## Backstage producer confronts ice show chainsaw



## Warm-up at chili cookoff

Forty cooks from seven different states will be competing in the fifth annual Winter Freeze Regional Chili Cookoff and Salsa Competition Saturday, Jan. 17.

The event in Allen Park at the VFW Hall, 16736 Ecorse Road, offers only support of the Cournet Janes Salsa samples.

Doors open 11 a.m. Cooks will

A lot of Michigan dere refeling guilty about this winter. Call it the El Nino effect; you want to enjoy the mild temperatures caused by the infamous jets tream, but all the property damage in California weighs on your conscience.

Combined with season affected disorders, things could get pretty bleak around here.

Well, cold temperatures have drrived, just in time to save us from widespread depression.

about the segment. "You don't think of ice as a medium for art. But you don't think of a newspaper as a medium either, and bangi, origami slaps you in the face. Mininly, I need to remember that Allison's going to have a chainsaw. I just hope I don't stumble on some subconscious trigger that sets her off on a rampage. Remind me net to say 'Rosebud.' Good thinking. In a segment we're calling 'Anderson on Anderson, 'Back'sage host Gary Anderson will talk with Backstage host Hilberty Theatre production "Of Mice and Men," which Blair is directing. Of course, we all know Steinbeck's novel to be an American classic. I asked Gary how the play stacks up. "It's an important piece in American theater history, first of all because it is a good rendering of the book, but also because of the issues it addresses: the average guy trying to come together within the community and still meet his own needs." munity and still meet his own needs."

"Lenny's returded. His only problem is that he can't control himself. His brother, George, is willing in part to sacrifice part of himself for Lenny's betterment. They share a desire to owo land, run it their own way, not have to work for anybody and be able to live on their own terms. It looks at one point like they might achieve their dream – they have saved some money, they find a partner – it seems within reach. What loses it is Lenny's uncontrollability. The play is talking about the hopelessness of dreams for the downtrodden.

"It was significant part of a movement that opened the doer for writers like Tennessee Williams, Arthur Miller and August Wilson, for that type of exploration of the human condition. Its success made Broadway willing to produce starkly realistic plays. The New York Times critic called is one of the best dramas in American theater to that time.

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"Steinbeck actually wrote the seript and did a brilliant job.

That's rare. There are very few writers who can writer for more than one medium." Why might his novel have been more translatable than most? "Because Steinbeck is focusing on human drama, this play can be dramatized because the drama is in the people.

W. Kim Heron will be in the studie to host the honorable Judge Myron Wahla, long respected both in the courtroom and the community, perhaps less known as a terrific juzzman, "Listen to Judge Wahls when he hits his stride - or rather his groove – and then you know why Lionel Hampton, who certainly has his pick of company, pulled Wahls onto the road for a tour in '88. The judge is one swinging, blues-drenched player in the style of Gene Harris, whose 'Gene's Blues' he digs with relish."

The Judge ensemble, the Mike

Wahls Trio - with drummer George Davidson and bassist Marion Hayden - has just released its first CD. You Be the Judge. The disc features special guests Marcus Belgrave and Ursula Walker, and as Kimfound out, it's more than just a record. The CD is a gift for the Henry Ford Health System's cancer research efforts, a mark of Judge Wahls' gratitude to the Henry Ford dectors who have guided his five-year fight with multiple myeloma. All proceeds from the record go to the fight against cancer. What a special man.

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