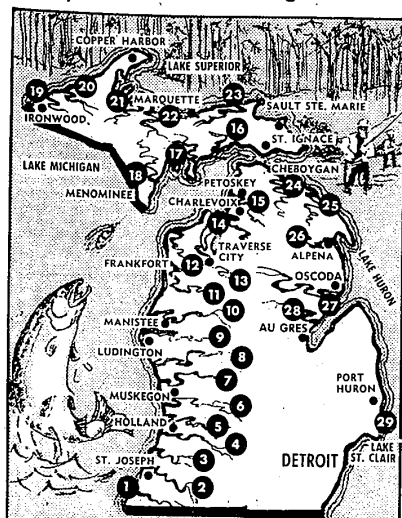


Steelhead will be bigger this spring

1979's Top Steelheading Streams



RIVER	UPSTREAM LIMIT*	RIVER	UPSTREAM LIMIT*
LAKE MICHIGAN		LAKE SUPERIOR	
1 - Gallien		19 - Black	Rainbow Falls
2 - St. Joseph	Buchanan Dam	20 - Presque Isle	Manabesho Falls
3 - Black	Bangor Dam	21 - Huron	Big Eric's Bridge
4 - Kalamazoo	Allegan Dam	22 - Little Garlic	
5 - Grand	Webber Dam	23 - Two Hearted	Reed & Green Bridge
6 - Muskegon	Mainstream Only		
7 - White, N. Br.	Arthur Rd.	LAKE HURON	
8 - Pere Marquette	M-37	24 - Chereygan	Chereygan Dam
9 - Little Manistee	Johnson's Bridge	25 - Oquagee	Barnhart Lake
10 - Manistee	US-131	26 - Thunder Bay	9th St. Dam
11 - Betsie	Kurick Rd.	27 - Au Sable	Foots Dam
12 - Platte	US-31	28 - Au Gres, E. Br.	M-55
13 - Boardman	Cass St. Dam		
14 - Jordan	Webster Bridge	LAKE ST. CLAIR	
15 - Boyne	P.R. Dam	29 - St. Clair River	
16 - Black	Peter's Truck Trail Bridge		
17 - Thompson	River Mouth		
18 - Big Cedar	Veterans Park Dam		

*Denotes man-made barriers to spawning fish or limits imposed by state Department of Natural Resources.

Steelhead fishermen who were skunked last fall may have a spring-time bonanza. A near-record run of the silvery fish is returning to riverbed spawning grounds.

"Last fall, steelhead runs were virtually non-existent, even on usually productive streams," said Joseph Ratke, touring manager of the Automobile Club of Michigan.

"It meant most fish probably wintered in the Great Lakes." But this spring's snowmelt and recent rains should send nearly two million fish averaging 10 pounds into rivers emptying into the Great Lakes. This spring could rival the 1976 record.

The current state steelhead record of 26 pounds, 8 ounces could be topped. It was set in 1975.

FISHERMEN can start the season in southwest Michigan and move north along the Lake Michigan coastline until runs hit their peak, usually in late April.

Lake Huron tributaries usually offer best steelheading from mid-April to mid-May. Upper Peninsula anglers can concentrate on streams between mid-April and early June.

Metropolitan residents can count on best fishing in the St. Clair River from now until mid-April.

Auto Club advises anglers to learn regulations applying to rivers listed in its guide, because parts of some rivers are restricted to fly fishing. Check each for opening date, too.

THE STATE Public Health Department has extended its warning that Lake Michigan steelhead may contain hazardous amounts of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs).

It advises children and nursing mothers not to eat Lake Michigan steelhead. All others should consume no more than a half-pound per week.

The steelhead is a lake-run rainbow trout which grows much larger than stream trout.

Ford bill to help urban universities

U.S. Rep. William D. Ford, D-Taylor, has introduced a bill that would provide more federal money to urban institutions like Wayne State and Oakland universities.

"The urban university and the metropolitan area have a natural affiliation," Ford said.

Ford calls the Urban Grant University Act a counterpart to the Land Grant College Acts of the last century, which channels aid to institutions specializing in agricultural and engineering programs, and the Sea Grant Act of 1966, which benefits schools operating programs focusing on ocean and coastal resources.

56 auction nets record pledges

Almost 9,000 viewers of Channel 56, WTVS, pledged record amounts to the public television station during the just-completed appeal.

Some 8,958 individuals and families pledged \$110,103 -- up 15 percent over the record-breaking pledge drive of a year ago.

"This more than \$400,000 pledged represents a giant step toward the \$500,000 goal of individual contributions that Channel 56 still needs to raise by the end of this fiscal year," said General Manager James Christensen. "With a few additional pledge activities between now and June 30, and the fulfillment of people's existing pledges, we will be able to continue our current level of program service and avoid a damaging deficit."

The station currently operates on an annual budget of \$3 million.

Sub teaching jobs open

Persons interested in possible substitute teaching assignments in Macomb or Oakland County school districts are invited to attend an informational meeting on the market for substitute teaching Wednesday, April 11 at Oakland University, Rochester.

Any person with a minimum of 90 satisfactory college credits, regardless of major, may be eligible. Two identical information sessions will be held at 4 and 7 p.m. in the Oakland Room of the Oakland Center. There will be no fee.

Personnel directors from various districts of both counties will discuss their individual substitute needs, district substitute permit requirements, salaries, and procedures for application.

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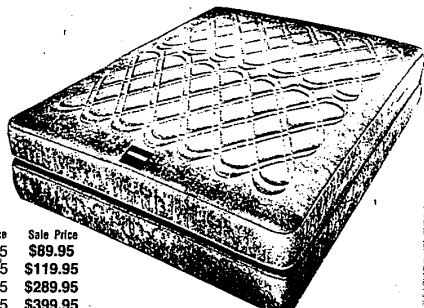
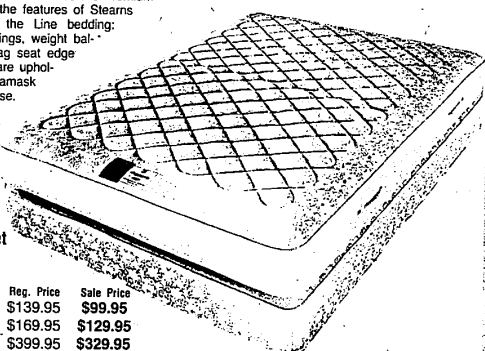
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DON'T THROW MONEY DOWN THE DRAIN

BY AMY LAWRENCE

Mark Smith is one plumber who hates to see his customers throw money down the drain. That's why he answers his own phone (852-3223) when customers call Smith Plumbing Heating for help.

"If I have time, I'll tell them anything they want to know," explained Smith, a third-generation master plumber at 30. "Sometimes it's hard to know without looking at the problem, but if I can help them over the phone, I'm happy to do it."

Working from his Rochester office in partnership with his father, Paul, Smith handles any plumbing or heating problem from sewer installation to clogged garbage disposals to broken boilers throughout all of Oakland and parts of Macomb Counties.

His specialty, however, is preventive maintenance.

"People can save lots of money if they have their plumbing checked periodically," he explained. "If we foresee some difficulty, we can take care of it before it becomes a bigger, more expensive problem."

By repairing one small faucet leak, for example, the consumer can save 9,000 gallons of wasted water per year. Sewer gas can seep through deteriorating pipes and inefficiently operating equipment can be, at best, costly and, at worst, dangerous.

To prevent these problems, Smith offers quarterly inspections of all plumbing and heating equipment including furnaces, pipes, drains, fixtures and ventilation. Each inspection includes a complete written report.

For a flat \$20 inspection and report fee, Smith will also examine all plumbing and heating in any home for prospective buyers.

"Most homeowners can cut their plumbing and heating bills by quite a bit if they take a few minutes for prevention before problems occur," Smith suggested.

They can, for example, drain hot water heaters at least twice a year and dust furnaces as frequently as the furnace.

Another way customers can save on expenses is to kick the plumbers out before they clean up.

"We're always glad to clean up our own mess," Smith explained, "but we think we're doing the customer a favor to clear out the second we're done. If we stick around to clean, we have to charge by the hour. The customer can always save by doing it himself or hiring someone to clean at a much cheaper rate."

Although there are many times the do-it-yourself consumer can save, Smith feels there are some jobs that demand professional work. Using unapproved material, for example, can contaminate the entire water supply.

"If you really do have to call a professional," Smith cautioned, "be sure to have a least three price quotations before hiring anyone. Don't just jump in with the first one."

Not all contractors give free estimates, Smith does.

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