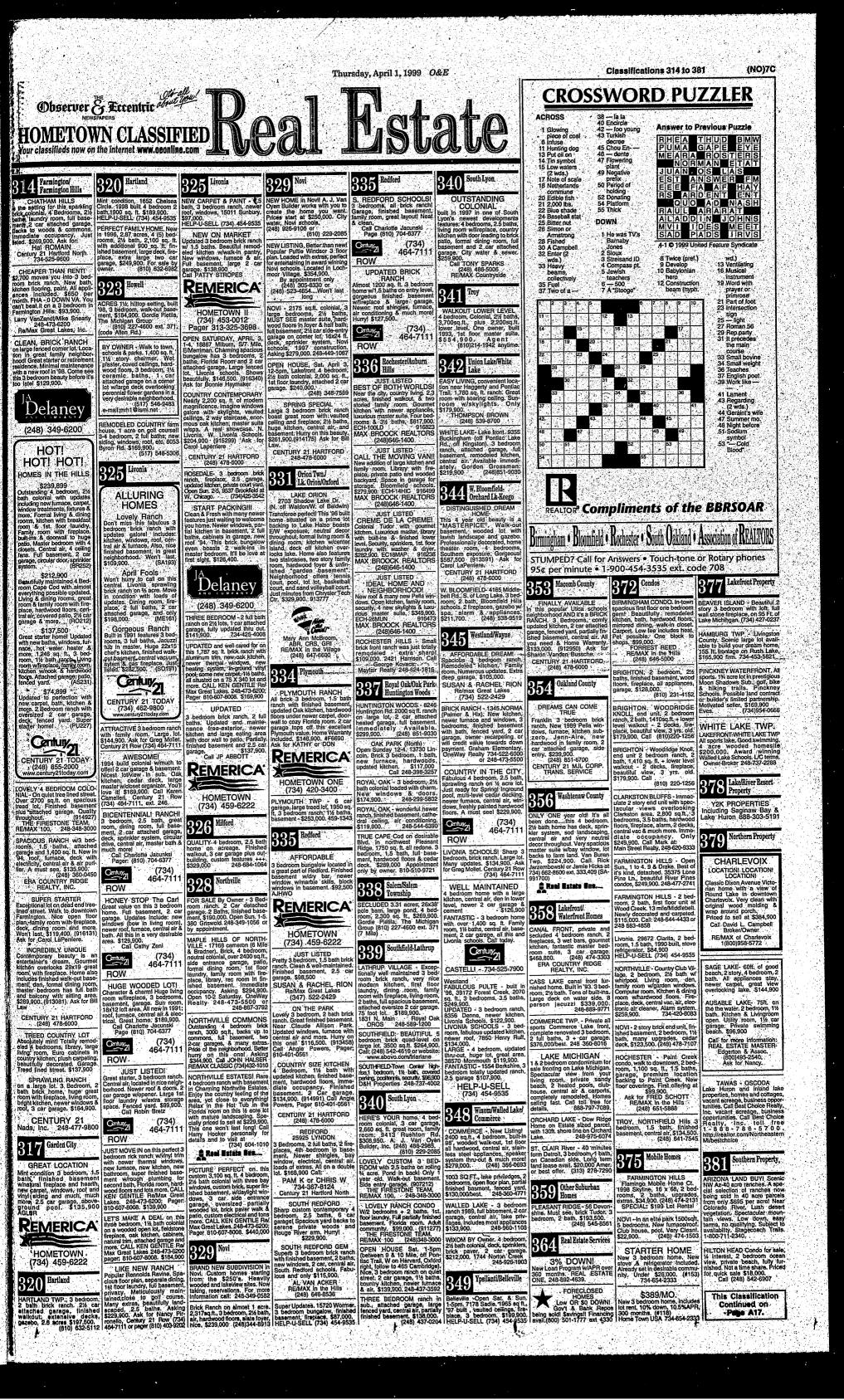


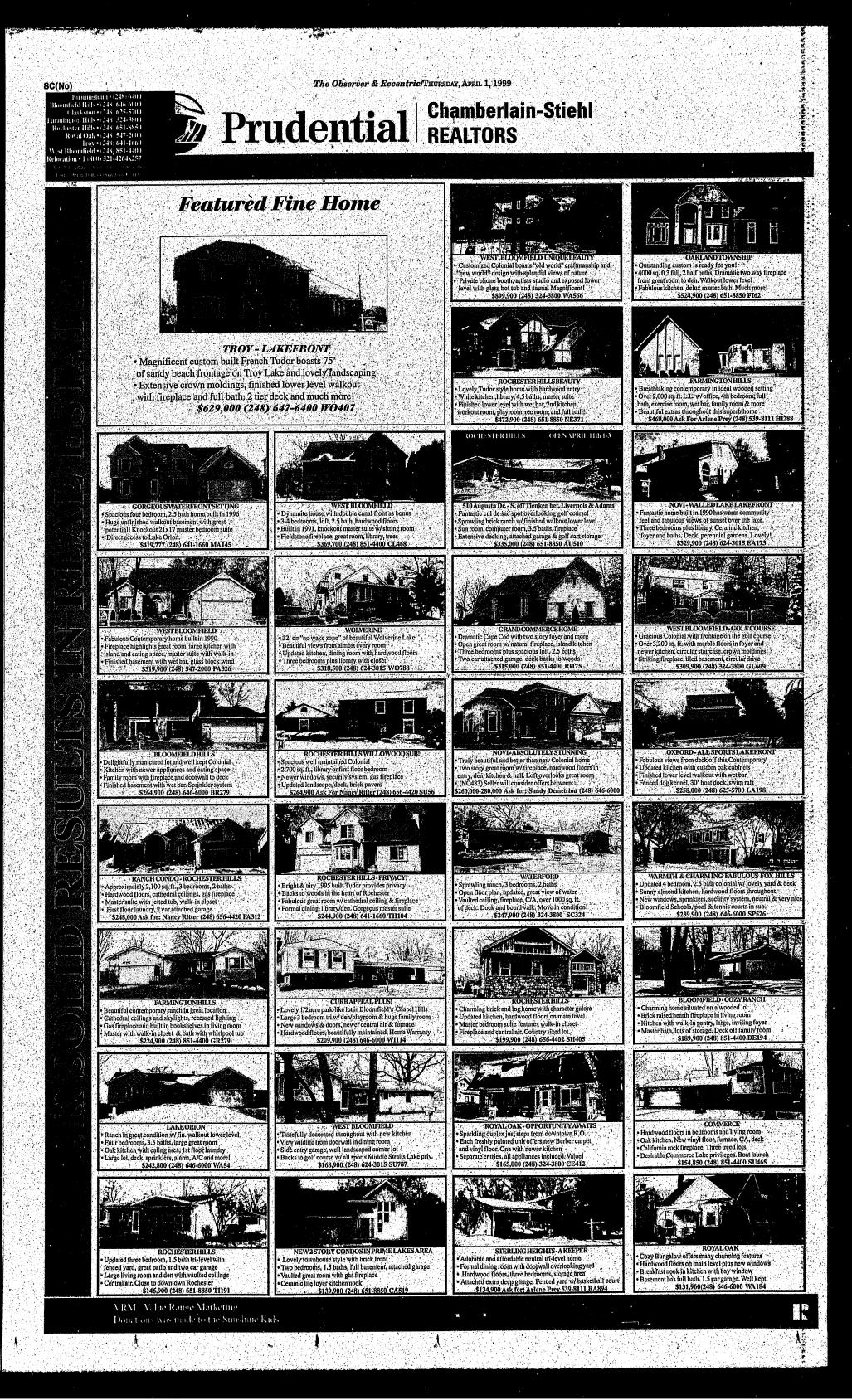
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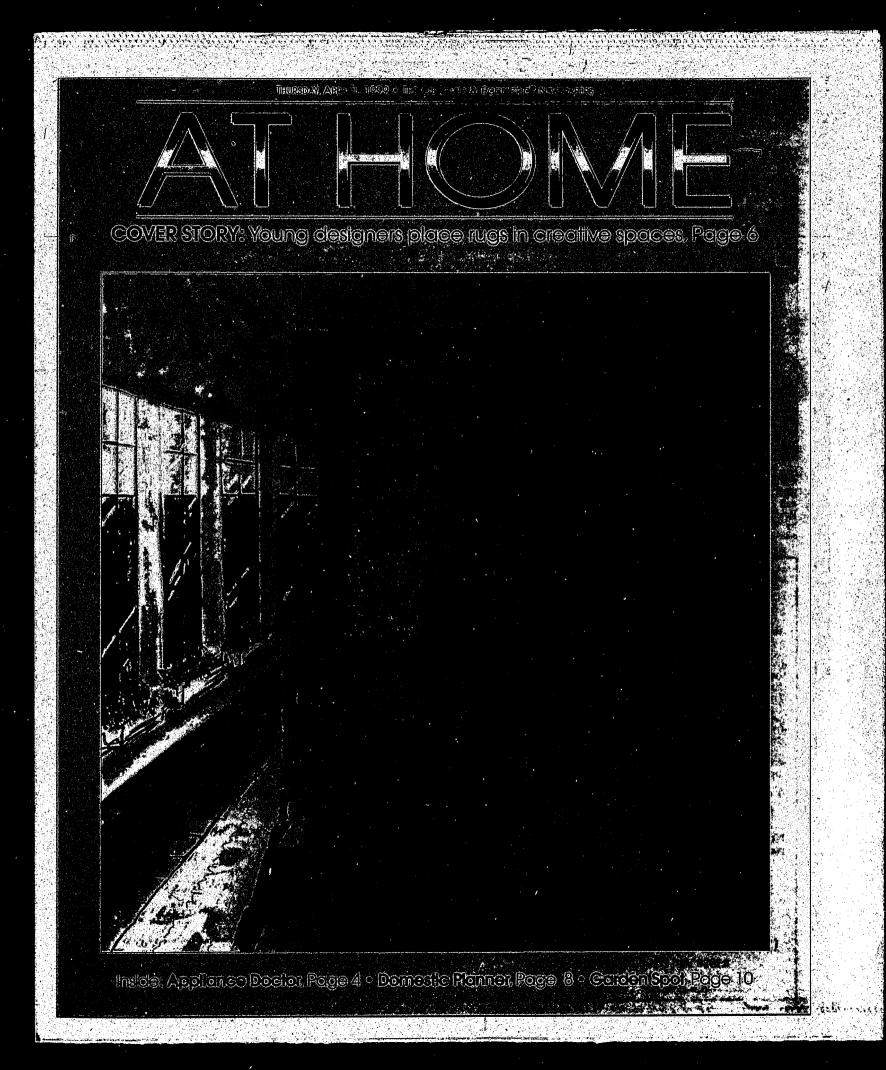
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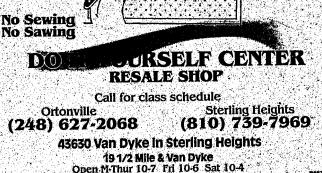
armoire. Their classes are held in the evenings (from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.), last just one night, cost \$30, and are all hands on you actually help make the item yourself. You leave the class equipped with a list of all the materials and measurements you'll need to make the item at home, along with a host of resources and tricks of the trade that only the professionals use. Kits are available for many of the projects.

Both instructors provide "aftercare" if you need help with any of the projects, but they say they've refined the classes over the years to the point where no one generally has any problems. They not only teach furniture, but also have craft classes, such as painting on glassware and faux finishes. Browse the Sterling Heights Center, which features a delightful resale shop of restored

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handyman hints Think of architect for additions

From the Service Connection

We have had many calls on large construction jobs this week. Here are some of the questions we received.

Q: I am looking to build a large addition on my home. What things should I look for when deciding what type of room to add, and do I really need an architect?

A: Be careful of who you choose to do the work for you. Any company can give you a great price and presentation on paper, but what they do with a little wood and cement is a different story. There is a big difference between "Builders" and "Architects," although you may find a builder that has an architect on staff. We always suggest contacting an architect that is not connected to a builder. Get their opinion on what you should watch out for when building or possibly get their suggestions on how to make the room more efficient for your needs.

Also, contact your city building inspector, they will help you with honest advice on what types of permits should be submitted. This is what they do for a living, they know the industry and can possibly help with an area you are unsure of. Granted, there are good building companies that have excellent architects working with them, but when you give complete control of a large job like an addition, it can turn into the "Money Pit."

Many, people choose to do a dormer instead of an addition. If you are on a small piece of property, building up instead of out is often a better answer. Keep in mind that whichever you decide to go with, your home will be more than likely "open" to the outside elements. Roofs and walls will usually be removed when doing this type of project. Make sure the workers are on a consistent schedule and the scaling off of the home is done correctly.

Make sure the addition will match your existing home. Many additions that you see in your neighborhood look as if they just decided to add a box on the top of the home. You should make any type of dormer or addition blend with your home, try to give your home a look like the dormer or addition has always been a part of the home. Matching brick of siding always helps with the overall presentation of your addition or dormer.

Helpful hint: Before starting work with any contractor, ask for a copy of their insurance and call to confirm the coverage. Contact your insurance agent and find out if you should carry any additional coverage during this period.

Q: We are thinking of doing a complete remodel of our master bathroom. We have attempted to do very little with the bath since we purchased the home 25 years ago. We always were under the assumption that we would have to completely destroy the bathroom once we decided to do the work. We would like to add a whirlpool tub, and redo the ceramic wall tiles in the shower. Do you have any ideas when considering a project like this?

A: There are quick fixes for basic bathroom remodeling; but by the way you have described the home, you should update all the areas of the bath. Before actually deciding on what you think you may want, go to a bath store and research the whirlpool tubs. Talk to a salesperson, find out what the pros. and cons are to each style. There are several different types of whirlpools to decide on. Most tubs have items like heating elements, power jets and hydro massage units and many other options. This should be a decision that you are willing to live with for several years to come. Not to mention the idea of when you sell your home you want this room to be very appealing to'a buyer (remember: Bathrooms are very important when selling a home).

Replacing ceramic tiles in any home can be a very stressful project, but the finished product is always loved by all who visit your bathroom. Are you sure you want to completely remove the existing tiles? This can become a very detailed project. If you are planning on replacing the tub, you may need to replace the tiles anyway. If you have never attempted to work with tile before, I would strongly suggest contacting a professional to do the work. Working with tile takes a skillful hand.

When deciding on what types of tile to use, be sure to take your time. Make sure your decision is a solid one. Colored grout is now an option to add a modern look to your bathroom. Tiles now come in several types of textures, sizes, colors and design patterns. Most of all, make this a fun project by getting involved with the decisions, and you'll feel wonderful as you see your new bathroom coming together.

The Service Connection will have a booth at the "Home Improvement Show," at the Novi Expo Center, April 8-11. Hope to see you there.

The Service Connection is a Livonia company offering a free service connecting consumers to licensed contractors. Call 1(800)287-0883.



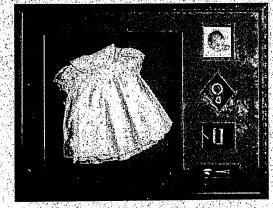
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Boutique bounty

Spring sale: The Women's Committee for Hospice Care will have its annual Spring

Luncheon & Boutique Tuesday, April 27, at the Orchard Lake Country Club. Enjoy the wide array of products from 21 vendors from Michigan, Massachusetts, Illinois and Ohio 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with lunch at noon. This year's boutique offerings of home accessories, gifts and antiques Include the Items shown here: Italian ceramics from Tutto Bene of Birmingham and custom jewelry from Bridget Bosco Designs of Orchard Lake. Tickets are \$35 and are available by calling (248) 681-1314 or (248) 644-2212.



Memorable gift

Preservation project: Finding the perfect Mother's Day gift could be as simple as revisiting treasured attic friends or opening an old toy box. Custom-made Framed Memories from Deck The Walls® are a great way to preserve a variety of memorable objects from family photos and favorite coljectibles to bridal keepsakes and christening gowns. Plus, Mom receives a gift she can cherish forever. Price depends on the mat and frame and ranges from \$150 to \$300. For more information about Framed Memories, or to find a Deck The Walls nearest you, call (800) 887-DECK.

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Fog free Clear view: From the moment you turn vour bath light on, bathroom fog is no longer a bother with the ClearMirror™ from NewHome Bath and Mirror. ClearMirror is an ultra-slim (1/16-inch) silicon rubber heating pad that adheres to the back of your bathroom mirror and uses the same amount of electrici-



ty as a standard light bulb. It can be installed directly to an existing power supply, or used with a plug system for new construction. Wiring it to the bathroom light switch ensures it won't be left on. The ClearMirror comes in a standard 18-by-20 inch size (other sizes available) and has a suggested retail price of \$84. The NewHome ClearMirror is marketed to mirror manufacturers and distributors and other building and home industry professionals. The MystFree ClearMirror is available at home remodeling and retail outlets. For more information, call toll-free (877) 24-CLEAR.



Particular pottery

Hare today: Escapades, 32744 Franklin Road in Franklin, features the colorful, hand-painted pottery of artist Gall Pittman as well as a variety of distinctive gifts. Call (248) 855-5856.

> AT HOME, Mary Klemic, editor (248) 901-2569 We are looking for your ideas for At Home and for the Marketplace roundup of new ideas. Send your comments to: Mary Klemic, At Home, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009

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appliance doctor

Spring round up of odds and ends



The last of the home improvement shows is coming to the Novi Center April-8-11 and you can ask the Appliance Doctor questions in person. This yearly event is dedicated

JOE GAGNON event is dedicated to home improve-

ment and it's a great place to get ideas what you want to do around your home. I will be broadcasting my show on both Saturday and Sunday and you are invited to stop by the WJR fadio booth.

At 7 p.m. Monday, April 5, I will be doing a seminar on consumer affairs at the Oxford Tavern on Grand River at Novi Road. The seminar is free but you will have to pay for your meal if you decide to eat. You should make reservations by calling 1-(248)305-5856. I will be talking about rip-off type operations and also about the defective dip tube in hot water tanks and where that story is going across the country.

The column I wrote just a few weeks ago about my feelings about the Better Business Bureau has resulted in an upcoming interview on my radio show. I will talk with Fred Hoffecker, president of the BBB. We will discuss the issues I brought up. It should be interesting to find out what changes he proposes to make.

The new edition of the Appliance Repair Act has been drafted by the office of Sen. Schwarz in Lansing and will again be going into committee. I've been working on this for some 10 years and I keep my fingers crossed that this is the year it gets passes. A simple law that helps consumers from being ripped off by those unethical in the service business has failed to fly in three previous attempts and this time I may need your help. I'll keep you posted.

My conversations about the recently designed AM receiving radio just

invented is drawing a lot of phone calls. This radio is the best receiving machine in the world and people who live in outlying areas or even in the Upper Peninsula can make good use of it. The cost is expensive at \$159 but well worth it if you're a radio listener. You can order it by calling C. Crane Co. in California at 1(800)522-8863.

It looks like the winter season is over or at least we hope so. I think a good project for every reader of this column is the dryer vent which has been working overtime for the past several months.

Let's all take the time to remove it from the back of the dryer and off the wall and take it outside for a good cleaning. Run the garden hose through it and retape the joints with some duct tape and, for heaven's sake, make sure it is made of solid aluminium available from your local hardware store.

Improper venting causes more than 14,000 house fires a year, so tell your neighbors and friends. It's no joke when we hear about little children who died because the dryer started the fire.

On a personal note to those who called me on the carpet for having a girlfriend after just recently marrying my Valorie, I would like to say, "My wife is not the jealous type and approves of my having one girlfriend, Annette Tamker, Annette recently turned 96 years old and until a year ago prepared the meals around the house and did the wash. Until an accident caused a hip problem, it was just a simple affair, now it has become much more serious and Valorie understands. I hope that radio listeners and readers will as well: Stay tune.

Joe Gagnon was the president of Carmack Appliances for 20 years and is foday a weekend talk show host on 760 WJR. He can be reached at (313)873-9789. His book "First Aid on Appliances" is available in book stores and Damman Hardware.

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focus on photography

Come over to overcast day photos



Are you a fairweather photographer? Do you shoot for those deep blue skies in all your pictures thinking that's the only way you can bring home the good shots? If so, you're missing out MONTE NAGLER on a lot of photo

opportunities. Overcast skies, often referred to as blah weather days," can actually provide you with numerous photo possibilities just not obtainable with any other kind of weather conditions.

Overcast days possess a soft, special light quality you can't get on a sunny day. Outdoor portraits, for example, are much more flattering when shot under overcast skies. The lighting is delicate and natural and harsh shadows are nonexistent. Squinty eyes are eliminated and genuine, relaxed expressions are

easily captured on your film. You might think that colors appear more brilliant on a sunny day. Quite the

contrary. Subtle overcast light will actually intensify colors and make that red barn or green maple leaves more vivid. Astute photographers are well aware. that that overcast lighting will produce more glorious and saturated autumn colors than direct sunlight in fall color changes

Remember, too, that film can't "see" the same way as can the human eye. In other words, film doesn't have the latitude that the eye possess

On a bright, sunny day our eyes can easily and quickly adjust to extreme contrast differences while viewing a scene. We can see details in the shadows while at the same time pick out texture in an area lit by a burst of sunbeams. But film can't respond in this way and often our sunny day photos will have distracting "hot spots," areas in our prints where the image is too bright and detail is lost.

Rest assured, the subtle light quality on an overcast day won't produce annoying "hot spots." The reduced contrast will conform to the latitude of your film and a very pleasing print will be vours

This is why black and white photographers especially prefer overcast skies Contrast is reduced and zone values "fall" perfectly into place for an easy-toobtain, full tonal range picture.

Of course, weather conditions that often accompany overcast days can be put to photographic advantage. Mist, fog, storm clouds; etc. can all work for you to improve and strengthen your shots. You'll obtain mood and emotion you just can't get on a sunny day.

Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave him a message by dialing (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then his mailbox number, 1873. His fax number is (248) 644-1314



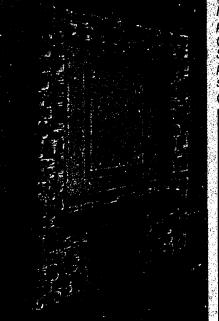
Seward's falling: Overcast lighting was just perfect for Monte Nagler's photo of Alaska's Seward Falls.



Creative space: Rugs place







Creative spaces: Suzanne Kidd won honorable mention in The Ghlordes Knot-American Society of Interior Designers Student Creative Space Competition. Her design (above) placed a rug as a canopy in an outdoor. temple-like structure. Other enfries included those by Mailssa Porter of Rochester Hills, which placed a rug as a column (center), and Eric Dean Statter of Southfield, which positioned a rug in the stonework of a fireplace (below).

On the Cover: Mary Beth Williams won honorable mention for her design in The Ghlordes Knöt-American Society of Interior Designers Student Creative Space Competition, In her design, Williams positioned a rug on one wall of a room. BY MARY KLEMIC At Home Edifor

Young designers worked magic with carpets for the 10th annual The Chiordes Knot-American Society of Interior Designers Student Creative Space. Competition.

Entries in this year's competition again demonstrated that rugs aren't just floor shows. Some placed rugs in different areas of a room and in different rooms, even outside. Renderings by entrants were displayed at The Ghiordes Knot at Michigan Design Center in Troy during MDC's Student Career Day last Friday.

"It enables students to learn about rugs for different uses than floor coverings," Ann Parker, The Ghiordes Knot showroom manager, said of the competition.

"I think it's important to educate the consumer: Arug is like art. You want them to enjoy it forever." The Ghiordes Knot provided students with photographs of two rugs: "Soleil," a wool needlepoint with a pattern of colorful garden flowers, and "Agra," a wool pile reproduction of woven art of historic India featuring rows of bouquets on a cream ground framed by a foliage border.

Contestants could work with one of them, depicting it as an 8-by-10-foot rug that was the focal point of a setting. Students visited the showroom not only to see the rugs but learn about them too

The rug was more than a focal point of a room for the winning entries, serving as an invitation to meditation and contemplation as well.

Lawrence Technological University sophomore Stephen Landon of Ferndale received first prize. He positioned Soleil on the grand porch of a summer home, calling the rug "the soothing center of any

retreat." "I grew up in northern Michigan and I drew from a lot of the architecture and summer homes," said Landon, an architecture major. "It would be perfect on a big old porch."

Suzanne Kidd of Detroit, a senior at Wayne State University, received an honorable mention prize.

She placed Agra outdoors, using it as a canopy in an aerie that resembled a temple with classic columns, In her statement, Kidd wrote she was inspired by the rug's motifs "of timeless geometrics and stylized references to nature."

"It looked very kind of agrarian," said Kidd, who recently ended a 30-year teaching career with Detroit Public Schools, "It made me think of something ... beautiful and classical."

Putting the rug in an overhead position enables viewers to lie down and see it from a better perspective, she said.

The other honorable mention prize went to Mary Beth Williams of Grand Rapids, a student at the Kendall College of Art and Design of Grand Rapids. In her design, stimulated by her love of gardening, Soleil became a giant tapestry on one wall of a room for meditation, conversation, reading or tea. The room also featured a row of window boxes bearing flowers.

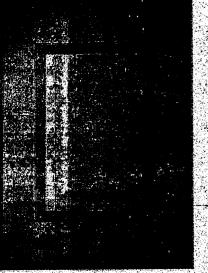
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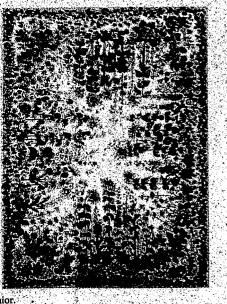
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laced in artistic arrangements



Colorful rugs: "Agra," (above) is a wool plie reproduction of woven art of historic India and "Solell" is a wool needlepoint with a pattern of colorful garden flowers.



Soleil was placed at a bed in some designs. Erin dmond of LTU used it as a bedspread in her entry. a Michela of LTU placed it as a canopy in a bedom that was furnished with colors complimenting use of the rug; she took the most dominant colors in rug and used them throughout the room.

dmond and Michela are Southfield residents. Agra lightened a darker kitchen floor in the design LTU student Nathan Kurmas. Rochester Hills resint Marissa Porter, a WSU student, positioned Soleil the form of a column in a conservatory. Eric Dean



Magic corpets: Some of the Imaginative placements for rugs are shown in entries by first-prize winner Stephen Landon (above), Southfield resident Erin Redmond (top, right), Southfield resident Lisa Michela (below, right) and Nathan Kurmas (below), The students worked with one of two rugs: Agra (center, top) and Soleil.

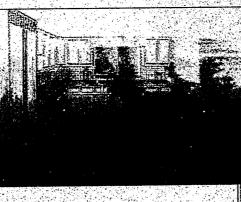
Stalter of Southfield, an LTU student, inset Agra in the stonework of a fireplace in a rustic country house. The fireplace was the focal

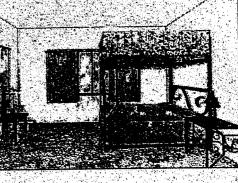
point of the room and the rug added more

emphasis to it. The 1999 competition drew 71 entrants, more than twice the 35 total last year. Other schools represented were Eastern Michigan University and Central Michigan University. The Ghiordes Knot provided \$1,000 in prize money - \$500 for first prize and \$250 for

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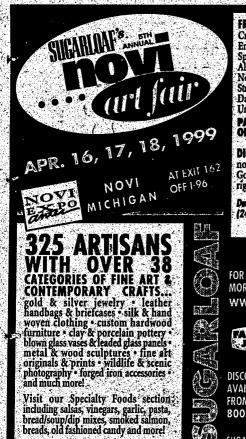
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domestic planner Box up mess in Unsightly closets

At Home introduces a new column this week, Domestic Planner® by Diana Koenig.

Koenig's column appears in newspapers nationwide. She is married and the mother of four children. As an educator, writer and author, she teaches people home organization and time management principles. Koenig is a speaker and home/office consultant. She has a bachelor's degree in elementary education. In addition to her responsibilities with Domestic Planner@, she teaches piano and manages a Creative Memories Unit. She will introduce your to organization systems and ideas to help you become more productive with your time.

Q: I have a walk-in closet in my bedroom that is too full. My closet is stuffed with clothes, shoes, blankets, pillows, mystery boxes and other assorted junk. The worst part it, I can't seem to find anything when I need it. Do you have some suggestions?

A: There are some specific problems associated with walk-in closets. First, they are so big that we tend to drop things in the closet just to get them out of the way. Consider this scenario: Guests are arriving shortly. To getrid of the clutter around your house you toss everything into the walk-in closet. It is a convenient place to stick unfolded laundry, papers, toys, dirty clothes, even dirty dishes (in an emergency). Of course, the best way to prevent this calamity is to keep order in the rest of the house, but let's deal with that toublesome closet right now.

We must treat that closet like a "special storeroom" with a stern, uncompromising gate-keeper. As we bring things into the closet, we must get them past the gate-keeper. He knows exactly what should be stored in his closet and he allows only those things to pass. All the rest, he turns away with the words, "This has no place in my closet." Obviously, the rejected items go somewhere else: We must determine where they go and put them there. It is important to "install" a gate-keeper just inside the door of each of your closets."

This, alone, won't solve all your problems, however. Your imaginary gate-keeper may keep undesirable things out, but you already have an incredible mess inside the closet. This requires an intense Closet Investigation. Ask yourself the question, "Do I use everything in my closet and how often is it used?" The answer to these two questions will decide the fate of each item in the closet, Start by preparing a box for items to be given away. Things never

used and not needed should be put in this box. Some items that fall into this category are hard to part with simply because we have a sentimental attachment to the items. It helps to prepare a "sentimental" box for these articles. Go through this box once or twice a year to see if emotional attachment toward any of the items has diminished. Everything that does not go into the "give away box or the "sentimental" box should be categorized as used either yearly, monthly, weekly or daily. Items used once a year should be removed from the closet or placed high and in the back of the closet. Articles used monthly should also be put in spaces that are harder to reach. Arrange daily and weekly items in a convenient place. They should be low and in front so other things do not have to be moved around to access them

Moving things around to look for other things takes time and creates organization problems. We tend to look at our walk in closet as more space to fill: with out treasured possessions. People tend to fill all empty space. Eight this tendency of human nature with all of your might. Don't crant something into every available space. If you do, you will have to completely rearrange your closet every time you bring a new article into it. Instead, leave empty spaces for some of those future "treasures."

¹ There are several advantages to following these suggestions, and the results will amaze you:

 Your closet will have a neat and orderly appearance.
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What you give away will profit someone else.

Today's refrigerator bulletin:

"A partially empty closet is a happy closet!"

Send your questions and success stories to: Diana Koenig, RO, Box 1702 Manchester, MO 63011,

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Lilies, chrysanthemuns, tulips, daffodils, azaleas and small orchid corsages will be among approximately 500 potted plants available at the Friends of the Wilson Barn annual spring flower sale 10 am. to dusk Friday-Saturday, April 2-3, and 10 am. to 2 p.m. Sunday, April 4. Pony rides for children will be featured, weather permitting. Call Wilson Barn in Liyonia at (734) 427-4311.

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The glistening spring sunshine reflecting off ripples in a pool of water remind you that warm weather and longer days steadily are approaching. You trade in cabin fever and snow shovels for a flop-

py garden hat and

several packages of seed

Spring ushers in a plethora of outdoor enthusiasm. It is the time to start taking advantage of the rebirth of favorite family pastimes. Take long walks and enjoy the fresh spring air. If you worry about young children keeping up or feigning "I'm tired" just a block away from home, pile the kids into their wagon or stroller. Even a short, brisk walk to keep in step with your youngster on his Big Wheel breathes new energy into stale winter complacency.

When your kids reach that age of not wanting to be seen taking a walk with you, encourage them to challenge you on your inline skates or mountain bikes. The vigorous workout leaves little time for your appearance-conscious kids to worry about such things.

Make an effort to include outdoor sporting challenges in your weekly family exercise regime. If your family doesn't exercise regularly, this is the perfect time of year to start. Exercise helps boost confidence and enables your family to spend time together.

Treat your aspiring zoologists to a day with the wild life at the local zoo. Pack up the sunscreen. Dress for the season come rain or shine. Don't forget comfortable walking shoes. Your family will have a lot of ground to cover amongst the lions, tigers and bears. The zoo is a wonderful place to teach or reinforce information about how animals live - how and why their habitats differ from one another.

Give your teen the opportunity to experience pride of ownership by allowing her to plant and maintain her own garden. This valuable learning experience will teach her more about the responsibilities of caring for something on her own. She will have to regularly weed, water and harvest the fruits of her efforts throughout the season. Tending to a garden requires a great deal of diligence. However, it also offers the rewards of seeing tangible results while occupying time that might otherwise mean sitting in front of the television on a beautiful spring or summer day.

Pack up a picnic basket and head for your favorite picnic grounds, , Give everyone in your family a job in preparing for your meal. Ask the kids to package the snacks and beverages. Get everyone's input on the main course. Will you grill at the picnic area? Is a cold salad more appropriate with the day's weather conditions? Don't forget eating utensils, disposable plates, napkins and cups. Make sure everything is packed in leak-proof containers. Bring a garbage bag in the event there is no receptacle at the picnic site, Ask your children to help you load up outdoor game and sporting gear for some healthy outdoor fun before or after your meal. Plan to play catch, throw a Frisbee, play volleyball, kick a soccer ball, or simply play a game of cards as your family rejuvenates their spirits.

Turn outdoor work into fun work. When faced with the annual spring clean up, many kids find every excuse in the book to run in the opposite direction. Put a new spin on the routine that just might turn a few heads. Resign yourself to doing most of the raking and flower bed preparation while you steer your kids into garage duty. Pull out bicycles, sporting equipment, backyard toys, and play gym equipment that you stored over the winter. Explain that in order to keep these items in good condition, some will need to be wiped down and oiled while others will require minimal dusting.

If you don't have a designated place in the garage for your children's items, this is a good time to set one aside to help make your kids feel like their spring clean up makes a difference. Mention that by cleaning and organizing the toys and equipment now, no one will have to clean them as they are sporadically pulled out throughout the spring and summer months.

at home calendar

The Hardy Plant Society will present "Hardy Hydrangeas" with speaker Janet Macunovich 7 p.m. Monday, April 5, at Congregational Church of Birmingham,

1000 Cranbrook Road at Woodward in Bloomfield Hills. Guest fee \$3. For information, call Maryann Whitman at (248) 652-4004



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Valentine's Day was celebrated in February, but you can have valentine hearts in your garden nearly all season long if you grow bleeding hearts, or Dicentras.

These plants

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with which you are probably familiar, such as the old, popular garden bleeding heart, D. spectabilis, with inch-long, rosy-crimson blossoms dancing along a gracefully, aching raceme.

This hardy perennial flowers from early May to mid-June, can be divided in the spring or early autumn and selfsows. It's a Japanese species.

It likes a light, consistently moist, fertile soil and cool semi-shade. In the summer it seems to disappear as it goes into dormancy in long, hot, dry summers. There is an all-white-flowered cultivar, "Alba" ("Pantaloons"), which is also pretty but less vigorous.

D. examina (or fringed bleeding heart) blooms in late April to September in pinkish/purple flowers and has a more upright habit of growth. It's considered a wild flower and is very hardy. The foliage is grayish-green and heavily dissected and remains until heavy frost.

Sandy soil with humus incorporated into it suits it in a shady site. It will do OK in full sun if kept consistently moist. It needs to be divided and can be, even if it is blooming, every three years for best bloom and also self-seeds.

D. formosa (western bleeding heart) flowers mid-May to July with rosy purple to white blossoms. It looks very similar to the earlier blooming eximia but has heavier, coarser, blue green foliage. It likes cool, humusy, moist, acid soils with semi-shade. Top dressing it with compost or humus will result in continued lush growth. It likes a light winter mulch because of its shallow roots and is best divided in the spring. The several cultivars are worth adding to the garden





as they have colors of red, creamy white, pink, pure white, etc.

Woodland forms

Two woodland forms that are native to the United States are well worth growing in a shady, wild flower area with plenty of leafmold. They both grow from little pink bulblet-like rhizomes.

D. canadensis, or squirrel corn, is usually white with a purplish tint, the heartshaped, tiny, fragrant blossoms standing above a feathery, gray-green cluster of leaves, performing from early April to mid-June. The yellow tubers or rhizomes resemble kernels of corn, thus its folk name. The simple way to tell them apart is to dig them up. Divide these plants right after flowering and before the foliage disappears. They can also be started from seed but it is slow.

D. cucultaria, or Dutchman's-breeches, like the same growing conditions and need to be divided at the same time as the first, but will grow in semi-shade. They bloom from early April to June with white blossoms with creamy yellow tips. They are a bit more showy than D. canadensis and the flowers end in wide-spreading spurs.

If you haven't grown bleeding hearts in a while, maybe this is the year to create a special place for them.

Work up a humus and manureenriched bed on the shady side of your house and set in a group of the old-fashioned variety. Ferns, hostas and other shade-loving plants mix well with them. Those of you who have a rock garden with damp pocks will enjoy growing the low-growing varieties. Your garden will be adorned with valentines throughout the summer.

Tree sale

Global Releaf is offering a selection of

From the heart: Dicentras will give you valentines in your garden all season long.

hardy. 5 to 7 foot tall, lightly branched bare root trees. Money raised supports community tree plants throughout Michigan.

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GOODGARDEN TIPS

 When choosing plants for the garden, be sure they have been grown in zone 5 or 6, if you have warm pockets; to be sure of survival.

2. Feeling a little stressed? Get out in the garden and do a few chores.

 If you're planting a major tree, position it at least 30 feet from the foundation of your home to avoid root problems as it matures.

 Chicken wire laid over newly seeded beds will discourage critters from a feast.

Set some pussy willow or forsythia branches in deep water in a moderately warm room, soon enjoy their blossoms.

6. Cut back your overwintered potted geraniums to 6 to 8 inches so they will produce lots of new growth by late May.

at home calendar

Merritt Wolson of Merrittscape Inc. will teach a class in landscape design for your home 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, April 7-28, at The Community House in Birmingham. Call (248) 644-2476.

The Michigan State African Violet Society will have a spring display and sale 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 3, and 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, April 4, while supplies last, at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 Dixboro in Ann Arbor.



Scones are good-reason to get up



I'm not a breakfast eater - yes I know, it is the most important meal of the day. Even as a child this was an issue As an adult with a career, my days and nights sometimes run into one another - I often

JOHNSTON another - I often work until almost

dawn) then hit the sack for a few hours needless to say, breakfast, or at least morning, is long gone: My standard line has always been "I just don't do mornings well." On the other hand, I do love breakfast foods, just not soon after the sun has come up!

Last week I had the pleasure of attending a class by Sarabeth Levine of Sarabeth's Bakery fame (from New York): The class was held at the Kellogg Center at Michigan State University in East:Lansing, where they are doing a series of chef instructed cooking classes (do call them for a schedule of upcoming events, they have quite a line up: (517) 432-4000 Ext. 5112).

Sarabeth's first lesson was on scones this got me thinking ... I love to make scones and take them to friends wrapped in pretty napkins and nestled in baskets, but I never think of having company for brunch (you know it wouldn't be breakfast!). SARABETH'S SCONES

"These little cakes are faintly dry on the outside and a little moist in the center. Be sure to serve these satisfying morning cakes warm with plenty of sweet butter and zesty lemon curd."

- Yield:18 scones
- Ingredients:
- 3 cups unbleached flour
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 tablespoon baking powder

at home calendar

The 1999 Ann Arbor Spring Garden & Flower Show will take place Friday-Sunday, April 2-4, at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, Ann Arbor-Saline Road, south 6f I-94, Exit 175. A special gala benefit preview for Ann Arbor's Hands-on Museum will be Thursday, April 1. This year's show has the theme of "A Century of American Gardens," and will feature gardens as interpreted by American amateur and professional gardeners 1900 through 1999. For ticket information, call Paula Morning at (734) 434-8004. 1/4 teaspoon salt. 1/2 cup (I stick) chilled unsalted butter

1/2 cup dried currants 3 large eggs

1 cup plus 1 tablespoon whole milk Preheat oven to 450 degrees E

Place flour, sugar, baking powder and salt in the bowl of an electric mixer.

Using the paddle attachment, blend the dry ingredients on low speed. Cut the butter into quarter-inch cubes and add to the flour mixture. Mix until the butter is almost completely incorporated. You should be able to see small chips of butter in the mixture.

Lightly beat 2 eggs with one cup of milk. Add the currants to the egg mixture and pour quickly into the flour mixture. Blend just until smooth. The dough will be slightly sticky.

Turn dough out onto a generously floured work surface. Shape the dough and roll out with a well-floured rolling pin into a 1/4-inch thick circle. Roll the dough from the center outward. Cut the dough into rounds using a 2-1/2-inch biscuit cutter (brush off the excess flour on tops and bottoms with a clean pastry brush) and place the rounds two inches apart on a parchment covered baking sheet.

Beat remaining egg with 1 tablespoon of milk, and using a pastry brush, carefully brush the tops of the scones.

Bake about 20 minutes (do not let them get too brown).

Note: To cut circles from a circle and get the most out of your dough the first time around, roll the dough into a circle from the center out toward the edges. Then, using a round cutter of whatever size is called for, cut the dough in concentric circles, starting at the periphery of the circle of dough and keeping the cuts very close together. That way you won't have too many scraps left over for the second round of rolling and cutting. Although the scraps are usable, they inevitably absorb flour from the work surface, and the flour toughens the dough.

Chef's Note: Sarabeth chills her equipment (bowl and paddle) before making her scones to keep those little chips of butter in her dough.

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Thursday, April 01, 1999

Store arranges for personal style

BY MARY KLEMIC

Nancy Garcia offers common sense with uncommon items:

Garcia is owner of Second Season, a store at 3860 W. 12 Mile in Berkley that features upscale furnishings and accessories on consignment for the home or office.

"I treat people the way I like to be treated," said Garcia, who started the business four years ago.

This, includes presenting only pieces in excellent condition, she said. Among the sources are homes, estate sales and Michigan Design Center showrooms.

"If I were going looking for something, I wouldn't want to have to dig through a lot to maybe have a remote chance of finding something."

Staffers "don't push things on people," she said. The 4,500-square-foot building presents furniture in arrangements.

Two programs are planned at Second' Season that will be "showing people what they can use and how they can use it."

Room stylist Mary Lee Marcus-Fergin, who is a charter member of the Interior Arrangement and Design Association and has appeared on cable's HGTV, will present "Working With What You Have" Sunday, April 11. She will show how the proper arrangement of existing furniture, art and accessories makes the difference.

Designer Elleen Mills-Jewell of the American Society of Interior Designers will present "Defining Your Own Style" Sunday, April 18. She will discuss how to use what you have, incorporate your individual style and how to select what you want or need, along with the ancient Chinese placement art of fengshui.

"They are very dynamic speakers, who are really creative and communicate it well so that other people can understand and learn."

Both programs will take place 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m., with time reserved after each for consultation by appointment with the designers. The fee is \$10 for each program, with all proceeds donated to the MIO-ELECTRIC Center of The Variety Club, a charity that provides artificial limbs for children.

For information, call Second Season at (248) 414-9026.

The seminars were packed last year, Garcia said.

Second Season's customers and consignors represent a wide range of ages and lifestyles, from the "very young" to retirees, people who are combining households and find filey have too much, or who are downsizing or upscaling or "just plain redecorating," moving to a new residence or making additions to a house.

"I have wonderful people who come in here."

Prices range from a few dollars to thousands of dollars, Garcia said, Items can be as whimsical as Chinese checker game sets that can be hung on a wall or as stately a large custom, all-mahogany, Belgian armoire made for a GM liaison.

"Knowing it's going to someone who will enjoy it makes it easier (for the consignor) to let it go."

Celebration to open Bloomfest

BY MARTY FIGLEY Special Writer

A gala preview celebration, "It's a Bloomin' Party!", will take place 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, at Cobo Center in Detroit, officially opening DTE Energy Detroit Bloomfest.

This extravagant flower show celebrates the art and science of horticulture and continues Thursday, April 8, through Sunday, April 11.

Tickets for the preview are \$100 per person and available from the Michigan Horticultural Society, producer of Bloomfest. Call (248) 646-2990. The MHS is a tax-exempt, nonprofit organization. Partygoers are encouraged to dress

"green tie" in "creative garden attire." Dixieland and classical music will add another "bloom." Tap dancing ...

"vegetables," and appearances by Eliza

Doolittle and Henry Higgins and Louie

Forty pieces of outdoor sculpture by some of Michigan's most prominent artists – including Charles McGee, Herb Babcock and Pewabic Poftery – will besold at a silent auction

the Lightning Bug, Detroit Edison's safe-

ty mascot, will entertain.

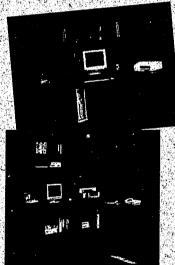
Metropolitan Detroit Landscape Association members will answer questions and talk gardening.

Darlene and Anthony Soave, president of Detroit-based Soave Enterprises, will be hosts, Trudy DunCombe Archer, 36th District Court judge, and Anthony Earley Jr., chairman and CEO of DTE Energy, will cut a floral garland to open Bloomfest.

Proceeds benefit the MHS's "Greenscape" educational programs in landscape technology, horticulture and floral design for high schools and community colleges, and horticulturally related programs for children and youths.



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West End Productions presents "Saucy, Bossy and Burlesque," a comedy that captures the spirit and Jokes of a vanished era-9-p.m. at the Wunderground Theatre, 110 S. Main St., (1 block south of 11-Mile Road), downtown Royal Oak, Tickets \$12, call (248) 541-1763. SATURDAY



Visit the Japanese Show Monteys at the Detroit Zoo, and follow the bunny trail that winds though the length of the park. Several treat sta-tions offer candy, food, books, and tons offer canay, 1000, 000rs, and toys for children (while supplies last) 10 aim. to 2 p.m., 8450 W. 10 Mile Road, Royal Oak, Guests who bring in a non-perishable food item from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. admitted free; food goes to Mother Waddles Perpetual Mission. Zoo admission is \$7.50, \$5.50 seniors / students, \$4.50 children ages 2-12, \$3 parking. (800) 732-3477 or (248) 398-0903





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Off-to see the wizhed: Casey Colgan as the Scarecrow, and Jessica Grove (Dorothy) ma scene from "The Wizard of Oz."

There's no place like the road for Dorothy

By KEELY WYGONIK STATT WRITER Evysonik Coshomecomm.net Remembergthe Roene in The With the Coshon Coshon Control With the Coshon Coshon Control State of the Coshon Coshon Control State of the Coshon Coshon

she goes, back to Kansas. Born at Beaumont Hospital in

er Thomas Tästillelike going home, but also there's no place like the road, It's like a second home, said Jessica Grove who plays Dorothy in "The Wizard of Oz." now playing at the Fox Theatre

in Detroit. Grove has been touring with the show since 1997, She was 15 years old then, and celebrated her 17th birthday in February. She's followed the Yellow Brick

Road all across the country, but her journey is coming to an end.

The search is on for a new Dorothy to replace her. "My last show will be late this year," she said. "Twe decided to finish my senior year in my own backyard." "There have been a few breaks

"My last show will be my last show will be late this year," she said. "Iva decided to finish my senior year in my own backyard."

Jessica Grove

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about things. "It's definitely opened a lot of doors. I got to go to the Grammy's this year. It was like one big huge concert."

Grove also liked seeing all the different stars, "and what they were wearing"

Traveling has allowed her the opportunity to check out some colleges. She's leaning toward Boston Conservatory because they're supportive of actresses like her, and allow time off to be in shows.

But Grove's not star struck, and recognizes that being Dorothy is an opportunity to

make children smile. "I visit hospitals and take the kids Beanie. Babies. It's really rewarding," she said.

ane said. Grove loves what she does, and wants to pursue a career in film and TV and do more musicals

too. She has some advice for the Sing has some studies in the former of the second state of the new Dorothy in this pro-duction of to some shows.

audition whether you get to finals or not. You win some, you lose some. You don't get everything you try out for. You have to fit the role, and you don't always. They won't cast you to play the mean girl if you look too sweet. I've been at auditions where peo-

working with Mickey Kooney who plays the Wizard has been fun. "He's a character," said Grove laughing. "But he takes good care of me, and makes sure leat my dinner." "Boing on the said

Being on the road is also a challenge academically. Grove still has to do her school work, often while other cast members are out for a leisurely dinner, or working out at the gym." "We do 10-12 shows a week

she said, "It's a pretty tough schedule. Sometimes I feel left out, but it's one of the sacrifices I have to make.

This production of "The Wizard

Young actor'says good-bye to cast, hello to school

BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFP WRITER kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

After 13 months on the road together, Jeffrey Jacob Tauber Hyke of Rochester Hills felt like part of the "Les Miserables"

family "The hardest part of leaving the tour was saving good bye," said Hyke, 12, who share the part of Gravener, as the function. The was like saving good bye to family. I like

choked for five min-"It was great," utes." On Monday, Feb. said Hyke. "But 15, Hyke and his I've been there mother, Susan. long enough," Tauber, a staff he said_about reporter for the the tour. Happy **Clarkston** edition to be home, of the Eccentric Newspapers, came Hyke had to

dent.

home. "It was great," quickly learn a said Hyke. "But I've been there long enough," he said new part - middie school stu-

about the tour. Happy to be home, Hyke had to quickly learn a new part –

middle school student. "It's good, I'm getting used to it, except for getting up at 6 a.m." said Hyke about starting at West Middle School in the middle of his sixth grade year. On the road, bedtime was 1 a.m. with a 10 a.m. wake-up

from mom. Acting since second grade when he appeared in a Channel 62 TV commercial, Hyke has already had a pretty impressive

ple said I was too nice." Working with Mickey Rooney

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BY CHRISTINA FUOCO-

"THE WIZARD OF OZ"

ugh Sunday, April 11 at the Fox Theatre,

the one presented last year "They improved it a bit," said Grove. "It's pretty much the same, except for the scenery improvements, and choreogra-

Her favorite moment of the show is when she gets to sing "Somewhere Over The Rainbow." 'The stage is mine," she said.

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career:

He's played Tiny Tim in "A Christmas Carol" at Meadow Brook Theatre for the past three years and appeared in shows at Paper Bag Productions in Detroit and Avon Theatre in Rochester Hills. He played the demon child in "Nerd," a role his father Stuart teases "he was born to play," and is rehearsing for the Ayon Players' upcoming production of "Children of Eden," in which he plays young Abel.

Please see GOOD-BYE, E2

POPULAR MUSIC

StunGun defies threats, releases EP

WHO: StunGun and special guest Queen Bee WHAT: Celebrate the release of StunGun's selftitled EP with a party and performance WHEN: Thursday, April 1, doors open at 10 p.m. call the club at (313) 369-

WHERE Motor Lounge, 3515 Ceniff, in Hemtremck. HOW: There is a cover charge for the 18 and older show. For more information, 0090. StunGun can be reached via its Web site. http://www.golddollar.com

/stungun or stungungiris@hotmail.com STAFF WRITER cfuoco@oe.hom Hanging out with members of the allfemale pop quintet StunGun is kind of like joining a girls club. They laugh and giggle, whisper across the table about guys in the coffee shop and talk about nail polish.

Laughing and giggling isn't something that StunGun could do the latter part of 1998 thanks to a female stalker that was harassing the band. With that almost behind it, the band members are concentrating on their new EP "StunGun" and partying with their friends.

"StunGun" contains five songs with "some really cool remixes" on there,

according to platinum-blonde guitarist Joell of Redford.

"I kind of wanted more on the CD, but we really didn't have enough time and money," she said.

"StunGun" was recorded with Warren Defever, a Livonia resident and multiinstrumentalist best known for his band His Name is Alive. When the women were introduced to him, they were unaware of his international reputation as a top-notch musician. All they knew was that he was a great guy.

"He's a very good guy to work with. The atmosphere is very comfortable. He works with you, he doesn't try to change you. That's what we want," Joell

Please see STUNGUN, E2



Celebrating release: StunGun - gui-tarist Joell of Redford, keyboardist Justine of Redford, singer Danielle of Plymouth, bassist Tania of Auburn Hills, and drummer Kelly of Garden City.

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I've always had it on my mind," said Hyke about acting. "My dad worked at Oakland University, and I started going to concerts and seeing different. Of the 23 cities he visited, shiway here was different. Toronto and Chicago ware his by brother and sizer were in favorites; for six months Toronto My brother and sizer were in favorites; for six months Toronto My brother and sizer were in was home while the show played to the show played was home while the show played versity, and I started going to shows and I always got dragged along to watch. Then one day I said, why can't I do that?"

Asked where his acting talent comes from, Hyke answers hon-estly, "I don't know. It just comes

estly, "I don't know. It just comes natural to me. I can memorize things pretty fast." For the next 12 months, acting . has been this, fill time job. He worked six days a week, didfour. shows a week, and week didfour. shows a week and week didfour. Shows a week and week didfour the theater four times a week didfour. Hyke and the other boy who played Gavroche alternated. He also went to school, too. A tutor traveled with the show and Hyke and the other young cast mem-bers attended class together. His family was supportive, which helped a lot. Birthdays and holidays weren't always cel-

and holidays weren't always celebrated together because Hyke was on the road, mostly with his

With the exception of the dog.

It's my moment to shine and sing

Dorothy

mother, but sometimes with his father, while brother Fred, 18, and sister Rebecca, 16, stayed.

at the Princess of Wales Theatre. His sister Rebecca moved to Toronto, and attended school there for one term.

"It was like I got to sit down for half a year," he said. "I didn't have to move every week. I got to make friends and take a rock dimbing class." • Hyks liked the museums in Chicago, especially the aquari-

um. His favorite parts of the show were the scene when he dies, "because I'm on stage all alone," and when he sings the verse

"That Inspector," part of the "Look Down" song. Learning how to play dead wasn't hard. "I loved just fooling around," he said. "I play dead with my dog Peaches. When I do it she eats my hoir". , she eats my hair." Now that he's getting back into

the groove of being home, Hyke says he thinks he'll take a year off before auditioning for any major shows.

When he grows, up, Hyke says he wants torbe a famous movie star, and if that doesn't work out, he'll be an elementary school teacher or an electrician. "I might become a Broadway star," he adds. "People have told me I

He's got some advice for kids who might be thinking about auditioning for one of the Munchkin coles, or to play Dorothy in The Wigard of Oza which opened Wednesday at the Fox Theatre.

Fox Theatre. "Really try to be natural, don't over do it;" he said. "Here's a tip I know that works, never sing a song from the show you're audi-tioning for. They're sick of hearing it, and if you sing something different, they'll notice you' You'll have to sing a song from the show for callbacks though." When he auditioned for Ghyroche in November 1997, Hyke sang simply, "Doe, a Deer, a Female Deer...

explained. "He helped us out with a few ideas."

"Instrumentally, he brought in a piano. He brought in strings for this one song 'Hollywood' that's melancially. It's alow and it all fit, He'd' ask you what you

think and then he'd suggest something" Keyboardist Justine added that Defever made the recording process "easy."

"He wasn't crabby ever or anything. Dealing with five girls, you can see some crabbiness," explained Justine, a Redford res-ident who is putsuing an associ-ate's degree in science from Schoolcräft College in Livonia.

Space-age and 1960s-era pop play a big role in StunGun, Keyboards similar to the B-52's "Rock Lobster" line one song, while other songs are simple and swee

"We just go in any direction that we want to, which we can do because I think we're very diverse. I think we're starting off very basic right now, but we're like growing. Right now we have so many songs in the works and they're so different. It's so frightening," Joell explained.

The topics of StunGun's songs are basic girl-meets-boy, girlloses-boy love tunes. Joell is the main songwriter, basing her-songs on "every day experiences.

"I'm a chick, so I write about stuff that has to do with relationships. Some of it's fictitious, like 'Killer.' I don't kill people or anything.

She keeps the specifics of the relationships out of the songs and has a stock answer when

paramours ask about them. "'It's not about you," Joell said in a high-pitched voice. "T would never admit it. They're very personal thoughts. I take a feeling and exaggerate it times 10. And then I would prefer that they didn't realize it. Certain ones, there's one in particular, I

think is more (obvious)."

That song, "Rock Star Thing,". was written about one of Joell's ex-boyfriends. The second half of the song contains the lyrics You're losing all your charm/You never really were a star/So take your sorrows and go.

StunGun will celebrate the CD's release with a party and performance Thursday, April 1, at the Motor Lounge in Ham-tramck. The show is the only one scheduled so far for the band, which will embark on a west coast tour in June booked by Ann. Arbor based Prism Productions.

"We're just really trying to scale down playing so much," Joell explained.

Longtime friends.

Joell and Justine, 1993 gradu-ates of Redford Union High School, have known each other since kindergarten. Both of them got early starts on their careers. "I started writing songs very

young, when I was 9 I wrote a Christmas song. I didn't have any music but I remember I wrote it and showed it to my sister. I'd write poetry throughout the years and stuff. I really started writing music when I started playing guitar, which was about three years ago," Joell said

Justine has been playing plano for 10 years, but is also handy on the recorder and the acoustic guitar .

Local promoter Rich Rice introduced the two women to drummer Kelly, of Garden City, who then recommended singer Danielle, a Plymouth resident. Bassist Tania, who lives in Auburn Hills, joined StunGun after answering an ad in a local

monthly magazine. These days StunGun is using only first names to dodge potential stalkers. Last year, the harassment began with an email that threatened rape and murder.

WINE DINNER

Wednesday April, 1999

Reception 6:30 Dinner 7:00

"I was the first one to read it, When I clicked on there and I started reading it, my heart was getting this sinking feeling. It was a really scary feeling," Justine explained.

They were so scared that Joell fell ill whenever she thought about leaving her house. Still, the quintet fook a proactive approach by generating publicity about the threats.

"If we didn't go on the news she'd still be doing it - guaran-teed," Justine explained about the Fox 2 piece.

When somebody is sending those messages you don't want to sit there, and go, 'God we should have done something about it' (after) one of your band members got shot," Joell said.

"We know who it is. We're not going to say who it is. We're talking to our lawyer right now. It's still going through legal things. This person is going to get in trouble and they're going to have to pay the repercussions," she added.

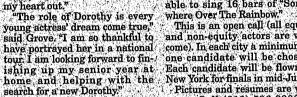
But with the bad, comes the good. The publicity upped the band's visibility. StunGun's members are Detroit's media darlings.

Wearing sunglasses and a patent leather black jacket inside a Royal Oak coffeehouse, Joell admitted she now enjoys the publicity.

Well, it's great. We think it's fabulous. There's good stuff and bad stuff that comes along with that," Joell explained. "I don't think everybody knows who we are.

"I'm to the point where I don't really read anything on us in case there's anything bad. We know people write about us. We know people are aware of us. We know we're on TV. We just keep doing our music (and) making more. I want to be ignorant. It's bliss.

Five Different Wines



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The national search for a new Dorothy began March 4 in Wash-ington, D.C. Auditions will be held Tuesday, April 6 at The Second City Building, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

come). In each city a minimum of one candidate will be chosen. Each candidate will be flown to New York for finals in mid-June. Pictures and resumes are wel-

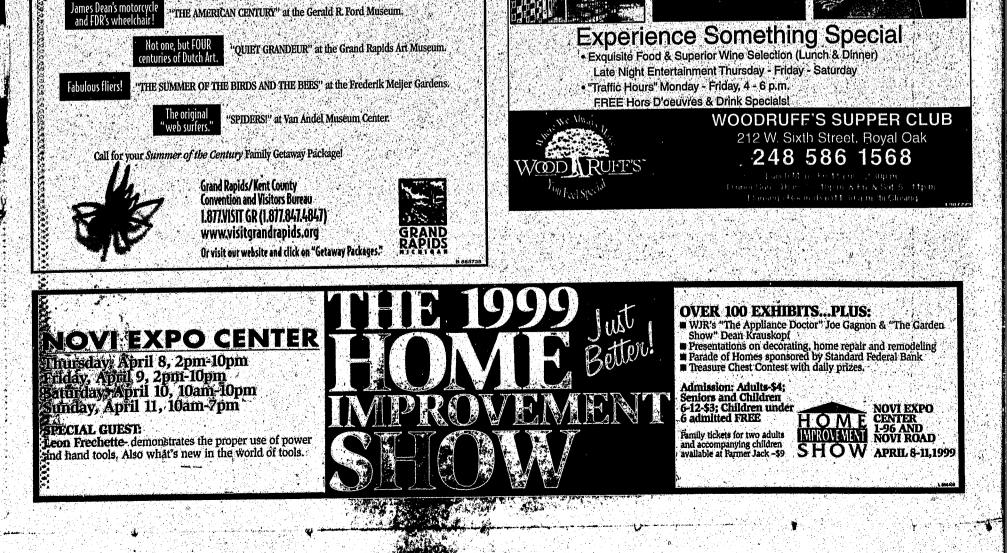
come. Call (313) 596-3288 or (888) 7-4-DOROTHY for more information, or visit "The Wizard of Oz's" Web site at www.ozontour .com

On March 22, more than 350 local munchkin wannabes audi-

Potential Dorothys should be between the ages of 12-18 and be able to sing 16 bars of "Some-where Over The Rainbow" This is an open call (all equity and non-equity actors are welis Dead," the panel of judges chose six individuals including, Brittany Turner of Bloomfield Hills and Sam Rabenburg of Rochester Hills.

> Winners of the munchkin auditions will appear in one of two designated performances Friday, April 2 or Wednesday, April 7. All participants received certificates entitling them to one free ticket to the show.





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Second-City Detroit steps up to serious satire challenge

BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER

It's a man's world, so they say, except at The Second City-Detroit where, for the first time, women out number men on the Mainstage cast.

Music director Marc Evan Jackson also plays a big role in the revue, tickling the audience almost as much as he tickles the

ivories. "It's very cool, you get to play a broader range of characters," said Mary Jane Pories, one of seven cast members. "We're not just a rarity. Instead of just playing the mother, wife and whore, we play doctor, lawyer, co-worker - regular people. We're only sep-arated by our ability to play the characters.

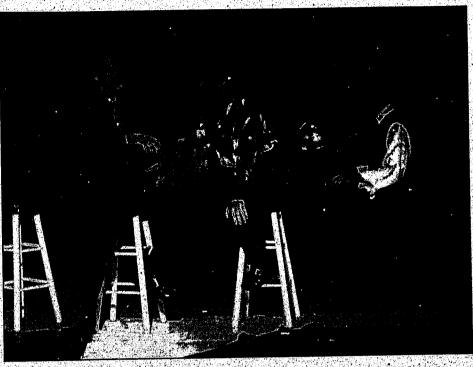
Celebrating its fifth anniversary, The Second City Detroit opened its 15th revue, "Impoachment and Cream," on March 17. "Do the right thing," is a theme that weaves in and out of the show. "Are we on our own; or are there angels, forces that have an impact on what we do? Our job is to raise the question," said Margaret Exner.

Ignore the title, it's a joke that hardly ever has anything to do with the show. There are a few clever Clintonesque quips, but that's it.

In one scene, Keegan-Michael Key, promises to have "affairs, lots of affairs. I love America, I love Americans, I will try to love each and every American to the best of my ability."

Directed by Michael Gellman, who also directed the hilarious "Down Riverdance," this show is satirical in a serious way. Gone is the lewd shallowness that marked the last revue. In it's, place is insightful, deverly writ-ten material. The show is tightly written, and the intergenera-tional humor is something everyone can relate to

Nyima Anise Woods said that often it's a question of looking at an issue being posed, and putting the characters in that



Chance meeting: Marc Warzecha (left), Mary Vinette and Marc Evan Jackson in a scene from The Second City-Detroit's new revue, "Impeachment & Cream."

position such as abuse of power or status. If you're working as a . temporary employee, you'll love the scene about the "Temp God" who tells the temp to "steal pens and Sweet & Low and make long distance phone calls to college friends

Current events, relationships, Motown humor, this show covers all the bases with lots of surprises thrown in.

"We've got a lot of nice musical variances in this show," said Woods, "It's all Detroit sounding - Motown, Soul and R&B." Antoine McKay plays the

father whose son (Key) doesn't know "anything about history or work." As they're sitting in a

boat fishing, McKay sings "I heard it through the grape vine.". Key answers "I love those Cali-fornia raisins," showing his ignorance. As the skit progresses, Key explains that his father's work ethics are obsolete. "You like what you do." his father says after hearing Key talk about work. "I do," Key answers. "I wish I could say the same thing," says the father who worked at Ford Motor Co. all his life. "I know you want to leave me," the father sings. "Temptations," says his son, giving the correct answer.

Mary Vinette, who is also new to the cast, said the new show is a lot more theatrical. "It's more

story driven than being joke to joke," added Exner. "The scenes take longer," said Pories.

That's true. In a downtown Detroit vintage clothing shop scene. Vinette plays store owner Marcy, Danielle (Pories) lives in Section 8 housing and comes to the store every day. Danielle has an angel hat, one for every day. She even makes a sale while Marcy's in the back room. Clearly disabled, Danielle is optimistic offsetting Marcy's pessimism. Marcy's friend Dee (Exner) dismisses Danielle, "There's something wrong with everyone," says Pories. "It's just shows more on-

'me." If you were to make a play

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about the whole City of Detroit, it might sound a lot like Second City-Detroit,

"You get to know these people." said Pories about the current show. "You know where you've been."

It's no easy feat, especially when you're wearing a lot of different hats. It's high pressure you have to develop the material and then rehearse it.

Working at Second City-Detroit is challenging, but also fun.

"You have the opportunity to do anything you want within reason," said Exner. "It prepares. you to step out of here and be more employable as an actor," said Vinette.

With a hip audience, represented by a wide range of ages and cultures, Second City-Detroit is, agree the women, "theater for the common man."

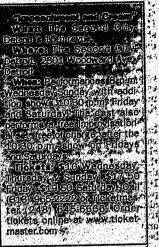
"It was the first place to be integrated," said Exner. "We need an area to represent all cultures in town."

What we do on stage reflects life " adds Woods.

One of the keys to their success is the women say they write about what they know and their own foibles. The scenes are about stuff they've experienced, they're not there to preach.

The three new cast members Antoine McKay, Mary Vinette, - add and Marc Warzecha freshness and new ideas.

Look around at all the develop-



ment as you walk around the^{1,4} corner from the parking struct^{rus} ture to Second City-Detroit. Ever wonder how the people who live * there feel?

There was a time when Detroit sat empty and quiet, what has happened to our ghetto home?" the cast sings. "What, they saw as a wasteland was our? wasteland. There ain't no place 'i to squat no more."

For Vinette it's like jumping" out of an airplane. "Improv is my form of jumping out an air" plane," she said. "Jumping out of airplanes is something I would never do, but it's the same rush." of

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DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE "Magda's Story," a powerful epic drama about a Slavik woman who saw her life brutalized by Hitler's Invasion, by the persecution of Jews and by con munist debasement without every denv ing her humanity or compromising her spirit, April 1 to May 23, 8:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit: \$15. (313) 868-1347 . FOX THEATRE

'The Wizard of Oz" starring Mickey Rooney and Jessica Grove, 12:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 1, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 2, noon, 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 3, 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 4, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, April 7-9; noon, 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 10, and 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 11, at the theater, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (248) 433-1515/(313) 983-6611. GEM THEATRE

"I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," runs through June 27 at the theater, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800 or (248) 645-6666

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE

"A⁷Gift of Giory: Edset Ford and the Diego Rivera Murals at the Detroit Institute of Arts," Karim Alrawi's play about the relationship between Edsel about the relationship development closed provide the politically controversial artist as the Detroit Industry mural were being created at the Detroit Institute of Arts; rule to April 4, at the theater, Wilson Hall, Oakland University; Walton Boulevard and Adams Road. Rochester: \$24-\$35: (248) 377-3300

OPERA

JOSE CARRERAS 8 p.m. Saturday, March 27, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit, \$75 and \$125. All ages. (248) 433-

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MICHIGAN Presents a concert of solo arias and duets from "Cavalleria Rusticana" and "I Pagliacci," 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 26/ at the Henry Ford Centennial Library, Dearborn, (734) 455-8895

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EMU THEATRE .

"The House of Blue Leaves," this award winning play blends farce about a middie aged zoo attendant who longs to ful-illi fits dream of becoming a famous songwriter, Friday Saturday, April 911 and Thursday Saturday, April 1517, 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, at Quirk Theatre on Eastern Michigan University's campus, Ypsllanti, \$7, Thursday, \$12 Fridays Saturdays, \$10 Sunday. (734)

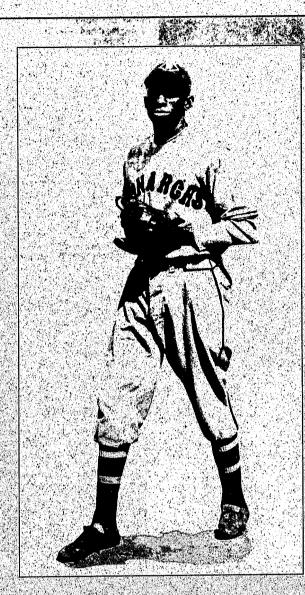
SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Neil Simon's hysterical farce "Rumors 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 2-3 (\$8). at the college, 18600 Haggerty between Six and Seven Mile roads. Livonia. (734). 462-4596 U-D MERCY THEATRE.

"Biloxi Blues," Neil Simon's play set in a US Army boot camp during World Wa II * Friday, April 9 to Sunday, April 25, 8 p.m. Thursdays Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays, In the McAuley Theatre on the campus at 8200 W. Outer Drive, Detroit, \$10, \$8 seniors/students. (313) 993-1130

U-M THEATRE

Workshop production of "Orphan Train," a classic American melodrama about poverty, community, family and hope by Michlgan playwright Dennis North, directed by Guy Sanville of Purple Rose Theatre Company, April 1-11, at the Trueblood Theatre, Ann Arbor, \$14, \$7:



cal comedy capturing the robust spirit of the jokes of the vanished era, 9 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays through April 3, at the Wünderground Theatre, 110 S. Main St., south of 11 Mile above ACE Hardware, Royal Oak. \$12. (248) 541-

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CHOPHOUSE 'Tony n' Tina's Wedding," an interactive theatre show with patrons having an Italian dinner, and dancing to a live band performing traditional italian web ding songs, has an open-ended run, at the restaurant, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. 7:30 p.m. Thursdays Fridays, 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sundays, \$50 Thursdays and Sundays, \$55 Fridays and Saturdays, in advance at 8 W. Lawrence St., Pontiac. (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-6666

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

MAROUIS THEATRE Velveteen Rabbit," 2:30'p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through April 25, and 2:30 p.m, Monday-Friday, April 59, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville, \$7, (248) 349-8110 MASONIC TEMPLE Scholastic's Magic School Bus Live, "A Bright Idea," an all new original musical production based.

Center, I-96 and Novi Road, Novi. \$6, Free for children ages 16 and younger (616) 629 3133/(248) 348 5600

BENEFITS

"AROUND THE WORLD" Madonna University's silent and live Jetto Scholars Scholarsin Juny and Otel 16, at the Leurel Manor Banquet and Video Conference Center, 39000 Schoolcraft. Road, Livonia, \$75. (734) 432-5421. "COLLISION OF COOL"

A celebration of the next century of cutting edge artists with food, music and art, 5 p.m. to midnight, Saturday April 17. at Cranbrook Academy of Art Bloomfield Hills. To benefit the graduate art programs. (248) 645:3333 DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY **GUILD FLEA MARKET**

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 10-11, all proceeds to benefit Detroit Historical Museums, at Histori Fort Wayne, Free, \$1 for parking. (313) 821-7795

PLANIT GOLF MASTERS SHOOTOUT 1 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 10, until 4 p.m. Sunday, April 12, at Bogey's Bar and Grille, 142 E. Walled Lake Drive. Proceeds of golf ball pur-chases benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. (248) 669-1441

FAMILY EVENTS

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April 3, at the zoo, 8450 W. 10 Mile, Royal Oak. Guests who bring in a non

shable food item from 10 a.m. to 1

p.m. are free; food goes to Mother Waddles Perpetual Mission. Zoo admis-sion is \$7,50, \$5,50 seniors/students.

\$4.50 children ages 2-12. \$3 parking. (800) 732-3477/(248) 398-0903 or, www.detroitzoo.org

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years of ministry and final week, 8 p.m. Friday, April 2, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton, Free.

11 a.m. Saturday, April 3, at Domino's

Earhart Road, Ann Arbor: \$3, proceeds benefit the Easter Seals. (734) 930-

CLASSICAL

Meretta in Mozart's "Quartet for Oboe and Strings," 4 p.m, Sunday, April 11,

at Pease Auditorium, College Place and W. Cross, on the Eastern Michigan

www.emich.edu/music/musicevents.ht

University's campus, Yosilanti, free

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SOCIETY Winter Movie Series continues with "Easter Parade" starring Judy Garland and Fred Astaire, 8 p.m. Friday, April 2

BOOTS RANDOLPH 8 p.m, Saturday, April 10, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Hall (M-59) and Garfield roads, Clinton Twp. \$24, \$22 seniors/stu-dents, (810) 286-2222/(800) 585-

VICTOR BORGE

With the Detroit Symphony Orchestra

"Lost in the Stars," a revue of some of Broadway's classical musicals and con temporary shows, featuring Tracey Atin and Joe Cardinal, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 9-10 (\$15 adults), and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 11 (\$13 seniors and students), Daniel Patrick Kelly Theatre in the theater, 121 University Ave., W., Windsor, Prices Canadian. (519) 253-7729

28949 Joy Road (two blocks east of Middlebelt Road), Westland, Cover charge, 21 and older, (734) 513-5030

Presents a new music-theater plecer "Relive the Magic: An Evening with "Relive the magic, An evening with Tony Amore," a musical for jazz orches-tra inspired by the life, singing and mythology of Frank Sinatra, composer Andy Kirshner plays the aging, Sinatra like crooner Tony Amore, 3 p.m. Sunday, April 11, at the Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$15, \$10 students. (734) 763-8587

AUDITIONS.

BW PRODUCTIONS Auditions for performers, dancers and singers ages 8 and up (males and ... females) for the semi-musical/comedy gospel drama theatrical stage play

The Game Show Network show audi-tions for acts, 4-6 p.m. Thursday, May 6, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave.; Ferndale. Variety acts must be three minutes or less and anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Accompaniment for any musical act must be acoustic. on cassette tape or compact disc. One act from each city will be flown to Los Angeles to appear live on "Extreme Gong" and get a chance to win a \$10,000 prize package. (312) 214-

Jaap Schroeder, vlolin; Penelope between the ages of 12-18 for the role of Dorothy of "The Wizard of Oz," 3:30 Crawford, harpsichord/forteplano, and Enid Sutherland, cello/viola da gamba, .m. Tuesday, April 6, The Second City Detroit, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Girls must be able to sing 16 bars of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow." (313) 596-3288/(888) 7-4-DOROTHY or http://www.ozontour.com SECOND CITY The Second City is looking for new, tal-Woodward Ave., Detroit, Call backs April 9, Candidates (non-equity and equity) must have stage and perforby April 1.

accepted at the door, (248) 349-8175

MOTOR CITY THEATRE ORGAN

and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, April 3 (organ overtures start 30 minutes earlier, guest organist all performances Gus Borman), at the Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lehser Road at Grand River, Detroit. \$2,50. (313) 531-4407

POPS/SWING

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8 p.m. Thursdey, April 8, 8:30 p.m. Fridey-Saturday, April 9, 10, and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 11, Orchestra Hall, Detrolt, 513-545, (313) 576-5111 CAPITOL THEATRE

IMPERIAL SWING ORCHESTRA 9 p.m. Saturday, April 3, 24 Karat Club,

THE PHOENIX ENSEMBLE

STARLIGHT DRIFTERS

10:30 p.m. Friday, April 9, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester, Free, 21 and older, (248) 650-5060 (western swing) II-V-I ORCHESTRA

9-11:30 p.m. Thursdays, at the Soup Kitchen, 1585 Franklin, Detroit, (313) 259-1374; 7-9:30 p.m. Sundays, at the Heidelberg; 215 N. Main, Ann Arbor, \$5. (734) 663-7758

When God Comes Down from Heaven, experience necessary. (313) 865-2375 "EXTREME GONG"

4520. ext. 26 **RADIO CITY ENTERTAINMENT**

8:30 p.m. Friday, April 2, at Edison's 220 Merrill St., Birmingham, Free, 21 The organization auditions girls and older, (248) 645-2150 ented actors by hosting limited audi-tions by appointment only, Monday-Wednesday, April 5-7, at the club, 2301 mance experience, strong writing skills and be able to sing; Walk-Ins will not be accepted. To register, (313) 964-5821

/(734) 462-4435 THE SECOND CITY

The Second City is looking for new, tal-ented actors by hosting limited auditions by appointment only, Monday. Wednesday, April 5-7, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit, Call backs April 9, Candidates (non-equity and equity) must have stage and perfor-mance experience, strong writing skills and be able to sing. Walk-ins will not be accepted, To register, (313) 964-5821 by April 1.

JAZZ

JUDI COCHILL 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m, Friday, April 9, . at Edison's, 220 Merrill St., ar Edison's, 220 victim days Birmingham. No cover. (248) 646-2150 (vocal/plano/bass/drums).

RON BROOKS TRIO RON BROOKS TRIO 9:30 p.m. Friday Saturday, April 9:10, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor \$5, 21 and older. (734), 662-8310

EMU JAZZ ENSEMBLE/THE COURIERS

8 p.m. Saturday, April 10, at Pease Auditorium, College Place at W. Cross, on the Eastern Michigan University campus, Ypsilanti, \$10, \$8 señiors, \$5 students, to raise funds for the universi-ty's jazz program, (734) 487-2255 or www.emich.edu/publi/music/musiceve nts.html

FUNKTELLIGENCE

With Ground EEX; 9:30 p.m. Saturday, April 3, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor, \$6, 19 and older. (734) 996-

HEIDI HEPLER/MICHELE

RAMO/TODD CURTIS 8-11 p.m. Wednesdays Thursdays, at the No.VI Chophouse & Lobster Bar In the Hotel Baronette, 27790 Novi Road, Novi. (248) 305-5210; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's Market, 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free, All ages. (248) 305-7333

BILL HEID TRIO

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 9-10, Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown, Cover charge, 21 and older. (313) 964-6368

DAVE HOLLAND QUINTET

7:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor, \$20 In advance, 21 and older, (734) 662-8310 or http://www.99music.com

SHEILA LANDIS

9 p.m. Friday, April 2, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. All ages. (313) 886-8101; 8:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, April 3, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester, Free, All ages. (248) 652-1600

MATT MICHAELS TRIO

With saxophonist Larry Nozero, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, April 1, with saxophonist George Benson and trumpeter Louis Smith Thursday, April 8, at the Botsford Inn, Farmington Hills. \$5 cover walved with dinner order. (248) 474-4800 MARK MOULTRUP

8 p.m. Thursday, April 1, at Edison's 220 Merrill St., Birmingham, Free, 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 **MUTUAL ADMIRATION SOCIETY**

(MAS) 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays, Duet

3663 Woodward Ave., at Martin Luther King Boulevard, Detroit, Free, All ages. (313) 831-3838 LARRY NOZERO

With planist Cliff Monear, 7:30-11:30

p.m. Friday, April 2, at Pike Street Restaurant, 18 W. Pike Street, Pontiac. OASIS Flint band performs with Cliff Monear and Stephanie, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 23, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

734) 764-0450 WSU HILBERRY THEATRE

Moss Hart's comedy "Light Up the Sky continues in rotating repertory to April and "The Playboy of the Western. World," a literary classic from Ireland about a playboy who cons his way into becoming the romantic hero of a small peasant village, runs through May 8 in rotating repertory, at the theater, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit, \$10-\$17, (313)

WSU STUDIO THEATRE

"The Subject Was Roses," the Tony Award and Pulitze Prize-winning drama chronicles the homecoming of a World War II veteran, April 8-18, 8 p.m. Thursdays Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays, In the theater, 4743 Cass Avenue at Hancock, Detroit. \$8, \$6 students/seniors. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER

SHAKESPEARIENCE

A workshop production of "The Tempest," April 8 to May 2, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays, special celebration April 23-24 in honor of Shakespeare's birthday, at Planet Ant, 2357 Caniff, east of I-75, Hamtramck, \$10, suggested donation. (313) 365-4948

TROY PLAYERS

*Steel Magnolias" by Robert Harling opens 8 p.m. Friday, April 9 and contin-ues 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, April 10, April 16-17 and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 18 at Hamilton Elementary School 5625 Northfield Parkway, Troy. \$10. (248) 879-1285 WEST END PRODUCTIONS

Saucy Bossy and Burlesque," a hysterl-

on the award winning Fox-TV series and the best-selling book, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the theater, Detroit, \$21.50, \$17,50, \$13.50, benefits Crohn's and Colitis research. (248) 645-6666/(313) 871-1132 group sales PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS

Jack and the Beanstalk," runs Saturdays-Sundays to May 23, 1 p.m. Saturdays (lunch at noon) and 2 p.m. Sundays (lunch at 1 p.m.), at the Historic Players Club, 3321 E. lefferson, between Mount Elliott and McDougall across from Harbortown, Detroit, \$7,50, includes lunch and show. (810) 662-8118 VOUTHEATRE

The Secret Garden" New York's Theatreworks/USA turns the classic Into a warm, compassionate play, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 10-11 and 11 a.m. Saturday, April 10, at Music Hall Center, Detroit. \$8; \$7 advance, (313) 963-2366

SPECIAL EVENTS

ANN ARBOR SPRING GARDEN AND FLOWER SHOW

Friday-Sunday, April 2-4, Gala Benefit Preview Thursday, April 1 for Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, Ann Arbor-Saline Road, south of I-94; exit 175. (734) 1.9004

ANTIQUES SHOW

Featuring American, European and Oriental antiques, collectibles, and vintage decorative accessories, furniture, estate lewelry, fine art, art pottery, glass, dolls, toys and silver, 2-9 p.m. Friday, April 9, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, April 10, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 11, Novi Expo

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1 p.m. Saturday, April 3. The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills, \$9 and \$5 reserved and \$5 general admission. Courtside seating available. Groups of 15 or more, seniors 62 and older, and children ages 12 and younger receive 42.50 off on \$9 and \$5 seats. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com ROYAL HANNEFORD CIRCUS

7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 8, 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 9, 10:30 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 10, and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday April 11, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills, \$12. and \$8 reserved, \$5 general admission Discounts: \$4 opening night: \$5 Friday matinee, groups of 15 or more receive \$2 off, parking is free; children 12 and younger and seniors ages 65 and older receive \$4 off \$12 and \$8 ticket except the performance on April 8 and 11 a.m. performance on April 9; and Scout groups of 15 or more receive \$12 tickets for the 10:30 a.m. performance on April 10 for \$5. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com TINY TOTS CONCERT

By the Detroit Symphony Orchestra with soprano Emily Benner and mezzo soprano Barbara Wiltsle, and storying mime Nina Kircher, 10:15 a.m and 11:45 a.m. Saturday, April 10, age 3-6, at Mercy High School, 11 Mile and Middlebelt, Farmington Hills, \$10. (313) 576-5111

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BUNNYVILLE USA

The Detroit Zoo's bunny trall winds though the length of the park with sev-eral treat stations offering candy, food, books, and toys for children (while sup-

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8 n.m. Friday, April 9, at Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor. \$25, \$15, \$10, (734) 769-99 or Kch@

VLADIMIR BABIN/VLADISLAV KOVALSKY

The Russian-trained cellist and planist perform Schubert, Beethoven chumann, and Brahms, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 3, at Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor, \$10, \$5 seniors/students. (734) 769.2999 or kch@lc net

BIRMINGHAM-BLOOMFIELD. SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Join the orchestra and pops conductor Charles Greenwell for a special concer of "Cowboy" music, and guest violinist Adrienne Jacobs, the BBSO's Young Artist Competition winner, 7:30 p.m. inday, April 18, in the Sanctuary at Temple Beth El; 14 Mile and Telegraph roads, Bloomfield Hills, \$20, \$15 stu-dents, (248) 645-2276

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALE

Presents its scholarship winners, 1 p.m. Thursday, April 1, at the Community House, 380 S. Bates St., Birmingham, \$2 (248) 475-5978

LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Good Friday concert features soprano Lynda Weston, baritone Lance Ashmore planist Anna Sorokhtel, and the St. Genevieve Interdenominational Festival Choir, 7:30 p.m, Friday, April 2, at St. Genevieve Church, on Jamison Street, south of Five Mile, east of Middlebelt Livonia, \$15, \$8 children ages 12 and under, (734) 421:1111/(734) 464-

ITZHAK PERIMAN

7 p.m. Sunday, April 11, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Hall (M-59) and Garfield roads, Clinton Twp.

CHORAL

MADONNA UNIVERSITY CHORALE Under director David Wagner performs Gabriel Faure's "Requiem," Franz Blebi's "Ave Maria," and the music of Maurice Durufie and Maurice Green, also featured are organist Joanne Vollendorf Rickards and trumpeter William Beger playing the music of Alan Hovhaness4 p.m. Sunday, April 11, at Historic Christ Church, 960 F. lefferson, Detroit. \$8, \$5. students/seniors, (734) 432-5708 SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHOIR Performs a selection of choral works by

Bach, Benjamin Britten, Mendelssohn and others, the highlight of the evening is John Rutter's "Requiem" with instrumental accompaniment, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six mile, between Merriman and Middlebelt roads, Livonia, Donations will be

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GWEN AND CHARLES SCALE

8 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays in April, Duet, 3663 Woodward Ave., at Martin Luther King Boulevard, Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 831-3838

GARY SCHUNK

GENE PARKER

8 p.m. to midnight, Thursday, April 8, at Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150 (plano, bass.

HARVEY THOMPSON TRIO

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturdays, April 3 and 10, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham, Free, 21 and older, (248) 645-2150 (vocal/plano/bass trio) VITAL INFORMATION

9 p.m. Saturday, April 3, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit, \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)

CASSANDRA WILSON

"Traveling Miles: A Tribute to Miles Davis;" 8 p.m. Saturday, April 3, Pease Auditorium, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilant). \$20 and \$25, net proceeds to benefit the Ann Arbor Blues and Jazz Festival. (734) 99-MUSIC of http://www.99music URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY

BUDSON

With Dan Kolton, 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursdays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham, Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

CHRISTIAN

DAVID SCOTT-MORGAN

Electric Light Orchestra guitarist along with his wife Mandy and guitarist Mark lago perform evangelical music, rock and perhaps ELO hits; 8 p.m. Saturday. April 3; Capitol Theatre and Arts

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Continued from previous page Centre, 121 University Ave., W., Windsor, \$12, \$10 seniors and students (Canadian prices) (519) 253-7729

WORLD MUSIC

BUCKWHEAT ZYDECO With Mem Shannon, 6:30 p.m. and a 10:30 p.m. Friday, April 9, Blind Pig, 208-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$15 in advance, \$17 at the door. 19 and older (734) 996-8555 or http://www.99music.com (Zydeco)

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

CEILI RAIN p.m. Thursday, Abril 1, The Ark, 316 6. Main St., Ann Arbor, Cover charge. All ages: (734) 761-1451 or

CATHY FINK AND MARCY MARXER Bip.m, Thursday, April B, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, Cover charge, All-ages. (734) 761-1451 o

//www.a2ark.org (bluegrass/folk) JAN KRIST 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 3, Van Gogh's

Starry Night Lounge, 27909 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, Free, 21 and older. (248) 324-0400 LAURA LOVE

8 b.m. Tuesday, April 6, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, Cover charge, All ages, (734) 761-1451 or www.a2ark.org

PAPERBOYS 8 p.m. Friday, April 9, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge, All ages. (734) 761-1451 or

http://www.a2ark.org

POETRY/SPOKEN WORD

KEVIN BYLSMA AND FRIENDS Sweet Lovers Love the Sprin: Songs and Poems," celebrates the season of love with songs and readings from a verlety of composers and poets, 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, at Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor. \$7, \$5 students. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net MARION DE LAAT

Mixes music, video and poetry, with dance with "Heart and Hand" with music by Warren Defever, and "Broken Tango," 8 p.m. Saturday, April 3, YMCA Arts Center, 51 W. Hancock, Detroit. \$10, All ages. (248) 548-9888

THE WRITER'S VOICE

Featuring nationally-known New Jersey poets Elizabeth Anne Socolow and Penelope Scambly Schott, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 11 at YMCA Arts and Humanities Center, 51 W. Hancock, west of Woodward on Wayne State University's campus, Detroit. Free. (313) 267-5300, ext. 338

DANCE

RIVER NORTH DANCE COMPANY The Chicago-based troupe performs a program of Jazz dance, 8 p.m. Friday, April 9, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Hall (M-59) and Garfield roads, Clinton Twsp. \$24, \$22 students/seniors. (810) 286-2222/(800) 585-3737 SPRING DANCE CONCERT Tracking Dreams & Tracing Visions, featuring two guest repertory works by Alan Danielson and Erica Wilson-Perkins, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 26-27, at the Bonstelle Theatre, 3424 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10, \$8. Special preview concert 9:30 a.m. Friday for middle and high school groups. (313) 577-4273 TANGO CLASSES

8.p.m. Fridays (beginning), at the Troy Dance Studio, 4963 Rochester Road, at Long Lake Road (\$5-\$10), (248) 689-3393; 8 p.m. Saturdays at Dance Avenue, 1860 N. Telegraph, southeast of Ford Road, Dearborn (\$5\$7), (313) 565-3329; also advanced Tango Sundays in Troy. WOLVERINE SILVERSPUR

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE Mark Britten, Thursday-Sunday, March 31-April 4, at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak, 8;30 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays Thursdays (\$6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays (\$6), Prices subject to change, (248) 542-9900 or http://www.comedycastle.com SECOND CITY)mpeachment and Cream," through May, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave olt. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays, and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays-

Saturdays. \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, \$17,50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965 2222

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM Weird Science: A Conflation of Art and Science," featuring four artists' projects representing an ongoing explo-ration of a specific area of science. some incorporate specimens from Cranbrook Institute of Scienc Eastern Box turtle, satellite broadcasting prototypes, and a chicken coop, through April 3, at the museum, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, Museum hours; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays Sundays, until 9 p.m. Thursdays: \$5, \$3 students/children/seniors. (248) 645-3323 or http://www.cranbrook.edu/museum

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM "Frontiers to Factories: Detroiters at Work 1701-1901," formerly known as "Furs to Factories," with a new Land Office, a "Wheel of Fortune" style land acquisition interactive, three new video screen interactives, a documentary video, a new Heavy Industry section and a display explaining Detroit's move from "Stove Capital of the World" to the Motor City, automobile capital of the world; "Remembering Downtown Hudson's" exhibit, 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 or http://www.detroithistorical.org DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS First Friday series features drop-in work shop, drawing in the galleries, brush painting demo, gospel music by Grammy-nominated choir The Whitfield Company, and lecture by graphic arts curator Ellen Sharp on the exhibition --"Treasures of Jewish Cultural Heritage from the Library of the Jewish Theological Seminary,* 6-9 p.m. Friday, April 2, at 5200 Woodward, Detroit. Suggested admission \$4, \$1 children Founders Society members free. (313)

B33-4249/(313) B33-7900 DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER Breaking Through: The Creative Engineer," an exhibit exploring creativity in engineering everything from rollercoasters to Colorado's Hanging Lake Viaduct, continues to April 30 in the Exhibit Hall; IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, and multiple showings of "Everest" and "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun" seven days a week at the center (extended hours April 2-10), 5020 John R (at Warren), Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for chil dren ages 2 and younger, IMAX films are additional \$4. (313) 577-8400 HENRY FORD ESTATE- FAIR LANE Visit the estate of the automotive ploneer including the restored riverside powerhouse and Henry Ford's personal garage and cars, see glant generators placed by Ford and Thomas Edison that

Groove, 9:30 p.m. Friday, April 2, Blind Pig. 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor: \$5, 19 and older, (734) 996-8555

JOHNNIE BASSETT AND THE BLUES INSURGENTS 9 p.m. Thursdays in April at Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown, Cover charge, 21 and older

(313) 964-6368 (blues) BIG SAM 9 p.m. Friday, April 9, The Alley behind Main Street Billiards, 215 S. Main St.,

Rochester. Cover charge. 21 and older (248) 652-8441 (rock) "BLIND PIG SHOWCASE"

With Train of Thought, The Brown Rocks, Spedrock and The Stab, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, Blind Pig, 206-208 S, First St., Ann Arbor, Free, 19 and older, (734) 996-8555 (variety) BLUECAT

9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 8, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester, Free, 21 and ölder. (248) chester, , 0-5060 (blues)

BLUE ROSE 9 p.m. Friday, April 2, Memphis Smoke 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak, Free, 21 older, (248) 543-4300 (blues) BONNE TEMPS ROULLE 9 p.m. Friday, April 9, CK Diggs, 2010

Auburn Road, Rochester Hills, Free, 21 and older. (248) 853-6600 (R&B) BUCK-O-NINE With Homegrown, 7:30 p.m. Thursday,

April 8, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, \$9 in advance, All tes, (313) 961-MELT or

http://www.961melt.com (ska/punk) BUSTER WYLLE

8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 3, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester, Free, All ages, (248) 652-1600 (acoustic R&B) CHEF-CHRIS BLUES BAND 9 p.m. Friday, April 2, Music Menu, 511

Monroe St :: Detroit's Greektown, Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-6368

THE CIVILIANS 10 p.m. Saturday, April 3, Mount Chalet, 4715 Woodward Ave., Royal

Free, 21 and older. (248) 549-2929 (rock)

CODE BLOOM With Son of Adam and Two-Faced

Moon, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 3, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens, \$8.75 in advance. All

agés but minors must have parental ccompaniment. (313) 303-

8630/(810) 913-1921 or http://www.codebloom.com

COLLECTIVE SOUL With The Marvelous Three, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, State Theatre, 2115

Woodward Ave., Detroit, \$21. All ages, (313) 961-5451 (rock) TIM DIAZ AND GARY RASMUSSEN 9:30 p.m. Friday, April 2, 5 Hole inside The Second City, 2211 Woodward Ave.,

Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 471-3300 (acoustic rock) ELECTRIC MAGI With Eden's Journal, 9 p.m. Friday, April 9, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock) ELEPHANT GERALD

With Skinmill, 10 p.m. Friday, April 9, Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. \$5. 21 and older. (313) 875-6555 (rock) ELIZA 9 p.m. Friday, April 9, Jimmy's, 123

Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. All ages. (313) 886-8101 (acoustic pop rock)

EKOOSTIK HOOKAH

8 p.m. Saturday, April 3, Michigan Theatre, 603 Liberty St., Ann Arbor. \$16.50. All ages. (734) 668-8397 or http://www.99music.com (jam rock) EMERGENCY GRAPEFRUIT

9 p.m. Saturday, April 3, Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-6368 (rock) THE EX-HUSBANDS

6:30 p.m. Fridays April 2 and 9, Van Gogh's Starry Night Lounge, 27909

1441 (rock) HARRINGTON BROTHERS 9 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, Fox and Hounds: 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, Free, All ages, (248) 644-4800 (blues) LISA HUNTER

8 p.m. Saturday, April 3, Coffee Beanery, 307 S. Main St., Rochester, Free, All ages, (248) 650-3344 or http://www.lb.com/onemanclapping/ll a.htm (acoustic rock) KING BROTHERS

With Wolf Eyes, 25 Suaves and Case With Wolf Eyes, 25 Suaves and Cass Chamber, 9 p.m, Friday, April 2, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit, Cover charge, 21 and older, (313) 833-6873 or http://golddollar.com (rock) KNEE DEEP SHAG

9 p.m. Thursday, April 8, The Alley behind Main Street Billiards, 215 S. Main St., Rochester, Cover charge, 21 and older. (248) 652-8441 (funk)

With Propeller and Queen Bee, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 8, Blind Pig, 206 208 S, First St., Ann Arbor, \$5, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock) MACHINA With Kuz, 9 p.m. Friday, April 9, Gold

Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit, Cover charge, 21 and older, (313) 833-6873 or http://golddollar.com (experimental rock)

STONEY MAZAAR AND THE WESTSIDERS

9 p.m. Friday, April 9, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth, Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (blues) MERGIN

With Keith Parmentier, 8-9:30 p.m. Friday, April 2, Angel Caravan Coffeehouse in Friends Meeting House, 1420 Hill St., Ann Arbor, Suggested donation, \$7, \$5 students ages 13 and older, \$3 kids. All ages. (734) 327-

2041 (rock) MICKEY STRANGE 9 p.m. Friday, April 2, Lill's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck, \$5.,21 and older. (313) 875-6555 or

http://www.lilis21.com (rock) MR B With David Maxwell, Bob Seeley and

Axel Zwingenberger perform during Mr. B's second annual Blues and Boogle Plano Orgy, 8 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 3-4, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Arbor, Cover charge, All ages, (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

(blues) TIM MONGER

8-10 p.m. Saturday, April 3, Espresso Royale Caffe, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838 (pop)

MYSTERY TRAIN WITH JIM MCCARTY

9 p.m. Friday, April 2, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800; 10:30 p.m. Saturday, April 3, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester, Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060; 10 p.m. Thursday, April 8, The Cavern, 210 S, First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge, 21 and older. (734) 332-9900 (blues) STEVE NARDELLA

9 p.m. Saturday, April 3, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older, (734) 451-1213 (rockabilly)

NOBODY'S BUSINESS 9 p.m. Friday, April 2, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609

(rockabilly) ROBERT PENN 9 p.m. Friday, April 2, Lower Town Grill, 195 W, Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213; 9 p.m. Friday, April 9, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609 (blues)

PLACEBO With Caelum Bliss, 6 p.m. Friday, April

http://golddollar.com (pop) JO SERRAPERE

9 p.m. Saturday, April 3, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, Free. All ages, (313) 886-8101 (acoustic SISTER SEED

9 p.m. Saturday, April 3, CK Diggs, 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester Hills. Free, 21 and older. (248) 853-6600 (acoustic rock) ELLIOTT SMITH

With Jr. High, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 3. St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$11 in edvance. 18 and older. (313) 961-MELT or

http://www.961melt.com (singer/songwriter/pop) STEVE SOMERS AND VALERIE

BARRYMORE 9 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, Free, All ages, (248)

1800 (blues) SPEEDBALL 8 p.m. Saturday, April 3, Magic Bag,

22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, Cove charge, 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com (rock) STABBING WESTWARD With Flick, 8 p.m. Friday, April 2, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E, Huron St., Pontlac, \$16

in advance. All ages. (248) 333-2362 or http://www.961melt.com (rock) STRING CHEESE INCIDENT 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit, \$15 in advance, 18 and older, (313) 833-9700

or http://www.99music.com (jam rock) STUNGUN Celebrates release of CD with party and performance, with special guests

Queen Bee, 10 p.m. Thursday, April 1, lotor Lounge, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck, Cover charge, 18 and older. (313) 369-0090 (pop) SUN MESSENGERS

9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 8, Karl's Cabin, 9779 Old N. Territorial Road, Cabin, 9779 old N. lemona Koad, Plymouth. Free, 21 and older. (734) 455-8450 (R&B/variety) **SUN 209**

10 p.m. Saturday, April 3, Atwater Block Brewery, 237 Jos. Campau, Detrolt. Free. 21 and older. (313) 393-(acoustic rock)

TANGERINE TROUSERS. 6 p.m. Thursday, April 1, Van Gogh's Starry Night Lounge, 27909 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages: (248) 324-0400 (pop) SUSAN TEDESCHI

With Shemekia Copeland, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 3, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15 in advance. All ages. (313) 833-9700 or http://www.99music.com (blues)

With Jump Little Children, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 1, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor, \$6 in advance, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or http://www.99music.com (rock) TRALE

With Fletcher Pratt, 9 p.m. Thursday, April 8, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit, \$5, 18 and older, (313) 832-

2355 (rock) TRASH BRATS

With The Ruiners, 11 p.m. Saturday, April 3, The Shelter below St. Andrey Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (glam rock) **ROBIN TROWER**

9 p.m. Saturday, April 3, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$20 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 335-8100 or http://www.961melt.com (rock) TWISTIN' TARANTULAS 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 1, Karl's Cabin, 9779 Old N. Territorial Road. Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734)

455-8450; 9 p.m. Friday, April 2, 24 Karat Club, 28949 Joy Road (two blocks east of Middlebelt Road). Westland. Cover charge. 21 and older.

(734) 513-5030 (rockabilly)

ZEN TRICKSTERS 8 p.m. Friday, April 9, Magic Bag. 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Cover. charge, 18 and older. (248) 544-3030

rock)

ALVIN'S

BLIND PIG

or http://www.themagicbag.com (jam)

CLUB

NIGHTS

Melvin Hill and Cent, 10 p.m. Mondays; (and Club Color, featuring funk and

disco, 8 p.m. Wednesdays (free before ... 10 p.m.), at the club, 5756 Cass Ave., ...

Detroit, \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-1.2 2355 or http://www.alvins.xtcom.com.

"Swing-a-billy" night with dance lessons "

from 8.9 p.m. Sundays with DJ Del

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annual "Spin-Off Contest" featuring Lauren Flex, Ben, Scott U, and Jeromer

9:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, \$6, 19-11 and older, (734) 996-8555

"Flashback" night with "The Planet" 154. WPLT on level two (Clutch Cargo's), old a school funk on level three, and techno and house on level four, 8:30 p.m.

CLUTCH CARGO'S/MILL STREET.

Saturdays, at the club, 65 E. Huron,

older; Alternative dance night, 8 p.m. Wednesdays in Clutch Cargo's: 18 and

Funk, hip hop and top 40 with DJ Mac

Love Factory" alternative dance night

Fridays: Alternative dance with DJ Matt

Saturdays; Alternative dance Tuesdays

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Free before 10 p.m. nightly, 21 and older. (248) 589-3344 or

Club Excess with live music, dancing and contests sponsored by WXDGFM

(105.1), 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays, at the club, Mount Clemens: Cove

Dance night for teens ages 15-19, 8

Lake. \$10. Ages 15:19. (248) 926-

Dancing with DJ Timmy T, 9 p.m.

Wednesdays and Sundays: dueling

MAJESTIC THEATRE CENTER

"Good Sounds," with music by The Tonehead Collective and images by

Release," Rock 'n' Bowl happy hour

planos, 8:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays,

Karma, 22901 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, \$7, 21 and older. (248) 541-

Thomas Video, 9 p.m. Fridays at Magic -Stick. 18 and older. Free: "Work

with bowling, music and complimentary

food from the Malestic Cafe, 5-8 p.m.

Gutterball, 9 p.m. Saturdays at Garden

Bowl. Free, 18 and older; "The Bird's

Nest," punk rock night with live perfor-

Shakedown" with DJ Big Andy, 9 p.m. Tuesdays at Magic Stick. Free. 21 and older. (313) 833-9700

Fridays at Garden Bowl. \$6. 18 and

older: "Rock 'n' Bowl" with DJ Del

mances, 9 p.m. Mondays at Magic Stick. Free. 18 and older; "Soul

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http://www.thegrooveroom.com

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D. Thursdays, Women admitted free;

Pontlac, Free before 9 p.m. 21 and

Ider (248) 333-2362 or

http://www.961melt.com

THE GROOVE ROOM

The Hush Party with resident DJs.

DANCERS

7:30 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, April 107 at the Italian American Cultura Center, 12 Mile east of Hoover, Warren. \$7.:(810) 573-4993

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

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Keith Ruff, Preacher Moss and Shella Lovely, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 1 (\$5), Friday-Saturday, April 2-3 (\$12); Chris Zito, Ken Dumm and Jim Hamm, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 8 (\$5), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 9-10 (\$12), at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Third Level Improv and new talent-nights, 8 p.m. Sundays (\$5). (734) 261:0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S

Alturo Shelton, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 1 (\$6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. April 1 (\$6), 8125 p.m. and 10.45 p.m. Frilay Saturday, April 2-3 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package Friday, and \$12 and \$24.95 dinner show package Saturday), John Di Crosta, 8115 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 9-10 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package). and 7 p.m. Sunday, April 11 (\$10, \$22,95 dinner show package) at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

still generate electricity today, travel the underground tunnel to the 56-room mansion with elaborate carved woodwoork and personal artifacts, hours are 1-4:30 p.m. Sundays, 1:30 p.m. weekday tours through April, at 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. (313) 593-

HENRY FORD

MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE

Abraham Lincoln's assassination chair is back on view after a week of conservation efforts, also a life mask made 60 days before his assassination, at the museum, 20900 Oakwood Blvd. Dearborn. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m daily. \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors, \$7.50 kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free, (313) 271-1620 CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY Artist/weaver Abdoulaye Kasse in an

exhibit "Senegalese Threads of Beauty: The Free Tapestry of Abdoulaye Kasse, which features 11 of the artist's original works (on display to April 11): "Discover Greatness: An Illustrated History of Negro Leagues Baseball," a touring Negro League exhibit comprised of 90 black and white photos, 10 oversized prints, and memorabilla such as pennants, uniforms, and game-day posters, April 3-June 13, at the museum. 315 E. Warren Ave., Detroit. \$5, \$3 for children ages 17 and younger. (313) 494-5800

POPULAR MUSIC

BAMBU With Sugar Pill and The Almighty

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Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 324-0400 (rock)

PETE "BIG DOG" FETTERS

10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Thursday, April 1, Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., in Detroit's Greektown. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-6368; 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, April 3, Shields Pizzeria 1476 W Mable Road, Troy, Free. All ages, (248) 637-3131; 10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, April 9-10, The Alibi, Grand River Avenue, Farmington Hills, Free. 21 and older. (248) 478-2010 or petebigdog@provide.net (blues)

FEZ

With Ghettobilles, 9 p.m. Friday, April 2, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock) FINGER 11 With Buck Cherry, 6 p.m. Thursday, April 8, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$7. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (rock)

FOOLISH MORTALS

7 p.m. Thursday, April 8, Gameworks inside Great Lakes Crössing, 4316 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 745-9675 (rock) GORDON BENNETT

9 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, The Alley behind Main Street Billiards, 215 S. Main St., Rochester, Free, 21 and older. (248) 652-8441 (rock)

8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, Oxford Inn, 43317 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856; 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 9:10, Bogey's, 142 Walled Lake Road, Walled Lake. Free. 21 and older. (248) 669-

2. St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E Detroit. \$8.90 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (alternative

WALLY DI FASANT

9:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (humorous acoustic pop)

POISON IDEA

8 p.m. Sunday, April 4, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$10. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (punk) RED DYE NINE

With Kickin' Water and I Hate Mars, 10 p.m. Saturday, April 3, Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. \$5. 21 and older. (313) 875-6555 (rock) ROOMFUL OF BLUES

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'EDty' takes a funny look at the price of celebrity

By HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER hgallagher@oe.homecomm.net

"EDty" is the latest in a group of movies that explore the impact of the media on our lives. Ron Howard's film follows "The Truman Show" and "Pleasantville" is this media navel gazing genre and, despite Howard's. special insight, it is amusing but. the weakest of the three.

Howard grew up before our eyes as a child of television, first as Opic Taylor and then as the quintessential teenager Richie Cunningham. He has continued to be a very visible celebrity as a successful director of well crafted though sometimes thin movies. He more than anyone should be.

time does to a person.

But "EDty" makes its obvious point early on and then offers little to think about except for some enjoyable performances and over-the-top jokes. It is neither as insightful or poignant as "The Truman Show" or as magi-cal as "Pleasantville."

A San Francisco cable channel producer played by Ellen DeGeneres gets the idea of following "a regular guy" around for 24 hours a day, every day of the week. To select the subject for this show, the cable channel scouts out the places where common folks supposedly hang out like bars. That's where they find

able to give us a special look at Ed. Pekurny (Matthew Mc-brother's new girl friend Sharl, what being a celebrity all the Conaughey) and his brother Ray played by Jenna Elfman, and (Woody Harrelson), redneck.

refugees from Texas, Ray is an obnoxious loud mouth (Harrelson at his most aggressively lowbrow) who tries to get himself selected. But it is disheveled but handsome, quiet and sweetly goofy Ed who catch-es the eye of DeGeneres (who sort of shares the Ed Harris role in "The Truman Show" with Rob Reiner, who plays the overbearing station owner). Ed works as a clerk at a video store and apparently lacks any ambition to do anything else (he's no Quentin Tarrantino). He even lacks enough ambition to shave. But he is obviously in love with his

played by Jenna Elfman, and she's obviously in love with him.

Of course, as soon as television cameras begin following Ed and his family, they are no longer "common folks," they're celebrities. The camera changes them. Unlike Truman, who doesn't know he's a TV show. Ed does. and even when the camera begins to intrude on deeply personal matters, he resists calling it quits.

Howard should be able to tell us more about being in the pub-lic fishbowl, about the sometimes thin line between reality and television; about what we give up in the name of celebrity, about the stupidity of celebrity itself. He's been there, done that and triumphed over it. But his film rarely gets beyond the obvi-ous and often, especially toward the end, degenerates into boorish jokes and a plot twist that's extremely stupid.

This is a weakness that has afflicted many of Howard's films and the scripts of his regular collaboraters Babaloo Mandel and Lowell Ganz. Maybe they spend too much time in Hollywood and not enough time in the real world. They write some funny stuff but it is often a joke for the joke's sake only. And the scenes of people watching Ed on TV are

'too close to similar scenes in

The Truman Show. The portrayal of working class people here is just one tiresome bowling shirt cliche after anoth-

er. "EDty" is slickly made, well crafted and well acted, which is to be expected in Howard's films. Jenna Elfman, of TV's "Dhar-

ma and Greg," is especially win-ning as the girl of Ed's affections. She is less manic here than in her television show, sweeter, more down to earth. Yet she stilla uses her expressive face and here gangly body to wonderful effect. McConaughey has been on the

verge of the big breakthrough for a while now, but this isn't it. He has obvious charm, but Ed is too much a cliche.

In smaller parts, Martin Lan^{on} dau as Ed's stepfather and Dbillur nis Hopper as his real father: give solid performances.

Candid '20 Dates' will find its way to your heart

BY VICTORIA DIAZ SPECIAL WRITER

A couple of years ago, while in his early 30s, Myles Berkowitz found himself newly-divorced and clearly out of his depth when it came to dating. An aspiring filmmaker in Los Angeles, he also found himself with no movie to his credit, and not a hint of any movie deal on the horizon. Then, one day, he got an idea. Why not combine his knowledge of filmmaking with his ignorance of the singles scene? Soon, he had scraped together a bit of money (about \$70,000), and hired buddy/ cameraman Adam Biggs to shoot the action as he crashed and burned with girl after girl. The result is "20 after girl. The result is Dates," an odd and imperfect piece of camera verite that will probably never find its way on to any 20 Greatest Films lists, but may find its way into your heart, nevertheless

Much of its appeal lies with Myles himself who runs the gamut from charming to obnoxious, but never comes across as dull or boring or mean-spirited. Another huge plus: Though "20 Dates" was shot unscripted, its overall "plot" and surprise ending is not just clever, it's delightful. More about that later.

Many of the movies problems are indicated early on in a question asked by Myles' first date. Seated in a restaurant one night and totally exasperated, she queries huffily, "Are you going to find love with a camera two feet in front of my face?" And, though she may seem a little prissy, we have to admit she has a point. Throughout "20 Dates," the camera (there's only one remains bothersome. It not only gets between Myles and his dates, it persists in getting between us and them, holding us at a distance and giving this movie that purportedly about romance a

curious lack of intimacy. In the meantime, though, we're chattily entertained by

Insightful look at love: Myles Berkowitz and Elisabeth Wagner in "20 Dates.'

hidden camera. There's the intense "feminist ballerina." There's the young woman who, after dinner, tells Myles she's going to the ladies' room, then slips out of his life forever. There's the date who ends the evening with a handshake in lieu of a goodnight kiss. There's the too-expensive date whose cravings must have eaten up a good part of the movie's budget. There's the outdoorsy type who forces Myles into his first (and last?) bungee-jumping adven-ture. There's the date who wants to visit Marilyn Monroe's tomb, the date he picks up at the supermarket, the model, the Playboy Playmate, Tia Carrere

We also get to meet Myle's agent, Richard Arlook; screenwriter, technician, University of Michigan and Meadow Brook Theatre alum, Robert McKee , and (via audio only) his producer, Elie Samaha who definitely wants Myles to make a sexier movie

And then, there's Elisabeth.

the start, he finds out she's "involved" with someone else; however, and so it's on to his next cinematic date.

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But when he returns sometime later, he discovers she's dissolved her former relationship and is ready to look at Myles in a new light. Faster than you can say head-over-heels, Myles has, in the course of making his movie, fallen in love. The feeling is soon

mutual on Elizabeth's part. End of story? Hardly. Myles, his producer keeps reminding him, has signed on for 20 dates. And, thought he filmmaker may feel that he's already met the love of his life in Elisabeth, he's got to keep dating other women until he's reached that magic number. "20 Dates" means 20 dates or no movie deal. It may seem silly. It may seem ridiculous, but the producer is the man with the money. How will Myles avoid compromising his reel life and his real life? Or will he?

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Entertaining 'True Crime' is an edge-of-your-seat thriller

BY ANNIE LEHMANN SPECIAL WRITER

It's a race against the clock in "True Crime," a thriller featuring. Clint Eastwood as Steve Everett an investigative reporter who, after a co-worker is killed in a car crash, is asked to cover her beat.

His assignment is to write a "human interest sidebar" on the final hours of death row inmate Frank Beachum (Isaiah Washington). The problem is that Everett is not a "human interest". kind of guy. Working on a hunch that the Beachum story has not been told in its entirety, Everett starts nosing around.

When Everett interviews Beachum the Bible-reading family man, he believes his story of having been wrongly convicted of killing a pregnant store clerk. Everyone including Everett's boss, however, views the upcom-

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ing execution as a done deal and wants the reporter to back off. But bad boy Everett, a recovering alcoholic who doesn't think twice about sleeping with his boss' wife, is unrelenting in his quest for justice. It's down to the wire with Eastwood laying everything on the line to prove the man's innocence.

Eastwood directed, produced as well as co-wrote the movie's jazzy score and "True Crime" bears his signature interest in misunderstood good and bad guys

The plot is somewhat uneven and the film, running over two hours, is much longer than it needs to be, But Eastwood has not lost his touch as the unpredictable¹ fringe character. Everett is the guy who thinks nothing of the pain he causes his family with his chronic womanizing yet is unable to pass a home-

less man without taking out his

wallet to offer some cash. A variety of characters add color to the dark, moody script including the conflicted prison warden, the easy-to-hate selfpromoting minister and, most notably, Lisa Gay Hamilton who plays Beachum's anguished wife masterfully. James Wood is electric as

Everett's sugar-crazed big boss.

The film is also something of a family affair featuring cameos by Eastwood's wife Dina Eastwood as Wilma Francis; his daughter Francesca Fisher-Eastwood as Everett's daughter; and the child's mother Frances Fisher as the Cecilia Nussbaum, district attorney.

If you like Eastwood films, "True Crime" is one that will keep you interested, entertained and watching at the edge of your. seat.

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Collective Soul plays the Peach Pit and lives to tell



since the Barenaked Ladies, Duncan Sheik and the Flaming Lips did it, why not Collective

the non-tradi-

tional venue in

"I'll admit, it was funny play-ng the Peach Pit," Evans said about the nightclub on the television show "Beverly Hills" 90210.

"I didn't know if it was such a good thing to do. (But now) I don't think there's anything wrong with it. It gives the people who watch the show to become familiar with the band and let them decide if they like Collec-tive Soul or not, Hopefully they like us.

The band performed "Run," from the Varsity Blues soundtrack, and its record-breaking single "Heavy," on the show which airs at 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 19. The song has the new record for the number of times a single was played on radio in one

At first, Col-lective Soul drummer Shane week. The band's eighth No. 1 backdrop for the process. rock radio hit was played 6,057 "We had a house in Miami that times the week of March 21 beat. we had rented that made things ing out the record of 6,027 set by Metallica earlier this year. Evans admitted. he was a little skeptical about

The two bands are the only two to ever cross the 6,000 mark. Both of the songs appear on which it was booked. But. Collective Soul's latest album "Dosage" (Atlantic Records), "Dosage" is a beautiful pop album. In "No More, No Less," the next single, singer Ed Roland sings "So, let's shake it like this" leading the band into a staccato guitar and piano break. Strings soften the ballad "Needs," while lead guitarist Ross Childress takes on vocal duties during his Brit poppy offering, "Dandy Life." really wanted to try to stretch things a bit as far as the soundscape and different instru-

mentation and people playing different instruments and stuff like that," Evans explained. During the recording process, there was no limitations

"I never really thought something wouldn't work. Personally, I'm a very open-minded musical person. I like a lot of different things. As long as it wasn't like some avant garde jazz or some-thing, I was pretty down with it." was recorded at Cri-"Doságe" teria Studios in Miami, Fla. which Evans called the perfect

had rented that made things a little bit better. You would wake up and there you are in Miami on the bay looking out-on the ocean. Dolphins would be playing out on the water. It was "Evans explained.

"It's the most accommodating record we've ever done as far as everybody's mental condition and overall good vibe about everything."

Criteria Studios was also where Collective Soul recorded its second album, "Collective Soul." The third album, the appropriately titled "Disciplined Breakdown," was a labor of love that put a financial and emotion-

al strain on the band. . "The third record we did in a cabin, which wasn't the greatest experience because we really didn't have any kind of financial support we were going through a lawsuit," Evans said about Collective Soul's lawsuit against its former manager. "All the money was frozen. It

was just tough. You're trying to scrape together equipment to do it, somehow we did it. I still don't know how to this day we actually did this record." "Dosage" is heavy on the spiri-

tual side with words like "mes-

senger," "savior," and phrases such as "Now that I've learned to believe/ Who's gonna be the answer/ To all my questioning" (in "Crown") peppering the album. Roland and his brother, rhythm guitarist Dean Roland, are the sons of a preacherman.

"I don't think it's purposely written to portray any religion, any certain religion. It's mostly written with a universal sort of appeal. Most religions believe in heaven and a hell, you know,"

Evans said. "It's mostly just spiritual, realizing that there's a higher power. I think that's the best way to go that way more people can get more out of it. Me, personally I am a Christian. We try not to really let that get tied up in the music."

Evans added it's "a good thing for people to realize there's a higher power, something else beyond the life we have on earth. It helps you understand there's a bigger picture. A lot of things are more important than rock 'n' roll. music

Collective Soul with The Marvelous Three perform at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, at State The-atre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets are \$21 for the all-ages show. Call (313),961. 5451 for more information. The

band will also perform "Heavy" on "Late Night With Conan O'Brien" on Friday, April 2. Misc.

Kirk Franklin and The Nu Nation, along with Detroiter Cece Winans, Trin-I-Tee 5:7 and Crystal Lewis, are the first gospel acts to host a pay-perview concert. It will be offered on Easter Sunday, April 4, on BET Action Pay Per View, home satellite through U.S. Satellite Broadcasting, and The Dish Network. The cost is \$9,95. ... Returning to the secular front, The Smashing Pumpkins are returning to their club roots by playing St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit on Saturday, April 10, with special guests Queens of the Stone Age. Tickets are \$25 and go on sale at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 3, at all Ticketmaster outlets. There is a two-ticket per-person limit. Doors for the all-ages show open at 8 p.m. For more information. call (313) 961-MELT, (248) 645-6666 or visit http:// www.

961melt.com. The Shania Twain concert Saturday, May 22, at The Palace of Auburn Hills sold out in less than 30 minutes last Friday. Twain joins a select handful of artists who have sold out The Palace's full arena in less than : oe homecomminet

half an hour including Bob Seger and The Silver Bullet Band, George Strait, Garth Brooks and Celine Dion. 10

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N Sync contest

Oxy Balance and the pop² group N Sync are giving fans the² chance to meet the boy band a with the "Face the Music" con-" test. Each of four grand prize winners and nine friends will get an all-expenses paid two-day; one-night trip to an N Sync concert and pre-concert sound check-8 session in Florida.

To enter the contest, call 1-3 877-99NSYNC, visit Oxy's Web's site at www. oxybalance.com, or-2 write to Oxy Balance Face the 1 Music, 21300 Hilltop, Dept. 2000, 1 Southfield, Mich., 48034. All-entries must include at least one (limit two) Oxy Balance retail UPC codes. The deadline is Saturday, April 10.

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inate radio play lists, BR5-49 has

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been respectful of the genre's heritage. The Grammy-nominated album, "Big Backyard Beat Show," mixes covers of country classics with rockabilly sounds and originals which not only rock but swing. The band is very much at home in a contemporary music venue like last month's booking at 7th House in Pontiac. I guess it is possible to "please em all" when you offer something old with something new. Next up for the band is an appearance on Detroit Public Television's "Backstäge Pass"

program. Traditional songs of Latin America will also be treated with reverence and freshness at St. Anne Church, near the Ambas sador Bridge in Detroit on April 18. The event, Mosaico Latino-Americano, features Ariel Ramirez's "Miss Criolla" with the **Rackham Symphony Choir and** The Sainte Anne Choir. The celebration of Hispanic culture includes folk dancing and a showcase of the works of Latino artists.

Just as a wedding unites generations of family and friends, established and emerging artists

are discovering a common bond through the efforts of Detroit Contemporary, a Woodbridge neighborhood gallery owned by Aaron Timlin. Still in his twen-ties, Timlin's adulthood is turning out to be as non-conventional as his childhood, in which his artist parents created an open environment for creative development. What the rural home lacked in formal education; plumbing and electricity, it flourished with music, art and the wonders of nature. It remains a family immersed in art. Detroit Contemporary's current exhibit. Naked, convenes some of the area's most recognized artists with talented newcomers in the mediums of photo, painting, sculpture, installations, and live performances. The building is old, neighboring lots are barren but the energy inside Detroit Contemporary has the promise of new life in the area.

"Backstage Pass" presents a look at Timlin's unique gallery, along with the music of SR5-49 and Mosaico Latino-Americano. Sunday, April 4, at 7:30 p.m. on Detroit Public TV.

There's plenty going on this spring that we'll be telling you about. Catch the bouquet.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO STAFF WRITER cfuoco@oe.homecomm.net

Playing live is the next logical step after recording an album. Sure.singer/ songwriter Joe Henry is looking forward to hitting the stage again. But there's a certain uneasiness about this tour which included a Saturday, March 13. stop at 7th House in Pontiac. It's the first time he's left his wife home alone with two children.

"I like to play but playing is a small fragment of what you actually do on the road. I really like to play and I have such a great band at the moment but I don't relish being away from home! My son is 7. My daughter was born 17 months ago. I have not left my wife with two children home alone. It's a new thing for us," Henry, a 1978 graduate from Rochester Adams High School, said.

The making of Henry's latest album "Fuse" (Mammoth Records) is a lesson in time management. He wrote two songs before the birth of his daughter to see what direction "Fuse" was going in. After the joyous event, he worked on the album during the baby's naps.

"It kind of dictated that I worked alone for a long time. But I didn't have to explain myself to anybody. I didn't realize how liberating that would be

in itself." The result is a low-fi pop effort, a departure from his highly acclaimed roots rock/ countryinspired previous works. Funk, hip-hop-inspired drum beats, and hints of jazz electrify "Fuse."

"I certainly set out to make a different record I was really con-scious of that with the last record ('Trampoline'). I had to find a new way to work. I felt really kind of trapped by the way that I knew how to physically make records. It was always kind of live in the studio. That's what I knew, not because I was a

purist. Born Dec. 2, 1960, in Charlotte, N.C., Henry and his family moved to Rochester in the summer of 1975: He met his wife, Melanie Ciccone, Madonna's sister, at Rochester Adams High. Henry attended Oakland University for two years before moving to Ann Arbor to study English.

"I took English only because I didn't have to take any math," he said with a laugh.

His formative years in Rochester inspired part of the album "Fuse." The common thread of the songs on "Fuse" is spoken word vignettes from George Seedorff.

's an old friend of my "He brother's from college. One night there was an open mic poetry reading at Oakland (University) and George got up to read. I

Joe Henry hits the stage uneasy think I was still in high school when it happened. My brother wonderfully enough recorded the whole thing on an old reel-to-reel tape. It was an amazing bit of performance art, the whole per-

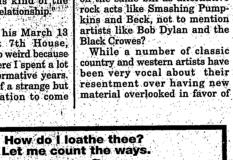
sona he embodied," The tapes sat in his parents' attic until Henry purchased a reel-to-reel tape recorded at a flea market in Pasadena. Calif.. last year.

"The first single, "Skin and Teeth," features Jakob Dylan on background vocals.

The two. met while, the Wallflowers were recording Bringing Down the Horse.". "Jakob had heard my records

and he was interested in meeting me. We just really hit it off instantly, mostly because we were both dads on the road. His son is slightly a bit younger than my son, that was kind of the beginning of our relationship.

Talking about his March 13 performance at 7th House, Henry said. "it's so weird because it's so close to where I spent a lot of years, really formative years. It's always kind of a strange but a thrilling sensation to come home.



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spring wedding season, but for the sake of this column, I'd like to borrow the ceremonial formula and apply it the local arts

DELISI music and One of the freshest things to come out of Nashville in recent vears is BR5-49, a ground-breaking country band which got its.

name from Junior Samples' used-car salesman character on "Hee Haw," and has received endorsements from the Grand Ole Opry's legendary Grandpa Jones. So what is the band doing on the same bill as alternative rock acts like Smashing Pumpkins and Beck, not to mention artists like Bob Dylan and the

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Catch the freshest seafood at Charley's Crab in Troy

BY ELEANOR HEALD SPECIAL WRITER

Some U.S. cities tout their oldest restaurants as institutions. Troy has one --- Charley's Crab. And it has become not only the pride of its owners, the Chuck Muer Restaurant Corp., but of

Qakland County. Charley's first opened next to Pine Lake, but fire destroyed the building it occupied. The restaurant had to find a new Home, So Charley's came to Troy in 1976.

Charley's remodeled in late 1998, has a new general manager in Mark Hinds and Executive Chef Gary Tottis, who, for near-ly five years, has demonstrated that he knows what to do with the rarest catches from the sea!. While Charley's Crab is about the freshest seafood, it's also about ambiance, with a spectacular dining room. Guests, as they always have, dine in a replica of the famous Macauley mansion. But it too, became part of a \$500,000 Ron Rea design team facelift of the entire restaurant. A stunning wall hanging represents the waters of the world with the Queen Mary majestically in voyage. Models of her red stacks are the bar lighting near an updated cigar-martini lounge with oversized plush leather chairs.

Clear, exterior windows have been replaced by Caribbean blue, offering a sense of being under water. Highlighted with a pin spotlight, new aquamarine glass settings and large cobalt blue bowls of lemons, serve as centerpieces. Large, blown-glass jellyfish chandeliers. appear to be swimming above tables. Five-foot tall white trees made from ocean shells, coral and sea urchins are "planted" in large urns throughout the room. Escargot lamps "climbing" the walls complete the modernized lighting. A state-of-the-art sound system softly plays only

Challey's Crab Where: 5498 Crooks Road (next to Northfield Hilton), Troy (248)

879-2060. Hours: Lunch Monday-Friday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Dinner Monday-Thursday 4-10 p.m. Friday and Saturday until 11 p.m., Sunday 2-9 p.m.

p.m. Menu: A la carte with a spectacular array of the freshest seafood

imaginable plus daily specials and chop house-style entrees. Stellar wine list with over 150 listings. Cost: Lunch average \$9-16. Dinner \$13-28. Kid's menu \$4-7 Reservations: Accepted and advised on weekends.

Credit cards: All majors accepted.

Frank Sinatra and Tony Ben-

If you'ye not ever dined at Charley's Crab or haven't been there since the remodeling, take a moment to relax and admireyour surroundings before jumping into the creative menu orchestrated by West Bloomfield Township resident Executive Chef Gary Tottis and his kitchen team.

Tottis is an early 1980s gradu-ate of Schoolcraft College who got his start working in New" Orleans restaurants for 10 years. In 1983, he was hired by well-know TV Food Network's Master Chef Emeril Lagasse, who then was Executive Chef at Commander's Palace before launching out on his own with Emeril's and NOLA and now others in New Orleans and else-

where. Tottis came to Charley's Crab in 1994 and his food focus is both fresh and seasonal catches: It's a safe bet to say that there are probably only five restau-rants in the whole U.S. serving rare, farm-raised California Pink Abalone. At nearly \$40 on the menu it's a special treat.

General Manager Mark Hinds came on board last December. He moved from Charley's Crab in Jupiter, Florida, and now makes Troy his home

"Honestly," he said, "since I've been here, I've met the nicest people I've met in my whole life.

I consider it a privilege to work in a restaurant that's been around for 25 years and is still receiving accolades."

Hinds has learned our Midwest preferences. At lunch, he says the most popular items are Cedar Point Oysters, Flash-fried Calamari and Escargot with Warm Goat Cheese. Charley's Chowder (Mediterranean-style) is in a dead heat with Boston Clam Chowder (New England style). From the sea, most popular are Chargrilled pacific Swordfish Oscar, Maryland Crabcakes, Cedar Planked Atlantic Salmon, Seafood Jambalaya and Shrimp Fettuccine Verde.

Oysters from the raw bar. again top the dinner appetizers, but also very popular is the Raw Bar Sampler that includes oysters, clams and shrimp. Seattle's Mediterranean Mussels, Yellowfin Tuna Sashimi, Crispy Spicy Sushi Tuna Roll lead in the "beginnings" category fol-lowed by sea specialties includ-ing Grilled Yellowfin Tuna Aqua; the Abalone, Pacific Swordfish Oscar, Live Maine Lobsters (a two-pounder market price is about \$40 currently) and Cioppino, a San Francisco-style shellfish stew.

Charley's is not only about fish. Most popular from the land is Colorado's Finest Rack of Lamb with sundried cherry demi-glace, pesto risotto, green.

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aged 16-ounce New York Strip Steak with wild mushroom pinot noir sauce, roasted garlic mashed potatoes and Swiss chard.

The best kept secret at Charley's, however, is the Sun-set Menu served with reservations: until 5:45 p.m. each evening: There's a daily special each day ranging \$14-25:11 featured entrees range \$11-18. Depending on what you choose, "sunset" prices are 26-42 percent less than the same items

along with 11 more scattered in. Ohio, Pennsylvania and Florida, joining the Friends of Chuck Muer's Dining Club is a viable option. It works like a frequent flyer club rewards. At the first level, after spending \$250, you have the option of receiving a \$25 dining gift certificate or working your way up to free air travel. Unlike an airlines club, you can join on your first visit and receive points for that meal. Just ask your friendly and very Chuck Muer Restaurants plus professional server to bring a

Hinds in the dining room at Charley's Crab. Recently remodeled, Charley's Crab has been pleasing diners at its Troy location since 1976. on the régular dinner menu. beans and baby carrots or an Upcoming at Charley's: Easter Sunday 11:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

regular menu with Easter specials. In May, Florida Mahi Mahi will make its seasonal appearance along with a special promotion of Alaskan Copper River Salmon around the 15th. Soft Shell Crabs will be featured in May and June. "Lobster Mainia" will occur in June and

Because there are eight

EASTER BRUNCH

Reservations: are strongly advised at the following area restaurants for brunch and/or dinner on Easter Sunday, April

Big Rock Chop & Brew House - 245 S. Eton Street, Birmingham (248) 647-7774. Brunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Adults \$24.95, children \$11.95, under 5 free. Dinner 3-9 p.m. from regu-

lar menu averaging \$15-30. 7 Cafe Cortina — 30715 West 10 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, (248)474-3033. Seatings at 2, 4:30 and 7 p.m. Adult average menu price \$24; no kid's menu, but kitchen staff will accommodate

Charley's Crab — 5498 Orooks Road, Troy, next to Northfield Hilton, (248)879-2060, 11:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. regular menu with specials. Adult average price \$18; children \$5.

Duet - 3663 Woodward

Easter specials \$16-34. Ernesto's - 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth, (734)453-2002, Brunch 10 a.m.-2 p.m. followed by dinner until 6 p.m. Adult brunch \$18.95, children ages 6-10 \$8.95, under age 5 free. Adult dinner \$20.95 Excalibur — 28875 Franklin Road, Southfield (southwest corner of 12 Mile Road and North-

western Highway, (248)358-3355. Brunch buffet 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Adults \$22.50; children ages 7-12 \$13.95, under age 7 free. Dinner 3-8 p.m. with Easter specials, \$26 average full menu price

Fox & Hounds -1560 North Woodward, Bloomfield Hills (248)644-4800. Brunch 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Adults \$16.95; children \$7.95, under 5 free. Dinner 3-8 o.m., Adults \$19-24 and children \$7.95

Fusion - 34555 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, between Avenue (at. Mack), Detroit Farmington and Drake Roads (313)831-DUET. Dinner noon-8 (248)489-8852. Brunch 10 a.m.-p.m. from regular menu with 2 p.m. Adults \$24.95; children

under 12 \$9,95, under 3 free. Dinner 4-9 p.m. from regular menu with Easter specials \$10

average Mac & Ray's - 42000 Sea Ray Boulevard, Harrison Township, Off 1-94 take the North River Road Exit #237 (810)463-9660. Brunch 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Adults \$24.95; children 6-12 years \$13.95, undér 5 free.

Morels, A Michigan Bistro — 30100 Telegraph, Bingham Farms (248)642-1094. Brunch 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Adults \$24.95; children under 12 \$9.95, under 3 free

Mortons of Chicago, The Steakhouse — 1 Town Square, Southfield (248)354-6006. Dinner 4-10 p.m. from a la carte regular menu featuring USDA Prime aged beef. Average entree price \$25-30.

Northern Lakes Seafood Company —1475 N. Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills, (248)646-7900. Brunch 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Adults \$24,95; children under 12 \$9.95, under 3 free.

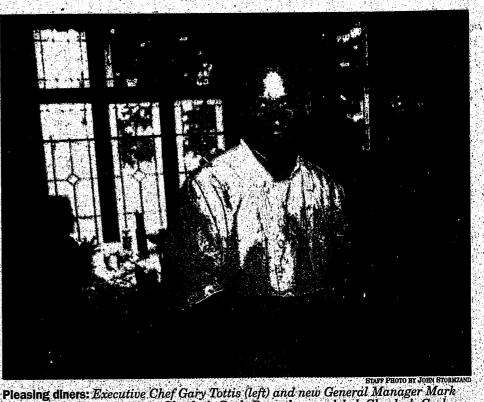
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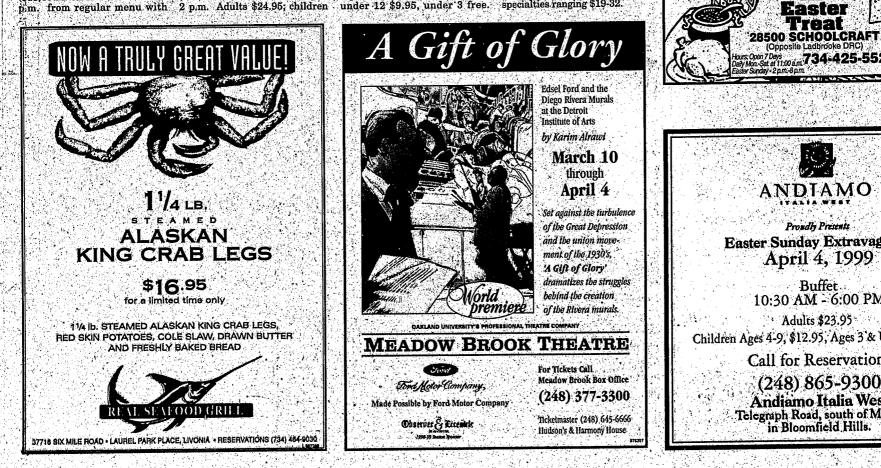
No. VI Chophouse and Lobster Bar — 27790 Novi Road (in The Hotel Baronette), Novi (248)305-5210. Brunch 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Adults \$24.95; children under 12 \$9.95, under 3 free. Dinner 4-9 p.m. from regular menu with Easter specials \$20-

30 average. Paint Creek Cider Mill Restaurant — 4480 Orion Road, 3 miles north of downtown Rochester (248)651-8361. Brunch 10 n.m.-3 p.m. Adults \$17.95; children \$7.95; under 5 free.

The Townsend Hotel - 100 Townsend Street, Birmingham, (248)642-5999. Regency Room Buffet Brunch 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. seatings. Adults \$45; children 4-12 \$22, under 3 free. Rugby Grille 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. seatings for a la carte specialties ranging \$19-32.



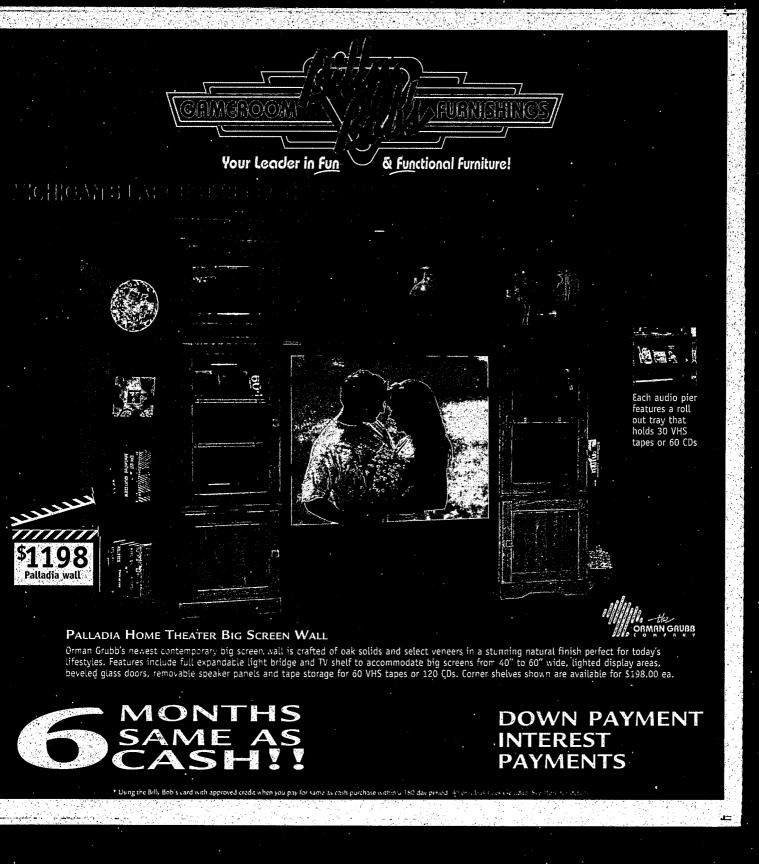




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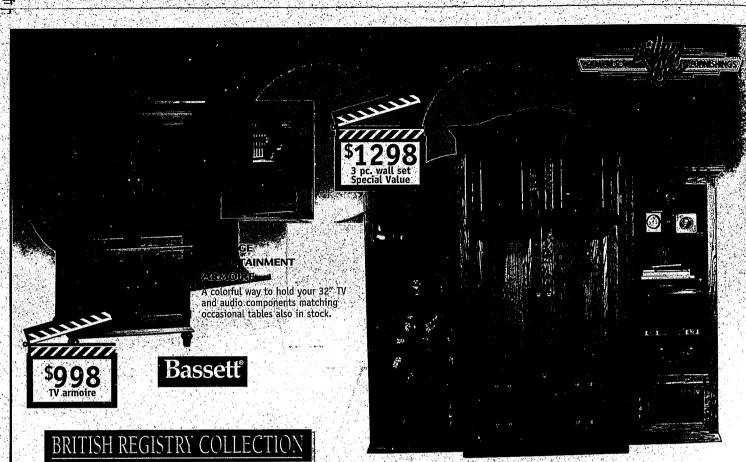


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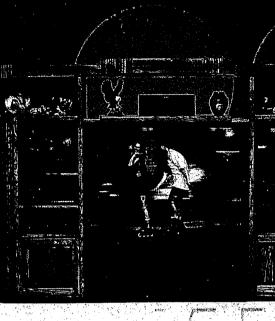
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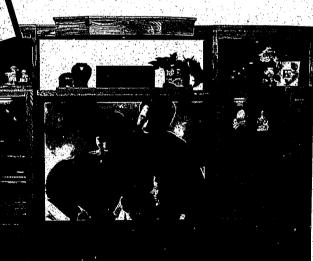




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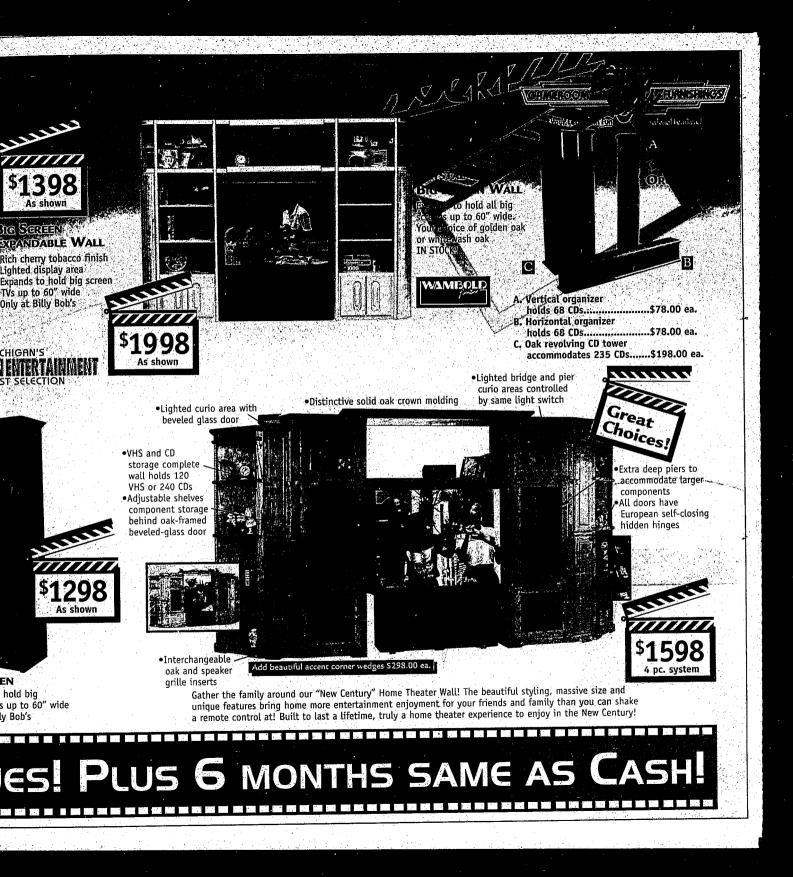


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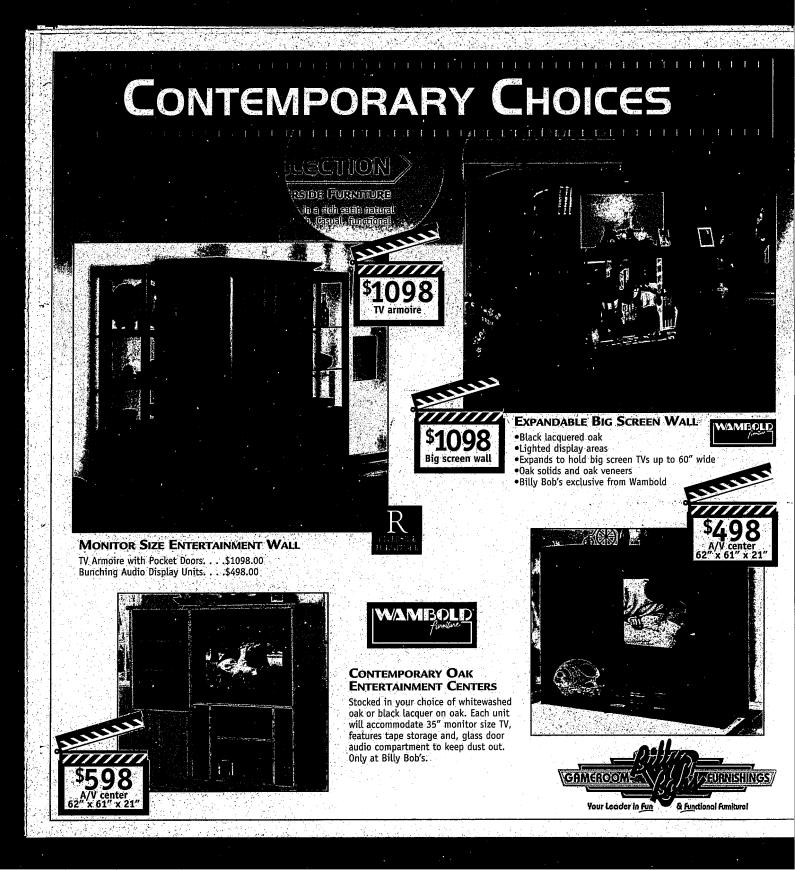
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