

## STREET WISE

## The Ins of Working Out

Sure, it's great to exercise, but not when you pull a muscle or sprain an ankle. Harper-Grace Hospitals is offering a free community program that tells how to have a safe and injury-free physical workout. Tips for the Week of April 1 will be 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Southfield Civic Center. Dr. Robert T. Burke, medical director of the sports medicine program at Harper, will present the program. Southfield Civic Center, 20000 Civic Center Drive, Southfield; 745-8883 or 354-4804.

## Gem of a night

Test your sleuthing powers at "Jewel Heist" at the Stardust Ballroom, which will be 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday at the Troy Hilton Hotel. Detroit Police Commander Gilbert Hill will host the evening, a benefit for HAVEN, the Oakland County shelter for abused women and children. The event is cosponsored by Sutton's Antiques & Village Clothing in Pontiac and the Troy Hilton. Troy Hilton, 1455 Stephenson, Troy; 583-0900.

## Joshing around

Josh White Jr. has taken himself off the road after 26 years and is appearing at 8 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays through April at the lower level of the Red Cedars in Southfield. The singer offers a musical tour of folk, blues and gospel, ranging from classics learned from his famous father to his own songs of today. Cover charge is \$8. The Red Cedars, 23035 Telegraph, at Nine Mile, Southfield; 353-5170.

## Ruff stuff

Have you ever noticed how much dogs look like their masters? Well, quite frankly, we haven't, and we're sick and tired of hearing that old cliché, OK? But judge for yourself Saturday when more than 7,000 pooches gather at Cobo Hall for the Detroit Kennel Club Dog Show. A highlight will be a steepchase competition. The show is open 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., and tickets are \$5. Cobo Hall, 301 Civic Center, Detroit; 432-6600.

## La Duke of Earl

Rochester songwriter Jeff LaDuke appears Wednesday through March at Four Green Fields in Royal Oak. LaDuke opened the Detroit Pistons vs. Indiana basketball game Monday, March 16, in the Pontiac Silverdome, with an a cappella rendition of "God Bless America." The game was picked up for live national distribution on the PASS cable network. LaDuke also has just completed work on a music video for his self-penned song "Rebecca, Send Another Letter," a single set for release in the spring. Four Green Fields, 3333 N. Woodward, Royal Oak; 280-2902.

## Best bet

Perhaps you're a scientific kind of better when it comes to horse racing: "This horse runs well in the mud, but seems to slow down when the temperature gets below 45.5 degrees. But she's been fast out of the gate the last three races so I'll go with her." Or perhaps not: "Oh, my, what a pretty name! I'll put my \$2 on him!" Whatever the case, you'll have the chance to put your money where your mouth is starting Friday as Ladbroke DRC opens for another season of business. Post time is 3 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Ladbroke DRC, 28001 Schoolcraft, at Middlebelt, Livonia; 925-7300.

## Allegorical 'Antigone'

When the Nazis crushed France in 1940 they also crushed freedom of expression. To get around censorship, playwright Jean Anouilh wrote his play "Antigone" on the classic theme of Oedipus' daughter, but the play also could be seen as an allegory of life in Vichy France. The Varner Studio Theatre at the Oakland University Center for the Arts on campus in Rochester Hills will be performing the play through Saturday, April 4. Times are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays and Saturday, April 4. Tickets are \$7 general admission, \$4 for senior citizens and children under 12, and \$3 for OU students. Varner Hall, Oakland University, Walton and Squirrel roads, Auburn Hills; 370-3013.

## Pretend music

A revamped Pretenders, still featuring Chrissie Hynde, will rock out Friday night at Cobo Arena. The opening act is none other than Detroit's own Iggy Pop, whose latest album is "Blah, Blah, Blah." The show starts at 8 p.m., and tickets are \$15. Cobo Arena, 301 Civic Center, Detroit; 432-6666.

## Science in 3-D

Emmett Leith, known as "the father of holography," will discuss how lasers are used in hologram production, in a lecture at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Cranbrook Institute of Science. The lecture coincides with the start of Cranbrook's new exhibit, "The Laser at 25," marking the 25th anniversary of this versatile tool of light. The exhibit will continue through Sunday, May 10. Cranbrook Institute of Science, 300 Lord Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills; 645-3230.

Got something interesting in the works? Send your information to Richard Lech, Street Wise, 35251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

## Girl talkers

Rock critic Dave Marsh called them, "One of the best undiscovered bands in America." The Metro Times selected them as the best rock band. They're called Let's Talk About the Girls, and they'll be playing at Griff's Grill in Pontiac this weekend. Twanging away on lead guitar will be Terry Perry, a 1983 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; 334-9222.

## Puppet shows of the rich and famous

Puppet lookalikes of such stars as Stevie Wonder, Michael Jackson, Kenny Rogers and Liza Minnelli will take the stage this weekend when the Famous People Players appear at the Music Hall Center in Detroit. The

ensemble of life-size fluorescent puppets and props will be manipulated under ultraviolet light. The shows will be 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Music Hall Center, downtown Detroit; 963-7880.

## GET A JOB

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"Students should know as much as they possibly can about these firms, their background, their products, the kind of people they hire," Nordman said. "They should be employer-oriented. It's not just, 'What can they do for me?' but 'What can I do for them?'"

This part of the project includes getting lists of prospective employers, going through trade journals, researching companies that seem especially interesting and wading through a myriad of job opportunity publications.

Most of these can be found in the college's job placement office or at school or local libraries. How to learn to use these resources can be learned in college workshops or special "job-hunt" classes.

Ruehs of OCC called it the first of her "three P's."

"Students must prepare," she said. "That's all the way from a resume to a proper interview suit or outfit to research companies to find out their products, their philosophy in the marketplace."

Chris Brant, director of co-op and placement for Madonna College, said students should think of their college as only one of many resources.

"They should tap them all," she said.

ALL THAT research — or lack of it — shows through in the job interview.

"Probably one of the worst things a student can do is not be prepared for the interview," Nordman said.

The interview is also the best place for the employer to gauge the student's communication skills, one of the most important assets in the working world.

"Employers are looking for people who have good verbal skills and are good communicators," Nordman said.



## Effects wizard waits on Oscar

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EBFORD'S BACKGROUND is in literature and art. After they moved to California she worked for a publishing company for two years, then was transferred to New York City because she wanted experience in book publishing. For five years she commuted between the East and West coasts.

"It was actually kind of exciting," she said. "I had kind of an interesting life because I was in the New York life and then I would come here (Hollywood) and be involved in the film world. But it did get tiring after a number of years. That is quite a strain."

Ebford has since quit her New York job, although she and Skotak still have an apartment there.

Before "Aliens" Skotak did special effects work on several low-budget sci-fi films. He also worked on a few other major box office films, including "Escape from New York" and "Jaws 3-D," as well as a TV pilot for former Monkees singer Mike Nesmith called "TV Parts."

Skotak got the "Aliens" job because he had worked with the director, Jim Cameron, on "Escape From New York." After four months of making sketches and discussing what effects would and wouldn't work, Skotak and his wife went to England for 11 months to work on "Aliens."

THE MOVIE was shot at Pinewood Studios, which is in a little town about 24 miles outside of London in desolate countryside.

For Skotak, "Aliens" was the most challenging project he's ever undertaken. "I don't think there was an easy shot in the whole film," he said. "If there was one slip-up anywhere you would destroy the whole illusion."

Skotak was responsible for all of the shots of the colony on the planet, including scenes with the alien queen, using puppets controlled by half a dozen people.

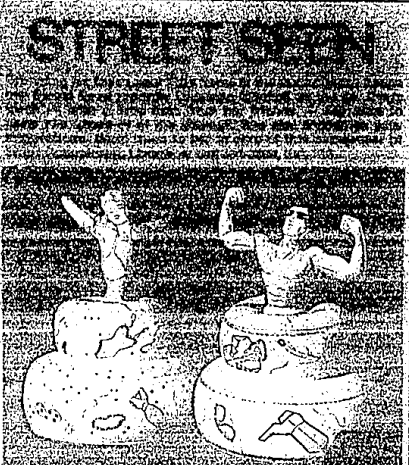
There were also many scenes that involved a 30-ton armored personnel carrier (APC), and half of all the shots involving the APC had to be done in miniature because it wasn't very maneuverable. Those shots involved the miniature APC crashing into walls, crushing metal, and catching on fire.

It was a difficult process of matching the lighting, the fog in the air, the speed of the full-size vehicle, and the camera angle with the shots of the full-size vehicle.

SKOTAK DOESN'T have much time off, but when he does he enjoys travel and, of course, going to the movies. Although he enjoys making science fiction films, he likes to see all types of movies.

Skotak says he enjoys the California lifestyle, but he thinks of home often.

"I miss Michigan a lot. I have a lot of friends there, and I would like to make a film there sometime. I don't know if it's actually going to happen, but I'm looking at a screenplay that involves a story about the Detroit Tigers, which would be a lot of fun because I'm a big Tiger fan."

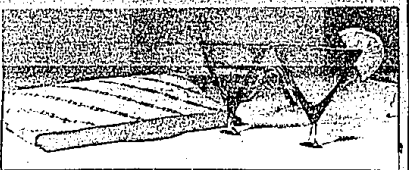
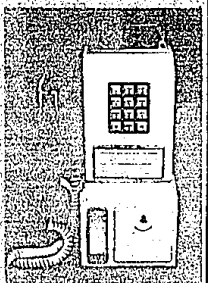


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