It's not every day one gets to clown around at the circus instead of going to school. Still, Jeanne Garmo was scared. She wasn't afraid her teacher would find out where she was all day Monday. After all it was Mrs. Davya Cohen, eighth grade teacher at Thompson Middle School, who encouraged her studies the state of t

A big, red smile was painted on her face by Roger Reeves, a Detroit fireman and volunteer clown. Reeves work was redundant — the real smile underneath her greasepaint was nearly as wide as the one he painted on. And when she donned the oversized shoes and frilly collar, she looked the part of Jay-Gee the clown, the name she used professionally.

The transformation impressed her best friend, Alisa Garfinkel and her younger sister, Gloria. "I couldn't believe it was my own sis-ter," said Gloria.

"YOU REALLY look like a clown," noted Ringmaster Ernie McLean in his introduction of the Clown for a Day. "She is a clown," said Cinders the Clown, Miss Garmo's circus sidekick,

Clown, Miss Garmo's circus sidekick, correcting the singing ringmaster.
About the only thing missing was the mirth and mayhem usually associated with clowns. As clowns go, Miss Garmo acted a bit too polite when she first stepped out on the sawdust.
But by intermission she was clowning like a polished professional.
What caused the change in character? It could've been the prop, What's a clown without a prop like a pair of

oversized scissors or a slapstick? Miss Garmo had one of those obnoxious knotted brass horns with a black bulb on the end which she honked as incessantly as she smiled. The kids in the audience ate it up and asked for Jay-Gee's autograph.

After the favorable response, Miss Garmo was asked if she was ready to run away with the circus to be a clown.

"My favorite is the trapeze artist," she said. "I just think they're neat. They scare me sometimes because they don't fall when it looks like they should."

The memory of the day at the circus will last a lifetime. But Jeanne also has something tangible to hang onto. Because along with the title goes a brand new bike. Some kids get all the breaks.



Stickers are applied to Jeanne Garmo's face as the transformation from middle-school student to clown begins.



A Shrine Circus clown tries to make Jeanne smile while Roger Reeves applies her clown make-up. (Staff photos by



tion complete, Jeanne is escorted into the circus spotlight by Freckles the Clown.



IN SPITE OF the cold weather, spring has definitely sprung within the hearts and minds of Farmington Hills residents. As we all know, next to the start of the baseball season, spring is known, spring by the spoile to get sows that at least one suspicious person complaint was easily explained by that seasonal pursuit. Typed neatly into the log is this one word, multi-exclamation pointed explanation: LOVERS !!!

(A big Inside Angles sigh on that one.)

IT MUST HAVE been a bird lover who was questioned the other day by the aforementioned police. Seems the man was hanging around the Farmington Hills trailer park best known for its Farmington finis rather park best known for its large plastic faun and appropriately pamed the Flamingo Trailer Park. His explanation of the attraction the park held for him? Simple. He was looking at the flamingos. (Do they come in another color besides pink?)

AND FOR THOSE of you whose thoughts do indeed turn to baseball at this time of year, the Tigers' first home game of the season is against Kanasa City at 1:30 pm. April 18. Meet you in the bleachers to compare George Kell imitations.

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GOING, GOING, GONE That's what you're bound to hear after 8 p.m. on April 25 if you stand outside the Gill Elementary School gym.
Gill PTA members are hoping you do more than stand outside and catch a chill. They're auctioning off original oil painting, prints, lithographs, etchings and sculptures to buy something useful for their school. In past years, the PTA has purchased items for the media center, the playground and a movie projector for the school with the proceeds from the auction. This year's auction, coordinated through Classic Studios. Uties, will have its preview at 7 p.m. with the actilioneer's gavel coming down for the first time at 8 p.m. Tickets are 31 and can be obtained at the door. There will be a door prize of a framed original oil painting.

NOW TO KEEP you currant with the NOW 10 K.ELF you currant with the Jaycees: the boys are having their annual Jelly Sale March 29 in the Downtown Farmington Center, Farmington Road and Grand River. (currant, jelly, get it!) The Jaycees are asking a \$1 donation for each jar of jelly. All proceeds from the sale will support the community oriented programs of the group. (Slock up for your morning piece of toast, or give Annt Mabel a few jars for Easter.)

THE MICHIGAN MORMON Concert
Cholr will perform at the Bloomfield Hills Stake
Center of the Church of Jesus Carist of Latter Day
Saints from B pm. April 4 at the Church Cultural
Center, 425 North Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. In
July, the choir will perform for the public in Utah
of in a series of programs July 4 and 5 in Temple

Square, Salt Lake City, as part of the Church sesouicentennial celebration.

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UP AND DOWN up and down, up and down, That's the way life is if you're a yo-yo, Yo-yo enthusiasts will get a chance to learn a few mofe tricks with their favorite roundish object on a string when Dan LaPlante, representative of the Duncan Toy Company demonstrates yo-yo techniques and tricks and talk about yo-yo history. (Please let's not push this too far and say it's full of ups and downs). All of this happens at 11 a.m. April 7 in the Farmington library on Liberty, or at 1 p.m. April 7 in the Farmington Hills library.

AHA April I is just around the corner. (No foolin') Of course, Angles won't let this sterling event pass without giving it an Angles salute. (Angles, as you may have noticed, doesn't miss too many chances to give one of these salutes.) So here it is, for all April I fans, an April Fool's Salute: (What do you mean there's nothing there? APRIL FOOL.)

LOCAL CB'ers banded together under the name of Farmington Area Halping Hands, have given a big hand to the Farmington Area Advisory Council by collecting about 16,000 pounds of old newspapers in a paper drive to raise funds for FAAC's Youth and Family Services, in the past the Helping Hands have helped the Jayoese Walks To Farmington, summer concerts and the Jayoese freent fund-raiser for the Community Center, which involved collecting returnable bottles and cans.

RAH RAH sis boom bah: That's the sound of the Our Lady of Mercy High School cheerleading squad. The group from the Farmington Hills school are among 12 cheerleading squads who competed this week in the Detroit Pistons High School Pom Pom Champlonships in Pontiac Silverdome. Each of the squads were required to do a four-minute routine to taped music on the floor of the Silverdome.

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