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The Library of Congress is not only a great resource for those of us interested in learning about history. for fun, it is also a tool for teacher and other educators. The Learning Page has a complete listing of lesson ideas, research tools, classroom activities, educators' programs and fea-

Featured this month are women pioneers, and especially those who traveled west to California during the Gold Rush years of 1849-1900. There are hundreds of excerpts from pioneer diaries and journals, including the one that follows.

with her four children by ship around Cape Horn bound for San Francisco where her husband was seeking gold.

"The Captain was up all Tuesday night and it was very rough. You could not lie still a minute, and when you feel sick is the time you want to keep quiet. Now my head was nicely fixed in one way, and in an instant it was turned right over. Now my feet were up, and now my head, now I would roll on one side, and now on the other — and feeling sick all the time. What with the noise of the men pulling the ropes and taking in sail, and the dashing of the sea as it came over the vessel with great violence, there was no such thing as a quiet

Imagine traveling alone with four children on a ship tossed about on the ocean. It must have been a terrible experience, yet thousands of women endured it, especially those from all over Europe who followed their hus-bands to America for a better life. Lucky for us, most lived through it, my great grandmothers included.

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



Downtown revitalization gets boost

■ A Clarkston State Bank contribution will help finance a planning study outlining future development of the city's central business district.

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA scasgla@oe.homecomm.net

Clarkston State Bank further solidified its commitment to downtown revi-talization Monday morning with a hefty donation toward a planning study for the future development of the area.

The financial institution, which opened its doors in January, presented a check for \$8,000 to the Downtown

Clarkston Revitalization Fund, The contribution brought the fund's total to \$25,000, enough to conduct a planning study which will help shape the future of downtown Clarkston.

Though many area businesses donat-: ed to the cause, the bank's contribution

was the largest.
The study will be conducted by Hyett-Palma Inc., a Virginia-based firm hired by the National League of Cities that specializes in the economic

Jack Shubitowski, vice president and senior loan officer of the bank, has taken over as administrator for the revitalization project. He plans to begin by connecting with business owners who might be interested in coming to the area. The Clarkston State Bank will use its community room for such

Dave Harrison, bank president, said he would like "to see a plan developed that would take downtown Clarkston back to what it once was where people in the community can

congregate What we have to do is plan effectively," said Harrison. "That's what I thin the study's all about."

The focal point of the project, said City Councilman David Savage, is to attract people back to the downtown area. To do so, those involved plan to find Clarkston's niche, or a mix of shops and services that Clarkston residents will find useful. The goal is to create a downtown area that serves

their daily needs. "Business owners and prospective tenants will have the opportunity to come here, to the bank," said Savage. "We'll sit down with (them) and show them what space is available;

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Boredom busters



Will she make it? Emily Grat gets ready to try the bean bag toss at the Beechwood Carnival Monday.

Parks & Rec arranges great spring break activities

ho says there's nothing to do on spring break? There was plenty, especially for Clark-

ton-area youngsters ages 5-11.
Independence Township Parks and Recreation had field trips planned for every day of spring break, including an outing to the Beechwood Carnival in Southfield on Monday. About 300 children from eight communities

gathered at the community center. 29 local children among them. They, were immersed in activities and games of all : types, such as going down a

giant air slide and trying to balance a bean on a spoon from other com-

Young fan: Jonathon Chun sports the Detroit They also got Chun sports the Detroit to meet children Red Wings symbol he had painted on his cheek. munities, many

of whom partici-pated in the other field trips throughout the week. Many traveled to different cities to roller blade or play basketball, arcade games and soccer. The joint community activities are part of the

Northwest Network Committee for Oakland County Parks and Recreation. Beth Walker, recreation programmer for Inde-endence Township, has seen local enrollment in

these field trips increase over the years "It gives them an opportunity to meet other kids in different communities," Walker said.



STAFF PHOTOS BY STEVE CANTRELL

Long way down: Raymond Wilkie enjoys his ride down the air slide.

STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

What dolls!: Gold Wing Road Riders Association Chapter E members Dale Hines (left) and Frank and Shirley Catalano pose with the dolls they make and sell for charity.

Handmade collectibles take a ride for charity

By Susan B. Tauber Staff Writer

They ride through the streets of Clarkston on their massive "hogs" - a tough-looking band wearing mask-like helmets, maybe some leather jackets and vests and big boots.

But once they get off their huge Harley-Davidsons (or whatever kind of motorcycle they're riding) and remove the hefty helmets, this group transforms itself into a smiling, big-hearted bundle of softies. After all, its members are as likely to take a handmade doll out of their pack as a bag of goodies to

They're members of Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA) Chapter E of Oakland County, which Mary Ann Emick describes as a fun-loving group with a heart of gold.

Emick is the volunteer coordinator

for Lighthouse Emergency Services, Clarkston branch, a subsidiary of the human service assistance agency ighthouse of Oakland County

Members of the 18-year-old GWRRA chapter just gave Emick a contribution check last Thursday, one of several the group will donate during the year.

Most of the money came from the sale of their handmade dolls. That's

 $\mathbf{right} - \mathbf{DOLLS}.$ You may have seen some of them on display and for sale at a few local busi-nesses. They're at Cherry Hill Lanes North, 6697 Dixie Highway; Pete's Coney Island II, 6160 Dixie Highway; Waterford Hill Florist and Greenhouse, 5992 Dixie Highway; and Baby's Galore and More Resale at 4716 W. Walton Boulevard.

"We're so glad to show these dolls,"

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Dolls from page A1

said Waterford Hill Florist and Greenhouse owner Theresa Petherbridge. "The group needs the exposure. We have the traf-fic and the exposure here. The beautiful dolls will make won-derful Mother's Day gifts."

The dolls are Syndee Dolls. Selling them on behalf of Lighthouse Emergency Services was the idea of GWRRA member Dale Hines

A seamstress by profession she got the group involved last year in making the popular Time-Out dolls. Standing 24inches tall, these dolls resemble a youngster having a "time-out" when they're posed in a corner. Many of their clothes come from stella Green's Baby's Galore and More Resale.

Hines discovered the Syndee dolls accidentally, made several calls to the manufacturer and got them to sell the non-profit club doll kits at wholesale. "I fell in love with the Syndee

dolls because they have seven different adorable faces we can use." Hines said. A kit comes with a vinyl head, arms and legs and a cloth body. Each one also has a registration card, which makes it a collectible. But it's the magic the GWRRA

members work on the dolls once they're assembled that turns

them into such heart-warmers Ray Hines, Frank Catalano

Pick-up Truck \$5.00 Large Truck \$10.00

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and Ted Barr put the dolls together. Dale Hines, Diane Barr, Hilda White and Shirley Catalano create the costumes. The Catalanos are the chapter

Shirley, in fact, makes her creations by hand — stitch by stitch — and she has the needle pricks to prove it. One of her favorites is a sailor-style, blue-and-white stripe dress with white trim, complete with bloomers, a net slip, lace socks and shoes.
"If people see a doll they want

and they don't like what she's wearing, they can pick out another outfit. We have a wide variety available," Hines said.

All of the outfits are one-of-akind. Shirley makes here by putting different pattern pieces together. Dale designs the outfits she makes - just as she designed the pattern for the Time Out doll. That doll sells for \$35. Hines will take special orders. She's made them up resembling Elvis, cowboys, angels, Indians and in other

The Syndee dolls sell for \$40 for the 18-inch doll and \$50 for the 22-inch doll. An extra outfit cost \$25. Every cent goes to Lighthouse Emergency Services, Clarkston branch

The nice thing about these dolls is that they are suitable for

Charter Township of Springfield

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CLIFFORD ZINDA, Ordinance Officer

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For assistance with removal of junk

vehicles, or other information, call the Township at (248) 625-4802 or 634-3111.



Syndee doll: Anyone buying this collectible doll will help clients of Lighthouse Emergency Services, Clarkston branch, a subsidiary of Lighthouse of Oakland County,

play. The vinyl is so beautiful

that it resembles porcelain, but kids can't break it." Hines said. It's easy to get information on the Syndee dolls. Call Hines at (249) 623-1040 or Catalano at (248) 673-9228. They'll help customers pick out the doll of their choice along with that unique

Another way to see the dolls is to go to Meadowbrook Village Mall at the corner of Walton Boulevard and Adams Road in Rochester Hills the weekend of

April 23.

That's when Chapter E members will pull their bikes into the mall for a two-day motorcycle show. Members will be there to talk about their motorcycles and about the club. There certainly

will be dolls to purchase.

Even then, GWRRA members are thinking about ways to help others. Donations go to the Make a Wish Foundation. The quarter drop bucket proceeds are for rider education safety

Be sure and ask them how their baby shower on April 18

went.
"They just-called me with a wild and crazy idea — that is to have a baby shower for the people we help," said Emick of Lighthouse. She compiled a list of items clients can use.
"They want me to come to

"They want me to come to their regular meeting that night and open the baby gifts," she said with a chuckle: "It's a beautiful idea.

The gifts will help with the gender-specific layettes avail-



Posed: This blonde beauty wears an outfit handstitched by Shirley Cata-

able to new mothers once their baby is born. Lighthouse Emer-gency of Clarkston serves clients

in financial need.
There are 45 GWRRA chapters in Michigan, with other chapters in several parts of the world. Each chooses a charity to support for a year.

The main thrust of GWRRA, however, is to serve as a fun and safe way for its members to enjoy riding their motorcycles while promoting motorcycle safety, knowledge and fun.

Chapter E even produces an award-winning cable television, program, World of GWRRA All its road trips are alcohol-free

and family-oriented.

Many of the riders are like the
Catalanos and Hineses, who
have a passion for GWRRA and
for motorcycles. They've ridden their cycles cross country, as many members have. Through

many members have. Inrough the club, they have friends in almost every state in the union. When people join GWRRA, they get the covered Gold Book. It has a listing of members in every chapter, who are willing to offer different services to other

offer different services to other members, such as offering a place to stay overnight or lend-ing tools to fix a bike-in-need. "GWRRA" Chapter E meets monthly for meetings and week-lytfor breakfast; coffee or ice cream outings, depending on the weather. It schedules group rides on a regular basis. The Catalanos, the Hineses and other members will be glad to talk to people about the benefits of joining GWRRA, whether or not they own a motorcycle.

Michigan Week events planned for nature center

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Signs & Sym-

enjoy a guid-

ed hike and tasty state

The Wint Nature Center at Independence Oaks County Park will host a variety of nature programs in May.

Learn about the 1999 "Herb of the Year" and its various types during the adult mini class "Lovely Lavender" on Saturday, May 1, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Cost of the 1:30-3:30 p.m. program is \$2 per person.

Star gaze in recognition of "National Astronomy Day" at the Spring Star Party on Saturday day, May 22. See spring constellations in the Starlab Planetarium. This 9-11 p.m. class is not recommended for preschoolers. The

Learn how wildlife moms care for their young during the Mother's Day Tea on Saturday, May 8. From 1:30-3:30 p.m. participants will also tour the Rubach Sensory Herb Garden and make a Mother's Day gift. Boys and girls, ages 4 and older, are invited to attend with their mother or grandmoth mother or grandmother. Cost is

\$4 per person. Take the "Michigan Trivia" challenge and enjoy a guided hike and tasty state snack at Michigan Signs & Symbols. The May 15 event is part of the

cost is \$2 per person. Pre-registration is mandatory for all programs. A vehicle entry fee of \$8 per yehicle (\$5/Oakland vehicle (\$5/Oakland County resident dis-count rate) will be charged for pro-grams; beginning before 4 p.m. The Wint Nature Center at Indepen-dence Oaks County ocated on Sashabaw

Park is located on Sashabaw

Call (248) 625-6473 or TTY: (248) 858-1684 for more infor-mation, or visit the Oakland County Parks; Website at www.co.oakland.mi.us.

Downtown from page A1

studying other successful communities, such as Frankenmuth and Saugatuck, to find out what led to their downtown development and how those communities have stayed vital. Franken-muth, he said, has maintained a unique downtown despite near-

by outlet shops at Birch Run. Bob Olsen, board member for Clarkston State Bank and local business owner, said he supports the bank's choice to "get involved with the enhancement and development of Clarkston the way it should be developed." He said he's ready to get started on the project.
"We've never been outgoing,

to let people know we're here, said Savage, who favors a more progressive approach to development than has occurred in the past. The bank's contribution marked the beginning of a new method of revitalizing the downtown area.

The Clarkston-Area Chamber of Commerce showed its support by donating \$500 to the

Harrison favors the idea of fund. Ron Davis, president-elect of the chamber, spoke with bank board members Monday morning.

"This town needs some spark and I'm glad," said Davis. "That's what we (at the cham-ber) are all about."

Davis said he personally feels

that the governing bodies in Clarkston need to "lighten up" on prospective tenants and business owners in order for the downtown to grow and thrive. He said the downtown area needs places that will attract residents and give them a rea-

son to go downtown.
"I know they want to keep it a quaint little town," said Davis. But to succeed, you've got to

grow."
'Savage has suggested that
more retail businesses might us
the answer. He said the would
like to see the sort of stores downtown that can't be found at a mall.

Harrison attributes the state of downtown Clarkston to a lack of space and poor planning.

"In a planning sense, we've missed the boat," he said. There aren't sufficient options for people in terms of retail. The area is growing. It has to pick up that kind of retail growth. It's simply a measure of scarcity. My concern is the concentration of kinds of businesses. There's such a lack of develop-

The Downtown Clarkston Revitalization Project is an effort to guide that development in a way that would promote a thriving community.

Library hosts tree-mendous program

Independence. Township Library will present a series of after school programs for ele-mentary students beginning April 13 to enhance awareness of the value of trees and forests.

The program is being funded by a Michigan Department of Natural Resources grant.

All programs are at 4:15-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Dates and

descriptions are as follows: ■April 13 — Forest-Treel Spe-cial nature and tree games, a take-home forest project, and animal displays will be presented by an Independence Oaks naturalist.

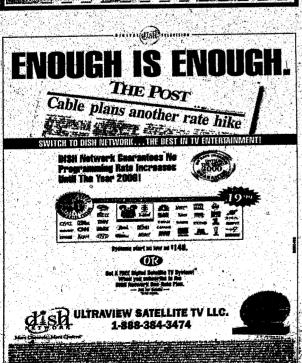
■ April 20 --Artist-Tree! Forest and tree collage creations are the highlight of this session. Lots of materials to make your art out of tissue, sticks, scraps

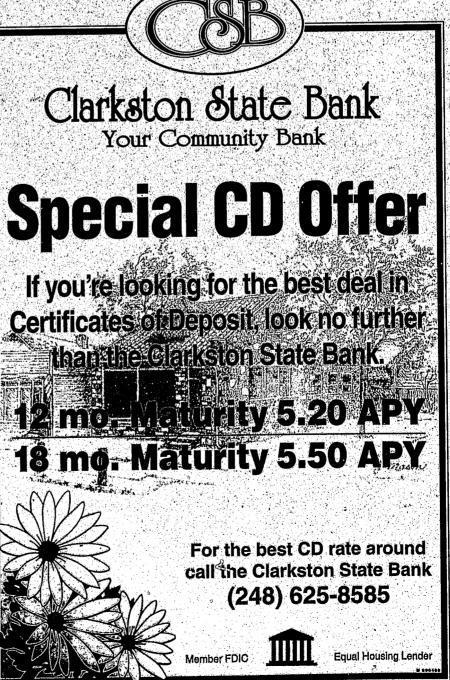
■ April 27 — Poet-Treel Put your words to work as you hear and create poetry of many types to hang on the Poetry Tree we'll construct for display in the

library.
■ May 5 — Puppet-Tree! The familiar tree in the tale of "Jack and the Beanstalk" will grow before your very eyes as professional puppeteer Greg Lester makes his large handmade charactors tell this wonderful tale.

Spaces for the programs will be limited. Registration sign up sheets for all programs are available at the library. Call 625-2212 for more information.

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ers Office, which, she said, is the

kind around.

only teaching institute of its

"It has a really good reputa-

2,500 bodies come through the

morgue annually. She's responsi-ble for approximately 400 of

"This is a tough job. It's not an

easy one. We have to make very

tough decisions. We have to

understand the circumstances

around a death and put them around a death and provided together. Sometimes you have to stand all by yourself and you have to be honest, not biased. That's my principle."

As the second-longest serving employee at the Wayne County Medical Examiners Office, she

certainly is living up to her stan-

Doctor a detective in cause-of-death cases

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER STAFF WRITER

Another work

environment: Dr. Yung Chung of

ter part of her

working day in

Clarkston spends the bet-

the Wayne County medical examiner's

morgue.

Dr. Yung Chung's office looks like that of most professionals. Papers are stacked in piles, a computer sits on the desk and notes hang in obvious places

But a few things reveal the difference between her office and others — drawings of androgy-nous bodies used for autopsy reports and cartoons of subtle morgue humor that hang on the

Chung, a resident of Independence Township, is one of six assistant medical examiners who work under Dr. Sawait Kanluen chief medical examiner of the Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office. Her office is at the Wayne County building that

houses its morgue in Detroit
A physician/surgeon, the doctor joined the Wayne County Medical, Examiner's Office-10 years ago: That: was after, work-ing several, years as a general surgeon in South Korea. Later, she became a board-certified forensic pathologist and worked as director for a large pathology

She switched gears from surgery to pathology after dis-covering how difficult it was to raise children when both mom and dad are general surgeons.

"Most of the time I was in surgery at night," she recalled.
"That didn't work good with chil-

Chung's husband is general surgeon Dr. K. C. Choi, whose practice is in Flint. They have two grown children. Suzie Choi, Ph.D., is a researcher specializing in human obesity at the University of California, San Francisco. Jennie Choi is a program manager at New Yor Metropolitan Museum of Art. York's

The family settled in Independence Township because of its central location between Choi's Flint office and Chung's work in

We love living there," she said. "It's so beautiful and it's close to the golf courses." She tries to get in a round of golf long working days and distant commute.

Unusual surroundings

Beauty is something Chung

doesn't see often at work. When she's not in her office, she's in the morgue, surrounded by corpses on metal tables.

Her day begins with a morning meeting Several people attend, including medical examiners, medical teaching residents, pathology fellows, visiting medi-cal students on their one-month rotations and pathology assis-

They review the bodies brought in to the morgue overnight and determine which need to undergo an autopsy and which don't.

We always do autopsies in certain cases, such as natural deaths when no one was around to witness the death, drownings, fire victims when the fire isn't ruled accidental, homicides, traffic accidents and all children's deaths," she explained.

deaths, she explained.

The autopsies are assigned to different staff members, including Chung. It's her job to look for hard to find and suspicious caus-

The group reconvenes in the afternoon to discuss the findings, which are so important they often make the difference in a person's guilt or innocence in a court case. In fact, Chung spends at least one day a week in court testifying about the causes of

She remembers one case in particular. A family claimed a son died while driving a car in which the passenger was killed. Another son in the car at the time of the accident survived.

Chung's fact-finding revealed that the surviving son was the driver when the accident occurred. How did she prove

"I was able to show that the pattern of the seat belt bruises on the deceased brother indicated he was on the passenger side of the car, not driving it," she said. Her findings had a direct result on the court case.

She and others from the Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office worked closely with Monroe County officials after the crash of Comair Flight 3272 in January 1998. Twenty-nine people died in that crash.

We worked for three days straight examining the remains and identifying the victims," she

said. "It's work I will never be able to forget."

She also serves as a teacher and speaker on forensic patholo-

Rewarding work

While many may sneer at a career spent in a morgue, Chung is still intrigued by what she does, even after a decade at the medical examiner's office.

'I feel like I can do something for society this way," she said.
"When I discover how to interpret an injury or death, I feel so good. I am so happy when I can find some good evidence of the cause of death," she said while walking through the halls of the modern medical examiner's

In sharp contract to its slick yet warm furnishings are displays of forensic pathology eyidence, such as skulls with bullet holes, regular household items; used as weapons of death and drug paraphernalia.

Much of this is shown and described to students on school tours of the building. The purpose is to educate them about medical history and the seamier side of life, in order to encourage them to avoid it.

Nursing and law school stu-dents and those in training at police academies often are brought in to the morgue's viewing area. They see first-hand the results of drug and alcohol abuse, high cholesterol, smoking and various injuries.

"There are lessons for all of us to learn from the dead," Chung said. "I can point out things to a family if the deceased had high cholesterol, for example. We can

see its effects to the body." Another part of Chung's job is helping survivors deal with the deaths of loved ones. The medical examiner's building has a private room off the main lobby where survivors are shown the faces of the deceased via a televi-sion screen. This is a more humane way, Chung thinks, for them to identify a body.
"I try to explain to them the

cause of death," she said. She frequently serves as comforter as well as forensic pathologist to the families

Chung feels lucky to work for Wayne County Medical Examin-

Knights rezoning tabled; plea made to retain deputy

By Susan B, Tauber Staff Writer

Oakland County Sheriff's Department Sgt. Herbert Howell became the man of the hour at Luesday's Independence Town-

ship Board meeting.
After working in the OCSD Independence Township substation for two years, he's being transferred to the traffic divi-

The 60-minute meeting opened with the board commending Howell on the support he's given to the community while working in the township. The regular meeting ended with a public speech on the same note.
Stan Torres Jr. of Springfield

Township addressed the board for several minutes about the positive effect Howell has had on Independence Township.

. Holmes will be missed by a lot of people in this communi-ty," said the security supervisor for Pine Knob Golf Course, He mentioned these included business owners, citizens and the tion in the volume and quality of its work," she added. About

Torres realizes OCSD regularly rotates its employees. He asked township supervisor Dale Stuart to intervene to keep Howell in the township.

"That's the decision of the sheriff and the sheriff's depart-ment," Stuart said. "Sgt. Holmes has been an asset. We're happy to have had him here. He's gone out of the way to take an interest in the community. We're lucky. We always have some of the best of the best from the sheriff's department here." Holmes said he was surprised

and touched by the kind words.

"I try to take an interest in each individual and take enough time with them so they are satisfied," said the sergeant. "The show of support here is very

overwhelming."
Torres' talk was part of his final speech for his Oakland University class, Public Speaking on Public Issues. In fact, most of his classmates came to the board most in the hear his presentameeting to hear his presenta-

tion.
"Stan did very well," said his teacher, Marsha Alfafara.

What should have been the big news of the night was deflated early on. The board tabled the early on. The board tables the second reading and adoption of a rezoning on the Knights of Columbus six-acre parcel from Planned Shopping Center. (C-2) to Office Service (OS-2).

Trustees Jeffrey McGee, Dan Travis, Larry Rosso and Neil Wallace were at the board meeting.

Township residents living in the area of Waldon Road east of the Pine Knob pump house will be glad to know the board gave the go-ahead to the Department of Public Works to purchase a ressure- reducing valve. DiPonio and Morelli Construc

tion Co. got the bid to install the pressure-reducing value station, which will reduce the high pres-sure coming from the Pine Knob-pump house to homes in that area. The cost is \$34,750.

Other approved purchases

a Canon photocopier for Independence Township Library at a cost of \$6,500 from IKON Office Solutions.

Two trucks for the Depart-

ment of Public Works from the Oakland County Cooperative Program, not to exceed \$39,000. A Hustler 251 K commercial mower for \$9,215 for the ceme-

Five light fixtures for soft-ball field No. 2, including labor and electrical by Sky Electric for



Karen Neuburger

Personal Appearance Saturday, April 10 Noon to 3 pm Intimate Apparel Livonia

Meet America's leading designer of all-day sleepwear for women, and discover how easy it is to surround yourself in comfort. Karen Neuburger's super-soft fabrics, roomy cuts and cheerful prints make feeling good look wonderful. Come see her newest bedding and children's wear, in addition to pajamas, robes and slippers for women.



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POLICE NEWS

The following incidents were reported to police and fire agencies in Springfield and Independence townships April 1-5.

Springfield police

Vandalism On March 31, an apartment window was reported smashed on Dixie Highway.

On April 4, the passenger window of a vehicle on East Holly Road was reported smashed. Thefts On March 30, a briefcase was

reported stolen from a vehicle on Hillsboro Road. On March 31, an orange trailer was reported stolen from an auto

parts store on Dixie Highway. On April 2, a trailer carrying two snowmobiles was reported stolen from a storage facility on

Independence police

Dixie Highway.

Thefts On April 3, compact discs and a case were reported stolen from an unlocked vehicle on Harvard Avenue.

On April 3, a security entrance gate was reported stolen from a construction site on Stonewall

On April 4, golf shoes and clubs were reported stolen from a vehicle on Klais Drive.

On April 4, a compact disc player was reported stolen from vehicle parked on Mountain View Trail

On April 4, clothing was reported stolen from a vehicle on Klais Drive. On April 4, a radio, radar

detector and cassette player were reported stolen from a vehicle on Bronco Drive. On April 4, a radio face plate

and compact discs were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Whipple Lake Road.

Home invasion On April 3, a North River Road residence was reportedly broken into and several items stolen. Among them were a VCR and video tape, compact discs, a diamond ring, a necklace and a jar of coins.

Vandalism

On April 5, the glass of a bedroom window.on Pine Knob Road was reportedly broken by

Drunken driving
On April 3, a 21-year-old Clarkston man's car was involved in an accident on Lake Waldon Drive. His vehicle was found on a resident's lawn, after hitting a parked car, reports said. He was arrested for driving under the influence of liquor. According to reports, his blood alcohol level was 0.15 at 2 a.m.

Independence fire

Between April 1-5, firefighters responded to 18 calls. Among them were eight medical calls, four personal-injury accidents, one grass fire and one building

On April 3, firefighters and police responded to a Waterford Road residence where a small fire had started in a vehicle parked inside the garage. The fire was found to be accidental, according to reports.

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Wint joins Oxford Bank board

William H.; Wint is the newest appointee to the Oxford Bank and Oxford Bank Corp. Board of Directors.

Wint is the president of Lewis E. Wint and Son Funer al Home, the Clarkston business founded by his parents, Lewis and Diane Wint, in

"Bill Wint's name is synonymous with community involve ment in and around the Clarksaid Randall G. ston area. Fox, Oxford Bank Corp.'s pres-

Utica

46061 Van Dyke

1/2 Mile North of M-59

*Bill Wint's name is synonymous with community involvement.'

> Randall G. Fox Oxford Bank president

ident and chief executive officer, "His success in growing his own husiness speaks volumes to his aptitude as a businessman. And his commitment to his family and involvement

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Award winning art: Posing with some of the artwork that brought national recognition to Clarkston Elementary are students Nick Newberry; Bianca Vann MacKenzie Markowski, Kelsey Foy, Greg Mathiak, Andrew Whetstone and art teacher Marilyn Ormiston,

Clarkston student artwork draws national attention

BY SUSAN TAUBER STAFF WRITER.

Hundreds of art educators had a chance to view artwork created by Clarkston Elementary School students.

Anyone attending the recent National Art Educators Associa-tion conference in Washington, D.C. saw the students' artistry reproduced on magnets, cups, sweatshirts, note cards and a variety of other items.

This happened in a roundabout way because of a fundraising event sponsored by the Clarkston Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization

"I was sent information about this program sponsored by Origi-

nal Works in Twice a year we York. New What they do is choose only up to the take student top 10 percent to be art work, reproeligible for the art duce it on magnets and then honor roll. return those to the school so the kids and parents can see Original Works sales support

what the art work looks like when it's reproduced," explained Chris Smith. "There are 17 different items on which Original Works reproduces student art. We were able to place orders and. get them back in time for the

holidays." 1 is: coordinator who organized this fund-raiser for Clarkston Elementary School, About 450 students participated.

Here's a list of the various projects made by the young students:

using tissue paper collage and their hand prints for flowers. First grade: mixed media

Kindergarten: flower pots

still lifes of flowers using oil pastels on paper collage and printed flowers. Second grade: bird-themed creations out of construction

paper, real feathers and mark-Third grade: construction paper collages based on observa-

tions of shapes and patterns

found in fruit and vegetables. Fourth grade: artwork following the South American mola designs and made from colorful layered material.

Fifth grade: contour drawings of real leaves, painted with watercolors.

Clarkston Elementary aft teacher Marilyn Ormiston designed a specific art project for the grades. She and parent helpers worked for a week with the students in kindergarten through fifth grades on their pro-

"The whole thing was a wonderful success," Smith said: "The quality of the merchandise was wonderful and the kids' selfesteem really got a boost when they saw these products displayed with their art on them."

Smith bought various items created by her fourth-grade daughter, Elissa, These include note-cards, magnets and coffee mugs. Several are for Mother's

Smith credits Original Works for a job well done and Original Works said the credit must also go to Ormiston.

They were so impressed with the art projects she designed for the grade levels that they selected Ormiston to become part of

the Original Works Institute 1998

Art Honor Roll. 'We have who people review all the artwork that comes to our company for reproduction about from 2,000 schools a

vear. Twice a year we choose only up to the top 10 percent to be eligible for the art honor roll," explained David Morrisey, manager of Original Work's marketing and sales support. "We use the art from these schools to show what we think good art work looks like." That's how the Clarkston students work ended up on display at the

-David Morrisey

manager,

national conference. Ormiston doesn't claim the credit for herself, however. She said most of it belongs to the children and parents who helped in the classroom throughout that week

"Original Works liked all the projects I had the kids do. I'm really pleased. But the PTO deserves the credit for organizing the whole project from beginning to end."

Tim Sauter, vice-president of Original Works, said the purpose of the honor role is to publicly recognize schools, art teachers and art programs with a high level of art excellence.

"Art teachers are doing really good things," Sauter said. "They are innovative and creative. They encourage their students to do art work at a really high level of excellence."

Sauter said his company is oncerned about the future of art in the schools.

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Proposal would allow non-public students to join public activities

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

A proposal that would allow students who don't attend public schools to participate in extracurricular activities there has been introduced in the Michigan House of Representatives, It is expected to be considered this month by the House Education Committee.

House Bill 4204 was proposed by Goy. John Engler as part of his state school aid supplemental appropriations. It continues Engler's push to give students more choice in education

"The primary goal of our pub-lic school system is to ensure all students achieve academic suc-cess and develop to their fullest potential," Engler said in a pre-pared statement, "To reach this

goal. I am focused on educational accountability, accessibility and choice. Our students deserve every opportunity available that will provide them with the tools necessary to build a brighter

The proposal would require public school districts to allow students who are enrolled in charter schools, private schools or home schooling to take part in or none sciooling to take pair extracurricular activities in the district in which they live. No money for new expenses was included in the bill.

Under current state law governing school financing, all residents in Michigan pay the same rate of taxes on their homes for education. The state sends the money to the local school districts based on enrollment, So money from homes where children are not enrolled in public

enrolled fulltime in public schools can enroll in non-core classes and thereby qualify for extra-curricular participation. Such an enroll-

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ment would bring some state education funding with it to the school

Whiston said the school districts he represents are "very

schools stays in Lansing.

Brian Whiston, Oakland the governor's proposal. Issues like fairness to students who are ocnools' Director of Legislative like fairness to students who are Affairs, said that under current state law, the cost of students not in the

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Brent Cooley principal, Clarkston High School

> gan High School Athletic Association echoed Whiston's concerns. Brent Cooley, principal of Clarkston High School, said that

while the plan sounds good in theory, it may lose something in the practice.

"Whatever we can do for kids is important," said Cooley, "But it's extremely difficult for kids to come in just for sports, just for performing arts, or just for clubs and organizations, I think the governor is well-intentioned. But in a practical sense, I think it's extremely difficult for kids who are not involved in the school community (to join in). It's hard to be a part-time community member" member,

Cooley said, if the bill passes, some public school students. could lose out on an opportunity to join the sport or activity of their choice at their school. If that were to happen, Cooley said, he would hope those stu-dents would find additional activities to pursue, in the same way that any student cut from a team or activity might do.

However, he reiterated, "it's hard to be a full-time athlete and a part-time student." The purpose of extra-curricular activities is to create a sense of belonging and affirmation, he said, which may be more difficult for those students who are educated at another school or in another way.

State Rep. Ruth Johnson (R-Holly), who represents the Clarkston area and sits on the House Education Committee, said she supports the governor's proposal in theory. "Working out the details will be the concern," she said, adding that con-stituents on both sides of the issue have raised questions that need to be explored. "We have to look at everybody's concerns,"

Jim Wood, Lake Orion's AD, said he recently returned from a

meeting of ADs and the proposal was a hot topic of conversation. "As a group of ADs we're against it strongly." he said. Even some private-school ADs. were against it, he said, fearing the loss of some athletes to bigger public schools.

Patrick Ball, Oxford's AD, said the proposal opens a can of worms high school athletics are not able to handle and should not handle. The premise has always been you have to be in school (to participate) ... It's hard to come here after school and become part of the whole.

Ball said schools conduct weekly eligibility checks on all athletes to make sure their grades are good enough to con-tinue to play sports. That would be more difficult if students are coming from other schools, and impossible with home schoolers,

The MHSAA says that problem would lead to one set of eli-gibility criteria for public school students and a separate set for other athletes. The MHSAA also notes that such students are not accountable to their local board of education.

Critics also fear small private schools will have less incentive to maintáin their own sports teams, "If we say 'Oh; you can go here'... why spend \$5,000 on a basketball team?" Ball said.

But Joe Bullen, former athletic director and longtime basketball coach at Oxford Christian Academy, said that scenario doesn't bother him. In fact, it happens

now. "I've had students I've been tutoring, perhaps up to 10th grade, that say, I want to enhance my ability, maybe try for a scholarship," Bullen said. He thinks the governor's proposed. al is a good one but only a small number of students will actually

take advantage of:
"If you have talent, it will come out at a private school," he

Two parents who home-school their children also said the plan sounds good to them. Cheryl Wright of Oxford, whose children are 10, 9, and 2, said she thinks. the proposal would be good for her children. She's home-school-ing because of religious convictions and the inability to afford

T know a lot of children want to be involved in sports," she said, noting that Oxford Christian Academy has already opened up its extracurricular activities to home-schooled chil-

House Bill 4204

A school age child who is enrolled in a chairer school, private school of is home schooled may participate in any real recurricular activity offered by the school district in which he or she resides if all the following criteria are met.

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I mind child meets the same academic, behavior and performance standards for participation as other students. (If home schooled, academic standard can be met in a variety of ways):

The child complies with requirements concerning physi-

requirements concerning physical exams, immunization, insurance and age, and pays any activity fee required of

other students.
Transfers from public schools to other settings will result in a one-semester ineli-gibility. The proposal also requires school districts to withdraw from organizations like the MHSAA if their rules are contrary to the law.

Since her oldest child is entering middle-school age next year, Wright said she's decided to enroll her in public school, at least in part due to extra-curric-

ular activities. Kathy Stockley, an Oxford businesswoman who lives in the Brandon school district, also liked the governor's plan and pointed out that the idea is already in use in other states. She home-schooled her three children for a time.

"When I was growing up, even though I was a real good softball player, they didn't have anything for girls to do," she said. "My daughter goes to Oxford Christian now and her coach told her he didn't care if she played on the boys team. If she could play softball with the Brandon girls, she'd be happy

"We pay a huge amount of taxes to Brandon schools and we reap none of the benefits," She agreed, however, that the state should compensate school dis-

tricts for non-enrolled students. Lake Orion's Wood said there will be costs involved. "We really don't have a certain number of slots on our football team," he said. "That might make us say we can only have 55, for example. In cross-country, we have a no-cut policy ... I would be concerned about school districts that have a lot of private

But for the athletic directors, it's about a lot more than money. They point to the traditions involved: to knowing your student athletes because you see them in the halls all day long; to making sure students who are part of the school have a spot on

the team.
"The neat thing about high school athletics ... you go to a girls basketball game on a Tuesday night. You can tell who those girls are. They're here all day. They eat lunch together," said Oxford's Ball. Under the proposal, "Now we'd have kids we are getting money for who

are getting bumped beliéve extrac activities, especially athletics, is an integral part of going to

Ball and Whiston agree that the issue of extracurricular activities is one parents must consider when making the deci-sion on which setting they want their child to be educated in.

"That's a choice they made," Whiston said, "And then for them to say that's not fair ... When you make a decision, you make it on all the issues."

Whiston said he expects the bill to get prompt consideration from the House Education Com-

'I think it's a top priority for the governor, and as we know, with this governor when he has his mind on something he usually gets his way. But I think we're making headway in talking to legislators" on the issue of fairness, he added.

DEAN'S LIST

Jonathan Burklow, Anto-nio K. Cotton, Tiffany L. Honey, Stephanie M. Marino and Jacqueline N. Puroll, all of Clarkston, were named to the Dean's List for the winter term at Northwood University.

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Legislature considers college crackdowns

BY TIM RICHARD

Students at the University of Michigan and Michigan State University may have felt as if targets were placed on their backs by state legislators. At U-M, the issue is the annu-

al spring Hash Bash, where marijuana is smoked openly. At MSU, the issue is the March 27-28 damaging and burning of stores and cars.

The state Senate has passed

Nullify Ann Arbor's and East Lansing's \$25 fines for mar-ijuana use and require imposiion of the state Health Code's \$100 fine.

Require that a person's driver's license and voter registra-tion have the same address which campustown lawmakers say discriminates against stu-

'Crackdown'

"Sen Loren Bennett, R-Canton, took the unusual step of announcing a "crackdown" bill before it had been drafted and introduced. He said his measure would allow immediate expul-sion of students convicted of rioting and bar them from reenter-ing any other university or col-

lege for a year. In the House, Rep. Alan Sanborn, R-Richmond, introduced House Bill 4230 enabling colleges to develop student responsibility contracts. A student who misbehaves would be breaking a

contract As a Michigan State graduate," said Sanborn, a freshman lawmaker, "I am disgusted and embarrassed about what hap-

■ 'As a Michigan State graduate, I am disgusted and embarrassed about what happened over the weekend. As a father, I find it hard to encourage my children to follow in their father's footsteps concerning his choice of college."

Rep. Alan Sanborn —R-Richmond

ly young people - when we have local ordinances that downplay

Hammerstrom said marijuana

impairs coordination, reduces

sperm counts in men and may be

the cause of attention deficit dis-

order in small children whose

cigarette the equivalent of a

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prevail because the Ann Arbor

young people from nearby towns and encourages them to believe

House Democrats made it

clear that Rogers' voter-driver

bill would have far tougher sail-

ing in the House than in the

Senate. Rogers sponsored Senate

Bill 306 to require that the driv-

er's license address be the same as the yoter registration address. Rep. Laura Baird, D-Okemos,

pot is "no big deal."

Voting rights

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father. I find it hard to encourage my children to follow in their father's footsteps concerning his choice of college.

No to 'hash bash'

Sen. Alma Smith, D-Salem, was the lone dissenter when the Senate on March 25 passed the anti-hash bash bill, SB 380, sponsored by Sen. Beverly Hammerstrom, R-Temperance

Smith denounced it as a "Republican bill" though it-passed with 23 Republican and 13 Democratic votes. She said it would impose a heavy burden on the local district court.

the local district court.

"Thousands of individuals come to the city of Ann Arbor for the hash bash," Smith said. "To prosecute offenses under the Health Code means that every case has to come into the district court for adjudication. The ticket offense that the city of Ann Arbor established has relieved the court docket of hundreds of

cases, lots of court delays "But you wanted to take the headlines. The hash bash is a question of freedom of speech I'm sure I will be branded as somebody who supports drug use for youth. Nothing could be fur-ther from the truth," Smith protested.

But sponsor Hammerstrom said the bill is about "a message we're sending to people, especialsaid Republicans are impeding the right to vote. "Currently, college students can keep their parents address as their permanent address on their driver's license and register to vote where they attend college," she said. "Students move around a lot.

They leave the dorms for summer apartments and move back into the dorms in fall. Students shouldn't have to continually change their addresses in order to vote," Baird said, vowing a battle against SB 306.

Rep. Lingg Brewer, D-Holt, urged students to protest the bill, "A student who lives in the Upper Peninsula, for example, but attends school in East Lansmothers smoked pot.
Sen. Mike Rogers, R-Brighton and sponsor of the same bill in 1998, called one marijuana. ing loses his voting rights because SB 306 would not allow him to vote in East Lansing, and it would not be feasible for a student to drive to his home town to vote," said Brewer. "Essentially this bill removes students from the voting pool."

Students embarrassed

The State News, campus news-paper at MSU, editorially praised 29 members of the Michigan Faith & Resistance Peace Team and the Red Cedar Peace Team for attempting to stop the recent riot.

It takes a tremendous amount of courage to face and attempt to curb an angry, intoxicated crowd," the State News said.

In news stories, the State

News quoted students as fearing the bad national publicity given MSU would harm their efforts to get good jobs after graduation, A woman professor was quoted as saying she was so deeply ashamed that she's considering leaving MSU.

Meanwhile, U-M students from the Coalition to Defend Affirmative Action By Any Means Necessary converged March 26 on the capital office of Sen. Dave Jaye, R-Macomb County, calling him "the most racist and reactionary politician in the state." Jaye supports a ballot proposal idea to block affirmative action.

Jaye enjoyed the publicity, branding them "professional stu-dent protesters from the People's Republic of Ann Arbor." Jaye said the same group was "very violent and attacked police at Shelby Township back in September 1997" when he held a public hearing on a proposal to end minority preferences.



OCC offers library amnesty

Oakland Community College's campus libraries are willing to "forgive and forget" borrowers who return overdue materials by

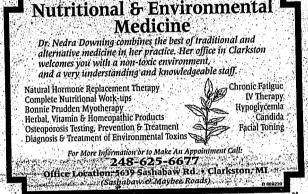
May 8. WThe -lreason wbehind wthe amnesty is the college's implementation of a new computerized system this fall, according to Orchard Ridge Campus Librari-an Tom Hague, "We're trying to clean up our records and account for all missing books and other materials before the new system

Outstanding fines, which can go as high as \$50, will be can-celed if overdue items are

brought into any of the college's five campus libraries by the deadline date. In addition, "library holds," which prevent errant borrowers from registering for classes or ordering tran-scripts, will be lifted... Another inducement is a prize

to be awarded to the person returning the longest-overdue item. "We're not exactly sure what the price will be," said Hague, "right now the staff is inclining toward a book on speed reading...or possibly time man-

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Senate moves to open bid process to small business

BY TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER

Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloom-field Township, got solid help from maverick Republican Dave Jaye in trying to open up the state bidding process to small business.

"It is totally unacceptable for the state to shut out small businesses and pay more taxpayer dollars for these contracts than they need to, Peters, Democratic point man on economic issues.

Jaye, a Macomb County conservative often demonized by liberals, supported Peters on a series of unsuccessful amendments to the \$230 million budget bill for six state departments. Jaye has increasingly criticized "corpo-rate welfare" in state spend-ing and has deviated from the GOP line in regulatory mat-

Senate Bill 366 won 33-3 passage March 25 with Peters joined by Jaye and Chris Dingell, D-Trenton, in voting no. Two other Democrats didn't vote. All area senators voted

The bill – which covers fiscal 2000 spending for the departments of Attorney Gen-eral, Civil Rights, Civil Service, Management & Budget, State and Treasury – was sent to the House.

Here's how Peters' amendments fared:

To require competitive bidding on all contracts for

supplies and services over \$25,000 — lost 21-16, with Republicans Jaye and Beverly Hammerstrom of Temperance joining 14 Democrats in sup-

port. ■ To set a goal of awarding at least 20 percent of contracts to small businesses, defined as Michigan firms with sales of less than \$3 million a year - lost 21-17 with Jaye and Hammerstrom join-

ing 15 Democrats in support.

To prohibit contractors and their immediate families from contributing to political candidates and committees lost 21-16 with Jave joining 15 Democrats in support.

■ To require contractors to list the names of all persons with greater than a 7.5 per-cent interest in the business lost 21-15 with Jaye joining 14 Democrats in support.

To require departments to publish a monthly newsletter or maintain an Internet websité with notices of invitations to bid and request for proposals – adopted 38-0.

In addition, Jaye and Sen. Dale Shugars, R-Portage, won approval of an amendment to restrict abortion funding for covered state employees: It was an unrecorded voice vote.

Peters said his amendment to require notices of bids "will at least give small businesses a slightly better chance. It will still appear to citizens that big political donors win big state contracts.

'98 laws going into effect

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

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 Bennett, 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 maintaining billboards and spaces them 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



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to rental. Violators can get 90 days in jail and fines up to \$500, said the sponsor, Sen. Walter North, R-St. Ignace.

Hazardous wastes - Pol-luters 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 persons involved in transporting, treat-ing, storing, disposing of, or generating hazardous wastes.

New bridges

Some 71 local bridges will get a 50 percent funding boost for repairs and replacement, the repairs and replacement, the state Department of Transporta-tion aimounced, MDOT improved funding from \$19 mil-lion last year to \$29 million this

year. . "This is nearly four times as

s a f e t y many bridges as last year," said course or Gov. John Engler, attributing Gov. John Engler, attributing the increase both to more money and lower per-bridge cost esti-mates. On the list, with estimat-

> 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,

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

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

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 com-

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. Marc 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.

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.

Focus; Hope director to speak at OCC

Eleanor Josaitis, executive director of Focus: HOPE, will be the final speaker in Oakland Community College-Orchard Ridge Campus' Distinguished Speakers, Josaitis will appear at 6:30 p.m. in the campus' Smith Theatre, Thursday, April 15:

The Orchard Ridge Campus is located at 27055 Orchard Lake Road, just south of I-696, Farm-.

Josaitis has played a major role in Focus: HOPE's acclaimed training programs since she co-founded the organization with the late Father William Cunningham in the wake of the 1967 Detroit riots.

Projects in which she has been involved include FAST TRACK an seven-week transition course

for recent high school graduates the Machinist, Training Institute; the Center for Advanced Technologies, a nationally recognized program for educating advanced manufacturing engineer-technologists in world-class standards; and a Montessori preschool for children of colleagues, students and the surrounding community.

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Freedom on horizon for drug life convict

BY PAT MURPHY

Any day now, Douglas P. Reidt __ sentenced to life in prison after a drug bust in Troy — will likely be getting his freedom. Once that happens - and his Birmingham attorney is positive it will — Reidt will be one of the first prisoners from Oakland County to be set free since Octo-ber, when the Michigan legislature relaxed the so-called druglifer law

More than 29 percent of the inmates imprisoned under the

drug-lifer law -, or 73 of 248 convicted — were sentenced from Oakland County, which was also a hotbed of discussion on the 1978 law, with people youl on both sides of the argu-

Until amended, the drug-lifer law required a mandatory sentence of life in prison for anyone convicted of trafficking in 650 or more grams of heroin or cocaine with no chance of parole.

After extensive and often heated debate, however, the 1978 law was changed, making drug-lifer inmates eligible for parole after 15 to 20 years, depending on factors such as prior convictions and their willingness to cooperate with authorities trying to get to sup-

But Reidt won't be freed in Michigan.

Reidt will likely be paroled by law was so unjust." Canadian officials who gained Reidt won't be ge custody of him two weeks ago. It will happen through the efforts of Birmingham attorney Martin I. Reisig — with the blessings of former Gov. William G. Milliken, Oakland Circuit Judge David Breck and others who wrote let-

ters urging Canadian officials to set Reidt free. Just how Reidt will get his freedom is a lengthy and complicated story,

In some respects, that story resembles an "end around the law," acknowledges Reisig, a former U.S. prosecutor who represented Reidt and three other Canadians who were arrested by canadians who were arrested by police in Troy in 1984, "A convicted drug dealer shouldn't be able to get a break merely because he or she is Canadian," he said, "I'm just glad Doug will be getting out of prison. That

Reidt won't be getting a break merely because he's Canadian, Reisig said. Under changes enacted by the state legislature last year, he would have been eligible for parole this year, said his attorney

But under Canadian jurisdiction, Reidt's freedom is more cer-tain and will come much sooner, tain and will come intert souther Reisig said. Canadian legal scholars have been openly criti-cal of the drug-lifer law, describ-ing it as "barbaric and cruel."

Reidt's transfer from the Michigan Department of Corrections (DOC) to Ontario jurisdiction was done in accordance with a treaty between the U.S. and

But the transfer was possible because the DOC took a different view of drug-lifer inmates. Previ-ously the DOC refused to transSee related story — A12

fer drug-lifers to prisons in their home countries if they were like-ly to be paroled. Prison officials didn't want inmates from other countries to be able to get around the law by virtue of not being a U.S. citizen.

But when the legislature made drug-lifers eligible for parole— even after 20 years— the DOC viewed transfer requests differently, according to spokesperson. Matt Davis. If inmates are eligible for parole in Michigan, not transfer them to their home countries?

In either case, Davis said, the transferred drug-lifer inmates would be released one day.

When they're transferred; however, their parole would come under the rules of their home countries," he said.

'Drug Courts' offer overloaded justice system an alternative

When I began practicing law in 1970, there were less than 9,000 incarcerated individuals in Michigan. Today there are over 46,000 prisoners and the number is growing. The cost per inmate is approximately \$25,000 annually

In 1970, less than 3 percent of Michigan's budget was spent on prisons; today it is over 16 percent. Michigan is now readying 5,400 additional prison beds;

According to the Office of National Drug Control Policy, more than half of all inmates have substance abuse problems and over 3.5 million Americans are considered chronic drug users. A Department of Justice study found that 66 percent of all arrestees test positive for illegal drugs. Since most drug users are potential prison candidates, the need for an alternative approach is overwhelming.

An encouraging approach to the drug problem is known as Drug Courts. These are courtrooms that provide judicially monitored treatment, drug testing and other services to drug-involved offenders. The strategy is to place nonviolent drug-abusing offenders into intensivé court-supervised drug treatment programs as a structured alternative to prison. The key is to have the criminal justice and substance abuse treatment system work together using the coercive power of the court to promote abstinence and "pro-social"

The first Drug Court was established in 1989. Today, with the strong support of the U.S. Department of Justice, there are 400 Drug Courts in the United States.

In Michigan, there is a good example of a successful Drug Court in Kalamazoo. Circuit Judge William G. Schma reports that 60-70 percent of that county's criminal case load relates to drug problems. Judge Schma calls incarceration the "easy way out" and states that for \$2,000 each year per participant, the Kalamazoo Drug Court can provide an intensive drug treatment pro-

Drug testing is done three times per week, specified programs must be attended and court attendance is required biweekly. The participants are not discharged from the program until they're employed, and those who don't meet the requirements may be sent to



Martin I. Reisig

To date 70 percent of the participants in the Kalamazoo Drug Court have stayed in the program and off drugs. Two years after completion of this program the recidivism rate has been 11 percent, compared to 40-60 percent national recidivism averages.

Judge William Schma succinctly summarizes his perspective: "In the criminal context, the first thing a judge or other drug court professional should do is appreciate the opportunity for intervention created by the defendant's arrest."

Michigan's reliance on long mandatory sentences, often incarcerating low-level couriers is and addicts, has been a waste of taxpayer dollars. Many of these individuals could have been dealt with by structured alternatives to prison. A 1997-RAND study found that treatment of heavy drug users is at least eight or nine times more cost effective in reducing drug abuse and sales than long mandatory sentences. Since 1978 Michigan's drug mandatory sentencing laws have removed the authority of judges to review many cases.

My conclusion is that alternatives to prisons lower recidivism, are cheaper, provide for a stronger community and allow prison space to be reserved for the most violent offenders.

There are many thoughtful people among our judges, community corrections officials, law enforcement officials, community organizations, and anti-drug coalitions. I urge that they carefully study the growing Drug Court movement.

Martin I. Reisig, a Birming ham attorney is currently involved in civil alternative dispute resolution. He is a former federal prosecutor and past chairperson of the Oakland County Bar Association Criminal Law Committee. For more information, contact the National Association of Drug Court Professionals at (703) 706-0576 and Families Against Mandatory Minimum Sentences at (517) 482-4982.0

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OCC's annual Science Day set for May 15

Oakland Community College's ninth annual Science Day for Kids will be held 9 a.m. 3 p.m. Saturday, May 15, at the Highland 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 science is part of our daily life in an amusing and instructive manner.

Space is limited, and early registration is encouraged. For further information call (248) 360-3186.

OCC's Highland Lakes Campus is located at 7350 Cooley Lake Road in Waterford. Free parking is available in nearby campus lots.

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quality of your life and that of your fam-ily?

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A national non-profit organization, TV-Free America, will help you do it.

Every April for five years in a row now, TV-Free America has sponsored National TV-Turnoff Week.

The campaign, scheduled for April 22-28 this year, is designed to encourage Americans to significantly reduce the number of televi-

sion hours they watch. An estimated six million people are expected to participate this year. We encourage Clarkston-area residents to join in as well

According to Nielsen Media Research, the average American watches three hours and 45 minutes of television a day, equal to 56 days of

nonstop TV watching a year. Such a heavy dose of daily television exacts a tremendous toll on family and community life; it especially hurts our children's education and health," said Henry Labalme,

executive director of TV-Free America, Teachers believe TV stifles creativity, shortens attention spans and increases aggressive behavior and hyperactivity, he said. And doctors suspect it has contributed to a dramatic

Americans who have reduced or stopped watching television after participating in National TV-Turnoff Week find that they have richer, healthier, more connected lives, according to TV-Free America.

TV-Free America is not alone in its efforts to help Americans wean themselves away from television. National TV-Turnoff Week is co-sponsored by the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the National Education Association, Literacy Volunteers of America, YMCA of the U.S.A. and the President's Council on Physical Fit ness and Sports, among other notable organizations. Michigan Gov. John Engler endorses

Make plans now to participate in TV-Turnoff Week. It'll be the start of an improved life for you and your family.

rise in childhood obesity,

This question was asked at the Independence Township Library in Independence Tòwnship on

April 5.

QUESTION:

Question: Have you

filed your

taxes yet?

are in the Turbo Tax. on the computer, but I just have to finish it up and

Steve Cantwel Waterford



COMMUNITY VOICE

'No. I haven't. I'll probably file at the last minute."

Eric Schwarzberg Independence Township



Yes, I always file ahead of time.

Mary Benson Independence Township

Yes. I would say (I file) 15 days before it's due, so it gets there on time

> Karen Mann Independençe Township

Watch those 'no-turn-on-red' hours

eaders, bewarel One of our friends came into the Clarkston Eccentric office recently to complain about getting a ticket for turning right on a red light at the I-75 exit ramp lead-

The friend hadn't noticed that the time prohibiting red turns had been changed on the sign, An Oakland County Sheriff's Department deputy spotted her turning during the restricted hours and promptly wrote her a citation.

We thought we'd warn other residents in

case they hadn't noticed the sign change

The sign used to prohibit red turns during two, three-hour periods: 6-9 a.m. and 3-6 p.m. However, it now prohibits them most of the day and evening: 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Depending on how the officer writes the citation, the fee can run \$70-\$80, according to a clerk at 52-2 District Court.

citizen out there trying to warn unsuspecting motorists. Recently, someone stuck a red warning flag on top of the sign.

We suspect our friend isn't the only good

kisid timugalisti alah sersenta Mas State off mark on road rage issue

h, wow! More "tough new laws." This time the Michigan Legislature's target is "road rage."

As if passing a law could make drivers stop going 20 mph over the speed limit, running reddlights, tailgating, passing on the right, cutting off others entering a freeway from a ramp, crowding another driver literally off the road, flashing headlamps to intimidate one another, flipping others off and on and on, ad

Two bills to enact tough new laws against "criminal road endangerment" are currently on the state Senate's calendar, awaiting final action when that venerable body completes its two-week Easter vacation.

Road behavior, particularly in southeastern Michigan, is disgraceful. You notice it driving north from Ohio, where drivers usually observe speed limits, particularly on US 23 and 1–69. When they hit the Michigan line, however, down goes the right foot, and up comes ... "road rage."

On I-96 the bad behavior drops a bit at Brighton and becomes rare after the Portland exit, west of Lansing. On I-75 northbound, it becomes safer once you're past Standish: In Ontario, you can breathe a sigh of relief a few miles east of Windsor.

So what can be wrong with passing even more laws?

The bills define "criminal road endanger $ment^t$ as any three of the above-listed offenses that would likely harm another vehicle, a motorcycle, bicycle or pedestrian. Any three.

Penalties would escalate for repeat offenses, for displaying a firearm, or for causing injury or death. Maximum: four years in prison, a fine of \$5,000, license revocation and

six points. We see two problems:

Catching the miscreants who drive so crazily. Drivers routinely travel at 85 or 90 mph on I-96 and I-696 without the flashing blue lights of the police interfering. On sur face roads, the chances you will be stopped for slipping through as a light turns red are a whopping 500 to 1. There just aren't enough patrol cars to dampen the current bad driving. There is nothing in SB 287 and SB 390 that we can see to put more patrol cars on the freeways and roads

■ Getting a conviction. Ask any student if we have a system of trial by jury, and the stu-dent will say "yes." False. We have a system of attorney negotiations. Something like 95 percent of misdemeanor and felony cases never go to trial because the accused either pleads guilty or an attorney negotiates a deal.

We predict few "criminal road endanger-ment" cases ever will result in convictions. With the high stakes of prison time and stiff fines, an accused will find it financially feasible to hire a lawyer and negotiate downward to just one or two offenses.

So what can we do about "road rage"? Put more patrol cars on the roads. We may have to forego that income tax cut from 4,4 to

Find methods of holding up genuinely bad drivers for public ridicule. In part, that's the job of the media, but it would help if the state police could somehow make mug shots available to all the competing media.

Legislators certainly spend enough on publicity for their bills. They should be able to allocate more to publicizing some of the crazier drivers.

LETTERS

Community doesn't want hotel

have been very closely following the proposed Holiday Inn development and the rezoning of the M-15 corridor in Independence Township. I can't believe all of the press it's been getting and never thought I'd be adding to it. A couple articles lately, though, have really stirred me up and I have to put in my "two cents."

I don't live near the M-15/I-75 intersection but I care as much about the future of the township as those residents do. I am also very strongly opposed to putting that hotel right at the entrance to our community. The fact that it will disrupt the neighboring homes is just another reason for the hotel to be stopped. The very real possibility of crime, added traffic, pollution and inevitable additional commercial development can be added to the list of reasons to oppose this type of development.

The main reason for my letter, though, is the recent editorial from "our" township the recent entorial the seems to be say-sing that he makes all the decisions and we lowly townsfolk don't know what's best and we should just be quiet and let him lead He makes it sound like the people opposed

to the Holiday Inn and other commercial development (near neighborhoods) are only concerned about their "personal prejudice and personal agenda." This simply isn't the case. I think he's the one with the personal agenda!

I live on the other side of the township and so I don't have a personal stake in the Holiday Inn, but I do have a personal stake in the future of our community as a whole, I like it the way it is and want it to remain a nice quiet, livable community — some place I can go at the end of my busy workday to rest and relax. I don't want to leave the congestion of Troy to come to congestion here.

I resent the fact that Mr. Stuart feels he is above us and can make decisions that are against what the majority of the community wants. He alludes to support for Holiday Inn, but I sure haven't seen any sign of it. Maybe he figures since he wants it and the Baylis family wants it, that overrides everyone else.

Some majority. Let's step back and really take note of what's important. The community is against the Holiday Inn and we don't want to be dictated to. Let's get this thing stopped and move onto more responsible development along M-

We don't need another Dixie Highway. That's in my backyard and I can tell you we don't want another!

Arnie J. Heinrich Jr.

Let your voice be heard

t's great to see so many people fighting to eserve our community! That just adds to the list of the reasons why I love it here so much. People recognize the difference between right and wrong and fight for what they believe in.

There has been a great deal written in the press lately about the proposed Holiday Inn and the wider development issues of the M-15 corridor in Independence Township. I think

everyone but "our" supervisor Dale Stuart would recognize that there has been over-whelming and almost universal opposition to the Holiday Inn. We agree to development but will push for responsible development of our

I have yet to hear of any support for the hotel except from Mr. Stuart, Maria Baylis and the developer (who incidentally has no emotional or economic connection to our town-

In his recent letter to the editor, Mr. Stuart writes. "The planning commission is an appointed body that only recommends to the township board on rezonings. When the planning commission goes beyond recommending

to demanding, they are wrong." First, what he's really saying is that when the commission goes against his wishes, it is wrong: Second, he's making a power move against the commissioners who voted with the public and against him. I guess they won't be reappointed next time around for not rubber-

stamping his demands. , Elsewhere in his letter, Mr. Stuart writes, "We are elected to represent you and your best interests, not to further our personal preju-

dices or our personal agenda. First, whose personal agenda are we talking about ... his or the wishes of the united neighborhoods and taxpaying citizens from throughout the township? Remember that there were more than 150 united citizens at the last planning commission meeting to

oppose the hotel! Second, if Mr. Stuart thinks by ignoring this overwhelming public outcry he is still representing our best interests, he needs to take a civics lesson. I thought elected officials were supposed to listen to their constituents and

act according to their wishes. Wake up Independence Township and Clarkston! You've seen the huge opposition to the Holiday Inn with virtually no support for this irresponsible development. Stand up and be counted. Let your voices be heard. Let our

leaders know we will not be dictated to. Two very important meetings are coming up. April 7 at the Carriage House (7:30 p.m.) is the zoning board of appeals meeting. The out-of-town developer is appealing the decision to deny the Holiday Inn by our planning commission. April 15 at the CHS auditorium (7:30 p.m.) is the joint township board/planning commission meeting to revisit the rezon-

Come and be a part of the action. It's our waship and we have the right to decide its future.

Michael Phillips

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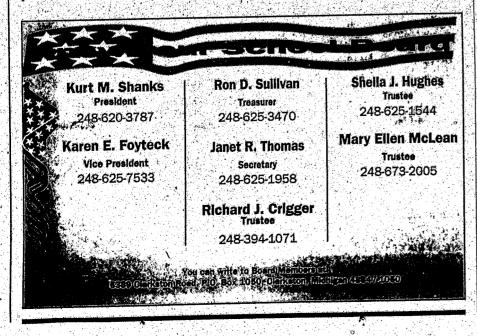
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POINTS OF VIEW

Workplace safety suffers as worker injuries rise

Answer: Pine-Aire Building Co., Independence Professional Fireworks, Cadillac Iron, Galaxy Excavat-

ing, General Motors. Question: Name some of the companies where Michigan workers have

been killed on the job? Answer: Wade Bargy, Joyce Carr, Frank Blisset, Arvie Hubbard, Paul

Question: Who are some of the

workers killed in industrial and construction accidents from 1997-99? Answer: 17 in 1992, 28 in 1994, 35

Question: What has been the trend in construction fatalities in Michigan in recent years?

Answer: Downward from 13,523 in 1991 to 7,436 in 1995 and 6,029 in

Question: What has been the trend in state workplace inspections during

this decade?

Answer: "We don't go into any facil-

know, we had no complaints from employees

Question: What is the state Department of Consumer and Industry Ser vices philosophy about inspecting workplaces, particularly Indepen-dence Professional Fireworks where 12 workers (including an owner) were killed in two recent explosions?

"Michigan Jeopardy" is no game. Workers in construction and industry are being injured and killed with increasing frequency as the state's workplace inspections decline.

Let's look at 1991-97:

■ Construction fatalities almost doubled, from 18 to 35, as construction jobs expanded 50 percent. Reasons for the disproportionate increase. More inexperienced workers entered the trades and construction industry inspections fell by more than half. from 8,511 to 3,245.

■ Manufacturing fatalities rose from 17 to 24 as general workplace



TIM RICHARD

inspections fell.

I didn't do this research myself. I covered a House Labor Committee hearing last June in Detroit where the key speaker was Mark Phillips of Michigan State University's School of Labor and Industrial Relations.

Phillips said he ran into trouble even getting statistics from the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA), Prior to 1990, the books were on the shelves in the Michigan State Library in Lans-

ing. "Suddenly in 1990, MIOSHA dries up," he said.

"For the right of the public to know, you would think the information would be available." The information was in state files, but he had to file extremely detailed Freedom of Information Act requests to get it.

"I had to write a letter and name every chart and graph. From the standpoint of the public, you're going to give up (trying to get information) before you get done.

"Do they exist as publications? No: There's something they're hiding. I started to ask for case files, but those case files are destroyed after three years," he said.

Nine years ago, I stood in a howling March wind outside the City-County Building in Detroit as state Senate Majority Leader John Engler announced his candidacy for gover nor. He promised a "Taxpayer's Agenda." It was a promise he kept.

Engler has saved many public

school districts from bankruptcy with his school finance reforms. He has tried hard, every other year, to be good to higher education. He is expanding the prison system to suit the "tough new penalties" attitude of the Legislature, county prosecutors and the general population.

But there has been a price that Engler won't discuss. Declining work-place inspections. Insufficient nursing home inspections. Less "regulation,". which has become a dirty word.

He replaced the departments of Licensing and Regulation and of Labor with "Consumer and Industry Services." Interesting choice of words.

Final "Michigan Jeopardy" answer: Asleep at the switch. Question: Where were Democrats

and their champion trial lawyer Geoffrey Fieger on this issue?

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events. His voice mail number is (734)

Uniquely American blessing: Hatred doesn't rule this land

week, my 17-year-old son, Nathan, and I participated in the rite of spring, junior year. We went on the road together, just the two of us, visiting colleges.

It was an émotional time for me. The symbolism of the journey - driying down the road of life together got stronger when I realized that the end of the road for Nathan was the start of the process by which he ultimately would leave home and become an independent adult.

So, as we stood in the small circle around the student volunteer tour guide, I felt so proud of my fine son and at the same time so protective and so anxious that he do well. Don't interfere, I kept saying to myself as I hung back at the edge of the group; this is Nathan's trip and he has to do it on his own.

So while he was off talking with the other kids and checking out the campus in the mysterious way that only 17-year-olds possess, I sat under the oaks and watched the Frisbee players on the greening grass and the classes gathered outdoors around the

There were all kinds of kids, Black kids from the big cities and blond farm boys from the country. Asian girls with coffee-colored skins and Jewish boys with yarmulkes tight to their heads. One had a Palestinian headdress and another green hair.

I couldn't help reflecting as I sat

Here are all these kids, of all different backgrounds and types, all come together at college, that most American of all institutions.

And – so amazing and so American – they are all getting along together. Sure, there were a few all-black groups and a few all-girl clusters. But mostly it was just a lot of different kids, all together, all having a good time at college in the warm spring.

How different it would be today, I thought, in Kosovo, where the sky is gray and the mud deep and the " hatred and fear between Serbs and Albanians is so savage and sharp. Or in Rwanda, where Tutsi and Hutu have hated each other for generations and still - even on the far side of a



PHILIP POWER

genocide – hate each other with undiminished fury. Or in Israel and Palestine, or between Armenians and Turks. Or between the various tribes in Somalia.

The list goes on and on.

It seemed to me, sitting there under the oaks watching the college kids happy and at peace, that what I was seeing before me was one of the truly unique blessings of America. And I nearly wept with gratitude and, well, patriotism.

Somehow, by some mysterious alchemy, here in the New World we seem to have a shot at overcoming the historic hatreds that arise and have

arisen for centuries, almost literally from the soil of the history and geography the Old World. Once people have moved to a new land, complete with different history and altered geography, it's harder to nurse historic hatreds.

Another part of it, I suppose, is the extraordinary opportunity for all that America offers. A rising tide lifting all boats doesn't require zero-sum hatred for individual success.

Of course, I'm too old and probably too cynical not to realize that people in America still hate each other, often with just as much passion as elsewhere. But plainly what is fundamentally different about America is that those hatreds usually arise out of specific personal circumstances and not out of generic animosities that have been nurtured for generations and probably will never be resolved.

And so as I sat on the grass and reflected about my son and offered up my little prayer for him and his sucess, the verses from the base of the Statue of Liberty rose in my memory:

"Give me your tired, your poor,

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Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free

The wretched refuse of your teeming

Send these, the homeless, tempesttossed, to me:

I lift my lamp beside the golden

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Brainstormer showed what community can accomplish together

hemistry students know that dramatic hings can happen when you combine certain ingredients under certain conditions. From the community coalition standpoint, the recent Town Hall meeting/P.A.R.T.Y. (People Are Relating To You) event was an example of the same principle. Getting the right people together in the right atmosphere and asking the right questions, can also bring about dramatic results.

The Search Institute, a non-profit, non-sectarian organization dedicated to the advancement of children and adolescents, has determined (through extensive surveys) that certain community characteristics promote positive adolescent attitudes and behaviors.

First, a community needs interlocking support systems composed of caring families and neighbors, youth-oriented religious activities, youth-friendly businesses, and schools with high levels of parental involvement.

Second, clearly established boundaries and expectations in the home, the neighborhood, and at school provide youths with the safety they need, and promote their positive socialization.

Third, opportunities to serve as resources for others help youths feel good about themselves and allow them to see that their actions make a difference in the world. And finally, opportunities for youths to con-

structively use their time helps build their social competencies. With these thoughts in mind, The Clarkston Community Task Force For Youth embarked upon an adventure — a youth-driven Town Hall Meeting. Dozens of youths were involved in planning and carrying out the event. Some made and distributed flyers during lunch at school, some wrote articles and letters to the newspapers, some extended personal invitations to business people, community leaders, parents, and neighbors they knew. Many invited their friends from school. All were involved in brain-

people served as small group facilitators. The coalition envisioned an opportunity for teens, parents, wise-elders, faith leaders, com-

storming discussion questions. Sixteen young



mmunity and business leaders to

come together to support and relate to one another, minimizing barriers and working collectively toward the goal of a "Healthy Community Equals a Healthy Youth."

On Saturday, March 20, about 130 people experienced this freedom from preconceived barriers as they sat in groups of eight-to-10 at the Clarkston Christian Association addressing issues of community concern. We "stepped out of the box" for four hours, as teens and adults dialogued in an honest and straightforward manner about concerns and potential solutions to help make Clarkston a more nurturing place for youth.

The door opened wide and did so with enthusiastic force! Some of the solutions that were developed may be easily implemented, but many are still in the form of visions written on paper, waiting for the right listener to accept these challenges. The Clarkston Community Task Force For Youth openly invites each member of the Clarkston Community to help work toward turning these very realistic visions into realities. On March 20, a myriad of suggestions and

potential opportunities to really make a difference for the youth in Clarkston were generated. "How can I help?," you might ask. "I work full-time, I have a family, I am a student, I own

a business, I am retired." Well, you could make a difference by just making eye contact and smiling at fellow community members who appear "different" than

you. You could contact coalition leaders at 394-0252 to dialog about how you might contribute your efforts to the cause. You could be added to the Task Force mailing list, or visit our website at www.clarkstonyouth.org and leave a message in the guestbook, or the community forum. You could get a copy of "150 Ways to Show Kids You Care" and try some of the ideas (you do care,

This column space is shared by local community groups. Up next week: Clarkston Area Youth Assistance.



Recovery makes trial difficult

BY PAT MURPHY
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Proceeding with the trial of former prison inmate Mindy R. Brass is neither safe, nor logistically feasible, according to a cardiologist at the University of Michigan Medical Center who helped with her heart transtable almost seven weeks ago.

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In a letter written Monday, Dr.
Keith Aaronson, medical director of
the Cardiac Transplant Program at
IJ of M, said Brass—who received a
heart transplant on Feb. 21—is
suffering uncommon complications
related to rejection.

The letter doesn't use the phrase "life threatening," but he said Brass has required "extremely aggressive immunosuppression, much beyond what is routinely given to other transplant recipients."

transplant recipients."

The physician said she might be healthier — and more able to attend her trial — in July.

■ Dr. Kelth Aaronson, medical director of the Cardiac Transplant Program at U of M, said Brass who received a heart transplant on Feb. 21 — is suffering uncommon complications related to rejection.

The letter is part of a hearing set for Wednesday on continuing to postpone Brass' trial that was scheduled to resume Monday in Oakland Circuit. Court before visiting Judge Meyer Warshawsky.

Prosecutors, while adamant that Brass must eventually undergo trial, said they are not likely to oppose the motion for postponement. "If she's not healthy," said Prosecutor David Gorcyca, "we certainly won't press for resumption of the trial."

Brass in the mean time remains free on bond at the Farmington Hills

home of Robin Fraser and Fred Barrett, a couple that befriended her after learning about the former California woman who had never set foot in Michigan prior to being

extradited to face drug charges.
Brass was 33 in 1991 when implicated in the attempted sale of a kilo of occaine in Troy. She was convicted and sentenced under Michigan's drug-lifer law that mandates life in prison for anyone convicted of trafficking in 650 or more grams of heroin or occaine.

Brass was a prison inmate in April, 1994, when she suffered a serious heart attack that left her seriously debilitated and in need of a transplant.

Last summer, while she was still an inmate, Oakland Judge Rudy Nichols, who presided over her original case, ordered a new trial and released Brass under house arrest to the Farmington Hills couple.

That new trial resumed in January and had been in progress for about three weeks when Brass suffered a relapse, actually collapsing in the courtroom at one point.

At the urging of physicians, the

At the urging of physicians, the judge suspended the trial, Warshawsky released the jury with the understanding they may be recalled to hear the rest of the trial.

Warshawsky, who has ordered attorneys on both sides to refrain from talking to the press, declined to comment this week. Previously, however, he said he might declare a mistrial if there were additional delays.



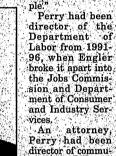
Mindy Brass

Director for Office of Urban Programs retires

Lowell Perry of Southfield has retired as director of the state's Office of Urban Programs, a cabinet-level job to which Gov. John Engler appointed him in 1996.

"An extensive and distinguished career," said Engler, as Perry, 67, left on April 1. "He brought a new focus to many urban issues by bringing the programs of state government

closer to the people."



An attorney, Perry had been director of community relations for the old Michigan Bell Telephone Co and spent 17 years in executive positions with

Chrysler Corp.
During President Gerald Ford's

administration, Perry chaired the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. After college, he played pro football and coached for the Pittsburgh Steelers. He is a graduate of the Detroit College of Law.

In the urban post, Perry will be succeeded by Eiroy Sailor, a deputy director of the governor's southeastern Michigan office, Sailor has worked in various positions in the governor's office and as a legislative aide to U.S. Sen. Spencer Abraham. He is a graduate of Morehouse College.



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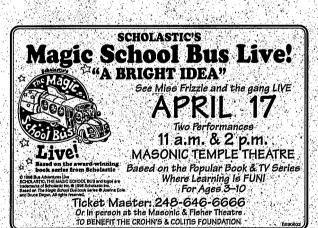
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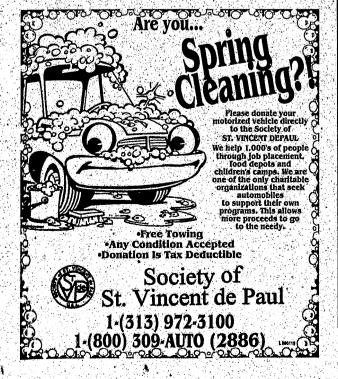
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Aunt's old photos reflect simpler times in Clarkston

Perhaps it is because I only recently finished reading "Divine Secrets Of The YaYa Sisterhood" that I am especially delighted by my aunt's old scrap books. For those of you who have not yet read Rebecca Wells' novel about friendship and the mother/daughter relationship, here is a wonderful literary treat told through the eyes of a woman who learns to understand and eventually reconcile with — her mother after studying the woman's scrapbook in which she had documented her life since childhood.

My aunt, who never married or had children, was just such a saver. She lived into her 80s; and at one point had every piece of mail she had ever received — along with; I am sure, every photograph she ever laid claim

I can remember when I, as a child, thought her life must be terribly lonely and empty because she did not have a spouse or offspring with whom to share it. The evidence in these scrapbooks shows there was much I did not understand:

My aunt, clearly, measured happiness in deep friendships, extended family, travel, pets and treasures.

In looking over the scrapbooks with me on Easter Sunday, my mother, celebrating her 7.7th birthday, reminded,

Please see WALKER, A14

■ The Marine Division of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department is offering boat safety classes that will help younger enthusiasts meet a new state requirement.

By Susan B. Tauber Staff Writer

hile boaters are preparing their water crafts for another season of fun, they should also make sure their water safety skills are up-to-date.

One way to do that is to take the Boating Safety Class taught by the Oakland County Sheriff's Department (OCSD) Marine Division.

"We teach this class based on

requirements of the National Associa-tion of State Boating Laws Administra-tors," said: OCSD: Deputy Sharolyn

"This is a basic class that's helpful for anyone driving a traditional style boat, even a sailboat, and it's a required class for anyone born after Dec. 31, 1978, who plans on driving a personal water craft vessel, such as a Jet Ski," she added.

Luckily for Clarkston area residents, taking the Boating Safety Class is fair-ly easy. Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Department will host two sessions in the next two months.

Class dates and times are 6-9 p.m.

May 18 and May 20 and again June 22 and June 24. The fee is \$5 for Oakland County residents, \$10 for non-county residents. For more information on the classes, contact the Springfield Town-ship Parks and Recreation Department at (248) 634-0412.

Taking the class even gets Independence Township and Clarkston Village residents a \$5 discount on the purchase of a boat launch key for a season at Deer Lake. To qualify for the discount, a person must show original documentation for completing the Marine Divi-sion's Boater Safety Class within 12 months from the date of applying for



Water lovers: The Sampson family — Rod., Christie, Kathy and Katie — enjoy boating on Deer Lake.

the boat key.

Boat launch key fees range from \$30 for non-motor boats to \$60 for motor boats with a minimum 100-horsepower motor. Seniors automatically get a 50 percent discount on boat launch passes. Daily passes also are available for resi-

dents and non-residents.

Seasonal keys and daily passes are available at the lower level of Independence Township Hall, 90 N. Main St. in Clarkston.

"I can't stress how important it is for people of all ages to take a boating safety class. The more educated a per-son is in boating laws, the lower ther

Please see BOATING, A14

Law makes instruction a must for young boaters

If you plan on driving a personal water craft (PWC), such as a Jet Ski, and you were born after Dec. 31, 1978, there's something you must do before you get on the water this sum-

A new Michigan law, Public Act A new tengan 116, requires that anyone born after that date must pass a boating safety course approved by the National Association of State Boating Laws

Administrators.
The law, which took effect Jan 1

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defines a PWC as a "powerboat specifically designed to be operated by a person or persons sitting, standing or kneeling on the yessel rather than inside."

Class information is available by calling the Oakland County Sheriff Department's Marine Division at (248) 391-0256, Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Department is offering classes in May and June. To get more information on times and

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me that her sister somehow managed to hold down jobs when there were no jobs to be had (during the Depression). That she had a sense of fashion long before it was commonly fashionable to have one; and that she loved to travel before the modern-day vacation was ever even thought of.

There are pictures of my aunt and her buddies on Mackinaw Island, at Mt. Rushmore, on horseback, aboard ship, on a dude ranch out West, at a women's pajama party and on the job in Pontiac.

After her death more than a decade ago, I came to acquire many of these albums. Some outline her life as it was spent growing up in Holly and Clark-ston, the latter being a community with which she carried on a

life-long love affair. My aunt was a 1920s graduate of the old Clarkston High School on Main Street (now the Inde-pendence Township government offices) and she would often come here to photograph her favorite spots, to dine and to shop, even in her old age.

Some of the albums I now own are filled with letters she received that were mailed simply to "Clarabelle Amidon, Clark-ston, Michigan" — without bene-

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fit of a street address. (Apparently, Clarkston was a much more intimate community during the 1920s.)

Others, such as the ones I refer to today, hold pictures of her and her friends, caught in fun during the late 1920s and the early 1930s.

The albums are made of old black cardboard, with heavy black pages, and she has labeled them lovingly, using white ink; in her familiar, lilting penman-

The pages are filled with black and white images of a seemingly simpler time that I'm sure will jog the memories of oldtimers in our community — even as those same images conjure envy amongst the young and over-stressed. The photos are of

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Relaxing: Clarkston Eccentric columnist Carolyn Walker's aunt, Clarabelle Amidon (left), along the shore of Bailey Lake in 1932.

Quiter times: Clarabelle Amidon (right) poses by the Mill Pond in Clarkston, 1930.



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Arm-inarm: Walker's aunt photographed her friend andbrother ice skat ing on BaileyLake.

approval. people with now-familiar land-From among these pages, my mark names like Lowrie, Tegger aunt smiles out upon the world, a happy brunette who has not dine and Hadley. They show the countryside along Bailey Lake, yet ventured to Hawaii and Deer Lake and the Mill Pond in Europe, who has not yet broken up with her beloved boyfriend, fall and winter when farms were the norm and subdivisions were who has not yet purchased her a long ways from concept own home; who has not yet lost her parents, who has, in fact, not yet lost her battle with breast

. I share them with you today,

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



Ready for a dip?: This is how two of Walker's aunt's friends looked celebrating Labor Day in Clarkston, 1932. Does anyone recognize them?

Boating from page A13

statistics that they're going to be involved in a boating accident," Zagurny said:

""We offer the classes year-round through the Marine Divi-

sion," she said.
She also stressed the importance of wearing a life jacket at

"I'm on the Marine Division dive team Thaven't dived for too many people who were wearing their life jacket. Their chance of survival is so much greater. We don't have to go down 30-40 feet

to find that person." Boat safety statistics for Oak-land County's 450 lakes have improved in the past few years. Much of the credit goes to stronger safety regulations, including required classes, In 1998, there were seven people drowned and 74 accidents. including both boat and water accidents in Oakland County lakes. Eleven people drowned in 1996 and there were 87 accidents.

Zagurny said the OCSD Marine Division will inspect boat owners' safety equipment at a prearranged time.

"If boaters on Deer Lake or other lakes want to set up a date and time, we can be there. That way we can inspect several boats at once. We give the boat owners a sticker if it passes the inspec-

To set up inspections, call the OCSD Marine Division at (248) 391-0256

Zagurny said if people have

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dates, call the department at (248) 634-0412.

PWCs are subject to the same laws and requirements covered under the basic marine law; Public Act 451, as other types of boats — and more Here are some other regula-

Here are some other regula-tions included in PA 116:

No one under the age of 14 may legally operate a PWC.

Each person riding on or being towed behind a PWC must wear a U.S. Coast Guard Approved Type I, II or III personal floatation device (PFD). Inflatable PFDs aren't allowed

PWC operational hours range from 8 a.m. until one hour prior to sunset.

An emergency ignition safety switch/lanyard must properly be attached between the switch and the PWC's oper-

■ Drivers may not operate a PWC in water less than 2 feet deep unless they are operating at idle speed, docking or launching the PWC.

A PWC must operate at idle speed if crossing within 150 feet behind another boat, unless the other boat is also a

· It is illegal to harass

wildlife or disturb aquatic vegetation with a PWC.

• PWCs must remain 200 feet away from a "diver down"

OCSD Marine Division Deputy Sharolyn Zagurny said anyone driving a PWC born after Dec. 31, 1978, must have a boating safety class certificate with them when they are on the water.

"We recommend they get the certificate laminated and carry it right in the vessel. They must have it in their posses-sion while on the PWC," she

If they are inspected by an OCSD Marine Division officer and they don't have their cer-tificate, that's considered a misdemeanor offense. An officer could impose a fine for the violation.

any problems or concerns about boaters on a body of water in Oakland County, they should contact the OCSD main dispatch

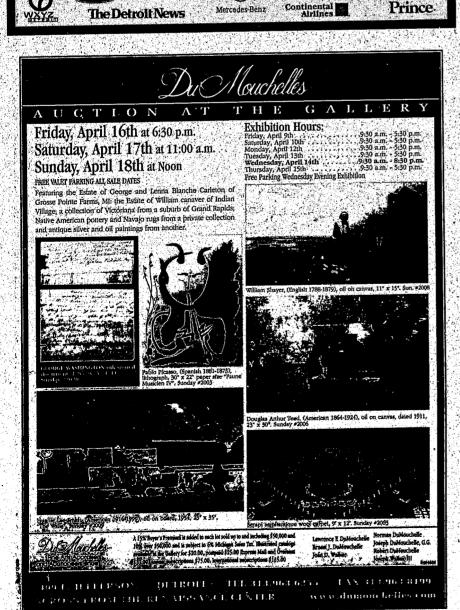
number, (248) 858-4950.
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some, an officer will respond to your call," she said.

She also suggested anyone wanting boating rules in relation a specific body of water should vall the OCSD Marine Division



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THURSDAY, APRIL 8 FREE SCREENINGS FOR ALCOHOL ABUSE

lowing Thursday's paper. All phone numbers have 248 area

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The Neuro-Behavioral Diagnos tic and Treatment Center, 6815 Dixie Highway, Clarkston, In order to heighten awareness regarding mental health issues this center is participating in national screenings. Common symptoms of problematic alcohol use include: daily drinking, blackouts, recurring financial or legal problems related to drinking and family discord. For more information call 625-5599.

FRIDAY, APRIL 9 DANCE

7-9 p.m. Hart Community Cen-ter (at the Millpond), Davisburg. Dance to the music of Aaron Vaughn and the Sumthings. For more 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 person. Pre-registration is mandatory. An entry fee of \$8 per 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.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 23

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

EARTH HIKE 1:30-3:30 p.m. Lewis E. Wint Nature Center, Sashabaw Road "National Wildlife Week" is the topic. Discover more about endangered species and what you can do to help. Cost is \$2 per person. Pre-registration is mandatory. A vehicle entry fee of \$8 per 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.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28 & THURSDAY. APRIL 29

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

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MONDAY, JUNE 21-FRIDAY, JUNE 25

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7 p.m. meetings held the second uesday of each month at the Senior Citizens Center in Clin-tonwood Park: Volunteers work with staff to plan and sponsor programs to strengthen youth and families and prevent and reduce juvenile delinguency. Call 625-9007.

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TASK FORCE MONTHLY MEETING

7-8 a.m. second Thursday of every month. Carriage House at Clintonwood Park, 5980 Clark-ston Rd., Clarkston. Continental breakfast provided complements of Independence Township Parks & Rec. Department.

MOMS CLUB

A national non-profit support group for at-home mothers, is starting a new chapter in Clarkston. Monthly meetings with speakers, play days and activity groups. Mothers may bring their children to all meetings and events. For more information call Melanie at 620-3259.

NORTH OAKLAND COUNTY LYME DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP

7 p.m. third Wednesday of every month. (There will be no August or December meetings). Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston. Questions or directions, please call Carol at 625-5275 or The

MLDA at 1-888-LYME.

1999 WINTER/SPRING SWIM PROGRAM

lost swim activities began in Most swim activities began in March. A variety of classes and open swim opportunities for the entire family. All programs will be held at the Clarkston High School pool. Call Parks and Recreation to get on the mailing list to receive information about upcoming aquatic programs.

TOASTMASTERS CLUB IN CLARKSTON

Toastmasters promotes communication and leadership skills. The club meets at the Clarkston Christian Association from 6:30-8:30 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-

CLARKSTON CRAFTS AND CIDER

Sponsored by The Clarkston Community Historical Society, this annual fund-raising event is looking for a few good artists for their September art show. A few new spaces have become avail-able for artists wishing to participate. The show fills quickly each year and the waiting list is long, so don't delay! This is a rare opportunity for artists who have not been a part of the show before to have booth space at the festival. Artists who are interested in participating should con-tact Kim Huttenlocher at 625-2499. Booth fees are \$75 per space. There are no restrictions on medium or type of art; howev er, all art must be handmade, no kits please

HOW TO BUILD YOUR OWN HOME Saturdays, April 17, 24 and May 1 and 8, 8 a.m.-noon. Clarkston High School. Make your dream home come true by learning and understanding the home build-ing process. Presented by Clarkston Community Education in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute. Everything needed to plan and build a home will be covered. The seminar costs \$190 plus \$25 for two textbooks to the instructor, Pre-reg-istration with payment is required by Thursday, April 15, to Clarkston Community Educa-tion. Call 674-0993 Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30



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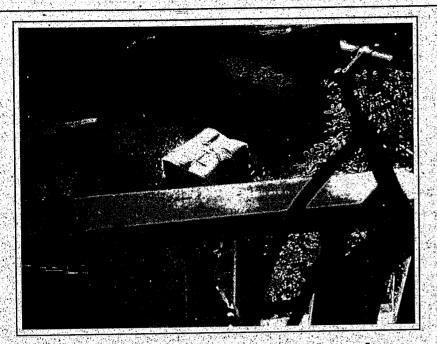
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Court upholds worker's compensation plan

BY TIM RICHARD

A 1982 effort by Gov William Milliken to hold down worker's compensation costs bore fruit this month when the Michigan Supreme Court ruled a Livonia school employee was

n't entitled to "double dip." The high court, on a 5-2 party line vote, ruled Reynold Tyler's worker's comp benefits should be reduced by the amount of a disability pension

he also was collecting.

"Any reduction in the amount of plaintiff's worker's compensation benefits does not violate the (Michigan) constitution with respect to his disability pension benefits, which he continues to receive at the same level," wrote Justice Clif-ford Taylor in the majority

Elected as a Republican in 1998, Taylor was joined by other GOP elected and appointed justices Elizabeth Weaver, James H. Brickley, Maura Corrigan and Robert Young Jr.

Dissenting were Democrats Marilyn Kelly and Michael Cayanagh, Kelly wrote that "the more proper way" to pre-vent double dipping "is to reduce the total benefits only enough to ensure that the PSERA (disability pension) allowance, added to worker's compensation benefits, does not exceed the average annual salary paid before disability."

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Worker's Comp officials ruled his benefits should be, "coordinated" - that is, work-"coordinated" – that is, work-er's comp should be reduced by the amount of his pension. The dispute resulted in a labormanagement case that took nine years to settle:

In 1981 Michigan was in the middle of the worst economic recession since the Great. Depression, Taylor, quoted Gov. Milliken as branding high worker's comp costs as "the biggest single liability to Michigan's job climate today.

The Legislature responded by blocking double dipping into worker's comp and pensions ("coordination"), limiting attorney fees in worker's comp cases, regulating medical fees, and excluding fringe benefits from the calculation of workfrom the calculation of worker's comp costs. The changes kicked in during 1982, Milliken's last year in office.

Worker's comp was to be reduced by the after-tax value of the disability pension.

Attorneys argued over whether the law allowed an

"opt-out" only for privatelynegotiated pension plans or also for statutorily-created ension systems, such as public employees. Taylor's majori-

ty said the opt-out didn't apply

to statutorily-created plans.

A second argument was whether the Michigan Constitution's protection of pension benefits applied to Tyler's case. Taylor's answer: "This section of the Michigan Constitution protects only pension benefits, not worker's compensation ben-efits, from diminishment or

impairment He added, "Here it is the worker's compensation bene-

that are being reduced."

Representing Tyler was Detroit attorney Granner S. Ries. Livonia school district was represented by Detroit attorneys Thomas L. Fleury and John J. Rabaut. The Michigan Self-Insurers Associ-ation filed a brief on behalf of Livonia's position:

The case had been through the worker's comp appellate system, twice handled by the Court of Appeals and finally reached the Supreme Court in oral arguments last Oct. 7.

Two new justices joined the Supreme Court this year -Corrigan by election and Young by appointment -replacing Democrats Patricia Boyle and Conrad Mallett Jr., respectively.

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Race is on to fund cancer research

There's still plenty of time to help raise money for cancer

The American Cancer Society's signature event — Relay For Life — is expanding into 23 communities throughout Metro-Detroit this year to fight cancer and celebrate survivor-

This nationwide program began in 1985 when a volunteer conducted a one-man marathon and raised \$27,000. In 1998, Relay raised more than \$100 million nationwide and today, thousands of Americans have passed the baton, with over 2,500 communities nationwide hosting "Relay For Life" events. In 1998, Michigan residents raised over \$3 million through 87 events and 1999 is expected be an even greater success, with nearly 100 events held throughout the state.

Relay For Life is a team event and, above all else, is a celebration of life, honoring cancer survivors, while remembering those who have died of cancer. The event is usually located at a community school park or civic center and typical ly lasts for 24 hours, with team members taking turns walking around a track.

During the event a celebrato-ry atmosphere is created by camping team members, who are enjoying entertainment, food, games-and community camaraderie.

Kicking off each event is a victory lap made up of cancer survivors. And, as the sun goes down, luminaries line the track in remembrance of those touched by cancer and remind participants of the incredible importance of their contribu-

Those interested in participating in a "Relay For Life" event should call the American Cancer Society's Southeastern Michigan Resource Center at (248) 557-5353 to find out specific dates and locations for each community. The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, eduadvocacy and service

When and where

Following is a list of local sites and dates or the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life:

■ May 21-22, Walled Lake, Walled Lake Western, 6 p.m.-

o p.m. ■ May 22-23, Birmingham, Seaholm High School, time to

be announced. June 4-5, Oxford, Wildcat

Field, 4 p.m. 4 p.m.
June 12-13, Royal Oak,
Kimball High School, 3 p.m. 3 p.m. June 12-13, Farmington,

time and location to be announced.

June 26-27, West Bloom-

field, West Bloomfield High School, 12 p.m.-12 p.m.

July, Rochester, date and

time to be announced. August, Southfield, Civic Center, 12 p.m.-10 p.m., date to be announced.

August, Clarkston, time and date to be announced.

Dems come up short on battle for inspectors

By TIM RICHARD

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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

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 pre-

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

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

Here is how area senators voted: YES - Dianne Byrum, D-Onondaga, **NURSING HOMES**

John Cherry, D-Clio, George Hart, D-Dearborn, Gary Dearborn, Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, Alma Smith, D-Salem, and

John Schwarz, R-Battle Creek. Other Republicans voting yes were Mike Goschka of Brant, Beverly Ham-merstrom of Temperance, Dave Jaye of Macomb County and Leon Stille of pring Lake.)

Spring Lake.)

NO – Loren Bennett, R-Canton, Bill
Bullard, R-Milford, Mat Dunaskiss, RLake Orion, Thaddeus McCotter, RLivonia, and Mike Rogers, R-Brighton.

ABSENT – Shirley Johnson, R-Royal Oak, Johnson was elected a week earlier to replace Mike Bouchard, newly appointed Oakland County sheriff.

appointed Castand County Sterin:
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 Democratic senators put it at 100 and

asked for 23 more at a cost of \$1.7 mil-

Some 52,000 persons 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 position. "We have increases for corporate 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 sepa rate 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

"An employee was fired for refusing to falsify documents -136 days with nothing done about it.

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"Another facility had 16 complaints that have not been investigated. 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 followup.

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

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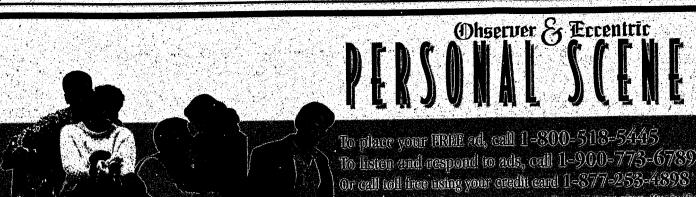
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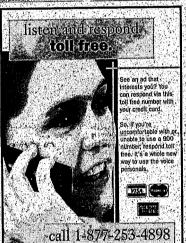
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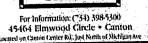
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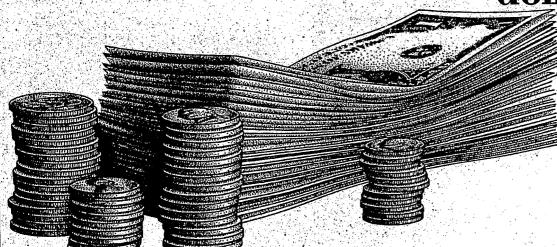
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Engler's plan takes the 'student' out of *'student-athlete'*

On public high school campuses across the state, minimum-skill athletes are busting their butts for that final spot on their team's roster.

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those athletes will be reduced to telling their children, "I could have

Engler has put together House Bill 4204, a proposal that would allow children who don't attend public schools to participate in extra-curricular activities. The bill has been intro-duced in the State House of Representatives and is expected to be considered this month by the House Education Committee.

"The primary goal of our public school system is to ensure all students achieve academic success and develop to their fullest potential," Engler said in a prepared statement. "To reach this goal, I am focused on educational accountability, accessibil-ity and choice. Our students deserve every opportunity available that will provide them with the tools necessary

to build a brighter future." . If the bill passes, public school districts would be required to allow students enrolled in charter or private schools or who are home schooled to take part in extracurricular activities in the district in which they live. That means, for instance, that athletes attending Oxford Christian Academy, or who are taught at home within Oxford's boundaries, could play sports at Oxford High School.

Engler is right when he says students deserve every opportunity to enhance their future. The question is how to give it to them. Do we allow some students the opportunity at the expense of others? That hardly seems fair, to the students or to the districts.

Parents of home-schooled athletes who wish to get their kids into public school athletic programs will make the claim that their tax dollars help support the public schools; therefore, their children should be allowed to

There are several arguments with that claim. First, their tax dollars don't go to the school, because public money is funneled to public schools based solely on enrollment. Therefore, if Mr. and Mrs. Jones are homeschooling Little Jimmy, their tax dol-lars are staying in Lansing, in Engler's pockets, And no money for

new expenses was included in the bill.

There are a lot of things that go into representing your school as an athlete. Little things, I'll grant you, but important things nonetheless, Being part of an athletic team is a privilege, earned through making the grade both academically and athletically. Student-athletes patrol schools in their jerseys, they take part in pep

They're in the hallways, in the classrooms. More importantly, they are in the hearts of their classmates. That's a place no outsider could ever fit. And it's an important place.

"The neat thing about high school

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Third year could be the charm for Eagles

BY DANIEL STICKRADT

Dennis Hopkins hopes that

the third time is a charm. After leading his Clarkston Springfield Christian girls soc-cer team to the Michigan Association of Christian Schools finals each of the past two years — the first two years of the Eagles' program existence — Hopkins hopes his team can find a way to reach pole posi-

tion.
Although the Eagles are young with four freshmen and two rare eighth grade players filling the gaps left by graduation, Springfield does boast talent, And if their 2-0 record to start is any indication, the Eagles, 14-3-0 last year, are in for another strong season.

"It will be interesting to see how well we will do because of our youth," said Hopkins, "Even if the group is talented,

they are young so you never

know what to expect.
Springfield will be led by three, senior returning starters, most notably centermidfielder Missie Bowen, a second-team all-area selection last season. Bowen will team up with classmate Stephanie Rankin, and the junior duo of Liz Hamlin and Carrie Dockery help form a solid contin- defense, gent at midfield. "We s

into the sweeper or stopper position after serving as a full-back a year ago. Junior Kelly Fornwall, who will play the opposite of Hortick, and sophomore fullback Tiffany Vanamen are refusing about 20 man, are returning starters on defense, while freshman prospect Amanda Vanaman will likely fill the other role on

The other senior is Missy : defense. Young but strong,"
Hortick, who will either move said Hopkins.
into the sweeper of second

said Hopkins.

The final backstop on defense will be athletic 5-foot-9 sophomore goalkeeper Holley Vanaman, who shared the two shutouts with junior Suzanne Rydman, who will serve as the understudy and spend time in the midfield. Both Vanaman and Rydman

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Coming back: Senior Jennifer Kerney (left) returns to try to help the Clarkston Wolves bolster their soccer chances as the 1999 season approaches.

Seeking consistency

Wolves show promise as 11 return

BY DANIEL STICKRADT

there is one word to describe Clarkston's girls soccer team last spring, the word is inconsistency. The Wolves had a problem putting together two consecutive quality halves on a daily basis, and wound up with a 5-12-3 record after a Divi-sion I district finals loss to eventual

state runner-up Rochester Adams. Now, with a new coach in Tami Mitchell and a new attitude, Clarkston is gearing up for the new season with the hopes of returning above

five-hundred waters.
Overall, Mitchell, who coached the Wolves' junior varsity last year and replaces Brian Fitzgerald at the helm of the Clarkston program, welcomes back 11 letter winners, including six full-time starters and another pair of

part-time starters. Last season Clarkston finished fourth out of seven teams in the Oakland Activities Association Division II race. Last year's league champion, Birmingham Groves, which also captured the state Division II title last year, has moved up to the OAA's elite

■ 'Scoring goals was one of the big problems last year and it is something we need to really stress."

Tami Mitchell -Clarkston soccer coach

division, making this year's race wide

open.
"We'd like to give everyone a run for their money. I truly feel we can sneak up on a few teams and possibly finish somewhere in the top three if everything goes right," said Mitchell. We've got a lot of work to do though before we can start thinking about

winning the league championship." Perhaps the Wolves' main thorn in the side last year was goal scoring a problem that Mitchell hopes to remedy during the first month of the

Although Clarkston lost its leading offensive weapons as Georgia Senkyr graduated and promising sophomore Sara Voss transferred to Clinton Township Chippewa Valley, some lineup changes could help fill the

Athletic senior Kara Bergkoetter, a fourth-year starter, has shifted from the sweeper position to forward where her experience, speed and aggressiveness could help ignite the offense. She'll team up with classmate Alaina Dodds, who is hoping to bounce back after an off season, and sophomore newcomer Angela Humphreys, whose speed should complement Bergkoetter quite well or help out in the midfield in the Wolves' 4-4-2 alignment.

Scoring goals was one of the big problems I noticed last year and it is something we need to really stress this season," said Mitchell. "We need to finish more of our opportunities if we are going to contend in this league. I do like our speed and athleticism up top, but we really need for someone to step up and score goals on a consistent basis."

Clarkston lacked a true center-midfielder last season, which might have played a significant role in the Wolves' scoring blues. But with the arrival of highly-touted freshman prospect Lauren Welbourn, help seems to be on the way.

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Local businesses have an oppor-tunity to advertise at Clinton-wood Park, promote the develop-ment of youth and get a tax deduction by participating in the outfield sign program, sponsored by the Clarkston Boys Riverdawg

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the purchase and placement of The message will be seen by the more than 100,000 people who

visit the park each year. Cost of a 4x6 wooden sign is

In addition, there is an option where a company logo can be put on a booster banner for \$200.

Contributions are tax deductible. For more information on how to participate, call Kevin Chase, (248) 922-9655 or Beth Walker at Independence Township Parks and Recreation (248) 625-8223.

Get into the game

The Bloomfield Hills Schools' Recreation and Community Services Department is currently offering co-rec slow-pitch softball and sand volleyball leagues.

The co-rec softball league

encourages equal participation by all team members and is not intended for high levels of compe-

The season begins in late May with games scheduled for Wednesday evenings at either 6:15 p.m. or 7:30 p.m.

The team fee of \$250 (there is no individual player fee) covers bases and field use, maintenance, scoresheets, and approximately 10 games.

There will be an additional \$25 non-resident fee for teams composed of more than 50 percent of people who do not live or work in the Bloomfield Hills school district and a refundable \$75 bond

A \$12 umpire fee must also be paid each week.

The entry fee is due Friday, April 30. A mandatory managers' meeting is also set for 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 5 at the Recreation Office, located at 4174 Dublin Drive in Bloomfield Hills.

To register or for more information, call (248) 433-0885.

Sand volleyball involves women's doubles (Thursday), men's doubles (Thursday) and corec quads (Tuesday) leagues. Seasons are nine weeks long with games beginning the week of June 1.

A mandatory managers' meeting is set for 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 5 at the Recreation Office, located at 4174 Dublin Drive in Bloomfield Hills. Sponsor fees are due Saturday, May 22.

For specific fees and registration details, call (248) 433-0885.

College hoop coach

St. Mary's College is accepting applications for an assistant basketball coach.

Interested candidates should send a resume to Kris Daiek, St. Mary's College, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake, MI 48324 or call Daiek at (248) 683-0443.

Parks hand out annual volunteer awards Springfield from page B1

Metroparks annually gives out "Volunteer of Year awards to indiyiduals and families who make significant contributions to the park system, Roland Brege, of Canton, and David Kathy Renwick, of Walled Lake

OUTDOOR and

were three of this year's recipi-

Brege has taken pictures at the Kensington Farm Center for the past eight years. His pictures have provided a pictorial history of the farm and many have been used in news releases to promote the farm.

The Renwick's have contributd more volunteer hours at the Metroparks than any other cur-

"Lauren is a very intelligent

player who sees the field well and can distribute," offered Mitchell, "She's the type of

young player that can control the tempo of the game and she is

capable of getting the offense in

Piechura, a part-time starter

last season, and sophomore

returnee Brooke Petrinic in the midfield, where Mitchell hopes

her players can improve on their

decision-making and ball control

little shaky right now," said Mitchell, "I know it's early in the season, but we'll need to improve

Our ball control overall is a

Welbourn will join senior Katy

Clarkston from page B1

rent volunteer. They started helping out in 1977 and have donated their time at both Kensington and Indian Springs. Their 10-year-old daughter, Bridgett, also helps out

The Metroparks also honors outstanding employees each year and Commerce Township's Eugene Wimbrow was one of this year's honorees. Wimbrow is an equipment maintenance specialist for Kensington's contral garage and has been an employee of the Metroparks since 1962.

Youth fly fishing

If you have a son or daughter If you have a son target interested in fly fishing it's not too late to sign up for the Youth-Fly Fishing Class at the Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center. The class, sponsored by the Michigan Fly Fishing Club, is scheduled for Saturday, April 17, and will run from 10 a.m. to 6

eventually be able to control the

ball much better than we did

Agile 5-foot-10 sophomore

Sarah Morgan took over the

starting goalkeeper role midway through last season and has

looked solid thus far, turning

aside 24 shots in a 5-0 season-

opening loss to Grand Blanc on

as Grand Blanc scored with under two minutes left," recalled Mitchell. "We had some mental

lapses in the second half, but

Sarah (Morgan) played excep-

tionally well. If she plays this well all season, we'll be in good

Although the defensive unit

We were down 1-0 at the half

last year.

shape.

While at the class kids will learn all they need to know to get out and catch fish with a fly

rod. Cost is just \$25 per person.
Call Dale Ross at (734) 4202233 to register or for more information.

Rewards offered

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources, in coopera-tion with the Michigan Bear Hunter's Association, is offering \$2,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and convic tion of the person or persons responsible for the illegal shooting of a black bear last fall in Gladwin County.

The bear was shot around Oct. , 1998, near the Molasses River Flooding No. 3 in Grim Township. The legal bear hunting season in that area ended

Rewards are also standing for two other bear poaching incidents that occurred last July. A

Blanc, Clarkston does boast

field. Junior Katie Tripi shifts.

back to the sweeper position

where she starred as a fresh-

man, while senior fullback Jen-

nifer Kerney and senior stopper

Charity Brown, a part-time

The fourth spot on defense will

be filled by junior newcomer

Mitchell also hopes that she

can receive more production off

Versatile junior Katie

Kennedy can play numerous positions, but will likely see

plenty of time in the midfield. Junior forward Jessica Thomas

and junior fullback Kelley Plante

starter last season, also return.

Jenny Yeager

the bench this season.

of experience in the back-

\$2,000 reward is offered for information leading to a conviction of those responsible for killing a bear near Ironwood in Gogebic County, A \$1,500 reward is offered for information leading to a conviction of those responsible for shooting a bear in the Deadstream Swamp in Missaukee County.

Anyone with information on either of these poaching inci-dents should call the DNR's Report All Poaching hotline at 1-800-292-7800. Strict confidentially will be maintained.

Summer jobs

Seasonal job openings are available this summer at the 13 Huron-Clinton Metroparks as well as the state's 96 state park and recreation areas, 700 boat access sites and 13 harbors. If you're looking for a part-time job to fill the summer months and enjoy being outdoors it may be

Lauren Stout will serve as Mor-

gan's understudy between the

Overall, the Wolves hope to

have improved their stock, but will still have its hands full

when playing Bloomfield Hills

Lahser (No. 8 Division II), Royal Oak Kimball (No. 9), much

improved West Bloomfield.

which competed in the OAA

Division I last season, and local

league schedule.

ival Lake Orion in a rugged

"It's a wait-and-see period

" said Mitchell, "I think

right now because of the spring

the chances for us to improve

look good, but we still have to go

out there and do it. It's not going

to be easy, but (improvement) is

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shared the shutouts in the Eagles' wins over Ypsilanti Calvary Christian and Gladwin Skeels Northern Christian.

"Last year goalkeeper was a big question," recalled Hopkins. But now we seem to be looking fairly decent there. Holley is getting better.— she's working at

Up front is where the Eagles display their youth, although it will also be one of the team's strengths.

Because the MACS allows eighth graders to compete at the varsity level without the loss of future eligibility, Sarah Beardslee will lead the Eagles' offensive charge despite still being in

"She's a natural talent," said Hopkins of Beardslee, "I really expect her to be our top offensive , threat."

Beardslee will team up with freshmen Katie Reece and Krystal Thorpe to deliver the offen-

sive punch. Two other players to watch are freshman fullback Mickie Hortick and midfielder Katelyn

Armstrong, another eighth-grade player granted eligibility. "I think we'll know in a few weeks how well we'll do," said Hopkins. "We did lose four starters to graduation and that always hurts. But we have some good young players coming up. If they can produce on a consistent basis, we'll be fine."

Engler's plan from page B1

athletics . . .you go to a girls basketball game on a Tuesday night, you can tell who those girls are: They're here all day. They eat lunch together," said Oxford Athletic Director Pat Ball. Under the proposal "Now we'd have kids we are getting money for who are getting bumped. I believe extracurricular activities, especially athletics, is an integral part of going to school. It's hard to come here after school and become part of

the whole. Then there are the academic questions. Student-athletes are required to maintain certain academic standards. Engler's bill would require the same standàrds, but would require a certificated teacher to go over the academic work of each outside

Ball said schools conduct weekly eligibility checks on all athletes to make sure their grades are good enough to continue to play sports. That would be more difficult if students are coming from other schools, and impossible with home schoolers,

The Michigan High School Athletic Association says that problem would lead to one set of eligibility criferia for public school students, and a separate set for other athletes: The MHSAA also notes that such students are not accountable to their local board of education.

"There is a weak provision for accountability for . . . academic progress during the previous marking period and school year," said Jack Roberts, executive director of the MHSAA. "There is no provision for academic accountability during the current semester, when participation actually occurs. The academic integrity of educational athletics will be lost."

The other argument is an even better one. If the public school isn't good enough for Little Jimmy, why is the school's athletic program good enough?

Life is about choices. Parents who keep their kids at home, for whatever reason, are making choices their children are going to have to live with. Are public schools giving students the highquality education parents rightly think their children deserve? Not all of them, surely. But when parents decide public schools aren't the answer, they have to take everything into consideration, including what they're forc∹

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ing their child to give up. Kathy Stockley, an Oxford businesswoman who lives in the Brandon school district, likes the governor's plan and points out that the idea is already in use in other states, She home-schooled

her three children for a time. "When I was growing up, even When I was growing up, even though I was a real good softball player, they didn't have anything for girls to do," she said. "My daughter goes to Oxford Christian now and her coach told her he didn't care if she played on the boys team. If she could play softball with the Brandon girls, she'd be happy. We pay a huge amount of taxes to Brandon schools and we reap none of the benefits." She agreed, however, that the state should compensate school districts for non-

enrolled students. It's not all about the "Benjamins" for the athletic directors. Oxford's Ball and Brian Whiston, Oakland Schools' Director of Legislative Affairs, agree that the issue of extra-curricular activities is one parents must consider when making the decision on which setting they want

their child to be educated in. That's a choice they made," Whiston said. "And then for them to say that successful," When you make a decision, you make it of all the issues."

The MHSAA's Roberts is even more critical. In a commentary sent to media outlets, Roberts wrote, "We have no quarrel with those who choose alternatives to public schools. They should have this prerogative. And likewise, schools should be allowed to limit their teams to their own students.

"Some people who do not choose public schools for their children's classroom education want their children to associate with those schools for the sports teams their preferred program of education either cannot or will not provide. They ignore the hypocrisy of that position."

Experts in the field think it's a bad idea. Coaches, athletic directors and administrators are against it. The single biggest athletic organization in the state the MHSAA — believes it's the wrong way to go.

Is Engler listening? Probably

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The Metroparks are looking for individuals young or old to fill positions such as toll atten-dants, life guards, grounds and maintenance workers, public service attendants, pool atten-dants and naturalists. The pay ranges from \$5.75 per hour to \$6.70 per hour with a \$.80 per hour bonus upon completion of

the contract For additional information on job openings at the Metroparks call 1-800-47-PARKS.

The Department of Natural Resources Parks Division also has openings for part-time and full-time summer jobs. Applicants must be 18 years of age and willing to work weekends and evenings, Seasonal workers will assist permanent staff. Job responsibilities may include handling permit sales, perform-

ing campground duties, clerical work, equipment operation, trail maintenance, mowing, landscap-

ing and sanitary duties Pay is \$6 per hour for the first year and \$6.50 per hour for sub-

sequent years, interested individuals should contact the state park or recreation area or the boating facility you wish to work at. For addi-tional information call the DNR Parks Division at (517) 373-

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bparker@oe,homecomm.net on call Bill Parker evenings at (248) 901-2573.)

tails Unlimited will hold a fundraising banquet beginning at 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 9, at the Deer Lake Athletic Club in Clarkston, The event will feature a buffet dinner, an auction, door prizes, sporting equipment, lim-ited edition wildlife and outdoor art, Whitetails Unlimited collectibles and much more. Proceeds from the event will be used for conservation and youth related projects. Tickets are \$55 each, \$95 for couples and \$35 for juniors 15 and under. Deadline to purchase tickets is March 29. To order tickets or for more information call Tom Bushong at (616) 781-8430.

FISHING TOURNAMENTS

SALMON STAKES

The 21st annual River Crab Salmon Stakes charity fishing tournament and raffle will be held Saturday April 24. Money raised through the sale of \$10 raffle/entry tickets will benefit the Blue Water mental Health Clinic and other programs that help troubled children, adults and their families statewide. Raffle prizes include a trip for two adults and two children to Mackinac Island, use of a private suite for a Detroit Tigers base-

ball game, a weekend for two in Chicago, \$500 in gift certificates to Chuck Muer restaurants, and a limousine ride and dinner for two at a Chuck Muer restaurant. Ticket stubs are also good for \$10 off dinner for two or Sunday brunch at participating Chuck, Muer restaurants, There are also cash prizes for the anglers, boats and clubs who catch the biggest salmon and trout on tournament day Tickets are available at Charley's Crab in Troy, Meriwethers in Southfield, Muer's Sea Food Tavern in West Bloomfield, Big Fish in Dearhorn, Big Fish Too in Madison Heights, Gandy Dancer in Ann Arbor, or by calling the River Crab at 1-800-468-3727.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nomi-nal fee: Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

NATURE PROGRAMS

The nature center at Stony Creek will offer the following programs beginning at 11 a.m each day during spring break: Turtles and Tortoises, Thursday,

April 8; Bluebirds for You, Friday, April 9.

SPRING CLEANUP

Spring cleanup days are scheduled at several Metroparks in the upcoming weeks. Most programs last one-half day and lunch is provided for all volunteers who register in advance Cleanup days will be held Satur-day, April 17, at Stony Creek (1-810-781-4242) and Metro Beach (1-800-477-3172); and Saturday, April 24, at Lake Erie (1-800-477-3189) and Kensington (1-800-477-3178).

SENSORY SOAKERS

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STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

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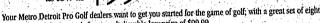
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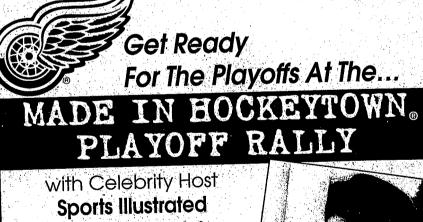
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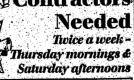
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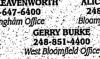
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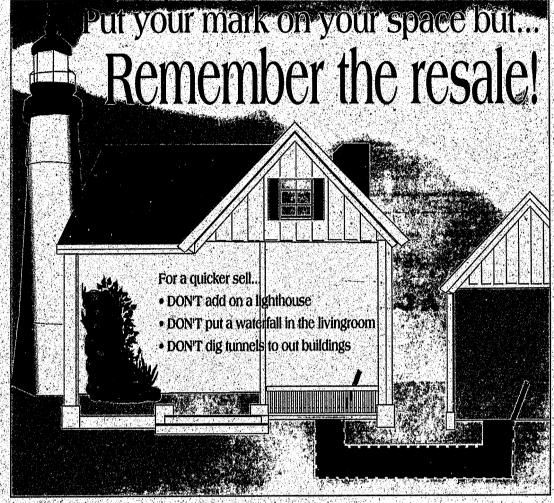
market has appreciated in certain areas between 10-15 percent. Condominiums in Newport, particular-

ly overlooking the bay, are extraordinarily expensive. For example, a 1,700square-foot condominium with an ocean view may cost as much as \$600,000.

Of course, some homes in the Newport bay area are in the multi-million dollar range, depending on the size and location. Thirty-foot lots on Balboa Island will encompass homes ranging from one to five million.

Therefore, I would recommend that you obtain a knowledgeable broker and be prepared to spend substantial sums of money, far in excess of what you may be used to here in Michigan and shop around.

Robert M. Meisner is an Oakland County area attorney concentrating his practice in the areas of condominiums. real estate, corporate law and litigation. You are invited to submit topics that you would like to see discussed in this column, including questions about condo-miniums, by writing Robert M. Meisner, 30200 Telegraph, Suite 467, Bingham Farms MI 48025. His e-mail address is bmeisner@ mich. com, and his Web site is http://www.meisner-law.com This column provides general information and should not be construed as legal opinion.



BY DOUG FUNKE

Houses that are different generally take longer to sell and sometimes command less money.

Not everyone wants a waterfall in the family room, a tennis court in the back yard or a tunnel connecting the

basement to a detached garage À newsroom colleague recalled a house with a giant mural of grazing sheep painted on a living room wall. There's a reason Realtors cry for neutral colors and simplicity in decora-

Minor quirks can be easily undone. But some challenges go beyond wall

Sandy Pattock-Beeler, a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Preferred in Plymouth, once marketed a house in Milford with a tunnel leading from the basement to the garage as "a mechanic's dream."

"They could go right to the base-ment to get tools and not deal with inclements," she said: "Someone looking for an extended work area - that's what you have to draw on?

The property took a little longer to sell but eventually did. At a reduced price, too.

"When you have a negative, you have to look at the positive," Pattock-Beeler said.

"When you list a house (that's different), you have to tell the seller there may be a problem. It may take time. There's always the right person. It's a matter of finding them. You have to stay positive," she said.

Quality Real Estate Better Homes and Gardens in Livonia, once came across a house with a large, built-in waterfall in an enormous family room.

The people he was showing were impressed but didn't make an offer. They didn't like the price and thought that the house in Farmington Hills needed work. But they sure liked the waterfall.

They had to take a second look," Snyder said. "It surprised them.

🗰 'When you have a negative, you have to look at the positive.

> Sandy Pattock-Beeler with Coldwell Banker Preferred in Plymouth

They thought it was quite nice."

Houses with unusual or quirky features probably sell better at upper price ranges in tonier, trendier com-munities, Snyder said. "You get up where people are spending more money, I don't find it unusual."

But a waterfall at a home in Westland and Garden City would be more problematic, prospective buyers less interested, he said.

"That's flooding," Snyder said with a

Michael DeForrest, a Realtor with Real Estate One in Troy, agrees that quirkiness flies better at the upper end of the sales spectrum.

"I sold one last year that had a lighthouse built onto it," DeForrest said. "It was on a lakefront house. It was four stories high. They did a beautiful job attaching it. I had the buyer. This guy thought it was incredible."

Of course, a lighthouse on the waterfront isn't unheard of.

DeForrest found less interest as listing agent for a house with a tennis court that took up most of the back yard. "It wasn't a huge estate. (Most)

people wanted a yard," he said. In that instance, DeForrest and the ered the pr comparable houses in the neighborhood. The eventual buyer apparently thought that more house and less yard for the money was OK and eventually came to enjoy the tennis court,

"There's an old rule of thumb that basically every house will sell. At what price, you never know," DeFor-

Teri Pate, a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Schweitzer in Farmington

Hills, has leaned from firsthand experience that you can't judge a book by its cover or a house solely by its exte-

She related the tale of the recent sale of a home to a couple who wanted a moderate fixer-upper, but weren't impressed with the exterior of the house built in 1925. That is, until they got inside.

The interior had been totally gutted and redone," Pate said. "Only the kitchen needed updating. It looked like a brand new home on the inside in a 1920s shell. They liked the uniqueness of the home."

There's more to this story. Neither the buyers nor Pate knew that it had been designated a state historic house when submitting a purchase offer.

The home had been a rental for five years and wasn't noted as an historic house on the Multilist. The buyers discovered the historic status at city hall when inquiring about relocating a driveway.

"At that point, they found out what was involved - you can't do anything on the outside without going through the historical commission," Pate said.
"They fell in love with the house. They decided to go ahead with the

purchase. The ultimate irony, Pate said, is that there seems to be a niche of buyers looking for historic homes, so that older houses sometimes move quicker.

But not always, especially if the wners want to make a financial

killing and hang on too long. "What is a hard-to-sell property? Location either on a main road or an der house where developmen

built totally around it," said Stephen M. Cole, a Realtor with RE/ MAX Showcase Homes in Birmingham. "People hold on, thinking they're

going to get a million dollars," Cole said. "They're just an island out there. Market value goes down. Who's going to buy it? Those homes become land-locked or value-locked. Over time, the family dies.

And a neighboring business buys the homestead for additional parking.

Employment Jumps

The following 12 states enjoyed the greatest net growth in non-farm payrolls for the one-

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Texas	254	2.9%
Florida	236.7	3.7%
New York	129.4	1.6%
Georgia	100.4	2.7%
Arizona	98.4	5%
Virginia	93.7	2.9%
Michigan 🛴	87	1.9%
Washington	79.6	3.1%
Illinois	78.3	1.3%
Massachusetts	77.1	2.4%
South Carolina	75.3	4.3%
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page to check it out).

column as well as current mortgage rates (the mortgage rate link is on the mortgage column page).

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Homeowners finding lots of benefits

A record 66.8 percent of Americans now choose to buy a home rather than rent, according to Quicken's, a financial services computer software firm.

And it's no wonder. The federal government provides homebuyers, home sellers and even mortgage refinancers a bevy of tax breaks.

One of the most attractive aspects about home ownership are the tax benefits," said Jeff Wenzel, Livonia area manager for Norwest Mortgage. "Your home is a physical shelter, but serves as a great tax shelter as well."

Federal and state tax laws allow real estate property taxes and interest paid on residential mortgages to

be claimed as deductions.

So when you write your monthly mortgage check, the interest you pay is, in most instances, fully deductible or subtracted from taxable income, Wenzel said.

Another tax benefit provided by the 1997 Taxpayers Relief Act allows married home sellers, in most instances, to skip paying taxes on up to \$500,000 in profits they receive when selling their principal residence - even if the money isn't rolled over into a new

The tax-free limit for single home sellers is \$250,000.

Anyone who has relocated because

of a new full-time job may be entitled to deduct (offset from income) some of the costs associated with the move. Those include transportation, lodging while en route and storage of furni-

The move must be at least 50 miles from the previous employer and require the individual to work a mini-

mum of 39 weeks per year. Michigan also allows a property tax credit that hinges on income levels

and the amount of property tax paid. Homeowners not updated on the many tax federal and state regulations that may apply to them should consult a tax adviser.

HOMES SOLD IN OAKLAND COUNTY

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CREW MEETING/OUTING

Commercial Real Estate Women host a meeting and night at the opera.. Wednesday, April

WASHINGTON (AP) - The

average interest rate on 30-year

fixed-rate mortgages held steady

at just below 7 percent this week.

The average was 6.98 percent,
the same as last week, Freddie

Mac, the mortgage company, said.

Thursday, That's down from a 10-month high of 7.11 percent three

weeks earlier but nearly a quar-

ter percentage point higher than the 6.74 percent average at the

Mortgage rates hold

below 7 percent

The evening begins at 5:45 p.m. at the Detroit Athletic Club with hors d'oeuvres and a discussion about Detroit's theater district 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 House. Cost is Detroit Opera House. \$40 for members, \$45 for non-

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

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ARCHILECTURE

Lawrence Technological Uni-versity presents Dan Hanganu as speaker during its free architecture lecture series 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 29, at the

Fifteen-vear mortgages, a popu-

lar option for refinancing, aver-

aged 6.58 percent this week,

On one-year adjustable-rate mortgages, lenders were asking

an average initial rate of 5.65

percent, down from 5.69 percent.

The rates do not include add-

on fees known as points, which

averaged just under 1 percent of

the loan amount for all three

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Gardin joins Duce Simmons Associates, an architecture, planning and interior design

firm in Troy,

as a project Her current

assignments include the Wayne State University Law School expansion and the Cisler Center Interior renovation for Lake Superior State University.

Gardin received a Bachelor of Architecture degree from the University of Detroit-Mercy and is an associate member of the American Institute of Architects.

Susan Brozes joins Duce Simmons as business development coordinator. She has 18 years experience in

the profession and is responsible for coordinating the firm's mar-keting and public relations efforts. Brozes acquired a bachelor of

from Oakland University and lives in Rochester Hills,

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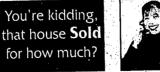
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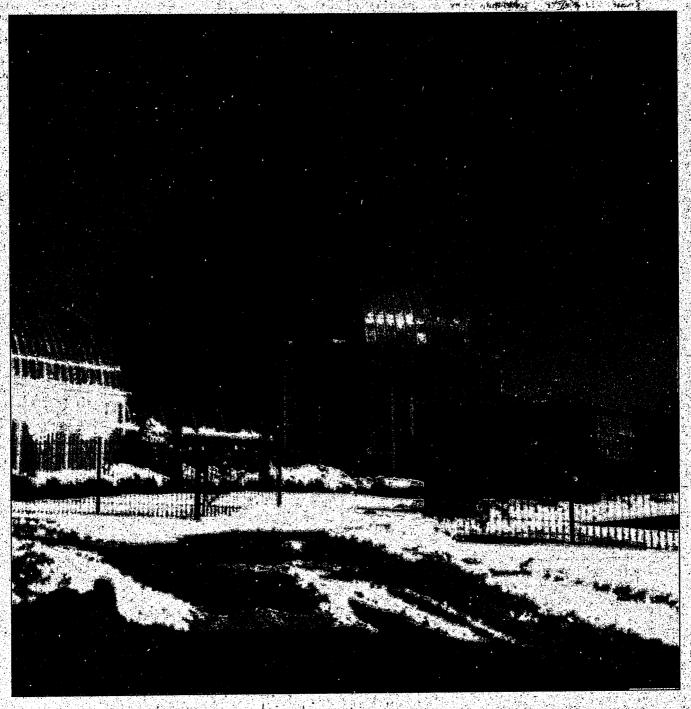


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Go Asian: Try special vegetables



MARTY FIGLEY

National Garden Week is April 11-17 and I hope you find lots of fun things to do related to gardening. Add a little spice to your garden and try a new flower or vegetable.

Gardeners always look for outstanding plants

for their gardens and we look to organizations like The National Garden Bureau to guide us in that quest. They have chosen 1999 as the year of the Salvia and the year of Asian vegetables.

The three Salvias that are easiest to grow from seed or readily available as bedding plants are scarlet sage (Salvia splendens), mealy cup sage (S. farinacea) and S. coccinea — all annuals here. With 900 species in the genus as the result of cross-pollination, it would be most difficult to grow them all — but it might be fun trying!

These members of the Labiatae, mint family (look for square stems) grace

many gardens, and have a long season of bloom. Flowers occur along spiky stems and if you look closely you will see the two parts of each flower. The "tube" surrounds a "case" and are often different colors, or shades of the same color; quite pretty, especially when several are grown.

Whether you're growing Salvias in the ground, or in containers, they need soil that drains well. A 1-inch layer of compost or peat moss will be beneficial before planting.

These five popular Asian vegetables are easily grown from seed or plants and add their special flavors to many menus.

Asian Eggplant (a warm summer crop) likes full sun and well-drained soil, rich in potassium. Hot weather is ideal; a light mulch after the soil is warm.

As the plants begin to bloom, pick off the first few flowers so the energy will go into more fruit production. To control flea beetles, grow under row covers until they begin to bloom. Harvest when the skin is glossy and firm.

Asparagus Bean (yardlong), (also

summer crop) thrives in average soil that's loose and friable. Because of its natural nitrogen-fixing bacteria, there's no need to fertilize, although compost in spring is helpful.

Set plants out after soil has warmed and give them something to climb on. Harvest when beans are about half the diameter of a pencil, before seeds inside of pod have filled out and they still

Daikon (likes early spring or fall conditions) is the most popular vegetable in Japan. This root crop needs nutritious soil; deep and friable, Full sun is best

Thinning allows the plants to develop healthy roots and is quite necessary for best results. Fertilize four weeks after planting with a high phosphate, high potash content. Harvest when mature, all at once, and store in a cool basement in damp sand, or the refrigerator.

Pak Choi/Bok Choi (grow early spring or fall) has been grown for centuries and needs full sun and a somewhat cool spot, Rich, loose, well-drained soil suits it perfectly, with organic matter mixed in. Fertilize with composted manure or a balanced fertilizer four weeks after setting transplants, Watch for cabbage worms, cabbage root maggots and flea beetles. Harvest outer leaves early in season when they're tender; later, the tender inner leaves, or the whole head:

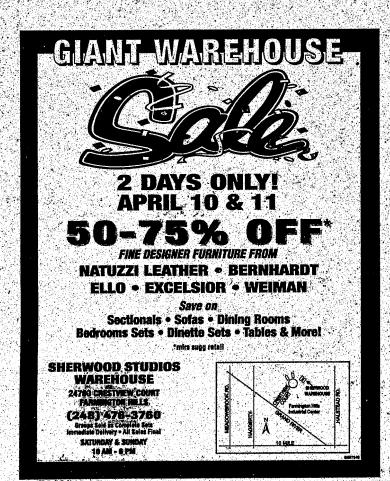
Snow Peas (spring or fall conditions) prefer alightly acidic soil — they don't need nitrogen. Full sun with a trellis to climb on is great.

Keep the plant well watered during, dry spells and cultivate lightly to remove weeds. Mulch when the soil warms, Avoid roof rot by not planting too early. Harvest when pods are beginning to swell, daily to keep plants producing. When they are spent, dig them under to add nitrogen to the soil.

If you are going to sow seeds of any of these plants, follow the package directions.

"Starting From Scratch" is the title of the program the Hill & Dale Garden Club is presenting Saturday, April 17, at the Heritage Park Visitors Center, on Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile, Cost is \$15 and includes lunch.

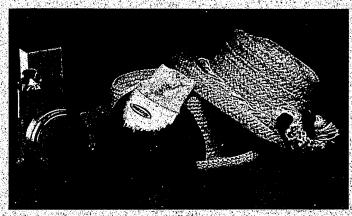
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Garden care

Outdoor protection: Find items that offer skin care for the gardener, before and after tolling in the soil, at stores at the Somerset Collection. Big Beaver Road and Coollidge in Troy. Flexible yet protective, genuine raffia straw hats with wide brims help block the sun's harmful rays from the face. The hat with floral accents is \$35 at Restoration Hardware, the other hat is \$28 at Nature Co. Also from Restoration Hardware are gloves made of stretchable latex that help prevent snags, abrasions and cuts. Cost is \$6. L'Occitane carries 100 percent shea butter hand cream, with calming ylang ylang and jasmine, that is very emollient to the skin. Cost is \$32.50. Softening hand scrub from L'Occitane, \$16, exfoliates the skin with wheat brand and white clay that absorb impurities; leave it on for five to 10 minutes and skin feels soft, velvety and smooth.

Ceramic spring

Extraordinary ornaments: Artist Ann Wheat Pace's handpainted ceramic ornaments can be displayed in the window or used to add a colorful accent to a centerpiece. They are painted in the soft colors of yellow, pink, green and ocean blue, and are hung from satin ribbons. Choose from rose, sunflower, violet, butterfly and

dragonfly for \$15 to \$35 at Jacobson's



How heavenly

On the move: Raphael's Magnificent Possessions, 1799 Coolidge in Berkley, offers The Authentic St. Joseph Home Sale Practice™ kit for \$7.The kit comes with a St. Joseph statue, instructions and a blessing card with a special prayer, all packaged in its own special gift box. Legend has it that people who plant a statue of the saint in the around near their house and pray to him for a quick and prosperous sale of their house have been successful. Call (248) 546-0194.





Beautiful bags

Seasonal accessory: Tender, 271 W. Maple in Birmingham, carries a large range of handbags for spring in a variety of materials and colors, including knits, mesh, pastels, leather, straw and sequins. Tender has a wide selection of petite handbags, with prices starting at \$70. Call (248) 258-0212.

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;

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The program starts with coffee 9:30 a.m. classes begin 10 a.m. and continue to 3

Attendees can choose sessions from Creative Decorating With Items in Your Home, What to Grow When You Want to Do Flower Arranging, Make It and Take It Craft, Basic Flower Arranging, Grow Plants from Seed, Gardening Without Chemicals, and Wake Up Your Garden.

Members of the club and Janet Macunovich will be the presenters. For more information, call (248) 353-2391.

At 4 p.m. today I will be presenting "Scarborough Fair" at Bloomfest, Come

Clarification: The correct number for Green Magić fertilizer is (800) 955-3370.

Don't guess: Soil test garden

By MARTY FIGLEY Special Writer

Now through April 11 you have a chance to have soil tested very easily.

Michigan State University Extension Centers in cooperation with Southeastern Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority (SOCRRA) and the Huron Watershed Council is offering these tests. through participating local retailers.

Soil samples can be taken from each area of your garden that has been treated differently - flower beds, vegetable plots, shrub beds or lawns.

For instance, you may take a sample from several flower beds on your property that have been treated the same, which will be one sample. For a lawn area, take several samples from different

Here's what to do. Decide which type of area you wish to have tested and use a trowel to dig 4 to 6 inches in six spots. You will need a total 2 cups of soil.

Mix the six "diggings" together and put the soil in a zip-lock bag. Label the bag (or bags) according to the area of the garden being tested. The soil can be damp, but not saturated.

Take the sample to a participating retailer, where you will be assisted in

filling out the required forms. The retailer will then box the samples and send them to the MSU soil testing lab. The cost per sample is \$10. For a retailer near your home, call

(248) 858-0880 for Oakland County, (313) 833-3268 for Wayne County and (810) 469-5180 for Macomb County. The web number

http://www.msue.msu.edu/oakland

This is a win-win situation all around. You won't have to box the samples nor will you have to pay the postage. This method is more convenient because you can deliver the samples close to your home.

You will receive information about a fertilization management program designed just for your preferred area.

You can't know what to properly do unless you have soil tested," said Greg Patchen, Oakland County Extension

"Soil testing also allows homeowners to know just the correct amount of fertilizer to use - too much can damage plants and can be a pollution threat to ground and surface water. The end result is that you will have better



Thursday, April 8, 2pm-10pm Friday, April 9, 2pm-10pm Saturday, April 10, 10am-10pm Sunday, April 11, 10am-7pm

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appliance doctor

Save money, clean your condenser



JOE GAGNON

All those years of owning an appliance repair industry and the story, was the same year in and year out. The money started coming in and we started getting busy as soon as the warm weather

arrived. The month of May marked a huge increase in the amount of service calls we would receive every day. It wouldn't slow down again until well into October and by that time, we had fixed or condemned a whole ton of refrigerators and freezers.

People just don't know how an increase in temperature affects the operation of a refrigeration product. The radio show which began some 15 years ago was a good vehicle in educating consumers on what to do and how to maintain a refrigerator, and today I can

say that the show has saved mucho dollars for the people who listen.

This newspaper column has done the same and many of the readers that I meet tell me they tear out the columns and paste them in a book for future reference. All of this makes my involvement worthwhile, but it still leaves me to worry about your refrigerator at home.

There are three most common problems which occur usually during warm weather that cause the service industry to pick up business during summer months. The condenser under the refrigerator, the fan motor that cools the compressor and condenser, and the defrost timer which controls the defrost cycle.

The condenser is the tubing that is located behind the front grill plate that you can remove at the front bottom of your refrigerator. That bunch of tubing, which must be kept clean, is more responsible than anything else for consumers having to buy a new product. When it is dirty, it causes such a heat

load on the compressor that everything labors more than normal. It would be like putting a blanket on the front of your car radiator and driving the carduring warm weather.

Without cool air blowing through the radiator, the engine will overheat and cause serious damage. The same thing applies to the condenser under the refrigerator. The compressor will suffer serious damage, proper cooling temperatures will be affected, a huge increase in your utility bill will occur and you just might have to spend more than \$500 to the compressor replaced.

I have seen it happen to thousands of consumers and if only they had known that cleaning the condenser is a simple 15-minute operation that any homeowner can do. Purchase a long handle condenser brush from your local hardware store and shut the refrigerator off or pull the plug. Along with the crevice tool of your vacuum cleaner, get on your hands and knees and clean it as best you can.

Be careful you don't hit the fan blade

under the refrigerator because it needs to turn freely once you turn if back on. The cleaner you keep the condenser, the longer life the refrigerator will have, the better cooling temperatures it will keep and the less energy it will consume. The cooler temperatures under the refrigerator will extend the life of the condenser fan motor. The bearings on these motors are Jubricated at the factory and the increase in heat factor caused by a dirty condenser created a drying effect on the bearings in the motor.

The same thing occurs to a defrost timer which is located under the product. Please keep in mind just how busy the service man is during the summer months and you will find it easy to remember how important it is to clean your condenser. If you forget, it will prove to be an expensive lesson for your pocketbook. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be reached at (313)873-9789. His book "First Ald on Appliances" is available in book stores and Damman Hardware.







Bloomfest ele "Huntsman," : large toplárý in the Cranbr garden, Is stu Connie Soon Erma Wagne Kneen, Phyllis McLean and Jeanne Grah well as other teers, The Conservatory Belle Isle (at r and on the c featured as ti Centerplece Garden of Bloomfest, Ph Marty Figley.

Bloomfest offers acres of b

The largest indoor flower show in Michigan begins today at Cobo Center in Detroit

Everyone is invited to attend — 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 8:10; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, April 11 — and you won't want forms it! No windows or hot tubs here, just beau tiful flowers, blooming stiruls and flowering trees that add beauty to the many landscape displays that welcome spring.

There is something for everyone of all ages at the first DTE Energy Detroit Bloomfest.

"DTE Energy Detroit Bloomfest is unlike any other event in the region," said show manager Faye Traskos, formerly in charge of the Ann Arbor Flower Show.

All four acres of exhibits are dedicated to plants, flowers, gardening and artistic design. This show was created for those who love to garden, for those who simply love beauty, and for those of us in need of a peek at spring.



Planning . Bloomfest began in November 1996. It is produced by the Michigan Horticultural Society. DTE Energy is the presenting sponsor.

Additional sponsors/supporters are The Chrysler Fund, Ford Motor Company, NBD and Masco Corporation. Trudy DunCombe Archer, 36th District Court judge, and Anthony Earley Jr., CEO of DTE Energy, are honorary co-chairs.

Super show

More than 45,000 square feet of major gardens designed and installed by professional landscape firms and designers are featured.

Five thousand square feet of amateur and student entries in artistic and horticultural competitive classifications recognized by the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan, the Michigan Division-Woman's National Farm and Garden, and the Garden Club of Michigan are being showcased.

The Centerpiece Garden for the show is a one-third scale. model of the Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory on Belle Cranbrook garden.

Sponsored by DTE Energy Co., the model of this fabulous structure weighs 3 tons. Design Origins of Sterling Heights is the designer and builder of the model, which is overflowing with typical conservatory plants such as ferns, cacti, palms, orchids, bromeliads and other tropical plants. A waterfall adds its soothing

Gerald Salerno, chair of

The Conservatory garden is surrounded by four other large gardens with catchy titles such as "Splashing Varnchrist Castle" and Patio of Tranquility."

Radiating from these carefully constructed gardens will be eight equally large landscapes with names that reflect their focus. They include "And Nature Presented Herself," "Natural Harmony, "On Golden Pond" and "Cranbrook – A World of Tranquil Beauty

Cranbrook Trail

Gerald Salerno is chair of the 3,000-square foot Cranbrook garden, made up of two distinct landscapes joined together by "Cranbrook Trail," on which the carriage of Cranbrook's founders, Ellen and George Booth, stands.

The carriage is "drawn" by a life-size topiary Morgan horse

stuffed with sphagnum mo variegated liriope. His nam Booth archives.

In this display, many wi Cranbrook's wildflower res Cranbrook House. Among flowers

The "formal" side hints Booths, Large bay trees that Detroit, and architectural a estate at that time. Flowering rosemary topiaries grow in Official rose

A miniature apricot rose Michigan Miniature Roses i

"It is an apricot blend w ate this rose, selected red po used to pollinate the yellow Bloomfest,' which took five

Barbara Coomer has pro from cuttings that will be s tered with the American Ro

Other features

A large area invites child Children's Village is an edu tural-related activities taug and their families. Several s trough and a train that they

The very large Marketpl vendors offer live plants, b garden-related items.

Regional gardening expe on a variety of topics at two mal 10- to 15-minute garde kiosks.

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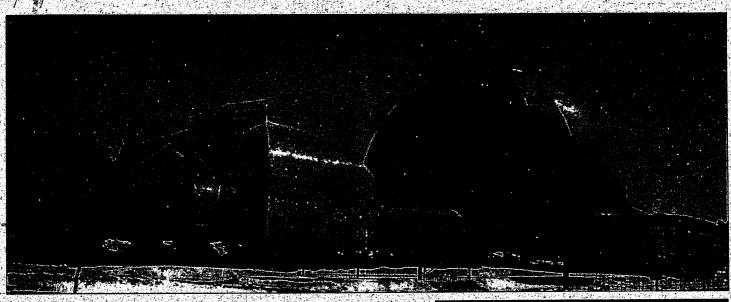
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th yellow and pink," she said. "To crellen from a variety of red blooms was bloomer, Rise & Shine.' The result is years to develop."

pagated the 1,300 "Bloomfest" plants old during the show. The rose is regisse Society.

ren to participate in many activities cational exhibit that features horticulately master gardeners for ages 3-14 tructures such as a greenhouse, a water can ride will entice youngsters, ace is a shopper's paradise where 100 toks, cut flowers, garden art and many

rts will present 75 half-hour programs stages every half hour and give inforn-related demonstrations at the four

ons have conducted and are hosting ormances on the art and science of hororation.

ing during the show include the nc.-Youtheatre, "The Secret Garden"; Pewabic Pottery, historical display of containers used for gardening; the Scarab Club, all-media art show; Cranbrook Institute of Science, exhibit of cultural objects with floral themes and mineral specimens with flower forms; the Arts League of Michigan, Michigan Minority Artists' juried works at the show.

"Also, Detroit Institute of Arts, luncheon and lecture by Eric Haskell, "Modern Floras; The French Woman's Garden in this Century," April 9, includes ticket to Bloomfest; the International Institute, multi-cultural doll exhibit Hall of Nations; April 9; Detroit Public Library, "Gardening on the World Wide Web," 4-5 p.m. April 9; Detroit Science Center, I-MAX Dome Tropical Rain Forest, April 8 and 9, "Growing Fantastic Ferns," April 10, "Listening To Your Plants," April 11; Henry Ford Estate-FairLane, University of Michigan-Dearborn, wildflower walk in the newly restored garden and a Jens Jensen landscape walk.

restored garden and a Jens Jensen landscape walk.

For a complete itinerary, call the organization in which you are finterested or the MHS.

Some of these outings can be a spur-of-the-moment decision when you visit the show. Complimentary transportation to some programs is provided.

Many different refreshments are available for purchase at the food court.

Volunteers.

"My job is to tie up all the millions of details to make this show a success," Traskos said. "Each of the 16 committee is staffed by hundreds of volunteers."

Larry Wright chairs the committee for the major garden exhibits. He is also treasurer of the MHS. Other key volunteers/MHS officers are Jeanne Vogt, president, Vera Sullivan, vice president, and Ed Eaton, secretary.

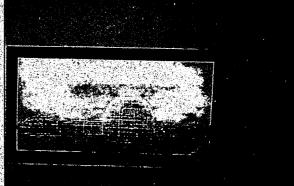
Special committee chairs are Roger Miller, Jacquelin Stengel, Vicki Tobis, Jean Moran, Mike Hoffman and Marilyn Gushee. These volunteers come from all parts of southeast Michigan. They have given, and are giving, along with hundreds of other people, countless hours to make this show a success.

Traskos gives accolades to Vogt.
"She is the spark plug of the show."

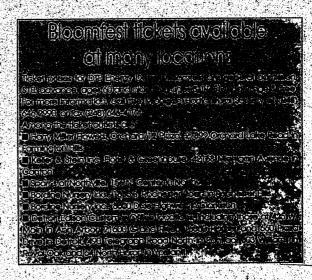
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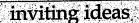
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Centerpiece: Faye Traskos, show manager, holds the artist rendering of the Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory for the Centerpiece Garden at Bloomfest... "Bloomfest" (below, left), a miniature rose, will be available during the show.



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This olive spread isn't just the pits



RUTH MOSSOK JOHNSTON

Salty, fruity, tart, sweet or complex, the olive comes in all sizes, colors and flavors.

Tapenade (TApuh-nahd; ta-pen-AHD), originating from France's Provence region, is a thick paste made from olives (usually black ones but

green ones can be used), capers, anchovies, olive oil, lemon juice, a variety of seasonings (bay and thyme) and sometimes small pieces of tuna. If can be flavored with garlic; mustard, and even rum or Cognac. Tapenade can be mousse-like or the consistency of a relish or chutney. This specialty is used as a condiment, sauce and garnish.

Here are ideas for using Tapenade:

 Use as a spread on toast, bagel chips or crostini (perfect for hors d'oeuvres).

 Blended into a sauce, add to mayonnaise, heavy yogurt or softened cream cheese for crudites (a dip) or a salad dressing

•Mix into cooked pasta (served hot or cold) or used as a topping for your favorite pasta.

 A topping for a submarine sandwich or a layer in a regular sandwich.

*Add to mashed potatoes, mix in after the potatoes are mashed.

An unusual topping for a very thick soup, hot or cold.

 Use as a stuffing for fish, poultry or meat.

• A pizza base, or a focaccia topping. TAPENADE

This traditional black olive spread doesn't need salt, the olives and anchovies take care of that!

Yield: 1 cup

Ingredients:

1/2 pound large, black kalamata, Greek or Niçoise olives, pitted (stoned)

4 anchovy fillets (or more to taste)

I clove garlic, peeled and minced

2 tablespoons capers, drained

2 tablespoons olive oil (use a good quality)

Freshly ground black pepper (to taste)

In the bowl of a food processor fitted with the steel "s" blade or blender, place pitted olives, anchovies, garlic, and capers — process on pulse or blend briefly. With the machine running, add the olive oil in a stream. Mixture should be blended but still course in texture. Transfer to a bowl and add black pepper to faste.

GREEN OLIVE TAPENADE

This version has green olives instead of black. For an additional change of flavor add a combination of different olives.

Yield: about 1 1/3 cups

Ingredients:

- 1 (10-ounce) jar cured pitted green olives, drained
- 1 (2-ounce) can anchovy fillets, well drained
- 1-2 large garlic cloves, peeled and minced

1 tablespoon capers, drained

1/4 cup olive oil (good quality)

1 1/2 teaspoons freshly squeezed lemon juice

Pinch of cayenne

In the bowl of a food processor fitted with the steel "s" blade or blender, place pitted olives, anchovies, garlic and capers — pulse or process until smooth. With machine running, slowly add olive oil and process until mixture becomes a smooth paste (occasionaly scraping down the sides of the work bowl). Mix in freshly squeezed lemon, juice and cayenne pepper. Adjust seasonings.

FRUITY TAPENADE 💉

This fruity twist on the classic French version is great for summer grilled foods or for an appetizer served with crusty baguettes.

Ingredients:

3 cups black kalamata olives, pitted (stoned)

Zest of 2 medium-sized oranges (orange part only, do not include the bitter white pith)

Zest of 1 lemon (yellow part only, do not include the bitter white pith)

'2'cloves garlic, peeled and minced'

2 anchovies, well drained

1 teaspoon capers, drained

I teaspoon dried red pepper flakes (or to taste)

1 1/2 cups fresh Italian flat parsley, stems removed

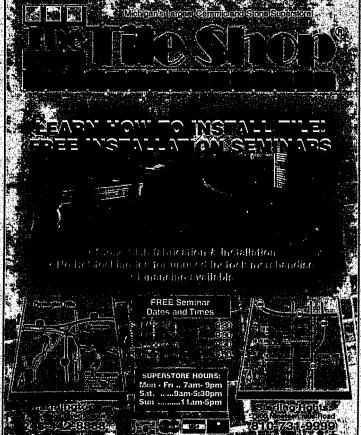
2 tablespoons fresh mint, stems removed

1/4 cup fresh rosemary, stems removed

2 tablespoons olive oil (good quality)

In the bowl of a food processor fitted with the steel "s" blade or blender, place pitted olives, zests of ordinge and lemon, garlic, anchovies, capers, pepper flakes, parsley, and, herbs. Process on pulse, keep coarse. With the machine running, add the olive oil and process on pulse to incorporate oil. Servewell chilled.





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LISA LUCKOW-HEALY

From high atop the Eiffel Tower, the Parisian landscape was aglow with the arrival of nightfall. Nothing could be more perfect. Stress and anxiety were mere afterthoughts as you and your spouse gazed into each other's eyes.

You soon had to leave the carefree life for a trip home, down reality lane. The honeymoon was over.

The two of you returned to your jobs but kept the home fires burning. The sparkle of a new marriage brought you a richer life filled with romance and surprises. As your relationship progressed, you started a family. Date night was redefined. Wine with dinner now meant whine with whatever conversation you and your spouse could share between shoving food in your mouths and hoping; just once, to finish a meal.

Romance was not the same but that did not mean the sparks in your marriage had fizzled. Juggling work, family and relationship simply meant you faced the creative challenges of having to put each in perspective. Once you learned to do so, your relationship with your spouse became more intense than ever.

You learned to use time, at the oddest moments of the day, when work and family were not making their demands of you. You scheduled frequent weekly or biweekly dates to get out – just you and your spouse – to catch up, take in a movie, attend a cultural event, share in your favorite sports, or enjoy a romantic evening for two.

Spending time together as a couple is healthy for your marriage and your family life. Perhaps you and your spouse have forgotten how to plan your time away from work and family. If you simply need new ideas to add the elements of spontaneity and surprise back into your relationship, consider some of the following ways to help keep

the sparks flying or to rekindle a stagnant flame.

When your young children's bedtimes are culting into your evening romance, consider putting the kids to bed a bit earlier. Make an effort to permit the kids to eat their-favorite dinner earlier in the evening. After putting them to bed, concoct an inviting dinner for two by candlelight. Catch up on the week's activities, reminisce about your romance and let new sparks fly!

Eyen when the two of you are out with your family, find ways to steal away a few moments to be together. Plan a picnic in the park. While the kids are safely playing Frisbee, football or catch, take advantage of quiet talk time and the fact that you are together.

Affectionate hugs and kisses between you and your spouse on a daily basis let both of you know the other cares and makes you each feel special. Your children view these as signs of a healthy, loving relationship, and a stable family life.

Surprising your spouse with a single rose or a romantic verse can bring more sizzle to your relationship than spending a great deal of money on an expensive gift. Treat your spouse at the end of a long, grueling day. Include your love note inside, a lunch bag or waiting for your spouse under the pillow.

On index cards, write out words associated with your favorite local entertainment venues. Instead of having concrete plans for the evening, ask your spouse to draw a card from your stack. Make the place associated with the name on this card your evening's starting point. Stay as long as you desire before drawing another card. You might find the perfect place to spend the majority of your evening or decide to pack in a number of locations around town.

Don't let the sizzle fizzle out of your relationship with a lot of excuses. Make the time for each other by making the extra effort to trade in old routines for new ones that add both a sense of excitement and a fresh approach to your relationship.

at home calendar

A master composter class sponsored by the Southeastern Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority will take place Thursdays beginning 7-9 p.m. April 15 at the Royal Oak Senior Adult Center. Registration is \$15 for southeast Oakland County community residents.

\$25 for others. Topics include yard waste reduction, making compost, healthy lawn care, soil health, nutrient cycles and low-maintenance gardening for water quality protection. Volunteer community, service is in course requirements. Call SOCRRA at (248) 288-5150.

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columns, I've discussed the need to keep things simple, express a single idea, and keep backgrounds simplified to assure the viewer's attention will be directed toward the main subject.

But there are times when using the environment as a backdrop can add an extra dimension to your pictures. The environment, when used effectively, can make an otherwise ordinary photograph into one that's extraordinary.

In a picture of a person, for example, what surrounds the subject can tell us something of his or her interests, job or social status, You'll often see environmental portraits where much is learned about the person by the "clutter" in the finished picture.

Sometimes you might just "stumble" onto an unusual photo opportunity where the environment can be a very important ingredient in the end result. This happened to Carol Gies of Bloomfield Hills, Mich., on a recent trip to

Carol, with camera in hand, was visiting Busch Gardens hoping for some good photo opportunities

As she rounded a bend in a pathway, she was greeted with a pattern of strong sunbeams filtering through the trees and accentuated by morning mist. And at that moment, a young boy came skipping down, the path and Carol, ever ready with her camera, captured the moment.

You can see by the photograph shown here how important the environment is in adding impact and drama to Carol's shot.

This is a picture that "tells a story" because of the incorporation of the environment in the photograph.

As in all good photography, pay attention to lighting and camera angle and choose the lens that will enable you to include all that you want in the viewfinder. Be sure to use an aperture small enough to place all the items in your composition in the cantera's depth-



Carol Gles. one of Monte Naaler's top photography students, effectively used the environment to produce this impact-filled picture at Busch Gardens, Florida.

Beaming boy:

of-field. So think about using the environment in your photography. You'll add many proud pictures to your portfolio.

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BY MARTY FIGLEY Special Writer

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Jim Wilson, co-host of TV's "Great Gardeners" and "The Victory Garden," will present "Planting a Paradise in Containers" noon to 3 p.m. Saturday,

Wilson will demonstrate the art of successfully designing and planting in containers, and discuss plants, soils and

Contest seeks essays on Mom

Art Van Furniture invites ages 7-14 to write a brief essay on "Why I Love My Mother.

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Entry forms are available at the Service Center in all Art Van stores. All entries must be received by Wednesday, April 14.

When they complete and return their: essay form to the store, children entering the contest will receive a gold charm necklace (while supplies last) that they may give to their mother on Mother's

Essays will be judged in two groups: 7-10 years and 11-14 years. Each will be judged on creativity.

One winner from each group will be chosen to receive a Howard Miller grandfather clock. The winning essays will be published in Art Van's May 7 newspaper inserts throughout the state.

care. His best-selling books, "Landscap-ing with Herbs" and "Landscaping with Container Plants," will be available for purchase. He will autograph them at

Chef Ron Cóllasanti of the Clever Cooks of Birmingham will present "Asparagus, the Delicacy of Spring" 2-4 p.m. Sunday, April 25, Collasanti will prepare three dishes using this delicious harbinger of the season; tastings will be offered and recipes will be given.

Part two of this day will feature Jim

Slezinski Sr., designer and chief horticulturist of the nursery. He will conduct a workshop, "The Culture of Growing Asparagus," where attendees will learn what to do to assure a perfect crop.

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Wisconsin fiber artist Bird Ross will be the featured speaker for the Needlework and Textile Guild of Michigan 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 13, at First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple in Birmingham.

Guest fee \$5. For information, call -(248) 540-2707 or (734) 475-5851.

Fin a slide lecture called "Sew Far, Sew Good," Ross will share her free-spirited ideas for creating wearable art.



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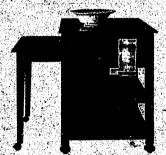
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Eve 6 (above) and Lit perform at St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit, Doors open 6 p.m. for the all-ages show. Tickets are: \$12 in advance. For more information, call (313) 961-MELT or visit http://www.961melt.com.



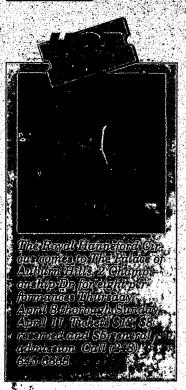


All aboard for an evening of "Twentieth Century Un-Limited" fun 8 p.m. at the Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road, Detroit. Concert features organist Brian Carmody, Doug Jacobs and the Red Garter Band, and songstress Fran Carmody. Tickets \$8 at the door, or call (313) 537-2560.





Legendary pianist Victor Borge performs with the Detroit Symphony .. Orchestra, 3 p.m. at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$13 to \$45, call (313) 576-



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a Doc-Sever... dy gig: Same place, lita a weeks ime five nights a wee for a national audience of insomni-acs on "The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson." Now, Severinsen, 71, is on the

road 46 weeks a year and, he says, "having the time of my life."

On Friday, April 16, Severinsen will bring, his All Star Big Band to Orchestra Hall and he promises a "hot" night, Two thirds of the band are former players with Severin-sen's Tonight Show Band.

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World for on suare and play
swing jazz blues, lots for blues, the
said. A lot of these are the guys,
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Watts on sax Snooks Young and
Conts Candoll, who played with
Woody Herman and Stan Kenton,
or trumpet. Bill Perkins on baritone sax. Eddie Shaughnessy on
drums. Ross Thompkins on piano
and Barbara Morrison on vocals."
Tonight Show fans remember

Tonight Show fans remember Severinsen as much for his flam-boyant attire and witty repartee with ©arson as they do for his often dramatic trumpet stylings, but Severinsen knows his way ground the trumpet, which he calls "glorious instrument but a jeal-

ous mistress. Now that mistress is getting its fair share of attention.

Severinsen began playing when he was a 7-year-old in Arlington, Ore. Named, Carl after his father, he picked up his moniker because his father when his father was a dentist and Severinsen was known as Little Doc. As a kid in eastern Oregon, the had with music was reinfact: had with music was jurebox or the bus stop or the of he said. Swing bands were thing and I heard Tommy severally James and Glenn ss. Harry James et and certainly ession on me. Also ing and when I

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Goodman as mill before between down with a figure a standard mills claim to NBC in 1949. He joined the Tonight Show Orchestra under Skitch Henderson in 1962 and trok over the hand in 1967. The took over the band in 1967. The show made him famous and he

admits to missing it — at first.

"When you go to a job that regularly and it's that big a deal, it's not exactly out of sight, out of mind, It was sweet sorrow," he

Now he finds his band right in step with the times as the country is experiencing a swing revival, though Severinsen said he's been drawing young audiences; all-

"They've been coming right along. I've taken this band out for the last 15 years and the first thing I noticed was how many young people there were," he said. "When the swing revival thing came about I was a little surprised but then I thought about how the young people came to hear us."

WHAT: Doc Severinsen and His All-Star Big Band perform as part of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Ameritech Jazz Series

WHERE: Orchestra Hall, Detroit. WHEN: 8 p.m. Friday, April 16

TICKETS: \$15-\$46 may be purchased at the Orchestra Hall box office or by calling (313) 576-5111. stand the music and appreciate what the band does. He said the music has a good beat and a blues background, "Why wouldn't it sur-

A. few Jan's ago Severinsen-coperimented with fusion emusic, a blending of hope azz with electric rock pioneered by Miles Davis, Chick Cores, Herbie Hancock and others.

"I really enjoyed doing that," he said. "But when I got the big band going, that was when I realized, this is where I belong."

The Big Band is only one aspect of Severinsen's busy musical life. He has recorded more than 30 albums in all musical formats. He also performs regularly with classical and pops orchestras, includ-ing the Detroit Symphony, as a trumpet soloist and as a guest conductor. He is also the principal pops conductor for the Minnesota Orchestra, the Milwaukee Sym-phony, the Buffalo Philharmonic

and the Phoenix Symphony. "But it's great to diesel up the old bus and get the guys and drop in somewhere," he said.

Big band music creates a special feeling for band and audience.

"When the big band is playing the right way, you can feel it coming up through the floor," he said And, as for televison, he's not

eager to return. "No, god, no. Not from what I see there? he said. "Paul (Shafer of the Letterman Show) and his guys do a wonderful job and so do the guys on The Tonight Show. The job is

what it is."
As for Severinsen, he'd rather be on the road again.



Conductor: Hubert Soudant, who will conduct the Mozarteum Orchestra of Salzburg in an all-Mozart program on April 15, has definite ideas on. how Mozart should be played.

Orchestra keeps Mozart's music alive and well

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER hgallagher@oe.homecomm.net

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born Jan. 27, 1756, in Salzburg, Austria. He began to play the harpsichord at age 3 and was composing by the time he was 6. The boy genius never stopped until his life was cut tragically short by rheumatic fever on Dec. 4, 1792.

Salzburg was an inspiration and source for Mozart's music and today continues to keep his music alive.

On April 15, Hubert Soudant will conduct the Mozarteum Orchestra of Salzburg in an all-Mozart program at the University of Michigan's Hill Audi-

"Salzburg in winter is a very German town," said Soudant by telephone from Salzburg. But in the summer, it is an Italian town. In Mozart there is a very great Italian influence in his music.

This warmth and emotion have made Mozart universally loved.

"His music is so universal, first of all," Soudant said. "He talks to the heart of the people in many ways. He's funny, happy, very sad, all kinds of human feelings are involved in his music. The success of Mozart's music is that it talks to everyone."

The Mozarteum Orchestra hab a strong historical connection to the great composer beyond being located in his native city. The orchestra dated from 1841 when citizens of Salzburg; together with Mozart's widow Cpn stanze, founded the "Cathedral Music

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WHO: Mozarteum Orchestra of Salzburg conducted by Hübert Soudant with Till Feliner, plano, Katharine Goeldner, mezzo soprano.

Symphonies No. 25 in g-minor and No. 36 in G Major; Plano Concerto No. 25 in C Major; and two operatic selections.

WHERE: Hill Auditorium on the campus of the University of Michigan as part of the University Musical Society series.

WHEN: 8 p.m. Thursday, April 15

TICKETS: \$16-\$45, Call the UMS Box Office at (734) 764-2538 of (800) 221-1229.

POPULAR MUSIC

Sponge woos hometown with 'New Pop Sunday'

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO STAFF WRITER cfuoco@oe.hon

When Vinnie Dombroski hits the stage, it's impossible to look elsewhere. Whether it be Dombroski's bright, mustard-colored vest, impossibly thin body, or charismatic stage presence, Sponge's lead singer is interesting to watch

Fans feel the same way. During a performance at Guitar Center in Roseville last month, Dombroski sauntered into the crowd and nearly stepped on a young, suit-wearing teen. The youngster didn't seem to care, he just wanted to snap a photo. After a few expletives and a lot of trembling, the teen seemed able to get his shot.

Snapping his fingers toward the sky, Dombroski along with bandmates guitarist Mike Cross, bassist Tim Cross, drummer Charlie Grover, and guitarist/slide guitarist Joey Mazzola tore through hits like the drunken

slide guitar-laden "Wax Ecstatic" and the pop song "Molly (Sixteen Candles)."

But Sponge's visit was all about wooing its hometown crowd into buying "New Pop Sunday" when it hits stores this Tuesday, "New Pop Sunday" (Beyond) sticks closely with the pop formula of its debut "Rotting Pinata" (Columbia).

· That was a move that, Dombroski and Mazzola explained, was calculated. The decision was based more on influences than the fact that the brilliant, bluesy sophomore effort "Wax Ecstatic" (Columbia) was largely

ignored by the label. We always had pop influences from the very beginning of this band. The first album has got pop songs on it, as well as just like rock songs." Mazzola said.

With "New Pop Sunday," the slide guitar has been pushed to the background making way for hand claps

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Celebrating release: Sponge lead singer Vinnie Dombroski sings tracks off his band's latest album "New Pop Sunday" at Overture Studios in Novi. The performance was part of an "Edge Session" hosted by the now-defunct alternative station WXDG-FM 105.1 "The Edge."

well as concern to the ortheshia performed all kinds of music from symphonies to incidental musicifor-burlesques and plays. It acquired its present name in

The orchestra's modern reputation dates from 1920 when Bennhard Faumgartner was invited to participate in the first Szlzburg Festival: Today the 91member Mözarteum is the orchestra for the province and city of Salzburg, gives 130 performances a year and records on several labels. Though playing, the full repertoire of serious music, the orchestra is closely absociated with the music of Mozart, Haydn and Schubert.

"When I started to conduct this orchestra about five years ago, I became a happier person through playing this music. It makes you a richer person," Soudant said.

In addition to being the chief conductor for the Mozarteum Orchestra, Soudant, 53, is also the chief conductor for the

This group was to be devoted to Nantes/Angers. He also serves as "the reinfement of musical taste guest conductor for many lead-with regard to safed music as incorress. val Orchestra, the Houston Sym-Soudant said that in addition phony Orchestra and the Dallas to having brilliant technique. Symphony He is also a leading Fellner knows how to "look for conductor for constant or the state of the

conductor for opera. Soudant has definite ideas on how Mozart should be played.

The most important thing is that it has to be alive, funny, dancing, twinkling in the eye," he said. "Mozart done stiffly, you can't express the soul of the com-

The two symphonies provide a contrast. Symphony No. 36 "Linz" is, according to Soudant, lightly textured with a beautiful second movement." But Symphony No. 25 is different.

The g minor symphony is a statue, a column in every musi-cian's life, to feel the deepness of this music," Soudant said. "It's always a struggle, a profound

Also profound is the Piano Concerto No. 25, Mozart's longest concerto.

"It's like going through the

complete life of a penson; s much is involved." Soudant said. The planist Mill Relling in regarded as one of the fines young interpretable was in music.

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The 'brogram at Hill will include two world, selections, "Alma grande e tiohil 'core" and "Cho'id mi scordi di ye" performed by Katharine Goeldner.
"In the time of Mozars, com

posers wrote for courts and the church, financed by the church, or a prince or princess. They asked composers to write operas for them," Soudant said. "For these small cities, it was an evening out, the entertainment of the time."

Soudant said Mozart is the biggest name in opera, combining his protean musical talent with the other elements of literature and staging that make opera "all arts in one."

The Mozarteum performance is one of 10 on a tour of major U.S. cities April 8-22.



Half-hour show: Sponge - from left, slide guitarist Joey Mazzola, singer Vinnie Dombroski, and guitarist Mike Cross - played "Wax Ecstatic," and, from "New Pop Sunday," "Planet Girls" and "Live Here Without You" during its "Edge Session" in late. March. .

shed his gold tooth.

Newly inspired,

ditched producer John Kalodner, returned to The Loft in Saline

and engineer Tim Patalan, who

Records in 1984 and continues to

work with the group. Dombroski said that Sponge

was unhappy with Kalodner's

preference to lean toward two

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Greenfield Village plows into spring

blooming, the grass is green and new-life is abounding as Green-field Village begins its 70th sea-

The Village will celebrate Spring Farm Days April 22-25. itors can see what life was like on farms during the 18th 19th centuries from plowing land to spring cleaning.

"For the past 70 years we've told stories of how ordinary Americans accomplished extraordinary feats," said Chris-tian Overland, director of Public and School Programs. "This yent we're celebrating our history and offering visitors experis which are fun, educational, and inspirational. In just a few sliprt weeks, our Merino sheep will be giving birth to the new lamps of spring.".

Stroll down one of the village's historic lanes as the celebration. of 70 years of American innovation and resourcefulness will be felt from the Noah Webster House to the Cape Cod Windmill

Costumed presenters in authentic period clothing are happy to tell you how the original occupants of over 80 historic sites spent their days during the 18th and 19th centuries.

Come také a ride on a 1913 Carousel featuring a variety of exquisitely carved wooden animals. Visitors can also ride the double decker. Suwance steamboat on the Suwance Lagoon from May 31 through Sept. 6. See the entire village while taking a ride on our steam-powered locomotive or horse-drawn car-

Before crossing into the new millennium, take another walk back in time across the Ackley Covered Bridge built in 1832 but recently rejuvenated for years to

School's almost out for the year but it's back to school for Sam and Jeb, our young team of working steers-in-training. Notable village favorites, these two-year-old oxen will be put back in their yokes and walked through the village roads.

Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village are located at Oakwood Boulevard and Village Road in Dearborn, Michigan, just west of the Southfield Freeway (M-39) and south of Michigan Avenue (U.S. 12).

Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Admission to Henry Ford Museum or Greenfield Village is \$12.50 for adults; \$11.50 for senior citizens 62 and over; \$7.50 for kids 5-12 years old. Children under 5 and members are admitted free

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hip-shaking melodies ("Planet Girls," "Live Here Without You") and '80s-inspired riffs ("When

You're on Fire Baby, Roll"), But "New Pop Sunday" is a heart-breaker of an album. Take, for example, the first single "Live Here Without Your where Dombroski sings: "I can't kiss you anymore/ I can't miss you any-more/ Love's not easy to ignore/ When your heart lies bleeding on the floor/ I just sit and count the

days/days until you'll be mine."
"New Pop Sunday" was started
as a project for Columbia but creative differences severed the relationship between Sponge and

the Sony-owned label. "It was a mutual decision. We were dissatisfied with the record and the direction that the record was taking. It was a business decision at that point," said Mike Cross, an Oakland County resident:

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part guitar arrangements. "The reason why we weren't so The thing that was pretty inclined to want to release a third record on Columbia was we consistent with the last two understood one thing: if we had another shot at releasing a single, that single would literally

records, was the laying of gui-tars. We had a lot of different guitar parts going on The direc-tion of the record a year ago was get 6-8 weeks of push from the label, just like Wax Ecstatic got. If it didn't just blow out in 6-8 just two-parf guitar arrange-ments. We don't do that kind of stuff, It's more layered," Dom-broski explained. Returning to Patalan is a tes-tament to the band's faith in the weeks they'd either move on to another single or they'd get off the record," added Dombroski who; since "Wax Ecstatic" has

producer — or, perhaps, just

"No matter how we try to get away, we always have to go back there," bassist Tim Cross said.

also worked on "Wax Ecstatic" and "Rotting Pinata." Kalodner signed Aerosmith to Geffen Sponge will perform and sign autographs at noon Sunday, April 11, at Harmony House, 30830 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills The show is free Call (248) 626-4533 or visit http://www.sponge-online.com for more information. min-manname -

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On stage: Matt Troyer stars as the "Playboy" and Emily N. Miller plays the object of his affection, "Pegeen Mike," in the Irish comedy, "The Playboy of the Western

Hilberry does lyrical 'Playboy'

Wayne State University's Hilberry graduate theater company presents Ireland's finest literary masterpiece, John Millington Synge's "Playboy of the West-ern World" in rotating repertory through May 8 at theater, Cass and Hancock, Detroit. For tickets, call (313) 577-2972.

BY SUE SUCHYTA SPECIAL WRITER

If St. Patrick's Day has you longing for the lyric tongue of the Emerald Isle, look no further than the Hilberry Theatre's stage. They may not be in Cork town, but the fine lasses and lads fill the auditorium with the rich language of a literary masterpiece, and a little blarney as

The Playboy of the Western World" is a poetic story of a young man on the run who

believes he killed his father with an angry blow from a shovel. The local peasants, awed by his notoriety, treat him like a hero, and he is beset by fawning females. However, events take an unexpected turn when his supposedly dead father arrives in sore pur-

Emily Miller is warm and sensually romantic as Pegeen, the publican's daughter whose bored acceptance of her betrothal to Shawn, a young farmer, changes to defiant excitement when she turns her charms upon the fleeing felon Christopher.

Puppy-faced Matt Troyer winningly portrays Christopher Mahon, the shovel-wielding son whose newfound notoriety atfirst confounds and then delights him. Troyer's face displays a multitude of moods, from sensual satisfaction from the fawning females to dumfounded fear when his staggering and furious father crashes in on his newfound fame

David Engelman gets a break from somber, serious roles as he assumes the persona of the hapless, weak-willed fiancée. Both his verbal and physical performance of Shawn, Pegeen's intended, capture the comic yet human aspects of the character's icalousy and frustration as Christopher and Pegeen gravitate closer together.

The village maidens, played by Sara Catheryn Wolfe, Heidi Olson and Tanisha Gonzalez, and a scheming widow, played by Cat Shoemaker, kept the audience in stitches with their barely contained fawning over Christopher. The rough and resurrected father, played by Fred Shahadi, also took full advantage of physical comedy to garner his share of

In a fascinating scene, an outside horse race was feverishly, watched from the pub window by the locals. In contrast to this. excited energy, the heartfelt dia logue between Pegeen and Christopher captures the play's romantic and lyric nature.

The set is wonderful detailed

yet rough hewn, with straw and mud walls, a huge stone hearth, and meticulously detailed props. right down to a straw-stuffed mattress. The costumes captured the careless, careworn peasant attire, with attentive detail spent even on the laced up boots of the era.

The dialogues may be difficult. to follow at times due to the heavily accented and lyrical nature of the script. However, it's easier to follow than Shake: speare, and closer to our era by a long shot.

Former acrobat wrestles alligators in Hanneford Circus

comes to The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Drive for eight performances Thursday, April 8 through Sunday, April 11, SCall (248) 645-6666 for tick-

et information, By KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER

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Alligators are hardly cuddly critters, but Tahar likes them very much.

"They don't make noise, and they're not stinky," said Tahar, one of the featured performers in

We've all done it.

Maybe we're

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the radio in a

traffic jam and

catch the tail

end of an unfa-

miliar tune. Or

we're at home

preparing din-ner and using

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opening tonight at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

North Africa, Tahar began his circus career as an acrobat not an alligator wrestler.

He holds the Guiness World record for supporting the largest human pyramid of all time — 12 men, three tiers high, for a total weight of 1,700 pounds. "I was with Ringling Bros. &

Barnum Bailey Circus when they asked me if I wanted to develop an alligator act for an African show," he said. "I trained with a guy in the Everglades in

Tahar's act was a success, and he left the circus to perform at Born in Marrakesh, Morocco in casinos in Las Vegas. He's also been featured on TV shows in Argentina, Brazil, and Venezuela.

"Kids are crazy for them," said Tahar about the alligators he wrestles. "People think you're nuts for sticking your head in an alligator's mouth. It's something new for the audience."

He's been hurt a couple of times, but not bad enough to quit. "Alligators are not smart," said Tahar. "I just handle them." He owns an alligator farm in

Texas and changes the alligators he uses in his act every six. months. "The new ones are more active and do a better job," he said. "People like them so much."

Tahar is just one of the high lights of the Royal Hanneford Circus, which features artists from around the world.

Johnny Peers and The Muttville Comix is a slapstick comedy act involving a menagerie of mongrels. The dogs, acquired through animal shelters, have been trained to knock Johnny down and walk over him. You'll see the Frisco. Bros. Per-

forming Elephants — Dumbo,

■ 'People think you're nuts for sticking your head in an alligator's mouth. It's something new for the audience.'

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Gina and Joyce and The Nerve-less Nocks who have earned universal acclaim for their daring stunts on skyscraping swaypoles, completely free of guy wires and

Kids will watch with wonder

eight-year-old Tomanov dangles high above the floor from two canvas straps for a death defying gymnastic re tine that definitely cannot be done at home.

Producer searches out local reggae band



background noise when an irresistible and unknown piece of music catches our ear. We have to know more.

Ever get so obsessed that you call the radio station and plead for information from anyone who will take your call? "Sorry, I don't know the name of the song or the artist, but it goes like this . doo, doo, doo, doo, doo, doo, doo." Sadly so does everything from Beethoven's Fifth to

Heartbreaker" by the Rolling Stones. Frustrated and a bit humiliated, we usually abandon our pursuit. It happened recently to Ron

Pangborn, who serves as music producer for the "Backstage Pass" series on Detroit Public Television. Ron has been on a mission to ensure that standouts from every genre of music get their gig on the show. It was regae's turn, and he was scouting Caribbean music program on umn, because I know how these

WDET-FM when he was struck by a piece from a band called Universal Xpression.

Remember the Richard Dreyfuss character in "American Graffiti," who stalked Wolfman Jack to get a dedication out to the mysterious blonde (Suzanne Somers) in the T-Bird. Ron approached his search for the band with the same drive and passion, and, fortunately, he didn't have to look far. An overnight technician who works in the adjoining control room to the "Backstage Pass" studio had the

"He told me that Universal Xpression is a Detroit-based band. So I tracked them down on their web site and booked them immediately on the show, he says. The sextet has excellent credentials, recording five albums during its six year existence, and touring with such notables as Burning Spear and Third World. It was the intriguing blend of reggae, with an undertone of American. African and Latin rhythms that caught

"It's always gratifying when you hear music this fresh and exciting, especially when you discover that a local band is creating the sounds," he adds.

I was happy to oblige when Michael Julian's Saturday night them on the show and this col-

obsessions go. It also occurs to me that if scenes from that movie were set in the late '90s, the mysterious blonde in the T Bird would probably have a web site and ruin the plot. Of course, there might be some suspense over whether she was Y2K com-

There's no denying Ron's passion for music. When it comes to commitment to theatre, we may never see another story as incredible as Chuck Forbes' successful effort to save his Gem Theatre. When the Gem was threatened with extinction as plans for a new baseball stadium vere taking shape a year and a half ago, Forbes had the five million pound structure put up on els and rolled to a new home five blocks away. It was a feat that merited attention by the Guinness Book of World Records.

Dave Toorongian, one of the producers of the recent television documentary "The Hudson's Building," is preparing a seg-ment which chronicles the theatre's history and the amazing relocation to Madison Avenue. But the key to this success story is Chuck Forbes' devotion to his 450-seater, which made its trire-opening last umphant

In an edition of "Backstage iring on Detroit Public TV at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, April 11, an admiring view of the Gem will be

presented, along with an in-studio performance by the cast of its current production, "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," and the music of Universal

Ron Pangborn found music of the Caribbean in his hometown. Chuck Forbes found a new neighborhood five blocks away for his beloved theatre. It's a reminder that we usually don't have to travel far to indulge our passions for the arts.



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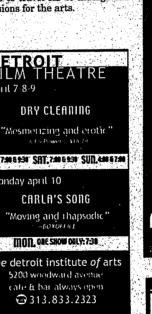
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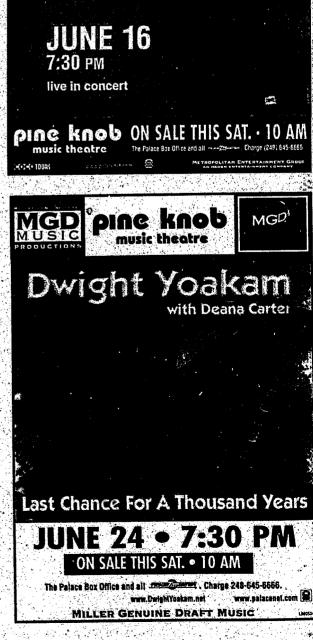
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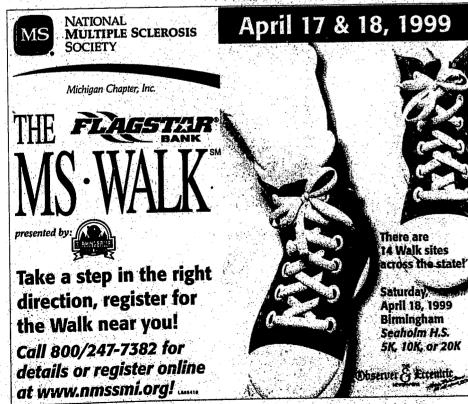
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THE CENTURY THEATRE

"Forbidden Hollywood," April 14-June 27, Gem/Century building, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit, 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays (\$29,50), 7:30 p.m. Thursdays (\$29,50), 8:30 p.m. Fridays (\$34.50), 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturdays (\$34,50), 1:30 p.m. Sundays (\$29,50), and 5:30 p.m. Sundays (\$24.50). (313) 962-2913 FOX THEATRE

The Wizard of Oz" 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 8-9, 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) 433-515/(313) 983-6611 GEM THEATRE

"I Love You, You're Perfect; Now Change," runs through June 27 at the theater, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. MACOMB CENTER FOR THE

PERFORMING ARTS "Meet Me in St. Louis," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 15, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 16-17, and 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the center, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. \$30, \$27 students/seniors, \$80 family of four. (810) 286-2222/(800) 585-

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE "The Rocky Horror Show," Wednesday Sunday, April 14-May 9, at the theater In Wilson Half, Oakland University, Rochester. \$24-\$35, previews April 14-16 \$19.50-\$35. (248) 377-3300

OPERA

ELIZABETH PARCELLS The Detroit coloratura soprano sings songs and arias by Mozart, Donizetti and Bellini. and offers commentary on the music during a concert noon Wednesay, April 14, in the Forum Recital Hall at Schooloraft College 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia, Free. (734) 462-4400, ext. 5218

VERDI OPERA THEATRE OF MICHIGAN Canton Project Arts presents "Discover Opera," featuring live performances by the Verdi Opera Theatre preceded by an informative presentation "Opera: What It's All About," and a display of rare opera posters, 3:30 p.m. (4 p.m. concert) Sunday, April 18, at the Summit on the Park, Canton. \$10. (734) 397

COLLEGE

"The House of Blue Leaves," this award-yinning play is a farce about a middle-aged zoo attendant who longs to fulfill his dream of becoming a famous songwriter, Friday Saturday, April 9-11. and Thursday-Saturday, April 15-17; 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, at Quirk Theatre on Eastern Michigan University's cam-pus, Ypsilanti, \$7, Thursday, \$12 Fridays Saturdays, \$10 Sunday, (734)

U-D MERCY THEATRE "Biloxi Blues;" Nell Simon's play set in a U.S. Army boot camp during World War 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 Michigan playwright Dennis North, directed by Guy Sanville of Purple Rose Theatre Company, through April 11, at the Trueblood Theatre, Ann Arbor, \$14, (734) 764-0450

U-M THEATER DEPARTMENT Candide," by Leonard Bernstein, 8 Thursday Saturday, April 15-17, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 18, The Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor, \$18 and \$15 reserved seating, \$7 student seating. (734) 764-0450

WSU HILBERRY THEATRE 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 peas-ant village, runs through May 8 in rotat-ing repertory, at the theater, 4743 Ave., Detroit, \$10-\$17. (313)

WSU STUDIO THEATRE The Subject Was Roses," the Tony Award and Pulitzer Prize-winning drama chronicles the homecoming of War II veteran, through April 18, 8 p.m. Thursdays Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Supdays, in the theater, 4743 Cass Ave., at Hancock, Detroit. \$8, \$6 students/seniors, (313) 577-2972

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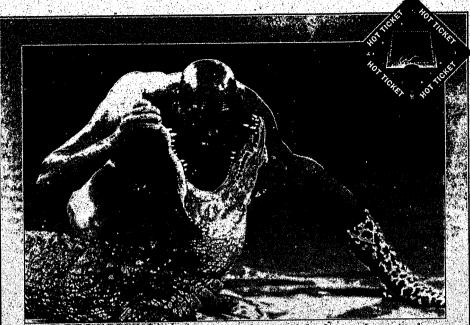
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"A Thousand Clowns," 8 p.m. Fridays Saturdays, april 16-17 and 23-24, and p.m. Sunday, April 25, at Hartland Music Hall, 3619 Avon. \$8, \$7 students/seniors. (810) 220-3521 SHAKESPEARIENCE

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 1-75, Hamtramck, \$10, suggested donation. (313) 365-4948

TROY PLAYERS

"Steel Magnolias" by Robert Harling opens 8 p.m. Friday, April 9 and continues 8 p.m. Frideys and Saturdays, April



Family event: Takar and his alligators are one of the featured acts in the Royal Hanneford Circus at The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Drive for eight performances Thursday, April 8 through Sunday, April 11. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 8; 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 11; 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. Tickets \$12 and \$8 reserved and \$5 general admission. All seats \$4 opening night. All seats for the Friday matinee are \$5. Children 12 and under and seniors 65 and over will receive \$2 off \$12 and \$8 tickets for all shows except the performance on April 8 and the 11 a.m. performance on April 9. Call (248) 645-6666.

10, April 16-17 and 2 p.m. Sunday: April 18, at Hamilton Elementary School 5625 Northfield Parkway: Troy: \$10. (248) 879-1285

DINNER THEATER

BACI ABBRACCI ITALIAN 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 wed-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., Pontlac. (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-6666 SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN ARTS

"Did He Say ... Murder?;" an interactive mystery about the murder of the grand-son of the last owner of the Nelson Hotel in Plymouth, a production by Such and Such with dinner by Palermo's Italian Restaurant, 7:30 p.m. Friday April 16, at the conservatory, 5701 Canton Center Road, (north of Ford Road, off Maben Road), Canton: \$64, \$120 couples: (734) 453-7590, ext. 200

DUCTIONS

MARQUIS THEATRE "Velveteen Rabbit," 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through April 25, and 2:30 p.m. Thursday Friday, April 8-9, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northylle. \$7. (248) 349-8110 MASONIC TEMPLE

Scholastic's Magic School Bus Live, "A Bright Idea," an all new original musical production based 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

The Adventures of Peter Rabbit and His Friends," 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 16-17, and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 W. 10 Mile. \$8, \$7 advance.

PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS "Jack and the Beanstelk," 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. Jefferson, between Mount Elliott and McDougail across from Harbortown, Detroit. \$7.50, includes lunch and show. (810) 662-8118 CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM OF

ACDICAN AMERICAN HISTORY Students from Interlochen Arts Academy and their instructors will give workshops and a performance of "You're a Good Man, Charles Brown, from 10 s.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 10, at the museum, 315 E. Warren Ave., Detroit. (313) 494-5800/(616) 276-7604

YOUTHEATRE "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, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$8, \$7 advance, (313) 963-2366

BENEFITS

"AROUND THE WORLD" Medonna University's silent and live auctions and dinner to benefit the school's scholarship fund and other pro-Jects, 5:30 p.m, Friday, April 16, at the Laurel Manor Banquet and Video Conference Center, 39000 Schoolcraft

U.

Road, Livonia. \$75. (734) 432-5421

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALE
Presents Wonderfully Wicked Women,
a murderously funny musical revue, 8
p.m. Friday, April 9 (\$22, cabaret-style seating), and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 11 (\$18), at The Community House, 380 S. Bates St., Birmingham. (248) 738-9827 BOW WOW CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH Noon to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at The Ritz Cariton Dearborn, Fairlane Plaza, 300 Town Center Dr. \$150, to benefit the Michigan Humane Society,

"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 1221 N. Woodward Ave., 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 Museum, at Historic Fort Wayne, Free, \$1 for parking, (313)

PLANIT GOLF MASTERS SHOOTOUT 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 9-10, until 4 p.m. Sunday, April 12, at Bogey's Bar and Grille, 142 F. Walled Lake Dr., Walled Lake Proceeds of golf-ball purchases benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. (248) 669-1441 RIDGEDALE PLAYERS

Holds its annual auction 6:30 p.m Saturday, April 17, at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake, between Livernois and Crooks road, Troy. \$15, includes dinner. Proceeds benefit a theater larship and building fund. (248)

FAMILY EVENTS

CELEBRATION BASH Learn to host a children's party, 1 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen Road, between 10 and 11 Mile roads. (248) 352-0990 COLLECTIBLE TOY & MODEL KIT SHOW

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 11, at ; the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. \$5; \$2 ages 4-12, (734) 455. 2110

KIDS CONCERT Mark Dvorak entertains with action songs and sing-alongs for children ages 4-10, 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts. 24350 Southfield Road, \$3.25. (248) 424-9022 MR. LAURENCE

Celebrates the release of his new children's CD with a party and performance, 2 p.m. Saturday, April 10. Espresso Royale Caffe, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, Free, All ages. (734)

ROYAL HANNEFORD CIRCUS Anner on the control of the control Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. \$12 and \$8 reserved, \$5 general admission Discounts: \$4 opening night; \$5 Friday matines, groups of 15 or more receive \$2 off, parking is free; children 12 and younger and seniors ages 65 and olde 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

TINY TOTS CONCERT By the Detroit Symphony Ordnestra with soprano Emily Benner and mezzo-soprano Barbara Wiltsle, and storytelling mime Nina Kircher, 10:15 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. Saturday, April 10, ages 3-6, at Mercy High School, 29800 11 Mile Road, at Middlebelt Road,

http://www.palacenet.com

Farmington Hills. \$10; (313) 576-5111 U-M PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE 8 p.m. Friday, April 16, at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 N. Territorial Road, south of M-14, west of Sheldon: \$8, \$7 students/senlors. \$20 familles. (248) 380-5940 ...

CLASSICAL

ARIANNA STRING QUARTET With guest artist Kristy Meretta in Mozartis "Quartet for Obee and Strings," 4 p.m. Sunday, April 11, et Pease Auditorium, Gollege Place and West Cross, on the Eastern Michigan University's campus, Ypsilanti, free. (734) 487-2255 or www.emich.edu/music/musicevents.ht

ATLANTIS TRIO Jaap Schroeder, violin: Penelope Jaap Schroeder, Wollin, Felledber Crawford, harpsichord/forteplano, and Enild Sutherland, cello/Viola.der gamba, 8 p.m. Friday, April.-9, at Kerrytown Concert:House, 415 N. Fourth Ave. Ann Arbor, \$25, \$15, \$10...(734) 769

2999 or kch@ic.net BIRMINGHAM-BLOOMFIELD SYMPHONY

ORCHESTRA Orchestra and pops conductor Charles Greenwell performs a concert of "Cowboy" music, and guest violinist Adrienne Jacobs, the BBSO's Young Artist Competition winner, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 18, in the Sanctuary at Temple Beth El;

7400 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. \$20, \$15 students. (248). 645-2276 CONCERTO CONCERT

8 p.m. Friday, April 16, competition win-ners perform with Eastern Michigan University Symphony Orchestra, at Pease Auditorium, College Place at West Cross, Ypsilanti, Free. (734) 487-2255/(734) 487-4380 DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Schubert's Symphony No. 8 and Bruckner's Symphony No. 7, 10:45 a.m. Friday, April 16, 8:30 p.m. Saturday,

at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$13-\$63. (313) 576-5111 HARP HEAVEN University of Michigan harp professor Lynne Aspnes directs her students in this annual harp gala, 11 a.m. Saturday

April 10, at Kerrytown Concert House, \$5. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net ITZHAK PERLMAN 7 p.m. Sunday, April 11, at the Macomb

Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. \$62, \$55, \$48 students/seniors, (810) 286-2222/(800) 585-3737

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA "Reed Finale: A Family Affair" features retiring conductor Russell Reed's sons David (violin) and Robert (cello) on a program of Shostakovich, Brahms and Respighi, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 17 (7 n.m. On Stage chat with Reed); at Plymouth Salem High School auditorium, 46181 Joy Road at Canton Center Road, Canton. \$12, \$10 seniors/college students, free for students k-12; afterglow at Ginopolis Parthenon complimentary to ticket holders, (734) 451 DAVID RUSSELL

The classical guitarist performs music by Giuliani, Loeillet, Dayles, Mompou and a selection of Celtic melodies, 4 p.m. Sunday, April 11, at Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$30, \$20, \$15. (734) 769-2999 or kehole net

VERMEER STRING QUARTET 8 p.m. Saturday, April 10, program of Haydn, Verdi and Dvorak, in the Lila Jones-Johnson Theater, Oakland Community College, Royal Oak. (248) 737-9980

POPS/SWING

BIRMINGHAM TEMPLE CABARET Ann Arbor's Kerrytown Mesdames Deanna Reylea and Julia Buxholm sing songs from and about Parls, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at the temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. \$18, \$15 seniors, \$12 students. (248) 788-9338/(248) 288-2953

BOOTS RANDOLPH

8 p.m. Saturday, April 10, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township, \$24, \$22 seniors/students. (810) 286-2222/(800) 585-3737

With the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, with the betroit sympathy O'chestry 8 p.m. Thursday, April 8, 8,30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 9-10, and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 11, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Wobdward Ave., Detroit, \$13-\$45. (313) 576-5111

CAPITOL THEATRE
"Lost in the Stars," a revue of some of Broadway's classical musicals and con-temporary shows, featuring Tracey Atin remporary shows, escuring 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 Canadlan. (519) 253-7729

COLIN JAMES BIG BAND 8 p.m. Sunday, April 11, Magic Beg. 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, \$10 In advance, 18 and older, (248) 544

3030 or http://www.themaglobag.com THE PHOENIX ENSEMBLE Presents a new music-theater piece "Relive the Magic: An Evening with Tony Amore," a musical for Jazz orches tra inspired by the life, singing and, mythology of Frank Sinatra, composi Andy Kirshner plays the aging, Sinatra-like crooner Tony Amore, 3 p.m.-Sunday, April 11, at the Michigan Theatre, 603 Liberty St., Ann Arbor, \$15, \$10 students. (734) 763-8587

STARLIGHT DRIFTERS 10:30 p.m. Fridey, 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 Klitchen, 1585 Franklin, Detroit, (313) 259-1374; 7-9:30 p.m. Sundays, at the Heidelberg, 215 N, Main, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 663-7758

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 "When God Comes Down from Heaven," experience necessary (313) 865-2375 "EXTREME GONG"

The Game Show Network show auditions for acts, 4-6 p.m. Thursday, May tions for acts, 4-6 p.m. Inustagy, magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, Variety acts must be three minutes or less and anyone younger than age 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Accompaniment for any musical act must be acquistic, 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 \$10,000 prize package. (312) 214-4520, ext. 26 KIWANIS KAVALIERS

Cariada's premier competing drum and bugle corps is looking for young performers (ages 14-21) for the upcoming summer tour July-August, (416) 241-2968 or http://www.kavallers.com SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN ARTS CONSERVATORY

Auditions for ages 10-18 for the conservatory's Theater Performance Ensemble production of "Jack and the Beanstalk," 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, students should prepare a two-minute comic monologue, a fee is applicable for class partipation if accepted, at the conservatory, 5701 Canton Center Road, (north of Ford Road, off Maben Road), Canton, (734) 453-7590, ext. 315.

STAGECHAFTERS 2ND STAGE Auditions for Anne Meara's "After Play" 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, April 19-20 (6:30 p.m. registration), at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. For performances June 18-20, 24-27 (248) 541-4832

CHORAL

COMMUNITY CONCERT ASSOCIATION Presents "White Cliffs of Dover." songs Presents Willed Chirs of Dover, Songs of World War II and starring Leinle Nelson 8 p.m. Friday, April 16, at Troy High School, 4777 Northfield Hwy., Troy. (810) 979-8406/(248) 435-5307 EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

8 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at Pease

Auditorium, College Place at West

CHOIRS

Cross, Yoslianti, Free, (734) 487-2255/(734) 487-4380 MADONNA UNIVERSITY CHORALE Under director David Wagner performs Gabriel Faure's "Requiem," Franz Blebi's "Ave Maria," and the music of Maurice Durufle and Maurice Green, also featured are organist Joanne Vollendorf-Rickards and trumpeter William Beger playing the music of Alan Hovhaness, 4 p.m. Sunday, April 11, at Historic Christ Church, 960 E. Jefferson, Detroit. \$8, \$5 students/seniors, (734) 432-5708 MEADOW BROOK ESTATE MEADOW BROOK ESTATE
Show choir presents "Set the Night To
Music" a program of song and dance 8
p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 9-10; 3p.m.
Sunday, April 11, Varoer Recital Hall;

Oakland University Campus, Rochester. Tickets \$12 general, \$10 seniros, \$6 students call (248) 370-3013 or (248)

JAZZ

RON BROOKS TRIO

9:30 p.m. Fridey Saturday, April 9:10, Bird of Peredise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor, \$5, 21 and older. (734) 662-8310 JUDI COCHILL 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a,m. Friday, April 9,.

at Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham, No cover, (248) 648-2150 (vocal/plano/bass/drums)
EMU JAZZ ENSEMBLE/THE COURIERS 8 p.m. Seturday, April 10, at Pease Auditorium, College Place at West Cross, on the Eastern Michigan University campus, Ypsilanti. \$10, \$8 seniors, \$5 students, to raise funds for

the university's jazz program, (734) www.emich.edu/publi/music/musiceve GALACTIC

9:30 p.m., Thursday, April 15, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor: \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door, 19 and older. 734) 996-8555 or

http://www.99music.com GIACOMO GATES. 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 16-17, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann

Arbor, \$10. 21 and older, (734)-662-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 GERRY HEMINGWAY QUARTET 8 p.m. Friday, April 16, free 3:30 p.m. workshop by U-M jazz professor Ed Srath precedes concert, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$25, \$15, \$10. (734) 769-2999 or kch@lc.net

HEIDI HEPLER/MICHELE RAMO/TODD With Harold McKinney (plano) 6:30 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at the SereNgeti Ballroom, 2957 Woodward Ave., Detroit, \$15 at the door, (313) 832-3010; 8-11 p.m. Wednesdays Thursdays, at the No.VI Chophouse and 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

Friday-Saturday, April 9-10, at D.L. Harrington's Roadhouse, 2086 Crooks Road at M-59, Rochester Hills. (248)

852-0550 MATT MICHAELS TRIO With saxophonist George Benson and trumpeter Louis Smith 8-11:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 8, with vocalist Barbara Ware Thursday, April 15, at the Botsford Inn, Farmington Hills, \$5 cover waived with dinner order, (248) 474-4800 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

7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturday, April 10, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, \$20 in advance, All ages. (734) 99 MUSIC/(734) 761-1451 or http://www.99music.com STEVE REICH ENSEMBLE Performance includes his new video

opera "Hindenburg," a 25-minute por-trayal of the German zeppelin from its birth to its fiery demise in 1937, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 10, Michigan Theatre, 603 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor, \$16, \$20, \$26 and \$28, (734) 764-2538 or http://www.ums.org GWEN AND CHARLES SCALES

Duet, 3663 Woodward Ave., at Martin Luther King Boulevard, Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 831-3838 CHUCK SHERMATERO 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursday, April 16, at Edison's 220 Merrill Si

8 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays in April,

Birmingham. (248) 645-2150 (trumpet/plano/bass/drums) LOUIS SMITH 8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, April 15, at Edison's 220 Merrill St.,

Birmingham. (248) 645-2150 (plano/bass/drums) SMITHSONIAN JAZZ MASTERWORKS

"Duke Ellington: A Centennial Tribute," 7 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township, \$32, \$29, \$27 students/seniors, (810) 286-

2222/(800) 585-3737 GORDON STONE TRIO 8 p.m. Thursday, April 15, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, Cover charge. All ages, (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org HARVEY THOMPSON TRIO

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, April 10, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free, 21 and older, (248) 645-2150 (vocal/plano/bass trio) With Dan Kolton, 9 p.m. to 12:30 n.m.

URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON Thursdays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward ive., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300 WINDSOR JAZZ SERIES

Presents an all Ellington concert with the Parkwood Records All-Stars and guests Bob Seeley, Ray Manzerolle and Dee Dee MoNell, 3 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at Moot Court, University of Windsor Law Building, University at Sunset. \$10, \$15 in advance; at the door \$12, \$17. Prices Canadian. (519)

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Ex-Wonder Stuff:

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THE ARTICLES

10:30 p.m. Saturday, April 10, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester, Free, 21 and older, (248) 650-5060; 10 p.m. Wednesda April 14, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Mair , Royal Oak, Free, 21 and older. (248) 543-4300; 7 p.m. Thursday, April 15, Gameworks Inside Great Lakes Crossing, 4316 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 745-(Jamalcan jazz)

10 p.m. to 2 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 16-17, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Linion Lake Road, Commerce Township Free. 21 and older. (248) 360-7450

LATIN BALL WITH CUBANISMOI Featuring Jesus Alemany, 8 p.m. Friday, April 16, Eastern Michigan Convocation Center, 799 Hewitt, Ypsilanti. \$30 dance pass, \$20 general admission seating, (734), 764-2538 or http://www.ums.org BUCKWHEAT ZYDECO With Mem Shannon, 6:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, April 9, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor, \$15 in advance, \$17 in advance. 19 and older (734) 996-8555 or

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

JAN KRIST

CÚLTURE VULTURES 8.10 p.m. Saturday, April 10, Espresso Royale Caffe, 214 S. Maín St., Ann Arbor, Free, All ages, (734), 668-1838 (bluegrass/swing) CATHY FINK AND MARCY MARXER 8 p.m. Thursday, April 8, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages; (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org (bluegrass/folk)

http://www.99music.com (Zydeco)

With Brooks Williams and Ric Hordinski, 7 p.m. Friday, April 16, Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. \$15, \$13 for the ater members. (734) 464-6302 JOHN MCCUTCHEON

John McColletion 8 p.m. Friddy, April 16; The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge: All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://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 JIM PERKINS 9 p.m. Saturday, April 10, and Friday,

April 16, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. All ages (313) 886-8101; 9:30 p.m. Wednesday April 14; Rochester Mills Beef Co., 400 Water St., Rochester, Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060

POETRY

OPEN MIKE SERIES eatures Linda Nemec Foster (Living in AMBIT (FIREST) and Barbara Drake (Peace ACHeart; An Oregon Country Life), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, at Barnes and Noble; Six Mille and Haggerty, Nother Country Cou the Firenest) and Barbara Drake (P Northville, Free, RAY MANZAREK AND MICHAEL

MCCLURE Spoken word performance, 8 p.m. Sunday, April 11, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Canceled. (248) 544-3030 or

http://www.themagicbag.com PLYMOUTH POETS Student Writers Night" featuring Peter Marcus, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 15,

Coffee Bean Company, 844 Penniman St., Plymouth. (734) 459-7319 POETRY IN MOTION Features Patt Trama, 8 p.m. Sunday, April 11, doors open at 6 p.m. with open mic, also 7 p.m. book release party for Marc Maurus, at the Grand Cafe 33316 Grand River Ave., near

Farmington Road. Farmington. Free. (248) 615-9181 RICHARD TILLINGHAST/POIGNANT PLECOSTOMUS

The poet and popular musical group give performances of their collaboration of Poetry and Rock, Jazz and World Music, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 15, at University of Michigan League, (734) 763-4652; 7 p.m. Friday, April 16, at Borders in Novi Town Center, (248) 347-0780

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

BALLET INTERNATIONALE "A Thousand and One Nights," an exot-

ic spectacle by dancers from the Kirov, Moscow, Bolshol, Joffrey and New York City ballets, Friday-Sunday, April 16-18, at Music Hall, 350 Madison Ave.. Detroit. \$31.50-\$41.50. (248) 645-

6666/(313) 963-2366 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, 44575 Gerfield Road, Clinton Township: \$24, \$22 students/seniors. (810) 286-2222/(800) 585-3737

TANGO CLASSES 8 p.m. Fridays (beginning), at the Troy Dence 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 DANCERS 7:30 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, April 10. at the Italian American Cultural Center, 12 Mile east of Hooyer, Warren. \$7. (810) 573-4993

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB 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); Basile and J.R. Remick, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 15 (\$8), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 16-17 (\$15), special Greek show, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 17, 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 John Di Crosta, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 john bi Grosta, 8:15 p.m. and 30/43 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); Chris Titus, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 16-17 (\$12, \$24,95 dinner show package); and 7 p.m. Sunday April 18 package), and 7 p.m. Sunday, April 18 (\$10, \$22,95 dinner show package), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road,

Dearborn. (313) 584-8885 MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE Raiph Harris through April 11, also appearing Jeff Margrett; Kathleen Madigan Wednesday, Thursday and Sundey, April 14:15 and 18 (\$10) and Friday Saturday, April 16-17 (\$15), also Chris Zito, 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

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8 p.m. Friday, April 16, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$27.50 and \$35. All ages. (248) 433-1515 THE REV. BILLY C. WIRTZ 8 p.m. Sunday, April 11, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, Cover charge. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or. http://www.a2ark.org

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THE ALLIGATORS

9 p.m. Friday, April 16, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free, 21 and older. (734), 721-8609

ALMIGHTY GROOVE

With R.U.I. and Sin Embargo, 10 p.m. Saturday, April 10, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (rock) BILL BARCALOW

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, April 9-10. Fire Academy Brewery and Grill, 6677 N, Wayne Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 595-1988 (easy lis-

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)

9 p.m. Friday, April 9, The Alley behind Main Street Billiards, 215 S. Main St., Rochester, Free. 21 and older. (248) 652-8441 (rock) BLACK BEAUTY WITH THORNETTA

9 p.m. Saturday, April 10, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (blues)

BLIND PIG SHOWCASE" With The Pantlegs, Seeds of Thought, The Lash and The Pirates, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, 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 older. (248)

650-5060 (blues)
BLUE SUIT WITH ALBERTA ADAMS 9 p.m. Friday, April 16, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth.

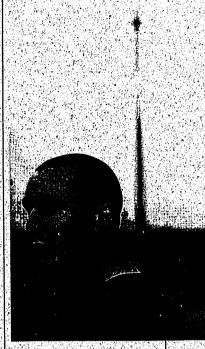
Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (blues) BONNE TEMPS ROULLE

9 p.m. Friday, April 9, CK Diggs, 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester Hills, Free. 21 and older. (248) 853-6600; 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 16-17, 5 Hole, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 471-3300

THE BOUNCING SOULS With Antiflag and Les Stitches, 6 p.m. Friday, April 16, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (punk)

With Face, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 10, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale: \$5, 18 and older, (248) 544-3030 (rock) BUCK-O-NINE

With Homegrown, 7:30 p.m. Thursday,



April 8, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit: \$9 in advance, All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (ska/punk) BUSTERS BLUES BAND

10 p.m. Saturday, April 10, Mount Chalet, 4715 N. Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free, 21 and older, (248) 549-2929 (blues/funk) SCOTT CAMPBELL GROUP 8 p.m. Saturday, April 10, Borders Books and Music, 5601 Mercury Dr., at Ford Road, Dearborn, Free, All ages. (313) 271-4441 (rock)

Concert and autograph signing, 2-4.
p.m. Saturday, April; 10, Hudson's, main floor, mail entrance (concert), and the Polo Jeans department (personal. Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Free, All ages, (248) 443-6000 (blues/soul) appearance), Northland Mall, 21500

(blues/soul) CHISEL BROS. WITH CHEF CHRIS 9 p.m. Saturday, April 10, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland, Free, 21 and older, (734) 721-8609 (blues)

CLOUD 9 10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, April 8-10. Boulders, 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth: Free. 21 and older. (734) 459-4190 (top 40/dance) ROBBY CONN With Mike Hard, 9 p.m. Sunday, April 11. Alvin's: 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355

DICK DALE 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, Magic

Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 or http://www.99muslc.com (surf) DIVESPIRE ...

With Current, 10 p.m. Friday, April 9, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac Cover charge, 21 and older, (248) 334-9292 (rock) **EASY ACTION**

With The Slumber Party and Wolf Eyes, 9 p.m. Friday, April 16, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)

ELECTRIC BOOGALOO 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 15, Karl's Cabin, 9779 Old N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450 (funk):

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,

and older. (313) 875-6555 or http://www.lilis21.com (rock)

9 p.m. Friday, April 9, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, Free. All ages. (313) 886-8101 (acoustic

pop)
EMMET SWIMMING 9 p.m. Friday, April 16, The Alley behind Main Street Billiards, 215 S. Main St., Rochester. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 652-8441 (alternative rock)

With Lit, 6 p.m. Friday, April 9, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, \$12 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

THE EXHUSBANDS 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 9, Van Gogh's Starry Night I unge, 27909 Orchard Lake Road, Fa mington Hills, Free, All ages. (248) 324-0400 (rock) PETE "BIG DOG" FETTERS PEIE BIG DOG FEITERS 10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, April 9-10, The Alibi, Grand River Avenue, Fermington Hills, Free, 21 and older, (248) 478-2010 or

peteblgdog@provide.net (blues)
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) FLETCHER PRATT

With The Neptunes, Slumber Party and Dean Fertita, 8 p.m. Friday, April 16. Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, \$5, 18 and older, (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themaglobag.com (rock/pop)

FOOLISH MORTALS

7 p.m. Thursday, April 8, Gameworks, 4316 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills: Free 21 and older, (248) 745-9675 (rock)

With Clone Defects, 9 p.m. Thursday, April 15, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave. Detroit: Cover charge, 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or http://golddollar.com (punk) GÖRDON BENNETT

9 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, The Alley behind Main Street Billiards, 215 S. Main St., Rochester, Free, 21 and older (248) 652-8441 (rock)

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8 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248)

AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS 9 p.m. Thursday, April 15, Arbor Brewing Co., 116 E. Washington St. Ann Arbor, Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393; 9:30 p.m. Friday, April 16, Copper Canyon Brewery, 27522 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Free. 21 and older. (248) 223-1700

ELVIS HITLER With Understated and Gumshoe 49, 10 p.m. Saturday, April 10, Lill's, 2930 lacob, Hamtramck, \$5, 21 and older. (313) 875-6555 or

http://www.lilis21.com (punk)
THE HOPE ORCHESTRA
8 p.m. Friday, April 16, Borders Books and Music, 17141 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe, Free, All ages. (313) 885-1188

or http://www.concentric.net/~hope-orch (alternative rock) MILES HUNT Formerly of The Wonderstuff, 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$8. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or

http://www.themagicbag.com (pop) Featuring Roddy Bottum, formerly of Faith No More, 8 p.m. Sunday, April 11, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall,

431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (rock)

10:30 p.m. Friday, April 16, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (rock)
NEDRA JOHNSON AND BOB MALONE

8 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, Free, All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org (boogle/blues) BILL KAHLER 8 p.m. to midnight Thursdays in April,

Fire Academy Brewery and Grill, 6677 N. Wayne Road, Westland, Free. 21 and older. (734) 595-1988 (singer/comedi-

BOBBY KAHN With Mike Hard, 9 p.m. Sunday, April 11, Aivin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 KNEE DEEP SHAG

9 p.m. Thursday, April 8, The Alley behind Main Street Billiards, 215 S. Main St., Rochester, Free. 21 and older. (248) 652-8441 (funk) LADY SUNSHINE AND THE X BAND

8 p.m. Friday, April 16, Fox and Hounds 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)
SHELLA LANDIS TRIO

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Saturday, April 10, Shield's Pizza, 1476 W. Maple Road, Troy. Free. All ages. (248) 637-3131 (classic rock/blues)

With Propeller and Queen Bee, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 8, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor, \$6, 19 and older, (734), 996-8555 (rock) MARILYN MANSON With Nashville Pussy, 7 p.m. Thursday,

April 15, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2

Championship Dr., Auburn Hills, Hole, Imperial Teen and Monster Magnet are off the bill. \$35 reserved and general admission floor. All ages: (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com MASCHINA

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; With Tubring, 9:30 p.m. Friday, April 16, Blind Pig, 206:207 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 19 and older. (734) 996:8555 (experimen-

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9 p.m. Friday, April 9, Lower Town Grill, 195 W, Liberty St., Plymouth, Cover charge, 21 and older, (734) 451-1213 MOON DOG MANE

Featuring former Tesla gultarist Frank Hannon, 7 p.m. Thursday, April 15, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit: \$8 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

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JULIE NAGER With Sara Bursac, 8-9:30 p.m. Friday April 16, Angel Caravan Coffeehouse Inside Friends Meeting House, 1420 Hill St., Ann Arbor. Suggested donation, \$7 adults, \$5 students ages 13 and older. \$3 kids. Ali ages. (734) 327-2041

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NIGHT BEAT 9 p.m. Friday, April 16, Boulders, 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Free. 21 and older. (734) 459-4190 (dance rock) MIKE NOT AN With Cloud Car and Platypus, 9 p.m.

Thursday, April 15, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (pop) ROBB ROY 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, Tower Records, 1214 S. University St., Ann Arbor, Free. All ages. (734) 741-9600

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9 p.m., to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, April 16-17: Fire Academy Brewery and Grill 6677 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 595-1988 (easy lis-ROBERT PENN

9 p.m. Friday, April 9, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (248) 644-4800

PINE CONE JELLY

9 p.m. Thursday, April 15, Boulders, 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 459-4190 (rock)

THE PRIME MINISTERS With Divespire, 9 p.m. Saturday, April 10. Rivertown Saloon, 1977 Woodbridge, Detroit. Cover charge, 18 and older. (313) 567-6020 (alternapop) ROOMFUL OF BLUES

8 p.m. Thursday, April 8, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$15 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com ROXANNE

9 p.m. Saturday, April 10, CK Diggs, 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester Hills. Free, 21 and older, (248) 853-6600;



In Hudson's: Blues / soul singer Cherokee will sign autographs and performs songs off her debut album "I Love You ... Me" (RCA) from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, April 10, at Hudson's in Northland Mall in Southfield. The concert is on the main floor near the mall entrance. Her autograph signing will be in the Polo jeans department. For more information, call (248) 443-6000.

6:30 p.m: Friday Saturday, April 1647 art Van Gogh's Starry Night Lounge, 279091 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free, 21 and older, (248) 324-0400 acoustic rock)

8 p.m. Thursday, April 8, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, Free, All ages, (248) u.s. 644-4800 (pop) KRISTIN SAYER

9:30 p.m. Friday, April 9, 5 Hole in The Second City, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge, 21 and older. (313) 471-3300; 10 p.m. Saturday, (31April 10, Atwater Block Brewery, 237 Jos. Campau. Detroit, Free, 21 and Jos. Campau, Detroit. Free. 21, and older. (313) 393-2337; 10 p.m. Fridey, April 16, The Cavern Club, 210 S. First 30 St., Ann Arbor, Cover charge, 21 and includer, (734) 332-9900 (R&B/rock)

With N-2 Submission, 9 p.m. Thursday, 3 April 8, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., AND Detroit, Cover charge, 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or http://golddollar.com (pop) BLAZE SHERMAN FURY

With Lyula and Cleveland Spiders, 9 p.m. Friday, April 16, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit, Cover charge, 21 and older, (313) 833-6873 or http://golddollar.com (rock) SIXTY SECOND CRUSH With Niacin Jay and Buddha Fulla Rhymez, 9 p.m. Friday, April 16, The Magic Stick in the Majestic complex 4140 Woodward Ava Control

4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$6. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (rock) SMASHING PUMPKINS With Queens of the Stone Age, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 10, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$25. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or

http://www.961melt.com (rock) STEVE SOMERS WITH VALERIE BARRYMORE -8 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, Fox and 1700 Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, Free, All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues) SPARKLEHORSE

With Varnaline, 9 p.m. Saturday, April 10. Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit, 58 in advance, 18 and older, (313), 832-2355 (roots rock) SPOONFUL 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 15, Rochester

Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester, Free, 21 and older, (248) 650-5060 (rock) With Dennis Chambers, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 15, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, \$12 in

advance. 18 and older. (248) 544:3030 (guitar great) SUN MESSENGERS SUN MESSENGERS 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 8, Karl's Cabin, 97,79 Old N. Térritorial Road, Plymouth, Free: 21 and older, (734) 455,8450 (R&B/variety)

6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 10, Van Gogh's Stair Night Lounge, 27909 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills Free. 21 and older. (248) 324-0400; 9 Free. 21 and older. (246) 347 p.m. Friday, April 16, CK Diggs, 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester Hills, Free. 21,

and older. (248) 853-6600 (acoustic THE USUAL SUSPECTS 9 p.m. Thursday, April 8, The Motor Lounge, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. over charge. 18 and older. (313) 369

0090 or http://www.motordetroit.com VANILLA ICE With Dial 7, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 10, 14 Harpo's, 14238 Harper Road, Detroit, 15 Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages.

(313) 824-1700 (rap/rock) RANDY VOLIN AND SONIC BLUES 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 9:10, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800; 9 p.m. Friday, April 16, Woody's, 208 Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free, 21 and older. (248) 543-6911 or http://www.rockindaddys.com (blues) THE WHY STORE 9 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, The Alley

Main St., Rochester, Cover charge, 21 and older, (248) 652-8441 (Jam rock) WIDESPREAD PANIC 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 14. Michigan Theatre, 603 Liberty, Ann Arbor. \$22.50 reserved. All ages. (734) 668-8397 or http://www.99music.com

behind Main Street Billiards, 215 S.

(jam rock)
JOHNNY WINTER With Five Horse Johnson, 8 p.m. Friday, April 16, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$22 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 or http://www.99music.com (rock) ZEN TRICKSTERS

With Stir Fried, 8 p.m. Friday, April 9," Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$10. 18 and older. (248) 544 3030 (Jam rock)

CLUB NIGHTS

The Hush Party with resident DJs. Melvin Hill and Cent, 10 p.m. Mondays disco, 8 p.m. Wednesdays (free before 10 p.m.), at the club, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-12355 or http://www.álvins.xtcom.com

BLIND PIQ "Swing-billy" night with dance lessons from 8-9 p.m. Sunday, April 11, with DJ-Del Villarreal followed by a performance by Nick Palumbo and the Flipped 1.14 Fedora Orchestra, at the club, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor, \$8 in advance; \$10 at the door; "Solar" night featuring DJ Angel Alenis and DJ Spree, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, \$8, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555

Updated 'Out-Of-Towners' bring home laughs

In 1970, a lot of moviegoers bought into Neil Simon's image of New York as a black hole that can suck the life from "Out-Of-Towners" like Jack Lemmon and Sandy Dennis. It was a dark, dark movie from the master of comedy, with a beaten Lemmon waving a piece of paper and warning the whole city, "I've got all your names right here!"

Now that the Big Apple has gone Disney and is making nice to its guests, the current version of "The Out-Of-Towners" down-plays Manhattan as Evil Island. At the same time, it aggrandizes the notion that an ad man from Columbus, Ohio, can't find his way out of a soybean field.

As a native New Yorker who also served time as an ad man in Columbus, I've got a few bones to pick with Simon and with Marc Lawrence, who wrote this one. But that aside, the funny bone also gets a hearty workout thanks to the well-honed workmanship of Goldie Hawn, Steve Martin and John Cleese.

Having just seen their youngest child off to college, Henry and Nancy Clark are off to New York. He, to save his career with a job interview the next day; she, to save their marriage with some spontaneity. It seems that while Henry (Martin) welcomes his empty-nester years as a chance to catch up on his reading, Nancy (Hawn) wants to

Their differences are brought to the surface in the ensuing twenty-four hours as a lifetime of calamities befall them, not the least of which is getting to a fogged-in New York in the first

Upon arriving luggage-less, they proceed to get mugged by a bogus Andrew Lloyd Webber, thrown out of their hotel by snooty manager Cleese, join an encounter group of sexaholics, sleep in Central Park (and NOT get mugged!) and out of fairness we'll stop the list right there. Oh, just one more: Henry gets slipped a tab of acid while in jail. Now we'll stop.

Martin's Henry is just as victimized as Lemmon's ("See out

'go home'"), but Hawn's Nancy is not the whiney, wimpy Sandy Dennis interpretation, no siree. Goldie's not taking anything from anybody, including a desk sergeant who's definitely picked the wrong blonde to mess with.

The Hawn-Martin partnership works better here than in 1992's Housesitter," in part because they are partners, paddling together against the same currents. They are veterans with sharp instincts who know how to twist the line they're given just so to make it their own, complementing without compromising

the other guy.

John Cleese has done the same stiff Brit stuff since his Monty Python days, but who does it as well? All right, Sir John Gielgud in "Arthur," but who else? Some-body out there say Arthur Treacher? You're dating us both.

"The Out of Towners" often goes over the top in its silliness (slo-mo passing of a salami as a football), but also has some inspired gags like a rental car's navigation system gone haywire. Now that's something they should have saved for "The Out of Motowners."



MARSHA BLACKBURN

Comedy: Henry (Steve Martin) and Nancy (Goldie hawn) star in "The Out-Of-Towners.'

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This 'Squad' is lost in time

"One black: One white. One blond." In 1968, with that indelible catch phrase, a television series broke new ground, reflecting with true grit a generation's rage and frustration. The big screen remake of "The Mod Squad" is more like a broken record, with characters we've seen and platitudes we've heard all too often

Set in the present, there's the ghetto dweller with no hopes of getting out, the rich kid who steals for kicks and the streetwise runaway. Linc, Pete and Julie are losers to everyone but LAPD Captain Adam Green (Dennis Farina), who gives them one chance to pull themselves

out of the pit "These kids can get into a thousand places we can't," Greer tells his snickering cop buddies.

So undercover they go, to a nightclub where foul doings are afoot. "It feels like there's something wrong going down in ," says Julie (Clare Danes), with the kind of keen investigative insight that police training apparently doesn't teach.

But the real ugly stuff is

"going down" right there in the olice station, where some drugs have disappeared. Shades of "Serpico!" It looks like everyone's into it up to their badges except Greer and his three young "This is like one of those dirty

cop drug things," concludes Pete (Giovanni Ribisi), "Right on," answers Julie. Linc (Omar Epps) doesn't sav much. Pete comes up with a brilliant strategy: "We

need to get some evidence." maxi-Afro'd Clarence Williams "Let's do .it!" cries Julie. Linc III of the TV series. Their Lincs



Cool: Giovanni Ribisi (left to right), Claire Danes and Omar Epps star as three juvenile delinquents with a

still doesn't say much. And on it goes. Director and co-writer Scott Silver stated that we didn't want to alienate the older audience that fondly remembered the TV show but we had it make it for kids today who never heard of it.

Sorry, but he missed on both counts, taking down some talent-

ed young actors with him.
The kids in the audience pret-ty much muttered "Aw c'MON" throughout. As for the first generation of "Squad" watchers, we'll take the original Pete's brooding over the new Pete's James Dean wannabe mumbling, and the original Julie's dew-eyed hippie over Danes' little girl lost. Epps earns a toss-up versus maxi-Afro'd Clarence Williams

are equally strong, equally unbridled in their urban anger

Most confusing is the blending feras on screen, whether intendof eras on screen, whether inter tional or accidental. Some of the bad guys still wear chains कृति love beads. The cars look शिक्ष they should have Hubert Humphrey bumper stickers. Pet can't say two words without one of them being "man," "dude" of "bro." If the trio had been defrosted from the '60s like Austin Powers, fine, but the com-

mittee that cooked this up was using too many recipes at the same time. The squad's final walk into the sunset of Venice Beach Pier is an obvious finish, including a nod to the original series that brazenly suggests a sequel. They should just keep walking.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, April 9
"TWIN DRAGONS"

They were twins. One a master of the martial arts the other a maestro. Together they deliver non-stop action. Stars Jackie Chan.

"NEVER BEEN KISSED" A young looking reporter is given the assignment of going undercover to get a story in high school. Romantic comedy sters Drew Barrymore, David Arquette.

Comedy about two brothers trying to

"FOOLISH"

work their way up in the world; one a stand-up comic and the other a low-level gangster. "COOKIE'S FORTUNE" Exclusively at the Main Art, Comedy about an alleged murder and the ensu-ing investigation in a small town in the

deep South, Stars Glenn Close, Chris "CHILDREN OF HEAVEN" Tender and moving tale about a brother

and sister in Tehran, Iran. Scheduled to open Friday, April 16

"OOD SAID HA!"

Warm and funny comedy about a string of days that were so bad that they were funny, and so numerous that they became a year. Welcome to the world of Iulia Sweeney.

"GOODEYE, LOVER" Scheming brothers battle each other as each conflives to inherit a \$4 million

Insurance policy. Stars Patricia Arquette, Don Johnson. "HOEOUS KINKY" Drama set in the 1960s about a woman who takes off for Morocco with her two young daughters in an attempt to find the peace and happiness that have elud ed her. Stars Kate Winslet, Said Tagh-

"LIFE"

Prison comedy about two friends serv-ing life sentences and their attempts to break out over the course of 60 years. Stars Eddle Murphy.

Scheduled to open Friday, April 23

"LOST AND FOUND"
Comedy about finding your true love at any price, even if it involves a little dog-"LOST AND FOUND"

napping along the way. Stars David "PUSHING TIN" Story of two air traffic controllers whose intense rivalry and penchant for one-upmanship threatens to unravel

their careers, marriages and the planes

in their airspace. Stars John Cusack.

"AMONG GIANTS"

A moving and whimsical romance that takes place one hundred feet in the air as a group of electrical tower painters cope with a fearless woman in their "EXISTENZ"

A computer game programmer develops the ultimate escape: a parallel universe est emotions and unleashes your. vildest urges. It's the first genuine threat to reality and someone wants it stopped at all costs. Stars Jennifer Jason Leigh,

An insurance investigator sets a trap to catch a legendary gentleman thief

Scheduled to open Friday, April 30

"ENTRAPMENT"

who's never been caught. But things take a turn and now both the hunter and the prey may have to pay a high price for freedom. Stars Sean Connery.

Guild hosts Women's Blow-Out

The Ypsilanti Video and Film-makers Guild is hosting the third annual Women's Film and Art Blow-Out Extravaganza, Saturday-Sunday, April 10-11 at the Riverside Art Center on Huron Street in downtown Ypsi-lanti, Hours are 7 p.m. to 10:45 p.m. Saturday and 6-10 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$10-\$5 at

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The event features video, visual art, spoken-word performance and live music. Local artist Sandy Lawson will

introduce films about women

who used art for social change Saturday and presents her one woman show at 6:20 p.ni. bh

Colin James back in swing with Little Big Band II

When Colin James released his first album, "Colin James and The Little Big Band I" in 1993, the recep tion was lukewarm at best.

"At the time, CHRISTINA FUOCO (when I'd) say swing record,

everybody didn't up and go 'great.' There lot of dead-pan looks and, h would you want to release and like that?" said James howrefers to call his music

Well, things weren't so bad. It ached double platinum in Canada, where hitting platinum canas selling 100,000 copies. In the United States, one million sales certifies platinum.

The album "reached a lot of ocieties and dance clubs I'd go down to LA and walk into a restaurant and they'd be playing the record. I'd go, 'You heard about this thing?' I think it was a kitsch thing at the time. People who were into the jump blues thing kind of picked up on it."

When his "time was up" at Virgin Records, he jumped to Elektra in the dawning days of swing's resurgence. However, he took time off from that genre and released a rock/blues album, Bad Habits," in 1995 with an all-star cast — Lenny Kravitz on lavinet, and Kim Wilson and lavis Staples.

Last year, he decided it was time to follow-up his 1993 release with "Colin James and The Little Big Band II," which hit stores earlier this year. It fea-tures James' masterful guitar work and covers of songs by Ray Charles ("Mary Anne"), Willie Dixon ("You Know My Love") and Cab Calloway ("C'mon With the C'mon").

"It's nice to be able to return and do an album when a few more people are pointed that way (swing/jump blues)."

A Vancouver resident, James is inspired more by "early rock 'n'

roll" than swing.
"I guess when I started playing this stuff, it was really early rock 'n' roll that I was shining on; swing being a big part of that just because that's the way it was back then. But from Ray Charles to Jackie Wilson to Louis Jordan to that whole prerock n' roll-era. It's got a lot of great music," said James who has opened for the Rolling Stones, Keith Richards and Ste-

vie Ray Vaughan.
With "Colin James and the Lit-"
tle Big Band I," James added,
"We really felt like we were swimming up stream. Although I didn't mind that because there's some kind of joy in feeling like you're doing something that was really different, you know? ..., I think the worst thing that can happen is people going to listen to some music they might not listen to otherwise and people get hip to some of the great early

music. If that's the worst thing

that happens, that's great." Colin James and The Little Big Band performs Sunday, April 11, at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale: Tickets are \$10 in advance for the 18 and older show. For more information, call (248) 544-3030 or visit http://www.themagicbag.com. James' Web site is http://www.colinjames.com.

Proud of record

As an elementary school stu-dent, Finger Eleven vocalist ott Anderson learned early on to feel comfortable with himself.

One of the bands I that I latched onto so early was Gene-sis and Peter Gabriel. In grade five or six, that's all I would listen to. But nobody really under stood Genesis, especially when you're a 12-year-old kid. I used to write it on my binder. It was really geeky and I was totally comfortable with that," Anderson, said with a chuckle.

Anderson, an Ontario, Canada, resident, attributes his musical tastes to his brother, Sean, the bassist for Finger Eleven.

"I was pretty lucky because Sean, who's my older brother, always had friends coming over

with this great music."
Finger Eleven and its debut album "Tip" (Wind-Up Records) is closer to guitar rock than prog rock. It wavers between full-on

guitar assaults and moody

"The original ideas were conceived about a year or two ago, Anderson said about "Tip," "We've been changing and evolv-ing with our boredom and it turned into what we put on the album.

It was really nice to be so proud of something. You can't say that all the time." Although he's proud of "Tip,"

Anderson explained that most

people prefer the live show. It's got a great energy level to it. That's what most people latch onto. That reaction is immediate. You'll occasionally get someone who comes up to you and says, 'Wow.' They can identify with a lyric or two. That'll make my

Finger Eleven and Buck Cherry perform Thursday, April 8, at The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Doors open at 6 p.m. for the allages show. Tickets are \$7. For more information, call (313) 961-

MELT or visit http://www.961melt.com. Finger Eleven's Web site is http://www.fingereleven.com.

The English rock group Gene Loves Jezebel has released its latest album, "VII" (Robison Records), both to stores and on GoodNoise.com, an Internet site

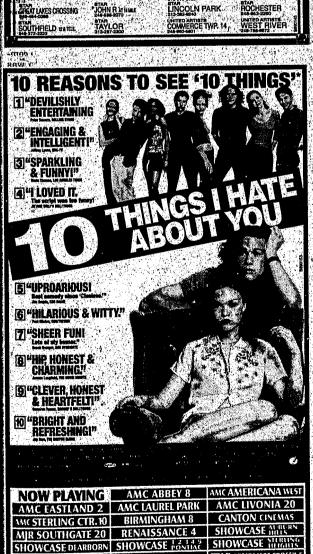
Returning: Jump blues artist Colin, L James returns to the Detroit area with his Little Big Band on ... Sunday, April 11, when he plays the Magic Bag in Ferndale.

for purchasing downloadable music. The new album is available in the MP3 (MPEGI, Layer 3) format from GoodNoise.com for \$8.99 or \$.99 per track. A single from the album, "Love Keeps Dragging Me Down," is available for a limited time for free down-

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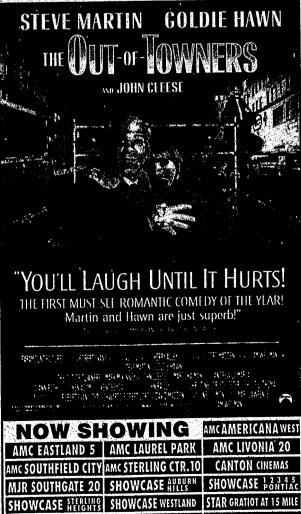
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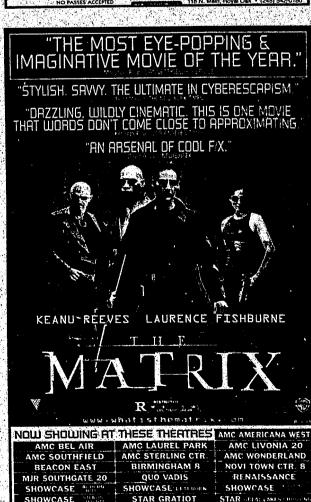
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The Clever Cooks excels as deli and caterer

By ELEANOR HEALD SPECIAL WRITER

"Do what you love and you'll love what you'ld doing is the upfront message from The Glever Cooks a New York style storefront, ne ignormood delithat opened in Birmingham in

early January,
Business partners 33-year-old
Ron Colasanti 28-year-old Jason
Melton and 23-year-old Arianne Metton and Zovyear-old Arianne Simkus are The Clever Cooks, who also bill their operation as The Smart Food Company.

-Wall art in this 20 seat entery tells you who the models are.

There's Ben Franklin, Albert Einstein, Isaac Newton, Thomas Edison, Aristotle, Elato, and Mona Lisa decked out in her chef's toque. On the mehu, some of these folks even have clever specialty food items named after

All three partners worked for Hudson's in their food program. Mystic Gourmet inside the Beverage Warehouse on Greenfield north of 13 Mile was Colasanti's first entrepreneurial venture using talents sharply honed as a graduate of the Culinary Institite of America in Hyde Park, He asked Melton and

Simkus to join him as partners. Colasanti admits he'd been looking at downtown Birming-

ham for a long time. "A storefront deli concept is what I had in mind," he said. "I like the fast-paced energy of a business lunch trade, both eat in and take out, coupled with walkby traffic. Start-up costs, con-verting Clara's Garden Cafe (the former storefront business at this location) to The Clever Cooks were minimal."

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Cost: \$2.\$5.50 for delluteins. Reservations: Not accepted. Credit cards: All maintains Credit cards: All m

Simkus is a 1996 Schoolcrafts, branch manager's administrative College Culinary grad Maltons, father's family was in the restail, rant business and he says. Tve been around it all filly life. I've worked my way up from the ground floor to Somerset Hudground floor to Somerset Hudgro son's retail food manager. Each exposure made me like the business more."

While Colasanti and Melton credit Simkus with the sharpest pastry skills, talking about her famous three-hour quiche, she says, 'I don't like to be strapped down to pastry. The fast pace of working with hot food is very appealing. Besides, Melton makes the best carrot cake and bar cookies. His monster cookies are awesome.

Committed to the downtown Birmingham community, The Clever Cooks make free daily deliveries to a downtown location without a minimum order. A delivery person is their only employee:

As caterers, they've been discovered by such corporate clients as Southfield's Crimmins & Forman Market Research, Henry Ford and Beaumont hospitals and Prudential Securities in Birmingham.

Betsy Merriman, Prudential's

sandwich with smoked turkey, pastrami; bacon, tomato and smoked gouda on grilled basil focaccia with whole grain honey mustard mayo. It's very big and very good."

On the menu, this sandwich is \$5.50. Two others are top-sellers: The Ultimate Grilled Cheese Sandwich \$3.75 is described as the one-and-only ovenbaked ultimate grilled cheese sandwich loaded with three delicious cheeses. Swiss, cheddar and provolone on white bread, topped with Dijon cream cheese and fin-ished with red onion and sliced pickles. The Turkey Roll \$5 includes turkey, romaine lettuce, dried cranberries, provolone, toasted pecan mayo, cranberry apple chutney, wrapped in whole wheat lavash.

Merriman remarked about the Cream of Reuben soup by dub-bing it "fabulous." Like all The Clever Cook's made-from-scratch soups, including a daily-changing choice of four that may include smoked kidney bean

Clever: Jason Melton (left to right), Arianne Simkus and Ron Colasanti are The Clever Cooks who also bill their operation as The Smart Food Company.

chili, roasted garlic and butter- Michigan dried cherries, candied nut or sweet potato and crab, they are served with a wedge of double-baked bread. Or you can order a souper clever bowl \$3.25 where freshly baked bread is carved out in the middle and filled with one of the fresh soup-

of-the-day specials. Number one crowd-pleasing salad is Michigan Salad, a great combo of flavors including seaoned boneless breast of chicken,

walnuts and red peppers tossed with Michigan cider vinaigrette.

"When we first opened, we didn't anticipate the call for vegetarian soups and sandwiches," Simkus said. "But we've responded with two vegetarian (vegan) soups daily and vegetari-an salad. Also, our carry-out orders have been very brisk. It seems that Birmingham business people like to eat at their

Tables with umbrellas for outdoor eating will be available in warm weather. Then, soups will change to match the season.

If you phone during peak business hours, you may get frustrated by the busy signal. Try faxing or leave your message. One of The Clever Cooks will return your call. Right now, they're suffering the growing pains of suc-

WHAT'S COOKING

SOUP'S ON!

New restaurant 207 S. Old Woodward, inside Lonestar Coffee Co., downtown Birmingham (248) 642-SOUP began serving on March 29.

In celebration of their grand opening, owners Jay Rosett and 10 to Detroit's Capuchin Soup

Soup's On! features eight courmet soups daily served in 8 ounce, 12 ounce, 16 ounce and guart sizes. Six of the soups will dtate on a daily basis, and two opular mainstays will remain in the menu everyday. Cusomers will also be offered a ride variety of fresh-baked ceads to accompany their soup

MOCOLATE DEMO PROGRAM

Presented by world-renowned Pastry Chef Ewald Notter, Saturday and Sunday, April 10-11 at the Lark Restaurant. The class and lunch will begin at 10:45 a.m. and will end after dessert is served between 3:30 and 4 p.m. The cost is \$100 per person. (248) 344-2197.

STIR CRAZY CAFE

Chicago-based restaurant concept specializing in fresh pan-Asian cuisine will open its first Michigan restaurant Friday, April 16 at Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills, Baldwin Road Exit off I-75 in the Great Lakes Walk section of the Mall near Entry No. 6.

The main attraction at Stir. Crazy Cafe is a create-your-own stir-fry bar where guests can Oakland County and United Way select from a wide variety of of Oakland County Following a

meats, vegetables, noodles, and homemade Asian sauces and then interact with a wok chef to create their own stir-fry dish: The restaurant also features an extensive menu of fresh Asian inspired fare including crispy sesame calamari with wasabi David Drepeck are donating all ... Reservations are a must Call ... cocktail sauce, wok seared tuna profits from the weekend of April ... (248) 344-2197. ... sashimi, sesame caesar salad, sashimi, sesame caesar salad, kung pao noodles and Stir Grazy's wonton banana dessert, Menu prices will range from \$6.95 to \$9.95 for lunch and \$7.95 to \$13.95 for dinner. The restaurant will be open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. The restaurant will unofficially open April 9-15 with a series of test servings with the proceeds

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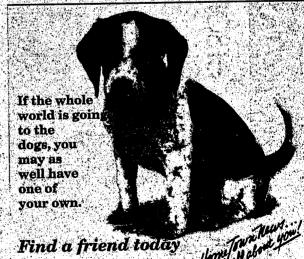
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