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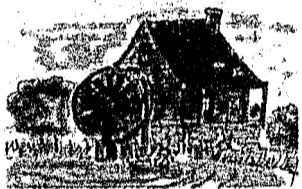
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AROUND



THE MILL POND

Between an engine and a hard place

Almost all of us have been there and done that and can sympathize. So we're hoping that all ended well for the poor kitten that got its head stuck in the engine compartment of a vehicle in Independence Township last week. Sensitive firefighters, hearing the sobbing voices of children in the background, responded to a phone call for help but had to leave the kitten abruptly, to fight a house fire, before the pet could be freed.

As of this week, the fire department didn't know how the kitten fared. We're hoping the story had a purrfect ending.

Flying candy might be booted

That old saying, "Don't take candy from strangers" may go into effect at this year's Labor Day parade.

The Clarkston Rotary Club, which sponsors the parade, is considering banning candy throwing at the event this year. Organizers said it causes children to run into the streets and into harm's way, near oncoming parade traffic.

A political potluck

Election workers at voting precincts eight and nine at Clarkston Middle School do more than work during their 16-hour shifts — they eat.

It's a food affair, said Tami Freed, the precinct chairwoman who helps organize the workers' potluck dinners. Evidence of their food frenzy came from the "Igloo" coolers that were stacked up beside the polls on Tuesday. One set of workers even has a regular special request — Freed's homemade chicken pasta salad.



Opportunity: Golf caddy work is a good job for Andrew Johnston, 14.



Ball juggle: Andrew Johnston of Clarkston does a golf caddy trick for the camera, but won't launch into his antics while he's serving golfers at Indianwood Golf and Country Club.

Well-serviced golf 'loop' means big cash



Attitude: Maturity on the course, Andrew says, is the key to job success.

Andrew Johnston spends summer afternoons working on his game — his golf game that is.

The 14-year-old Clarkston resident has found a way to combine work and play during summer vacation. For the past three years, he has worked weekends as a golf caddy at Indianwood Golf and Country Club in Lake Orion.

For the Johnston's, golf is a family affair. Johnston found out about the job when his older brother, Phil, began working at the course. He has since recruited his younger brother, Chris, to work as a caddy there as well.

Andrew said it's one job he can do even though he's not yet old enough to drive.

"It's the only job we can get at our age," said Johnston, who will attend the new Clarkston High School in the fall.

But employees at the private golf course said that it's not an easy job.

Competition is one common aspect of working as a caddy. At Indianwood, the earlier a caddy arrives for work, the more likely it is he or she will be chosen for a "loop," or a chance to accompany a club member on a round of 18 holes.

One work day usually lasts four-and-a-half hours. Just because Johnston shows up on Saturday morning, doesn't necessarily mean he'll get a chance to work — or get paid. He is only one of about 15 caddies who work on the course on a given day. Johnston works on Saturdays and Sundays.

Caddies are chosen by golfers on a first-come, first-serve basis. Those at the head

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3rd fire ignites call for new hires

A boom in population and development in Independence Township may bring more fire incidents, so fire officials are looking at expanding the department.

A third devastating house fire hit Independence Township just at a time when fire officials are wondering how to beef up the number of on-call firefighters.

"I still need people," said Independence Township Fire Chief Gar Wilson, as he discussed the nature, and unpredictability, of fire fighting during a Tuesday telephone interview.

"It's a funny business we're in. We're either sitting here with too many people and we're not doing anything. Or we're out there kicking butt," he said. "We never know when we're going to go out. Usually, stuff comes in three's. I don't know why."

Wilson's telephone conversation on Tuesday followed the third devastating house fire to hit the township in less than a month's time.

On Aug. 1, a residence on Perry Lake Road sustained extensive damage, but there were no injuries as the home's owners were away at the time of the fire.

Firefighters from Springfield Township and Brandon Township assisted at that blaze.

Ironically, that same house was damaged in a fire several years ago after it was hit by lightning, Wilson said. The cause of the Aug. 1 fire had not been determined at press time.

On July 26, township resident Larry W. Taylor, 48, died in a fire at his Summerhill Drive home. Prior to that, on July 14, 85-year-old Doris Gould lost her life in a blaze at her residence on Deer Lake Drive.

Wilson said it is a matter of coincidence that the three fires struck so close together. Weather did not play a factor, he said, adding that with the population increase the township is experiencing, an increase in the number of fires and medical runs is bound to follow — obviously necessitating a need for more firefighters.

At the present time, Wilson is trying to find ways to increase the number of on-call firefighters and to more efficiently use them, while hoping to some

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Liquor license granted for upscale eatery

Italian restaurant given coveted license in Independence Twp.

Trustees in Independence Township voted to issue one of three available liquor licenses to restaurateur Nino Cutraro, who plans to open an upscale Italian eatery in the community.

The decision came in a 6-1 vote of the board after more than two months of discussion about the township's available Class C liquor licenses. The township gained two licenses after a mid-decade census showed a population increase.

Independence Township Supervisor

Dale Stuart voted against approval because other license applicants were not able to attend the meeting — a contention that sparked debate among trustees who said they believed comparing the applications was neither necessary nor appropriate.

"I really believe that each applicant falls and stands on its merits," said Trustee Larry Rosso.

"We have essentially, by our own powers, delayed the applicants. It just seems to me that we ought to deal (with each applicant) on a case-by-case basis," said Trustee Jeffrey McGee.

"It would be inappropriate" to compare the applicants in the decision process, said Trustee Neil Wallace.

While Trustee Dan Travis, who sits on the township's planning commis-

'I really believe that each applicant falls and stands on its merits.'

Larry Rosso

—Independence Township trustee

sion, said he felt comfortable issuing Cutraro a license, he cautioned the board that several restaurants are planned for the township.

Four restaurants are planned for a strip mall project at Dixie Highway and White Lake Road, he said. Two restaurants are projected for a development known as the Waldon Town Center at Sashabaw and Waldon roads, he said.

Current liquor license applicants are the principal partners of a sports com-

plex proposed for the township, known as the Sportsplex, and the owner of the OPA! restaurant on Main Street near Dixie Highway. The board is slated to review the remaining applications on Aug. 18.

In late July, the board adopted a policy on issuing liquor licenses to guide their and future boards' decision-making. The policy was modeled after West Bloomfield Township's liquor license ordinance and sets forth criteria for

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New Job: Dr. David Spencer of Independence Township is leaving his Walsh College presidency to head up Michigan Virtual University.

Spencer heads for cyberspace academy, leaves Walsh College presidency behind

Sitting on the front porch of his Independence Township home, Dr. David Spencer, Ph.D., looks nothing if not relaxed. He has discarded his suit jacket, eaten his dinner and is now comfortable in a summer chair.

Watching children ride bikes in front of his house, he leans back and considers cyberspace — and all the potential that subject holds.

Then, with a little prodding, the seven-year president of Walsh College — who will soon be leaving that position to head up Michigan Virtual University (MVU) — owns up to the fact that he likes to collect antique fountain pens.

"I like to say, 'you can never have enough foun-

tain pens,'" he says, smiling at the obvious disparity between the pens of the past and the computers of the future. "I'm told I'm sort of a living oxymoron."

Spencer expects to leave the helm of Walsh College sometime in October and begin chasing the new adventure of overseeing MVU — a concept whose time, he says, has come.

Michigan Virtual University is, according to Spencer, "a brokerage to provide Michigan colleges and universities with an opportunity to deliver their distance education programs to Michigan

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Breaking ground



Project begins: A groundbreaking ceremony was held July 31 for Pine Tree Place, Assisted Living Residence for the Elderly to be located on Parkview Drive in Clarkston. Those in attendance included Sen. Mat Dunaskiss, Independence Township Supervisor Dale Stuart and Rev. James Keough from First Congregational Church in Clarkston.

Wildlife story of the summer: Eagle-like osprey have landed

The small plane was just another blip on the radar screen at Oakland County International Airport. Just another plane on final approach on a hot summer's afternoon. No one paid much attention except for the air-traffic controller and the occupants of the state-owned vehicle parked outside the gate. But history was in the making.

No, many miles away, near Brighton, a small, anxious gathering of wildlife biologists and naturalists mingled with the media and waited for word. I was among the gathering. Feet shuffled on soggy ground. And then a radioed report broke the silence: "She's down."

Osprey are designated a threatened species. Now, thanks to the Michigan Nongame Fish and Wildlife Fund, Oakland County is the site of a reintroduction program.

OAKLAND...NATURALLY



JONATHAN SCHECHTER

The cooler's contents were for our honored guests.

I had been amusing myself watching a large northern water snake slither through muck and vegetation in a cat-and-mouse game with a frog. That is the kind of thing naturalists do when opportunity presents itself. Strange lot, we are. The frog lost. That mini-drama occurred under a strange new wooden structure constructed at the edge of Kensington Metro Park's Wildwing Lake. I chatted with Fish and Wildlife Management intern Carrie Harlukowicz, who now beamed like a proud parent because "her" osprey had arrived.

the Detroit Zoological Institute and the Nongame Fund deserves more recognition than it has received.

Nature has a remarkable ability to adapt to change when given half a chance. With Kensington Metro Park as ground zero, osprey are about to get that chance. The mysterious elevated structure that shaded the slithering water snake is a "hacking" tower, a tower with special cages in the upper levels where the young osprey, just transferred from the Upper Peninsula, will remain, protected by hidden human guardians until they are able to fly. It is the belief of the DNR, the osprey team, and this writer, that the introduction will succeed.

By the time autumn splashes the leaves of sugar maple gold, the foursome of osprey are expected to respond to ancient natural stimuli and fly off on a long working vacation to Central or South America. But in three years, when sexually mature, the osprey should follow their finely tuned internal compasses and fly home. And home will be Oakland County.

According to Ray Rustem, supervisor of the Natural Heritage Program and fellow member of the Michigan Alliance for Environmental and Outdoor Education, "This project is an excellent example of how state and local government as well as private partners can work together to help restore Michigan's natural heritage."

The osprey were placed gently in the hack box. If I didn't know better, I would have sworn my eyes were damp. But we all smiled. Even the media folk smiled. They understood. That is half the battle. And now you understand, too.

Jonathan Schechter is the naturalist for West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation and writes on the ways of nature for The Eccentric.

Speed reduction considered for Dixie Hwy.

Commission recommends setting limit at 50 mph

The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) has recommended that the Michigan State Police reduce the speed limit on Dixie Highway between I-75 and Davisburg Road in Springfield Township from 55 to 50 mph.

The recommendation follows a recently completed review of the road.

Also as a result of the review, RCOC will seek federal funding to widen that section of Dixie Highway from four lanes to five lanes (adding a center left-turn lane). However, there's no guarantee the funding will be forthcoming.

The State Police, the agency that sets speed limits, will now review the speed limit recommendation. A decision could take six months or more.

The proposed widening project will be submitted to the Funding Committee of the Oakland County Federal Aid Task Force next spring.

The Road Commission and all cities and villages in the county

seeking federal funding for road projects must submit project information to the committee.

The committee then ranks all submitted projects based on an objective point system. Only those projects that score high in the ranking will receive federal funding.

If the committee approved funding for the project for the Dixie Highway project, it would not be available prior to 2001.

Gerald M. Holmberg, RCOC deputy managing director and county highway engineer, noted that between 1994 and 1998 that stretch of road averaged 16 accidents annually, with nearly half being rear-end accidents.

"Our study revealed that Dixie Highway is not a high accident location and may not justify the federal funding for a widening project at this time. However, we anticipate an increasing traffic demand on the road in coming years, as the area continues to develop," he said.

Holmberg added that Road

Commission statistics indicate that there are 1,093 segments of county roads in Oakland County with a higher accident rate.

The Road Commission estimates adding the additional lane to the road would cost approximately \$2 million. RCOC relies upon federal road dollars for major construction projects such as road widenings.

As part of its review of the road, RCOC also examined the possibility of installing a traffic signal at the intersection of Dixie Highway and Old Pond Road, which is the largest intersection between I-75 and Davisburg Road.

It was determined that a signal is not warranted at this location.

According to the RCOC, between 1994 and 1998 there was only one accident at that intersection that might have been affected by a traffic signal.

Holmberg also said the study found significant gaps in traffic along Dixie Highway at Old Pond that allow traffic access to Dixie Highway.

She's landed."

The media, which had not yet grasped the full significance of what was about to occur, looked at the "nature people" and realized from our excitement that this was big. They were about to witness the wildlife story of the summer, a story with more significance and significantly less hype than the earlier coverage of the black bear that had meandered into Oakland County only to discover humans infesting the land. The media left. That story died.

The heat was the lesser story of the day. Some would call it oppressive. I prefer sultry. Marshmallow-like cumulus clouds teased the momentary shade. The cooler under the table looked tempting. The contents? Raw bullhead fillets chopped into one-half inch cubes.

Read the Clarkston Eccentric for the latest developments in Clarkston and Independence and Springfield townships

Charter Township of Springfield NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS of the CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD will hold a meeting on Thursday, August 20, 1998 beginning at 8:00 P.M. at the Springfield Township Hall, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, Michigan, to hear the appeal of: OLD BUSINESS: 1. Robert D. Yokes, Jr., 11503 Big Lake Road, Davisburg, MI 48350 to allow construction of a detached accessory structure with 1) a rear yard setback of 6 feet rather than the required 35 feet and, 2) a side yard setback of 4 feet rather than the required 15 feet. P.I. #07-28-201-009. NEW BUSINESS: 1. THE DREAM MAKER, 30497 Salisbury, Farmington Hills, MI 48336 to allow a solarium sunroom and deck to be built onto the front of a residence located at 9376 Bruceedale, Clarkston, MI 48346, which would result in a front yard setback of 39 feet the required 50 feet. P.I. #07-26-229-013. 2. Beverly and Lawrence Rapp, P.O. Box 749, Clarkston, MI 48347 to allow an existing home to remain at 11150 Clark Road, Davisburg, MI 48350 as an accessory residential structure after a new home has been built on the lot. P.I. #07-15-301-002. 3. Grant Ward Surveyors, 661 Broadway, P.O. Box 440, Davisburg, MI 48350, on behalf of Holly Ford-Tibor Gyarmati, to allow the following: 1) two ground signs, one to be 8 feet 6 inches in height with a total area of 146 square feet and the other to be 40 feet in height with a total area of 318 square feet, when the permitted signage per zoning lot is 1 ground sign which in this district is limited to a maximum height of 10 feet and a total area of 100 square feet 2) a building sign with a total square footage of 133 feet instead of the maximum permitted area of 100 square feet, 3) lighting fixtures with a height of 25 feet which exceed the maximum permitted height of 16 feet and 4) an on site light intensity of 110 foot-candles and an off site intensity of 60 foot-candles which exceed the maximum permitted intensity of 20 foot-candles in any given area. #07-05-426-001. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the maps and variance requests may be examined at the Springfield Township Clerk's Office, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, Michigan, during regular office hours Monday through Friday, until the date of the meeting. Anyone needing a special accommodation at the meeting should contact the township clerk at least two (2) business days in advance of the meeting. NANCY STROLE, Clerk Charter Township of Springfield

BIRTH Vitale Derek Joseph Vitale was born Thursday, May 28, 1998, at Crittenton Hospital in Rochester. He weighed 9 pounds 3 ounces and was 22 inches long. Proud parents are Jamison and Amy Vitale of Davisburg. Grandparents are Robert and Elaine Glowniak Sr. of Ortonville and Joe and Cheryl Vitale of Sandusky. Great grandparents are Roman Glowniak of Lenox Township and Thomas and Lena Vitale of Madison Heights.

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OBITUARIES Jack S. Kratt Jack S. Kratt of Twin Lakes, formerly of Clarkston, died Aug. 5, 1998, at age 63. Mr. Kratt retired from the Oakland County Sheriff's Department in 1986 after 26 years of service. In 1986, he bought the Wyandotte Hills Golf Course in Twin Lakes which he owned and operated until his death. He is survived by his wife, Betty; daughter, Susan (Robert) Methner of Pontiac; son, Greg of Twin Lakes and mother, Charlotte "Lottie" Kratt of Harrisville. He is also survived by his sister, Carol (David) Skillman of Oscoda; brother, William "Bud" (Marilyn) Kratt of Idialantic, Fla., three grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home in Clarkston. Funeral service will be held 1 p.m., Monday, at St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 3795 Sashabay Road, Waterford, with Pastor E. Dale Evanson officiating. Friends may call from noon until time of service at the church. Interment will take place at Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Jim Sibilsky-Jack Kratt Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Wyandotte Hills Golf Course, HCR 1, Box 236, Toivola MI 49965.

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Caged In: Charles McGhee found it difficult to get this rooster to crow during the 4H Fair's Rooster Crow contest on Friday.



A family affair: The annual 4H Fair at Springfield Oaks County Park in Davisburg offers a variety of activities and displays for families.



Hog wild: Jolene Back, 8, of Ortonville, entered the ring to get a closer look at one of the hogs being judged in a livestock competition.

4H fun

The annual 4H Fair at Springfield Oaks County Park in Davisburg runs through today, Aug. 9. More than 70,000 people are expected to attend the fair this year. Sunday events include a Classic and Antique Car Show from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the Heavy-weight Horse Pull at 2 p.m.

A gospel music talent search is also slated for 2 p.m. The fair, which is in its 26th year in Davisburg, also boasts more than 6,000 displays, including many animal exhibits. The 4H Fair dates back to the late 1800s and was originally held in the Milford area.

AGENDAS

Clarkston Schools
6389 Clarkston Road
625-4402
Board of Education Meeting
7 p.m., Monday, Aug. 10
Tentative Agenda

1. Call to Order
- 1.1 Roll Call
- 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of Consent Agenda
- 2.1 Approval of Agenda
- 2.2 Approval of Minutes: July 13, 1998
- 2.3 Approval of expenditure for the month
- 2.4 Acceptance of donations
- 2.5 Approval of Administrative/Instructional/Non-Instructional Staff
- 2.6 Approval of Field Trips: CHS Band Camp to Camp Nissokone, Oscoda on Aug. 17-22, 1998
- 2.7 Approval of Elementary Schools Handbooks
- 2.8 Approval to Participate in the Michigan School Readiness Program
3. Citizen Requests to Address the Board: Protocol procedures for addressing the Board
- 3.1 You are given two opportunities to address the board

- Under Item 3.1 you can request to address the board about any topic which is on tonight's agenda; or
- Under Item 8 you are welcome to address the board on any topic
- When asking questions or making comments, please state your name and then direct your comments to Mr. Kurt Shanks, President, Clarkston Board of Education
- 4. Reports/Presentations
- 4.1 Student Presentation: None
- 4.2 Employee Recognition: Introduction of Steve Marsden by John Diliiegghio
- 4.3 Construction Report: Craig Kahler
- 4.4 Technology Report: Matt McCarty
- 4.5 Boundary Committee Report: Dale Goby
- 4.6 Budget to Business Plan Recommendation: Ron Sullivan
- 5. Action Items
- 5.1 Approval of Resolution Declaring the District's Intention to Become an Educational Telecommunications Provider and Authorize the Administration to Investigate the Potential Sale of its Excess Capacity

- 5.2 Approval of Bond Bid Awards: Craig Kahler
- 5.3 Approval of Milk, Bread and Ice Cream Bid Award: Linda Nester
- 5.4 Approval of Resolution Recognizing Accretion of Alternative Education Teachers into CEA: Linda Nester
- 5.5 1998 MASH Board Elections: Kurt Shanks
- 5.6 Board Appointments-Policy Revision Committee-Clarification of Appointments: Kurt Shanks
- 6. Discussion Items
- 6.1 Follow-up to the Meeting with the Independence Township Zoning Board
- 6.2 Protection of School Property
- 7. Information Items
- 8. Citizen Comments: Citizens are welcome to address the board on any topic at this point on the agenda.
- 9. Closed session as provided under the Open Meetings Act: None
- 10. Adjournment
This agenda is prepared in advance of the meeting; changes may occur.

City of the Village of Clarkston
375 Depot Road
Clarkston
625-1559
Regular Meeting
7 p.m., Monday, Aug. 10
Tentative Agenda

1. Meeting called to order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll: Catallo, Clifton, Colombo, Gamble, Roeser,

Sanderson, Savage

4. Minutes of Last Meeting.
5. Approval of Agenda.
6. Approval of Bills. Total:
7. Committee Reports/Council Comments
- a. Budgeting Committee Report
- b. Inspection Committee Report
8. Mayor's Comments

Public Comments:

Old Business:

1. Truck Ordinance
2. Computer Link to Oakland County

New Business:

Note: Placement of an item on the Agenda does not insure that it will be acted on by the City Council if the Council requires additional review and/or information.

POLICE NEWS

The following incidents were reported to police and fire agencies in Independence and Springfield townships between Aug. 2-6.

Independence Township

Vandalism
On Aug. 3, approximately \$3,000 worth of running track was vandalized at the site of the new Clarkston High School on Flemings Lake Road. A police

report said two-feet by 40-feet of track was removed.

Springfield Police

Thefts
On Aug. 2, 18 political signs, valued at approximately \$200, were reported stolen from a site on Andersonville Road.

On Aug. 3, a cell phone was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Susin.

On Aug. 3, tools were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on

Big Lake Road.

Independence Fire

On Aug. 3, firefighters assisted a 67-year-old man who was in cardiac arrest at a residence on Timberway. The patient was transported to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital by ambulance.

On Aug. 3, firefighters removed a 2-year-old child from a vehicle in which he was accidentally locked at a residence on Lancaster Hill.

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Summer job from page A1

of the line get the best shot. Johnston said he's come into work as early as 5:30 a.m. But for him, the paycheck makes it worth his time.

"You make good money," he said, adding that he would recommend it as a summer job for others his age.

Johnston even recruited his friend, Oliver Olinger, 14, to work with him.

"You get paid pretty good for the hours you work," said Olinger, who has been golfing for 10 years.

A caddy is responsible for gathering the golf balls, raking the sand traps, and replacing the torn patches of grass.

The benefits of working as a caddy include the opportunity to get golf tips from proficient golfers, play golf at the course once a week free of charge and occasionally receive free merchandise.

And Johnston is learning social skills that will be valuable in many situations.

"You learn how to meet people and introduce yourself and act real civilized," he said.

Assistant Golf Professional

'It has taught me how to interact with other people. The respect I carry here at the club is overwhelming.'

Scott Wade,

—assistant golf professional, Indianwood Golf and Country Club

Scott Wade agreed. He said that working at the club for the past 15 years has taught him personal skills and the value of hard work.

"It has taught me how to interact with other people," he said. "The respect I carry here at the club is overwhelming."

He attributes that level of respect to his interpersonal skills and his ability to communicate on a mature level, which he obtained by working at the club as a caddy.

Overall, Johnston considers it a "pretty fun" job and enjoys hanging out with the other employees at the club.

Jay Wade, a 20-year-old Clarkston resident and member of the golf cart staff, likens the staff at the course to a fraternity. He said he appreciates the help provided by caddies like Olinger

and Johnston.

"They're great on a Saturday morning when they come early," he said.

And Greg Badley, assistant golf professional at the club, said the Clarkston boys are two of the best caddies at the club.

"They're very reliable," he said. "As a caddy you always have to be a step ahead of the golfer. You two are really good at it," he said, turning to the boys.

The dress code for caddies at the club is a collared shirt, comfortable, closed shoes, and khaki Bermuda-length shorts.

Training for caddies consists of one session over a two-day period.

Scott Wade teaches the course in the beginning of April. He chooses 45 caddies each summer and said an understanding of the game is important. He looks for

individuals who are "able-bodied and strong in mind."

Caddies fall into one of three categories. Beginners, or white shirts, make \$12.50 per loop. Intermediate caddies, or red shirts, make \$15 per loop. And blue shirts, like Johnston and Olinger, make \$20 per loop and are the most experienced caddies at the club.

Johnston said he usually earns \$45 per work day. Members often tip more than double the caddy's salary.

Caddies are evaluated after every round by the golfer. When a caddy receives five "excellent" evaluations, he or she may move to the next shirt level.

"I like to see the kids make as much money as possible," said Scott Wade, who started at the club as a caddy 15 years ago and has worked there ever since.

Johnston shared some tips regarding his job.

"Good caddies are golfers," he said. "And you don't goof around."

Anyone interested in trying out for a caddy position next summer can call Scott Wade at (248) 693-7234 between April 1-4 1999.

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day hire more full-time personnel as well.

The last time that full-time firefighters were hired was in 1988, he said. Currently, there are 30 on-call and 15 full-time firefighters in the department, which serves the City of Clarkston in addition to Independence Township.

On-call fire fighters respond to fires when needed and are paid between \$8-10 per hour for their services, Wilson said. They are also put through six months of training before they are actually allowed to help at a fire.

Independence's three fire stations respond to about 2,000 incidents annually, Wilson said.

He could not cite how many serious building fires occurred last year, but he did say that to have three in rapid succession is highly unusual for the township.

Keeping on-call firefighters can be a problem because many of them work full-time jobs, decreasing the amount of time they are available, Wilson said.

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One of the options he is considering, he said, is the creation of firefighting squads that would use some on-call firefighters during certain periods of time, while allowing others their freedom — and then rotating their schedules. No decisions have been made yet, he said.

"We're trying to come up with a system that will work for us," Wilson said, referring to the commitment of on-call firefighters. "It takes a lot of time and a lot of dedication. There's not a lot of glory here."

Men and women over age 18 who are interested in becoming on-call firefighters in Independence Township should call Independence Township Fire Chief Gar Wilson at 625-1924 for an application.

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application review.

Under the policy, trustees are asked to consider, for instance, how the license would affect the surrounding community,

whether the license fits the goals of the establishment and whether the applicant demonstrates a long-term commitment to operating in the community.

Trustees are also required to consider applicants' readiness to open for business under the policy.

In the case of Cutraro, who owns two Italian restaurants in the metropolitan area — Intermezzo in Detroit and Baci in Pontiac — a lease has been obtained for a building near Sashabaw and Waldon.

"I plan to do a lot of business,"

Cutraro said of his proposed restaurant, which he expects will seat between 130 and 140 patrons and serve higher-priced Italian cuisine.

"It will be an upscale restaurant. We're going to give first-quality food and first-quality service," he said, joking that prices would not be "outrageous," but on the higher end of the scale.

Construction would start immediately and be complete before the Michigan Liquor Control Commission processed his application — a 60-day process, Cutraro said.

The restaurant interior will be modern in design and will not include a full-service, sit-down bar, he said. Cutraro also said

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Dan Travis

—Independence Township trustee

that he plans to offer a bus shuttle service to and from Pine Knob as a way to increase business at the location.

"I'm impressed. It looks superb," Rosso said of Cutraro's proposed restaurant.

"I have visited both of your (existing) restaurants," added Independence Township Clerk Joan McCrary. "And I am duly impressed."

Trustees not only agreed that the applicant's proposal fit crite-

ria of the township's recently adopted liquor license policy but would also benefit the community.

An upscale, independently operated restaurant "would be a positive asset in the community," McGee said.

"I moved to this town when there were two restaurants at which to dine, excluding McDonalds," said Travis.

"Now we're dining central."

businesses and their employees."

What it means, in short, he says, is that students of all ages will be able to educate themselves through the use of the Internet, video conferencing, satellites and other multi-media formats.

The first phase of MVU was established 18 months ago in Ann Arbor to provide distance education for auto workers. That phase was called Michigan Virtual Automotive Education and it was founded in cooperation with the president of Michigan State University, the president

emeritus of the University of Michigan and CEOs from Chrysler, General Motors and Ford Motor Co.

The second phase of Michigan Virtual University will be considered the automotive's derivative.

The costs for distance learning through MVU will be on a par with current college and university expenses, Spencer says, and will provide associate, bachelors and masters degree programs.

Michigan Virtual University will specialize in business and industry programs that include plastics, furniture, information technology, tourism, education, accounting, banking and health care.

The 48-year-old Spencer, a former public school administrator and teacher of elementary and college classes, says learning opportunities through MVU will be available for the 1998-99 school year.

Interested students can obtain application information by

accessing the school's web site at: www.mvuac.org.

Spencer, who has held a variety of board positions for organizations as diverse as the Cranbrook Institute of Arts, the editorial advisory board of WJBK TV-2 and the Henry Ford Health System-Northeast region — says he chose to resign from Walsh College because, "this is an exciting opportunity. And I believe in the vision that Gov. John Engler and the Michigan jobs commission developed."

"This project is really an opportunity to focus ... on work force development through advances in distance learning," he says.

"There are very critical demands on busy professionals. Distance learning can provide more flexibility and more timely education access opportunities," Spencer, a married father of two sons, says his goal for MVU

is to reduce the lag time between work force needs and available, informed, educated employees.

He says there is a great need for employees with varying levels of technological ability.

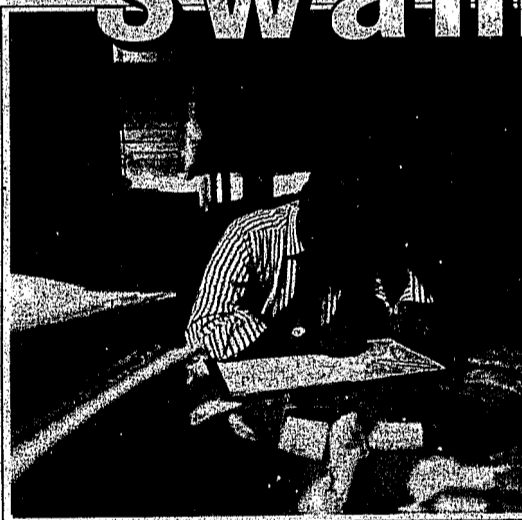
"By providing more timely and flexible distance learning, we can reduce the gap," he says. "Educational opportunities today for every age group, from pre-schoolers to our retired, are boundless. The key for the future success will be to harness the vast resources that are available through information technology and make them available to both the teachers and the learners in a way that will promote creativity and excitement, so that it's rewarding for everyone involved."

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Pasta fits into eating plans

One of the most popular foods in America is pasta. It comes in a variety of shapes and colors and can be eaten with many different sauces, in soups, or even cold in salads. But many people think of pasta as "fattening," or a "diet no-no." I am happy to say pasta is quite the opposite.



FLORINE MARK

Actually pasta is a grain food that easily fits into a healthy eating plan and is perfect for the active American lifestyle. It can satisfy your appetite while you reap the benefits of a nutritious, convenient, low-fat meal!

It is absolutely a myth that pasta is fattening. It contains almost no fat or sodium — its primary ingredients are flour and water. So, alone, pasta is not fattening. However, as with any food, if you eat too much and take in more calories than you need, you can gain weight. To

the same end, if you smother the pasta in creamy sauces or pile it high with cheese, you've got yourself an extremely fattening meal!

When pasta is combined with foods from the other food groups it is easy to build healthy meals while sticking to a low-fat diet. Consider this: a one cup serving of cooked macaroni contains only about 100 calories. Mixed with a variety of fresh vegetables, lean meats, or low-fat cheeses, it makes a fantastic meal!

The Food Guide Pyramid recommends that adults eat six to 11 servings of grains daily. This does not mean you can have 10 large plates full of Fettuccine Alfredo (especially not if you're trying to lose weight), but it clearly means that pasta and grains should not be avoided by anyone, including dieters.

According to the Food Guide Pyramid, one serving of grains is one cup of cooked pasta, one slice of bread, or one cup of cooked cereal. So, for example, a sandwich for lunch takes care of two servings and a cup of cooked spaghetti with a whole grain roll counts as three more servings of grains.

The key to eating pasta while

trying to maintain a weight management plan is to pay close attention to your portions and to be careful what is in the sauces mixed with the pasta. Although eating a carbohydrate-rich meal does raise blood glucose levels temporarily, there is no evidence that this, alone, leads to weight gain in healthy individuals.

Pasta, and carbohydrates in general, is the body's number one energy source. So, eating carbohydrates provides your muscles the fuel they need to exercise. Carbohydrates have the added benefit of being good sources of iron, B vitamins and fiber.

To help make your pasta dishes healthy and tasty, here are some easy tips:

To keep pasta dishes low in fat, use soup broth (fat skimmed off) or vegetable purees as a base for sauce.

For extra flavor, add garlic, herbs and low-fat cheese. Use a splash of balsamic vinegar for some pizzazz without the fat.

If you're in a hurry for a quick meal, top pasta with leftovers such as cooked vegetables or chicken.

Add low-fat or fat-free salad dressing or reduced-fat mayon-

naise to make a pasta salad. Use chopped vegetables to any pasta dish to make it richer in fiber.

You can even add legumes such as lentils or chickpeas to almost any pasta for a low-fat, high-protein boost.

For kids, serve different fun shapes such as stars, wagon wheels, or radiators to add variety and stimulate their sometimes-picky appetites.

There are plenty of delicious ways to enjoy pasta as a part of a healthy-low-fat diet.

Experiment! Be creative! You'll be surprised how many different meals you can make with pasta.

I read every one of your letters and I love your comments. Please keep writing me with any questions, inspirational stories or suggestions for upcoming articles to: "Talk to the Mirror," Weight Watchers Corporate Communications, P.O. Box 9072, Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2974. For more information on Weight Watchers, call 1-888-3FLORINE.

(Florine Mark is an appointee to the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and the Michigan Fitness Foundation.)

One thing is clear: Moderation is key in workout sessions

EXERCISING OPTIONS



MYRNA PARTRICH

Question: Myrna, you always say that moderation is the key. What do you mean by that exactly? Why not really go for it and get a great workout by working hard? I don't think that you can get any-

where by taking it slow. It's just a waste of my time.

Answer: In my opinion, a waste of time would be to overwork yourself and end up in traction — or who knows what. So, moderation is a necessity in any workout regimen. Even the most trained and well-conditioned athletes know that "going for the burn," with high intensity exercise, is not necessary for measurable changes in health status.

Just walking a mile in 30 minutes can provide substantial health benefits for adults such as reduced risk of diabetes, osteoporosis, depression, improved cardiovascular fitness and also a reduced risk of heart disease.

The American College of Sports Medicine, the Centers for Disease Control, and the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports recommend new exercise guidelines when exercising for health reasons. They suggest that "every adult American should accu-

mulate 30 minutes or more of moderate intensity physical activity over the course of most days of the week." The guidelines also suggest that if your goal is to exercise for a higher level of fitness, three to five days a week at 20 to 60 minutes is optimum. Those exercises could include strengthening, stretching and cardiovascular fitness.

Other ways to improve your health would be:

1. Going out for a night of dancing and dancing for at least 30 minutes.

2. Walking through a street fair for 30 minutes.

3. Mowing the lawn for 20 minutes and then raking the grass for another 10 minutes.

4. Walking at lunch for 15 minutes and then vacuuming at night for 15 minutes.

There you have it! Moderation is key and fitting in the right amount of exercise without overdoing it may be easier than you thought.

Why put a strain on your body when you can reach your goals more safely and with less stress to your muscles? That makes sense to me!

(Myrna Partrich is co-owner of the Workout Co. in Bloomfield Hills. She is an appointee to the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and the Michigan Fitness Foundation. Send questions or comments for Myrna to: Myrna Partrich, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.)

Eye examinations very important for young children

Many children don't know they have a vision problem because what they see appears normal. And even the most conscientious parent may not identify symptoms of a child's eye problem, according to Brian Bachynski, M.D., a pediatric ophthalmologist at Henry Ford Medical Center in West Bloomfield.

"Vision problems may be simple to correct or a sign of a more serious health condition," Dr.

Bachynski said. "The earlier an eye problem is detected, the greater the chance that it can be effectively treated."

Nearsightedness, a condition also called myopia which can be corrected with eyeglasses, is the most common problem ophthalmologists see in children. But children may also be born with eye disorders, including congenital cataracts and glaucoma, and those may require more complex

forms of treatment. If not treated properly, these conditions can lead to long-term vision impairment. Dr. Bachynski recommends eye examinations for children at birth and at six months three years, and five years of age. These screenings are performed by a pediatrician or the school system, and if there is a suggestion of an abnormality the child should visit an eye care professional. Between routine

screenings, parents may look for signs of problems. Warning signs include: wandering eye; crossed eyes; red, bloodshot or encrusted eyes; or spots on the pupil.

Parents should also take note if a child complains of or demonstrates the following: difficulty seeing; headaches; burning or scratchy sensations in the eyes; squinting; excessive blinking; rubbing of the eyes; or problems reading or learning in school.

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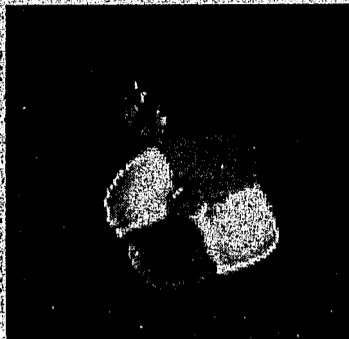
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Fired up: Create your own silver jewelry at *You're Fired* in West Bloomfield.

Naked pots await your artistic flair

If you liked art class as a child, then you'd have a great time at any of the contemporary ceramics studios that have popped up in the area over the last few years.

What is a contemporary ceramics studio? It's a place where people of all ages can buy and paint ceramic items, just for fun.

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DONNA MULCAHY

Walk into one of these studios and you'll see shelves filled with bisque ware — "naked" ceramic items that have been fired once in a kiln and are ready to be painted. Dinner plates, bowls, mugs, statues and seasonal decorations are just some of the many things to choose from.

You pick out the item you want and then decorate it with stencils, paints and glazes. When you're done, you leave the item at the studio, so that staff members can apply a final glaze and fire the item once more. The finished item is usually ready to be picked up in about a week to 10 days. You pay for the ceramic item (\$5 or less for a small tile or kiddie statue to \$60 or more for a large vase or lamp), plus a per-hour fee for the amount of time you spent painting the item in the studio (usually about \$6-\$8 an hour, depending on the place). In-store party packages are available for birthdays, bridal showers, corporate team-building exercises, etc.

The difference between "contemporary" and "regular" ceramics studios is that at contemporary studios, all of the hard work — shaping, smoothing and cleaning the pre-fired clay item ("greenware") — has been done. All you have to do is paint. Local contemporary ceramics studios include: **Kaput Kapot** at 151 S. Bates in Birmingham, **The Painted Pot** at 421 Walnut in Rochester, and **You're Fired** at 6925 Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield.

You're Fired recently was chosen to participate in a pilot project by Mitsubishi Material Corp. in Japan. As a result, customers now can make silver jewelry at the studio in addition to painting ceramic pieces. The project involves a new material that Mitsubishi developed, called Precious Metal Clay (PMC). The material consists of precious metal particles (in this case, silver) that are suspended in a clay-like binder. PMC can be shaped any which way. Afterwards, it is fired in a kiln. The clay binder burns away, leaving a precious metal object that is the same shape and about half the size of the original clay piece. The cost is \$40 per ounce, plus \$8 an hour for studio time or about \$4 per object if a customer works on the PMC at home and then brings it back to be fired.

In the Livonia-Plymouth area, **Wayne Plastercraft and Bisque**, located at 2379 Venoy in Westland, sells bisque and plaster items for customers to paint at home. Customers can bring the painted piece back to have it glazed and fired for a small fee. Party packages are available. One-on-one painting lessons are also available. Phone (313) 729-9282.

"It's a good creative outlet," said Stacey Laker, owner of *You're Fired*, explaining the studios' popularity. "It's something anybody can do. A good mother-daughter project. A good place to bring the monthly book club. It's the perfect thing to do on a date. You're not eating, you're not going out for coffee. You can just sit and have a conversation and be creative, all at the same time."



Of bowlers & 'brollies'

At this year's **Fash Bash**, **British Isles Style** filled the runway with modern pinstripe suiting, mod-rocker outerwear, romantic velvets, Gaelic tweeds, tartan plaids and opulent furs. But the sidewalks outside the **Fox Theatre** teemed with Detroit's *fashionista* who turned heads in original creations. While hardly fit for the Queen, the innovative street wear was astoundingly outrageous and refreshingly improper.



News of special events for shoppers is included in this calendar. Send information to: **Malls & Mainstreets**, c/o **Observer & Eccentric Newspapers**, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; or fax (248) 644-1314. Deadline: Wednesday 5 p.m. for publication on Sunday.

SUNDAY, AUG. 9

CUTS FOR A CAUSE
Figaro Salon and Center Street Salon team up with City of Hope to host the third annual **HopeCuts** to benefit HIV/AIDS research. The hair-cutting extravaganza takes place today from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Figaro Salon, 265 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham. Haircuts are \$20 and manicures are \$10. Enjoy music, entertainment and refreshments.

THURSDAY, AUG. 13

COOL KIDS
Jacobson's Laurel Park Place store hosts a back-to-school fashion show in the Children's Department at 7 p.m. Receive a tri-fold silver-plated picture frame with a \$25 purchase of children's merchandise. Jacobson's, 37500 Six Mile Road, Livonia.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

FRIDAY, AUG. 14

8 O'CLOCK ROCK
Shake, rattle and roll with Fred Wolfe, this region's foremost Elvis impressionist, as he sings your favorite Elvis songs. It's the next best thing to the King. 8-10 p.m. **Borders Books & Music**, 34300 Woodward, Birmingham.

SATURDAY, AUG. 15

ROAD RULES
Jim Wangers, the author of *Glory Days: When Horsepower & Passion Ruled Detroit*, remembers when Detroit's car scene rumbled with V-8 power. In his book, Wangers uses his experience as the basis for explaining successful brand marketing for automobiles. His design savvy created the image for the Pontiac GTO. 3 p.m. **Borders Books & Music**, 34300 Woodward, Birmingham.

POSITIVE PRINT

Art Van Furniture sponsors child I.D. fingerprinting at all of its stores, with materials provided by AAA. Personal identification cards will be completed for each child in case of an emergency. There is no charge. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

MADELINE PARTY

Borders Book Shop celebrates *Madeline's* big-screen debut with a fun-filled *Madeline Party*. A large *Madeline* doll will be raffled to one lucky child. 11 a.m. **Borders Book Shop**, 31150 Southfield Road, Birmingham.

GET PSYCHED

Rev. Eva M. Blair and Arlene Lane host the **Joy Inspirational Summer Psychic Festival** at **Summit Place** today from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. and tomorrow from noon - 6 p.m. Included are psychics, astrologers, spiritual readings and palm readings. **Summit Place**, 315 N. Telegraph, Waterford.

Where can I find?

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate sources for hard-to-find merchandise. If you've seen any of the items in your retail travels (or basement), please call Where Can I Find? (248) 901-2555. Slowly and clearly, leave your name, number and message and you should see your input in Sunday's column. Thank you.

What We Found

Rohde German-made sandals can be found at Petschkes in Kitchener, Ontario, Canada N2H1A7, (519) 745-7442, 147 King Street W. They also carry the Worisch Ofar sandal shoe.

A 1975 Crestwood High yearbook for Cheryl and a portable oven and an Epilady shaver and a Day Runner 1996 calendar.

Boyfriend-In-A-Box can be found at Canterbury Village in Lake Orion.

Scratch Guard is no longer made by Turtle Wax. It has been discontinued.

Charles Curtis in Oxford repairs cane chairs and does other upholstery.

Ross and Eleanore are Sascos cosmetics distributors in Oscola, (517) 739-1696. Call and they might be able to help with a distributor closer to Detroit.

Vinyl leather purses can be found at 1-800-967-3346, ask for Katherine Sherlock.

We're Still Looking For:

Karen is looking for someone who makes **Crystal pins** (they are about three millimeters in size, and letters and initials are made into these pins).

Ann is looking for a **1956 Lowry High School yearbook**. The school was on Jonathon Street in Dearborn.

Marilyn wants an acrylic/plastic **picture frame** made by DAX (it is thin edged). Ann is still looking for **Coconut Crunch** to coat her marshmallows.

Betty wants a small **ironing sleeve board** (it sits on a table top).

Kathy has **old 45 records** to sell.

Judy is looking for a stuffed animal from 1976-78 from Sears or Penny's called **Henry** (a dog). It has black ears, nose, black eyes, red tongue and the body is beige/yellow.

John is looking for **BUB's Daddy Bubble Gum**. It used to be seen on the Awrey's bread truck when he was a child.

Betty is still looking for a **Poor Pitiful Pearl doll**.

Barbara is looking for **Diamond Bright** paint sealant.

Murray's used to carry it.

Joyce is still looking for **100 plastic rain bonnets** for senior citizens. We found 35 for her.

Joyce wants a copy of the **April, 1998 Bon Appetit**

magazine.

Grace needs a **Tupperware** distributor who has the small pillboxes, and she also wants a **General Action Scrub pad** (white/pink, two in a pkg.), made by Rubbermaid.

Nancy wants **CIARA Mineral Water Spray Cologne** by Revlon; it's a summer fragrance.

Pamela wants to find **button bracelets** from the 40s and 50s.

Judy is looking for the game of **TRYCE**; it is a card/word game.

Ruth from Oxford wants **Zim Zam**, an outdoor game, was out about 10 years ago. (New or used).

For Sue we still want **Melmac dinnerware** or something comparable.

Denise is looking for a game called **Battling Tops**.

Alberta wants a **1979 yearbook** from Wayne Memorial High.

Joyce is looking for **house numbers** that are written out, and less than three inches.

Colleen is looking for the lilac color **Fiesta Ware**; it's been discontinued.

Dale wants men's **Code Bleu** walking shorts and jeans, used to find at Kohl's.

Emily is looking for a **Light Up display pedestal** made of whitewash oak or whitewash oak laminate.

Patrick is looking for a **tape measure** in inches and centimeters (metric and English).

Cathy is still looking for size **12/13 Jet Ski shoes** by Kawasaki.

Joyce wants the board game **Dark Tower**.

Norma and Judy are looking for **Park & Shop** game.

Stan is looking for a **mechanic** to repair his 1967 Volkswagen engine.

Kim is looking for the gimmick gift **Boyfriend-In-A-Box**.

Jackie wants **Nabisco Crown Pilot** crackers.

Brenda wants a copy of **instructions** for her **Pit game** and the **Uno Madness** game.

Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

RETAIL DETAILS

RAGS

Mr. Rags, a national retailer featuring skateboarding/surfing/urban attire and accessories for teens and young adults, opened its first two Detroit-area stores in July at Lakeside shopping center in Sterling Heights and Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn. The Seattle-based Mr. Rags opened just in time for kids seeking back-to-school casual cool.

TYKE ATTIRE

Meadow Brook Village Mall welcomes Just Kids Outfitters, a store specializing in boys and girls clothing, sizes newborn to 14. The store moved from Romeo where it has been located for five years. Just Kids labels include Heart Strings, Zoodles, Sweet Potatoes and Flapdoodles. Meadow Brook Village Mall, 82 N. Adams Road, Rochester Hills.

ART TO GO

Objects of Art is closing its doors and all jewelry, artwork, clothes and fixtures are on sale for 25-75 percent off the regular prices. Objects of Art, 6243 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield.

CROWN JEWELS

Cartier will open its 23rd boutique at the Somerset Collection in Troy in November. The House

of Cartier features jewelry and watches, sterling silver hollowware designs, crystal, porcelain, leather goods, pens, stationery, scarves and fragrances. Founded in 1947, it has served as crown jeweler to 19 royal houses.

BE A STAR

Elizabeth Green, top talent scout for international modeling agency IMG Models located in New York, Paris and London, will be looking for fresh faces at Tel-Twelve Mall Saturday, Aug. 15. IMG represents such supermodels as Liv Tyler, Niki Taylor, Tyra Banks and Vendela. Men, women, teens and kids can participate. Bring a snapshot. At 1 p.m., Tel-Twelve merchants host a back-to-school fashion show in center court. For more information and audition times, contact the model search hotline at Aero Model Management, (248) 855-5660.

PLATINUM PRIZE

The Platinum Guild International USA recently offered jewelry designers the opportunity to demonstrate their visions of platinum design. PGI urged designers to create new, extraordinary pieces featuring platinum as the focal point. More than 400 designs were entered and a first place award went to Adra Designs Inc., a division of Mod-

ern Art Jewelers in downtown Rochester. Haig Istamboulian accepted the award at The Millennium Hotel in New York City. The winning design is a platinum ring with diamond solitaire and diamond melee.

BY JEEPERS

In response to the sudden closing of Sparky's at Livonia Mall, Jeepers! in Wonderland Mall has offered to accommodate those who have birthday party reservations at Sparky's. The indoor family theme park will honor any Sparky's party reservations. It features amusement park rides, skills games and the Tiny Rhino Diner, all geared to families with children ages 2-12. Many party options are available. Call 1-800-JEEPERS.

BELLISSIMA

Italy's premier line of skin care products debut at Florence, opening Monday at Laurel Park Place in Livonia. Florence is the national distributor of products by Jean Klebert Company of Ferrara, Italy. The makeup line is designed by Italian master Gil Cagne. Skin care lines include mud-based treatments, and unique eye creams. In the Jacobson's court, next to Jos. A. Banks. Laurel Park Place, Six Mile and Newburgh roads, Livonia.

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We want to know where you shop, which stores offer the best service, who gives the greatest manicures, where you go to be pampered, which malls have the best amenities, where you find your favorite lipstick, where you go for lingerie, shoes, housewares, sheets, furniture, antiques, dry cleaning, haircuts.

Share your secrets - only the best ones! And be creative. We want the cream of the crop in the retail business.

Mail or fax your nominations to Best of Malls & Mainstreets, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax: (248) 644-1314.



Best bauble: Modern Art Jewelers in downtown Rochester took home a first-place prize in the Platinum Guild International USA design competition. Top honors went to this platinum and diamond ring.

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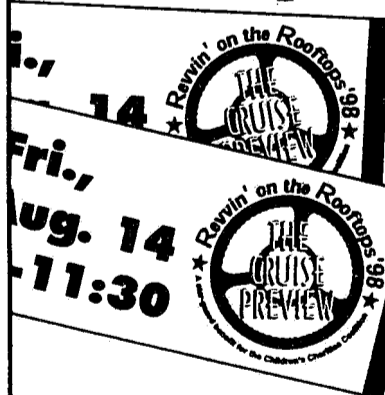
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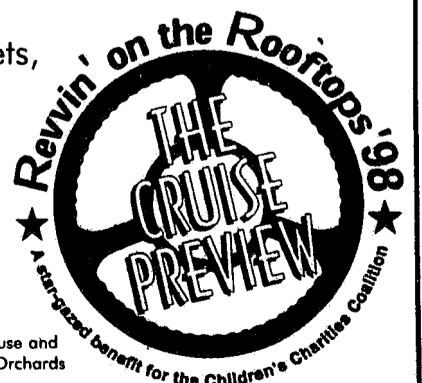
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No regrets

Patterson defends support of county commission candidates

Hard feelings linger.

But only time will tell if the involvement of the Oakland County executive in last week's primary election will have any lasting impact on relations between L. Brooks Patterson and his Republican colleagues on the county board.

Patterson openly backed the primary opponents of three incumbent Republican commissioners in Tuesday's primary. One incumbent — Donna R. Huntoon of Clarkston — was defeated by State Rep. David Galloway, who can not return to the state legislature because of term limits.

Huntoon was philosophical at Thursday's county board meeting. "Dave Galloway is a nice person, and he'll bring some expertise to the board. But I've had nine good years as a commissioner, and I'll leave with my head held high."

There was more than a trace of bitterness, however, when Huntoon talked about Patterson's support for her opponent. "How was I supposed to know what (Patterson) wanted?" she said.

Huntoon said she had disagreed with the executive on some issues, but agreed on others. "Isn't that the role of a commissioner?" she said.

Patterson had no regrets. "I didn't recruit anybody," he said. "But I have a right to oppose commissioners who I believe are obstacles to good government."

The executive said the commissioners he hoped would lose had been unreasonable in their opposition to the policies he wanted. "I don't mind if somebody disagrees with me," he said. "But these commissioners went too far."

Patterson said he would never back a Democrat against a Republican, so the political warfare is over, at least for this election cycle. "But if they want to fight like this two years from now, I'm ready," he said.

Otherwise, the executive said he's looking forward to cordial relations. "I have a working relationship with a majority of the commissioners," he said.

Patterson's involvement in the primary was not a formal agenda item Thursday. But commissioners talked about it privately — sometimes in hushed conversations with Huntoon. Some were willing to talk about the executive privately, but they didn't want to be quoted.

"I wouldn't say it was a major topic of discussion," said commissioner Donald W. Jensen, R-Birmingham. "But I heard people talking about it before the caucus."

Jensen was supported by Patterson, and he said he appreciated the executive's help. But Jensen said he would continue to vote independently. "I've disagreed with the executive before," he said. "But we've always been able to resolve our differences."

Board chairman John P. McCulloch, R-Royal Oak, said commissioners were very much aware of the executive's views and his involvement in the elections. "But I don't think anybody is going to change. If we disagree with the executive, we'll try to work it out. But disagreements are inevitable."

"I'm hoping there's a cooling down period," said



"I have a right to oppose commissioners who I believe are obstacles to good government. I don't mind if somebody disagrees with me, but these commissioners went too far."

L. Brooks Patterson
Oakland County executive

McCulloch. "We've got work to do."

Commissioner Shelly Taub, R-Bloomfield Hills, said the executive's involvement in the primary election will, in all likelihood, simply be forgotten — or at least not dwelled upon. "I'm an optimist," she said. "But it's like teaching — every fall marks a new beginning."

Next year's budget, for example, must be approved by Sept. 30, and hearings are already under way. As proposed by the executive, the budget is \$574.7 million.

Furthermore, the Community Mental Health Authority Task Force Report is scheduled to begin the committee process on August 24.

Commissioner Sue Ann Douglas, chair of the board's Finance Committee, said she and her colleagues have to much work to be overly concerned about the primary. "We've got a lot of work to do," said the Rochester Republican, "and it's going to take cooperation between the board and the executive."



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Democrats look ahead following Fieger's victory

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

One spring day, Democratic gubernatorial hopeful Doug Ross shouted "hello" across a Lansing street to a reporter. He was running a close second to Larry Owen in the polls, but Owen had the endorsements of Big Labor's leaders.

Not a serious problem, said Ross, because other labor-endorsed candidates had lost primaries. And Big Labor isn't as strong as it used to be.

Ross was right, but it wasn't he who turned the tables on union leaders Aug. 4. Geoffrey Fieger, the 47-year-old governmental neophyte, won the Democratic nomination for governor, and Fieger could boast at next morning's unity breakfast: "The rank and file union members voted for me. Teachers voted for me."

"He has a lot of labor friends, rank and file support," said state Sen. Gary Peters of Bloomfield Township. "I picked that up in the union halls. This party is diverse."

At state conventions, AFL-CIO President Frank Garrison has been fond of saying that whomever the Labor Caucus endorsed would be the party's choice. But Fieger has done what no Democratic gubernatorial nominee has done for more than a generation — win a primary over labor leaders' opposition.

The unity breakfast, in the Ponchartrain Hotel in Detroit, featured former or retiring officeholders such as Jim Blanchard, Don Riegler and Frank Kelley. But missing were:

■ Frank Garrison

■ UAW president Steve

Yokich.

■ Ross, who finished third and wasn't expected to make peace with the man who branded him a "sniveling weasel."

■ Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer.

Several members of the Michigan congressional delegation attended, led by John Dingell of Trenton, but not Sander Levin of Southfield or Lynn Rivers of Ann Arbor.

Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara, who had backed

'I'm troubled. Larry Owen is a responsible, intelligent, visionary candidate. Geoffrey Fieger, on the other hand ... (is) not well-versed on policy.'

Don Tucker

Former Oakland Democratic chair

Owen, sent regrets because a younger sister died the day before. But he also sent chief of staff Charlie Williams to promise "enthusiastic support ... We will deliver Wayne County in an unprecedented way in November."

Fieger did make peace, apparently, with party chair Mark Brewer, whom he once promised to fire, even though Brewer is picked by party delegates for a term that runs until January. "Since this is a unity breakfast, Mark, you can have your job back," Fieger laughed. It set a good mood.

But not everyone was smiling.

"I'm troubled," said former Oakland Democratic chair Don Tucker, an Owen supporter. "Larry Owen is a responsible, intelligent, visionary candidate.

Geoffrey Fieger, on the other hand, is there because of a) name recognition (through representing Jack Kevoorkian) and b) his facile quotes that fit into a sound bite, but he's not well-versed on policy."

But he'll support Fieger over incumbent Republican John Engler.

Some Democrats who weren't shunning Fieger, however, were candidates for attorney general.

Macomb Prosecutor Carl Marlinga said he would "converse with Fieger and see how he plans to run his campaign. We agree 99 percent on issues. The difference is his personal style. If he shows he has a good, solid side, all right. If not, I would prefer not to be on the ticket."

Wayne County Sheriff Bob Ficano affirmed that "we feel we have the qualifications to be there. The party leaders have to pick a consensus candidate. Jennifer (Granholm, Wayne County corporation counsel), would be an attractive candidate."

Also there were Sen. Chris Dingell of Trenton, Rep. Nick Ciaramitaro of Roseville, Rep. Laura Baird of Okemos, Rep. John Freeman of Madison Heights — a long list of potential successors to Frank Kelley.

A prominent Ross supporter, who asked not to be quoted by name, was unhappy at Big Labor's heretofore iron grip on party nominations. "Mark Brewer (state chair) is a smart man and a good lawyer. I don't see how he can climb in Steve Yokich's lap every morning to get his orders," she said.

2: UNIQUE



KELLI LEWTON

Preserve your memories of summer produce

Mid-August always transports me back to early childhood days when I remember being the only one able to stand up straight in my Irish-born grandmother's cellar. It had a dirt floor, and a musty dampness.

August and early September was a festival of foods. My grandmother would refer to this time as "putting food by." I believe that was an old Irish, or perhaps, country way of saying "food preservation."

Having come to this country as a young girl from Ireland, and then living through the Great Depression, she was used to saving today for what she would need tomorrow. In grandmother's time, you couldn't get fresh peaches in the middle of winter. Imagine a winter without peaches, apple sauce, cherry chutney, or tomatoes. However, by "putting food by," all these fabulous foods, and more, would sit dormant in the dark cellar waiting for you to open them and unleash the memory of summer.

Inspired by memories, I started gardening when I purchased my home in Royal Oak six years ago. At last count, I've already harvested 31 tomatoes. This season, my Beefsteaks are slotted for an Italian style Olive Tomato Bruschetta. I'll let you know how my new concoction fared this winter.

Preserving fruits and vegetables appears to me to be part of America's renewed passion for homestyle favorites from our grandmother's tables. If you don't have a garden, visit local farm markets, which offer a huge variety of organic produce at reasonable prices. Home preservation can bring tastes to your table that you never thought possible. Be creative, take notes on combinations. You're limited only your imagination, and some basic chemistry rules.

If you're canning for the first time, pick up the home canner's bible—the "Ball Blue Book Guide to Home Canning, Freezing & Dehydration," available wherever canning supplies are sold, or call 1-(800)-240-3340.

Here are some basic canning tips:

■ **Hot pack fruit verses raw pack**—Fruit has very porous tissues that contain the juice we love. These pores also hold air, which, if not exhausted from the fruit, can cause floating, or discoloration in home canned fruit. Hot packing fruit helps exhaust this air. The prepared fruit is added to boiling syrup or liquid, brought back to a boil, and simmered for a few minutes. Removing air from the jars is one of the goals of canning. The less air in the jar, the better the results. Removing air from the fruit tissues shrinks the fruit allowing you to pack more in each jar. Raw or cold packing fruit results in inferior products.

■ **Lids**—Always use new lids for every home canning project. Never attempt to reuse a lid that has been previously placed on a jar for storage or processing. Once the sealing compound on the lid has taken the imprint of a jar, it will not seal properly a second time.

■ **Mason jars**—Use only mason jars for home canning. Because these jars are made of a heavier weight of glass than commercial food jars, they are more tolerant to the high processing temperatures reached in boiling water and pressure canners. Mason jars can be reused several times. Always check the rims of your jars for nicks and imperfections before beginning a home canning project. Discard jars that have imperfections or nicks.

■ **Air bubbles**—When filling jars, air bubbles may become trapped between pieces of food, or between the glass and food. If left inside the jar, air bubbles can cause food to discolor. During processing the air bubbles

Please see UNIQUE, B2

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Pizza
- Focus on Wine



TEACH YOUR KIDS HOW TO EAT AND BE WELL

BY PEGGY MARTINELLI-EVERTS
REGISTERED DIETITIAN

Healthy eating in childhood promotes lifelong good health, optimal growth, intellectual development and helps prevent long-term health problems. It saddens me to see overweight children struggling, and huffing and puffing on the playground.

I want to intervene when I see kids guzzling soda pop and eating empty calorie junk foods. These children will likely have physical, intellectual and emotional problems.

You can help your child attain their full educational and health potential by providing them with the tools and reinforcement they need to make healthy food choices.

Children who are hungry or undernourished have difficulty resisting infection, and are more likely to be irritable, get sick, miss school, fall behind in class, have low energy, and trouble concentrating.

Here are some USDA guidelines for children:

■ **Eat a variety of foods**—You can't always control what your kids eat when they're out, but you can control what you put in your cupboards. Take your time grocery shopping, and choose foods from all the food groups. Yogurt and oranges are healthy choices, but not if your child eats them day in and day out. Variety is the key. Don't purchase the same foods all the time. For example, fruits can be purchased whole, cut up, frozen, canned or dried. Try them all. Variety is probably the most important aspect of food nutrition.

■ **Balance the food you eat with physical activity**—I believe watching TV is a major contributor to childhood weight problems. Children who are slumped in front of a TV for hours miss out on the benefits of play such as strengthening muscles and improving coordination. Turn off the TV. Get your kids to play outside.

■ **Choose a diet with plenty of grain products, vegetables and fruits**—Encourage your children to eat unprocessed foods. Some studies have found that 50 percent of school-age children eat fewer than two servings of fruits or vegetables daily. There are lots of good options such as breadsticks, ready-to-eat cereals (watch out for those with artificial coloring), mini-bagels, muffins and all kinds of interesting fruits and vegetables. Keep these out and hide the chips and pop. Enjoy seasonal fruits, grow your own vegetables, get your children interested in the bounty from the earth.

■ **Choose a diet low in fat, saturated fat and cholesterol**—Some kids aren't good meat eaters, and we may tend to think their fat intake is low, too. However, packaged cookies and chips are loaded with fat, and can contribute substantially to your child's fat intake. Fast food is high in fat and calories relative to the nutrients it provides. Try to get your kids to accept low-fat milk and cheese. Look for alternatives to high fat snacks.

■ **Choose a diet moderate in sugars**—Soda pop is probably the worst evil in a child's diet. Regular soda has 9 to 12 teaspoons of sugar per can. These aren't just empty calories

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Making edible memories

Helping children understand where food comes from can be fun and interesting. Here's ways you can bring your kids closer to the source of their food:

- Buy ice cream cones and milk at a dairy farm
- Watch apples being pressed into cider at a cider mill
- Pick blueberries, raspberries or strawberries
- Buy produce at a farmer's market, or com at a roadside stand
- Go fishing and eat a fish you catch
- Plant vegetables and fruits in your backyard
- Bake bread
- Roast a chicken
- Make a pie from apples you picked together

If your child tries something new, because he grew it, picked it, or helped make it, it's worth the extra work involved. You'll have fun together and make good memories too. In my work with seniors I find that memories about food are some of their best.

Mix up a seafood pasta salad for all seasons



MAIN DISH
MIRACLE

MURIEL
WAGNER

This summer heat is straining my left brain's salad creativity center. It's becoming increasingly difficult to devise new recipes that will tempt jaded summer appetites. I've turned to revamping my favorites to take advantage of the season's bountiful produce. The farmers tell me that the fruits and vegetables are a month ahead of schedule due to the early and lasting heat.

This recipe has been a favorite fall-winter dish that I serve warm, but not hot. The heat wilts the out-of-season expensive fresh basil. It

makes a popular hors d'oeuvre for me because I can prepare it ahead of time. Leftovers are not a problem. I never have any. I'm going to share the winter version with an update for the summer. You'll want to serve the summer version slightly chilled or even at room temperature to capture the full flavor of the herbs and tomatoes.

I prepare my own sun-dried tomatoes in oil with garlic. It's much less expensive than buying them, and they have more flavor. Dried tomatoes are available in the produce section of most grocery stores. Simply wash and plp them into hot water to rehydrate. Dry them, and layer in a glass jar with garlic

and oil. I've included my recipe in case you need more specific information.

For the summer version, nothing tastes better than home-grown cherry or plum tomatoes, quartered and seeded as a stand-in for the dried tomatoes. Be liberal with the fresh basil. Triple or quadruple the amount. Take advantage of the summer price. Substitute fresh oregano for the dried herb in the dressing. Three teaspoons of chopped fresh oregano leaves is not too much.

Nutritionally, the fresh tomatoes and herbs add vitamin C and lots of cancer-fighting phytochemicals. Dietary fiber is also increased. Be sure to wash the vegetables well. Washing fruits and vegetables thoroughly has become important to prevent food borne diseases. Even packaged salads need another dunking.

I chose tuna for this recipe because it's something I keep on hand in my pantry. But you can substitute shrimp, scallops or other cooked fish. I like to rinse the tuna several times. It reduces the sodium by almost 75 percent. Both shellfish and water-packed albacore tuna are good sources of Omega-3 fatty acids. These help to lower cholesterol and triglycerides as you know.

I used ready prepared nonfat Italian salad dressing, but spiked up the flavor with olive oil, lemon juice and oregano. I am a lazy cook, as you know, par-

ticularly during the summer.

The salad can also be served mixed with other summer greens such as romaine, leaf lettuce, Boston or bibb lettuce, for a main course or as an appetizer. Don't count on leftovers.

A PASTA SALAD FOR ALL SEASONS

- 1/2 pound bow tie pasta
- 2 cans (6 ounces) White Albacore Tuna, water packed, rinsed, drained and chunked
- 1/4 cup (3/4 cup for summer) fresh basil, chopped
- 3/4 cup Special Italian Dressing (see recipe below)
- 2 ounces prepared sun-dried tomatoes, or 1 quart fresh cherry or plum tomatoes (see recipe below)
- Salad greens, optional

Cook pasta according to package directions. Drain and cool to room temperature. Drain sun-dried tomatoes, reserving 1 tablespoon of oil for Special Italian Dressing. Cut sun-dried tomatoes into wide strips. If using fresh tomatoes, wash, quarter and seed.

At serving time, toss pasta, tomatoes, tuna and basil with Special Italian Dressing and optional greens. Serves 4 as a main dish, 10 as an appetizer.

Food values per main dish serving: 355 calories,

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2.5g fat, 0 saturated fat, 475mg sodium, 31mg cholesterol. Food exchanges: 3 servings bread group, 2 1/2 lean meats

PREPARED SUN-DRIED TOMATOES

- 2 ounces sun-dried tomatoes
- 1 1/2 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 cloves garlic, chopped

Reconstitute tomatoes by washing and then soaking in hot water for 1/2 hour. Drain. Place on paper towels. Layer tomatoes and garlic in a small glass dish in which 1 1/2 tablespoons of olive oil has been placed. Marinate overnight in refrigerator.

SPECIAL ITALIAN DRESSING

- 1/2 cup ready prepared nonfat Italian Salad Dressing
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano or 3 teaspoons fresh oregano leaves, chopped

Shake well to blend. Look for *Main Dish Miracle* on the second Sunday of the month in *Taste*. Muriel G. Wagner is a registered dietitian and nutrition therapist with an office in Southfield. She publishes "Eating Younger," a quarterly newsletter with recipes and nutrition tips. To subscribe, send a check for \$13.50 to "Eating Younger," P.O. Box 69021, Pleasant Ridge, MI 48069.

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may rise to the top of the jar creating too much headspace, and preventing a tight seal. Remove air bubbles by sliding a spatula along the inside of the jar, gently shifting the food and allowing the bubbles to rise to the surface. Be sure to adjust the headspace to the level indicated in the recipe.

Proper utensils - Use glass, stainless steel or enamel saucepans and utensils, not only for tomatoes, but also for all other home canning projects. Naturally occurring food acids can react with aluminum, copper, brass, galvanized or iron equipment to produce bitter flavors and undesirable colors.

Fruit selection - When making jams without the addition of commercial pectin, use 1/4 slightly under ripe fruit and 3/4 just ripe fruit. Slightly under ripe fruit contains more pectin, which makes jams and jellies set. Slightly under ripe fruit will be firm to the touch, and will not have the expected rich coloring of fully ripe fruit.

Processing - After processing, remove jars from canner and allow to stand undisturbed for 24 hours. Do not invert jars. When jars have cooled for 24

hours, check for airtight seals. A concave lid that shows no movement when pressed with your fingertips indicates a good seal. Remove screw bands.

Mason jar sterilization - When the processing time is less than 10 minutes, mason jars must be sterilized before filling. Place them on a rack in a boiling water canner and boil 10 minutes.

Lid preparation - Immediately before using lids, place them in boiling water and boil for 5 minutes.

Cooking techniques - Knowing the difference between a boil and simmer is essential to the success of many home canning recipes. When a home canning recipe says "boil" it means that the mixture is bubbling rapidly, and that stirring will not stop this action. This short intense heating of the mixture is essential, especially in recipes prepared with added fruit pectin. In jam and jelly preparation, long, slow simmering can destroy pectin and result in an inferior product.

Chef Kelli L. Lewton is owner of 2 Unique Caterers and Event Planners in Bloomfield Hills.

Round sandwiches are fun

See related Peggy Everts-Martinelli story on Taste front. Recipes compliments of HDS Services.

"Rounds" are favorites with kids in our area. They're sandwiches in the shape of a ball, great for car trips, picnics, or school lunches. Ten-year-old Analena Jacobelli of Clarkston created this recipe for Pizza Rounds. From her idea we developed the Tuna Rounds and PB&J Rounds. All have been kid-tested, and overwhelmingly approved.

ANA'S PIZZA ROUNDS

- 1 loaf frozen bread dough
- 8 tablespoons pizza sauce
- 32 slices turkey pepperoni
- 2/3 cup shredded low-fat mozzarella cheese
- Chopped green pepper, onion, or other favorite vegetable, optional
- 1/4 cup corn meal

It is important to use low-fat, fully cooked ingredients in this recipe.

Thaw bread dough according to package instructions.

Preheat oven to 375°F. On a floured surface, roll out dough into a rectangle until it is about 1/4-inch thick (this is quite thin). Cut dough into 8 squares. Place 1 tablespoon of pizza sauce in the center of each dough square. On top of sauce, put 4 pepperoni slices, then divide mozzarella cheese evenly among squares and place on top of pepperoni.

Pull up edges of each dough square and seal so dough completely covers pizza ingredients. Seal tightly, making sure no sauce or cheese leaks out. The dough will now look like a little ball. Spread corn meal evenly over a cookie sheet or pizza stone. The corn meal prevents dough from sticking to the cookie sheet.

Place dough balls, seam side down, on cookie sheet and bake for approximately 15-20 minutes, until outside is browned. Serve warm. Serves 8.

TUNA ROUNDS

- 1 loaf frozen bread dough
- 1 (6 ounce) can chunk light tuna packed in water and drained
- 1 stalk celery, minced
- 1 carrot, finely minced or shredded

- 1 tablespoon onion, minced
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/3 cup fat-free sour cream
- Pepper to taste
- 1/4 cup corn meal

Thaw bread dough according to package instructions. Preheat oven to 375°F. On a floured surface, roll out dough into a rectangle until it is about 1/4-inch thick (this is quite thin). Cut dough into 8 squares. Combine remaining ingredients, except corn meal.

Place a heaping spoonful of the tuna mixture in the center of each dough square, dividing tuna mixture evenly among dough. Pull up edges of each dough square and seal so dough completely covers tuna mixture and tuna is sealed tightly inside. The dough will now look like a little ball. Spread corn meal evenly over cookie sheet or pizza stone (the corn meal prevents the dough from sticking to the cookie sheet). Place dough balls, seam side down, on cookie sheet and bake 15-20 minutes, until outside is browned. Serve warm or refrigerate for serving cold. Serves 8.

PB&J ROUNDS

- 1 loaf frozen bread dough
- 10 tablespoons jelly or jam of your choice
- 5 tablespoons peanut butter (we prefer chunky)
- 1/4 cup corn meal

Thaw bread dough according to package instructions. Preheat oven to 375°F. On a floured surface, roll out dough into a rectangle until it is about 1/4-inch thick (this is quite thin). Cut dough into 10 squares.

Place 1/2 tablespoon of peanut butter in the center of each square. Place 1 tablespoon of jelly on top of peanut butter. Pull off edges of each dough square and seal so dough completely covers peanut butter and jelly and it is sealed tightly inside. The dough will now look like a little ball.

Spread corn meal evenly over a cookie sheet or pizza stone. (The corn meal prevents the dough from sticking to the cookie sheet.) Place dough balls, seam-side down, on cookie sheet and bake 15-20 minutes, until outside is browned. Serve warm or refrigerate for serving cold. Serves 10.

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Peggy Martinelli-Everts

either. Some soda pop has artificial coloring, artificial flavoring and caffeine. Yuck! What kid needs that?

Plus, if your child is drinking pop that means they're probably not drinking milk which contains important nutrients their growing body needs. Artificially sweetened pop is even worse. These sweeteners have not been in use long enough that their long-term safety can be proven.

Get creative and offer other beverages. Buy bottled water in 8 to 12 ounce sizes. Refill the containers if the cost gets out of

hand. Mix fruit juice and carbonated water for a refreshing change. Other sources of sugar such as sugar sweetened cereals, cookies, cake, pie and other baked goods, in moderation, can probably fit into a healthy diet, but not soda pop.

Choose a diet moderate in salt and sodium. It's not that you see kids using the salt shaker, it's just all the processed and convenience foods they eat.

Encourage your child to eat a variety of foods and balance these with exercise. All of your efforts will be wasted, however, if you, and the rest of your family do not "walk the talk." You must be committed to eating healthy to enable your child to make good choices.

If your child doesn't eat well, he will never reach his true potential. This is one legacy we don't want to pass on to our kids. Eat well - be well.

Peggy Martinelli-Everts of Clarkston, is a registered dietitian and director of clinical operations for HDS Services, a Farmington Hills-based food service and hospitality management company. Look for her story on the second Sunday of the month in *Taste*.

Preserve a taste of summer

See related 2 Unique column on Taste front. Recipes compliments of Kelli Lewton, 2 Unique Catering.

CRANBERRY SPREAD

- 3 1/2 cups cranberries
- 1 1/4 cups red wine vinegar
- 1 1/2 cups cider vinegar
- 4 whole allspice berries
- 8 whole cloves
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 2 cups brown sugar

Step one: Combine cranberries, vinegar and water in a large non-reactive saucepan. Tie allspice, cloves and cinnamon sticks in a piece of cheese cloth. Bring to a boil and reduce. Heat to medium low, stirring often. Simmer until cranberries are cooked through and tender.

Step two: Remove spice bag and press cranberries with metal spoon through strainer. Discard cranberry skins from strainer. Return pulp to saucepan. Add

sugar and simmer approximately 8-12 minutes until sugar is dissolved and sauce has thickened.

Step three: Spoon into hot sterilized jars, wipe rims clean with damp towel and seal tight with clean new metal rims. Process 10 minutes in hot water bath. Remove and cool. Double check seals before storage. Makes 2 pint jars.

PINE NUT AND HONEY NUT SPREAD

- 6 1/2 ounces pine nuts
- 15 ounces honey
- 2 1/2 teaspoons finely grated orange zest
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Sterilize jars and lids. Combine pine nuts, honey, orange zest and cinnamon. Stir to mix well. Pour honey spread into jars. Store at room temperature up to 2 months. Mix well before using. Makes about 2 cups.

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CRANBROOK



Flowing: Sanjay Mody rehearses for an upcoming recital.

Sanjay Mody: Playing with a 'presence'

The ringing acoustics from the Steinway & Sons piano dissolve into the recital hall at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Sanjay Mody rises from the piano bench and holds out his hand. It's the same right hand that moments before had coaxed the rousing melody from Mendelssohn's concerto in G minor.

He offers a polite greeting, and doesn't appear to realize how he makes such a difficult task of playing piano sound like flowing water through shifting currents.

As pianists go, Mody's hands are appropriately thin and agile. Anyone who listens to him perform will appreciate his proficient technique that defies his 12 years of age.

But anyone who watches him hover over the keys like a precocious Vladimir Horowitz will wonder how a child can interpret a series of notes into an emotionally mature landscape.

Recently, Mody of Birmingham who is a student at Rosper School, traveled to Russia for an intensive piano-studies program. His Russian hosts had an appropriate word to describe Mody's playing.

They simply called it "presence."

From love

In just two days, Mody learned the Mendelssohn piece that he'll perform this Wednesday in a recital at Schoolcraft.

"I see in Sanjay a tremendous curiosity and ability to concentrate deeply," said Donald Morelock, director of the piano department at Schoolcraft.

From the early teaching sessions three years ago, Mody had an uncanny ability to memorize and interpret increasingly difficult pieces, said Morelock.

"Sanjay thinks like a professional," he said. "He relates to the structure of a piece, adds his own interpretations and brings his own emotional variety."

Morelock has developed an "imaginative connection" with Mody, said Sanjay's father, Parimal Mody.

Rather than dissect and memorize music, Morelock's approach is to encourage his students to create a personal narrative, or vivid imagery to associate with the various passages of a piece.

Typically, Mody practices, rigorously keeping time with a metronome. The last time through a piece he sets aside the metronome and "just has fun with it."

"You have to put together a piece because you love it," said Mody.

The nuances in his playing style, he said, come from interpretations of the composer's life and milieu.

Beethoven is his favorite.

"I love the emotion and loud chords," he said. "I also love that Beethoven had to write music as a

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It may be

LOONEY

but it's art

At any moment, you expect the sound of carrot-chomping, and a lovable, cocky white-tail rabbit to pop up from beneath the polished hardwood floors at the austere Park West Gallery.

With a casual disdain of James Dean and the cool appeal of a perturbed rock star, you expect that wascally wabbit to look around at the paintings of Renoir, Monet and Miro and pronounce the three most recognizable words in the Looney Tunes lexicon: "What's up, doc?"

But even Bugs Bunny's cool defiance would melt just thinking about the emergence of animation as a collectible, perhaps the definitive American fine art.

The recently opened exhibit of animated art at Park West in Southfield offers a compelling case that Bugs and his looney colleagues Daffy, Porky, Wile E. Coyote, Road Runner, Pepe LePew, Sylvester and Tweedy aren't just satirical products of their smart-aleck creators.

Rather, perhaps the wacky world of these all-too-human cartoons reflects a universe of symbolic truths about our own wacky world.

If pop art raised awareness of the relationship between advertising images and art, then animation art slam dunks any vestiges between amusement and "serious art."

American art form

Like many of his colleagues, Park West Gallery owner Albert Scaglione wasn't convinced that the artistry of animation was on the level of collectible paintings and sculptures.

"I did my research," said Scaglione, who noted that he conducted an informal survey of collectors at auctions around the country and aboard cruise ships where Park West coordinates the bidding on pieces of fine art.

With the prodding of his son, Marc Scaglione, merchandise manager at Park West, the elder Scaglione became a believer.

"Not only is there a market for animated art, but I place this (art) on the level with jazz and the Broadway musical as a purely



Wascally wabbit: A confused Elmer Fudd, center, struggles to figure out who's who in Chuck Jones' hand-painted limited edition cel, "Identity Crisis." By the way, that's Bugs Bunny on the left and Daffy Duck on the right.

American art form," said the elder Scaglione.

Today, outside of Disney and Warner merchandise stores, Park West is the largest animator art seller in the world. Last year, they reported sales of about \$10 million.

Park West's exhibit, curated by the younger Scaglione, features the work of Chuck Jones, one of the most distinguished and influential animators from what is considered the Golden Age of Animation, the mid 1940s to the early 1960s.

Jones' animation and directing work on Looney Tunes cartoons, and MGM classics such as "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" and "Horton Hears a Who," earned him two Academy Awards, and honorary degrees from the American Film Institute and the Directors Guild of America Life Membership Award.

Filmmakers Steven Spielberg and

George Lucas have claimed that Jones has been a major influence on their filmmaking.

At 85, Jones continues to draw and paint from his home in southern California. He sends autographed drawings to children who have written to him in search of a word from Bugs or the other Looney Tunes.

The wit behind that sharp-tongued hare has hardly diminished.

"We like to say, 'French Impressionism started as an art and became a business, and animation started as a business and became an art,'" said Jones.

The bottom line: Humor

In exhibits adjacent to Jones' series of oil paintings, hand-painted

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WHAT: Animation Art Exhibit, featuring Academy Award-winning artist Chuck Jones.

WHEN: Through Thursday, Sept. 3.

WHERE: Park West Gallery, 29469 Northwestern Highway, Southfield.

HOURS: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. For information, call (248) 354-2343 or (800) 521-9854.

Characters Chuck Jones helped to create:

- Bugs Bunny
- Daffy Duck
- Elmer Fudd
- Porky Pig

Characters created by Chuck Jones:

- Road Runner & Wile E. Coyote
- Marvin the Martian
- Pepe Le Pew
- Michigan J. Frog
- Gossamer
- Private Snafu
- Huckle & Bertie

ART FAIR

Couple enjoys tiling away their days together

Rodney and Lisa Cooper love making ceramic tile. This time-honored craft gives them a chance to spend time together.

During the day Rodney sets up web sites for Chrysler at Ross Roy Communication in Bloomfield Hills, and Lisa consults on projects at EDS in Southfield.

Married five years ago in October, they became interested in architectural tiles after buying a 1939 bungalow in Livonia's Old Rosedale Gardens. An appreciation for Pewabic tiles and the Arts and Crafts movement led them to take classes at Pewabic Pottery to learn more about crafting tiles for their home. The Coopers, along with more than 60 artists from Seattle to Boston, will sell their tiles at Pewabic Pottery's Antique and Contemporary Art Tile Fair Aug. 16.

"Tile making is really important because our jobs keep us separate," said Lisa, 31. "We really enjoy it. It keeps us happy all around."

"It's a good way to be together and share," added Rodney, 35.

The Coopers exhibited in the first Pewabic tile fair three years ago. The show was in conjunction with a symposium held by the Tile Heritage Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting an awareness and appreciation for the history and preservation of ceramic surfaces in the United States.

Among the items the Coopers will sell Aug. 16 are iris and sea shell tiles, a cafe-style table for indoors or outdoors,

and ceramic flowers which were best sellers at Art in the Park in Plymouth in July.

Rodney grew up in Toledo and has bachelor and master degrees in visual communications from Bowling Green State University in Ohio. He's always had an interest in art and design and worked in the graphic arts field in Ohio before moving to Michigan. Both he and Lisa are inspired by the wooded setting of Old Rosedale Gardens.

He's currently making preliminary sketches for a bear who's just caught lunch out of a river. Lisa is carving clay for a mold featuring a porcupine. They're also working on a ceramic sign to be placed on the brick pillars leading into their subdivision.

"The thing with ceramics is the options are endless," said Lisa, who graduated with a business degree from the University of Florida. "The difficult part is settling on one particular idea at a time."

Rodney and Lisa have yet to find time to handcraft ceramic surfaces for their kitchen since starting KOP (pronounced cope), a custom handcrafted tile business, in 1994. In addition to selling tiles at Architectural Artifacts in Toledo, the Coopers accept commis-

sions for custom work and currently are creating tiles in an acorn and oak leaf design for a kitchen in an 1890 Toledo home, and a Scandinavian design of a deer for a backsplash in a Livonia kitchen.

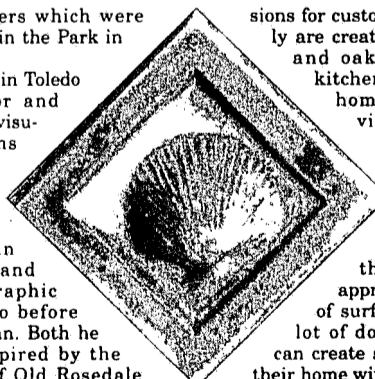
"Tile is coming back but in no particular style," said Lisa. "I think people have an appreciation for that type of surface, and there are a lot of do-it-yourselfers who can create something unique for their home with our help."

Spending weekends together at romantic Bed n' Breakfasts in Michigan, and antiquing are also favorite pastimes. They recently returned from a vacation in Allen near the Irish Hills area where they visited several antique shops.

"We look for antiques we can incorporate with our tile," said Lisa. "Our interest really lies in combining tile with iron work and furniture."

Kathy Rae

Kathy Rae, an antique dealer from Bloomfield Hills who will sell vintage tiles from the 1880s to 1950s at the fair, says tiles have grown in popularity in the last few years, not only as framed art, but decorative surfaces for furniture. She retrieves antique tiles from Victorian homes about to be demol-



Antique and Contemporary Art Tile Fair

WHAT: Pewabic Pottery presents its third annual sale of handcrafted art tiles by more than 60 artists from across the country. In addition to the tiles, tables, trivets, frames, and a variety of items will be on hand along with free antique tile appraisals, installation demonstrations for the setting of tile tables, back splashes and floors, and a silent auction to benefit Pewabic's education and historic programs.

WHEN: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16.

WHERE: Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lake Shore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms. For information, call Pewabic Pottery, (313) 822-0954.

COST: Admission \$5.

ished. Tiles were at the peak of their popularity during the Victorian period in America. Tile stoves, friezes, and surrounds for fireplaces decorated many homes built in Grosse Pointe and Indian Village earlier this century.

"Arts and Crafts is very popular but Victorian was the height of tiles," said Rae. "In England, they tiled everything. In hospitals, it was the walls, the floors, for sanitary reasons because it can be washed down so easily."

According to Rae, Art Nouveau tiles are gaining respect for their floral themes. But tiles of all designs can be found in homes and businesses today including

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cells, and drawings, hang the work of notable animators Friz Freleng and Robert McKimson.

Jones, Freleng, McKimson along with Tex Avery and Bob Clampett — working in the Warner Brothers Studios — collaborated in inventing Looney Tunes, a stable of some of the most familiar cartoon characters in American movie history. The creative team oversaw the stories, animation, production and editing of hundreds of classic cartoons.

In the early years of animation, Disney Studios focused on full-length animated features, such as "Steamboat Willie," "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," "Pinocchio," and "Fantasia."

Whereas Disney pushed the medium, the artists at Warner Brothers were pushing their own humor, creating cartoons shorts, said Jones, where the only standard was that they had to be

funny to the creators. Because of tight budgets, the animators at Warner Brothers ground out an assembly line of characters and short-films, which ran prior to the main attraction in movie theaters.

"We made cartoons for ourselves," said Jones. "All of us grew up during the Depression. We were just trying to make people laugh."

Along the way, however, they — with animators at Disney and Hanna-Barbera — created an art form that as much as any incorporates distinctive American values of technology and pure escapism.

Not so loony

Like all animators, Jones pays homage to Disney for pushing an art form that goes to the other side of "make-believe" to create reality from the Celluloid standard of human emotion.

In animation art, reality is not only suspended, it's obliterated. Yet the world of Bugs Bunny and his wacky friends isn't all slapstick.

With the international success of Disney's "The Lion King," prime-time acceptance of "The Simpsons" and the appeal of the Cartoon Network, even Walt Disney might be surprised at how pervasive animation has become.

Perhaps it all seems a little loony. But who's to say? We live in an age where people believe "if it's on TV, it must be true."

In animation art, reality is not only suspended, it's obliterated. Yet the world of Bugs Bunny and his wacky friends isn't all slapstick.

"We found it much easier to humanize animals than to humanize humans," said Jones.

Who else but Bugs Bunny and his puppeteer Jones could break the elitist barriers of the art world? Remember, this was the same team, along with Elmer Fudd who made Wagner's "Der Ring Des Nibelungen" accessible in their breakthrough, "What's Opera, Doc?"

That 1957 film was the first animated short subject inducted into the National Film Registry.

Maybe animation art isn't so loony, after all. "What's up, doc?" just might be more of a rhetorical reminder that adults take the world much too seriously.

And that just might be a bit of wisdom worth collecting.



Serious cartooning: Marc Scaglione (left) convinced his father, Albert Scaglione, to exhibit the works of legendary animators, including Chuck Jones, creator of some of the most endearing cartoon characters in American pop culture.

Presence from page B3

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Tiling from page B3

the 55 tiles above the food court at Somerset Mall in Troy.

"A lot of people install them in contemporary homes," said Rae.

"We're having a big revival of tiles. A lot of architects and builders are using them. Tiles are as big now as during the Arts and Crafts movement."

Livonia tile makers Nancy Guido and Diane Dunn will join the Coopers and Rae for the Aug. 16 fair presented by Pewabic Pottery. Other artists include Deborah Hecht and Sarah Frank of Bloomfield Hills; Elaine Goldman and Debbie Liberman, Southfield; Dianne Stewart, Troy; and numerous exhibitors from Royal Oak.

Historic beginnings

Founded in 1903 at the height of the Arts and Crafts movement by Mary Chase Perry Stratton and Horace Caulkins, Pewabic Pottery offers classes, lectures, workshops, tours, exhibits, and the production of handcrafted vessels and architectural tile for public and private installations. Located on East Jefferson across from Waterworks Park east of downtown Detroit, Pewabic has created installations for Christ Church at Cranbrook, Holy Redeemer, Detroit's Guardian Building, Scott Fountain on Belle Isle, the People Mover stations, the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in

Washington, D.C., Nebraska State Capital and the New York Metro Transit Authority's Herald Square.

"There was a period during the Depression when people couldn't afford handmade tile," said Pewabic development director Sandra Koukoulis, "but today, nationally, tile has grown; it's huge."

"The fair is a great way for people to see as much tile as possible. It's endless what you can do with tile, the styles and the subject matter. It's collectible, functional, and can be used for murals, back splashes, tables. It's not only something you put on the floor."

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CHANGES SET FOR THIS YEAR'S ART IN THE PARK

The 24th annual Common Ground Sanctuary Art in the Park will include more artists and an expanded layout.

The fair will be held 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 12-13 in Shain Park in downtown Birmingham, between Bates and Merrill streets.

This year's outdoor fair features the works of 170 artists from 30 states and Canada. In addition, the fair includes children's artistic activities, a silent art auction, disabled students' artwork showcase, entertainment, and refreshments.

THIS WEEK'S "SOMEWHERE IN TIME" HIGHLIGHTS

"Somewhere in Time," an eclectic weekday radio program will broadcast past programs featuring familiar personalities and some nostalgic music. The program, which airs 5:30 p.m. Mondays on WDTR-FM (90.9) will feature the following topics:

- Monday, Aug. 10 - Walt Strony, playing a hybrid pipe organ
- Tues., Aug. 11 - Actor Carroll O'Connor sings and talks about the 1930s.
- Wed., Aug. 12 - Broadcast devoted to listeners' requests.
- Thurs., Aug. 13 - Taped show of DJ Russ Morgan as host of "Somewhere in Time."
- Fri., Aug. 14 - Taped show of Bing Crosby hosting "Command Performance" for troops in World War II.

BOOKS

Livingston County judge writes compelling first novel 'Perjury'

Perjury
By Stan Latreille
(Crown, \$24)



VICTORIA DIAZ

Lawyers are not exactly the most beloved creatures on earth these days, and this debut novel, written by a veteran Livingston County Circuit Court judge, probably won't do a whole lot to improve their image.

What it will do is something else entirely. From its opening pages to its stunning conclusion, "Perjury" will compel your attention. If Stan Latreille continues to write novels as effectively as he has written this one, an important new voice in suspense fiction will have definitely emerged among Michigan authors.

"Davey Alden turned out to be one of those wildflowers that miraculously spring up from the cracks in the concrete," the story begins. "In this case, the concrete was the Laffler County Jail...."

Davey Alden, a beautiful, red-haired woman who sometimes seems strangely childlike, is in jail because she has recently committed perjury in a Laffler County court. She has done so, she says, in order to protect her small daughter — and what she is trying to protect her from is sexual abuse at the hands of the child's own father, the respected community stalwart, Joel Alden.

Jack Brenner, a disenchanted public defender who has just moved to the Michigan community from Chicago, is appointed to defend Davey Alden. As he does so, the plot thickens with every chapter, though Latreille

never allows it to become muddy or bogged down. In fact, you may find "Perjury" to be one of the swiftest novels you have read in a long time — a kind of paradox, really, since it is also highly thought provoking, raising weighty questions that have no glib and simple answers. What, exactly, is innocence? What's the difference between facts and the truth? Is justice sometimes truly beyond the law?

At the center of this legal drama (and narrating the story) is University of Michigan alum Brenner, the middle-aged, recently divorced attorney who finds himself caught in a kind of spider's web, having to face his all-too-human weaknesses on the one hand and, on the other, his yearning for a kind-of truth and justice that is somehow larger than himself. Much of the strength of this novel lies in Latreille's convincing portrait of this well-meaning, but limited, individual, and who is, in his way, a reflection of ourselves and the legal system we have devised. (By the way, you may feel as if you've taken a crash course in the criminal justice system by the time you have finished this novel, although things never even remotely turn dry or dusty thanks mostly to Latreille's lively prose and vivid scene making.)

Leading lady Davey Alden sometimes seems as ethereal as a ghostly, hothouse flower. But though she is a little confusingly drawn, she ultimately becomes perhaps the most memorable character in this modern-day tragedy, thanks to a final and riveting courtroom scene in which she bares her soul and walks off these pages to live and breathe beside us.

A carefully wrought supporting cast adds depth and color to this suburban Michigan canvas. Law partner Scott Sherman is

"the perpetual undergraduate, undaunted in his quest for eternal boyhood." Prosecutor Brad Holtzman's smile may be "well grooved," and his handshake firm, but his eyes are "wary and appraising." Seventy-year-old neighbor Ann Mahoney is a "physician, spinster, missionary, lover of good gin, bass fisherwoman... loud, crude, irreverent to the point of being blasphemous, and an absolute delight to be with..." In this novel that says much about appearances, Judge Frances X. Kane looks as if "Cecil B. DeMille would have cast him as Moses, perhaps even as God."

Finally, Latreille paints a well-textured portrait of Michigan's newly affluent Laffler (read: "Livingston") County, with its recently built courthouse, its glittery Saabs and BMWs, its "invasion of half-million dollar homes." Much other local color (restaurants, lakeside cottages, motels, supermarkets, newspaper offices and other spots) plays a part, too, providing a special bonus for most Michigan readers.

Last words: If you're a fan of spooky lore, be sure and take a look at "Ghost Stories and Other Tales from Canton," by historian and Observer columnist Virginia Bailey Parker. The book, recently published by the Canton Historical Society, is available for \$11.95 at Little Professor On-The-Park in Plymouth. The stories relate paranormal events experienced by area residents, plus other Canton folklore. Much of the material was acquired through Parker's interviews with those involved.

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'Doomsday Kiss' is fast-paced but flawed adventure thriller

The Doomsday Kiss
By Robert Davis
Horizon Press, 1998, \$24.95



ESTHER LITTMANN

"Kill him!" Thus begins Robert Davis' thriller, "The Doomsday Kiss." From that moment on, until the dramatic conclusion, the novel's pace and intensity never slackens.

The Cold War is history, but terrorist groups threatening biological warfare have escalated global tensions once more. That's why hero Dr. Alex Seacourt is made a member of a medical strike team, trained to respond in the event of a cataclysmic attack.

But the ultimate threat comes not from rogue nations or foreign extremists. Instead, it strikes close to home in the form of wayward CIA agents who possess a deadly virus that can wipe out the world's population.

Seacourt soon becomes their target. He stays on the move, first with Dr. Joanne Knight, his

former fetching lover, and then with Pepper, her equally engaging daughter. Fleeing Las Vegas, Seacourt seeks refuge and answers at the Oshkosh Air Show, dodges bullets at the St. Louis Zoo, escapes his attackers in the Ozarks and ends up at a televangelist extravaganza in Texas.

Numerous subplots add to the excitement. A Hamas fanatic seeks retaliation and blows up a passenger airliner. Two lesbian lovers plan revenge against an abusive parent. Code red alert announces a dire emergency aboard the Mir-Kennedy, a Russian-American space shuttle.

In the end, the various plots converge, but not until the weary reader has become overwhelmed by a plethora of settings, scenarios and bizarre technical explanations that are difficult to follow.

Characterization is another problem. Just who is Alex Seacourt, the medico-sleuth who also appears in an earlier novel, "The Plutonium Murders"? What are his passions, his quirks, his modus operandi? Is he a logical or intuitive thinker? Does he harbor secrets from a dark past? The author's failure to adequately

develop Seacourt seriously undermines our ability to identify with the protagonist and care about what happens to him.

Presently, Davis is negotiating with Manifest Pictures to translate "The Doomsday Kiss" into a movie. No doubt, a film version will put some flesh on Seacourt's bones to help us visualize the hero if not fully grasp his persona.

Once a successful physician in Utah, Robert Davis became addicted to drugs and alcohol and lost his medical practice when he was convicted of mail fraud. While in prison, he rekindled his earlier love of writing. Currently a resident of both Arizona and Michigan, the author plans several more books featuring his fictional hero. Perhaps he will come to realize that a good novel isn't so much a smorgasbord as a well-balanced dinner with an unforgettable main dish. "The Doomsday Kiss" is available at Borders and Barnes and Noble.

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BORDERS (BIRMINGHAM, SOUTHFIELD)

Poetry Discussion Brunch 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9; Susan Lazar and Peter Tollas perform 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9; Dr. Mark Silver lectures on migraine 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11; Camp Borders presents the Farm Lady with "The Little Piggy Went to Borders," 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12; a Madeline Party 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 15 at the store, 31150 Southfield, (248)644-1515.

BORDERS (BIRMINGHAM, WOOD-

WARD)

Books with Cook theological discussion 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9; gay/lesbian lit group discusses Armistead Maupin's "More Tales from the City," 7:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 10; Camp Borders on "The World of Bats," 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11; mystery discussion on "An Instance of the Finger-post," 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11; Dream Cruise event on Elvis impersonator Fred Wolfe 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14; Peter Rabbit for children 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 15; Lynn Koch performs 1950s music 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15; Jim Wangers author of "Glory Days: When Horsepower & Passion Ruled Detroit," 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15; Marilyn Monroe Trivia Contest all day Saturday, Aug. 15; the Satin Dolls doo-wop group 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15 at the store 34300 Woodward Ave., Birmingham (248)203-0005.

BARNES & NOBLE (BLOOMFIELD HILLS)

Readers Book Club discusses Ann-Marie MacDonald's "Fall on Your Knees," 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9, at the store 6575 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills (248)540-4209.

BORDERS (DEARBORN)

Yvonne McClendon discusses "Pre Nuptial Bliss," 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 10; Heidi Neale and Nick Manolukas discuss "The Coming of a New Millennium," 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12 at the store, 5601 Mercury Drive, Dearborn, (313)271-4441.

SOUTHFIELD LIBRARY

Film series continues with "The Trip to Bountiful," 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 10. (\$1 admission) at the Library's Marcotte Room, 2600 Evergreen, Southfield.

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DWC mom of two, 47, 5'3", with dark hair, who enjoys the outdoors, biking, reading, music, Bible study and the outdoors, is seeking a SWCM, for a possible relationship. Ad# 7388

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SBF, 29, 5'6", looking to spend quality time and share a relationship with an employed, mature SBM, 25-35. Ad# 2468

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Sunday, August 9, 1998

NORTH OAKLAND SPORTS SCENE

Dragons training camp

Athletes participating in fall sports at Lake Orion High School will follow the following practice schedule next week. Athletes must have a physical form on file in the athletic office to participate.

■ Girls basketball -- (Varsity) Aug. 10, 9 to 11 a.m.; 6 to 8 p.m., Aug. 11-14, 6 to 9 p.m.; (junior varsity) Aug. 10-14, 9 a.m. to noon; (freshmen) Aug. 10, 8:30 to 11 a.m.; Aug. 11-14, 7 to 9 a.m.

■ Boys soccer -- (at Waldon Middle School practice area) Aug. 10, 7 to 10 a.m.; Aug. 11-13, 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 7 to 8:30 p.m.; Aug. 14, 7 to 10 a.m.

■ Cross country -- (high school track) Aug. 10-14 at 9 a.m.

■ Boys golf -- Aug. 10-11, 8:30 a.m., Oxford Hills, \$15 greens fees; Aug. 12, 6:30 a.m., Bald Mountain, \$12 greens fees.

■ Girls tennis -- (Seymour Lake Township Park, Oxford) Aug. 10-14, 9 a.m. to noon.

■ Girls swimming and diving -- (meet in the high school Kiva) Aug. 10, 8 to 11 a.m.

Soccer tryouts for the Oxford High School varsity and junior varsity soccer teams begin Monday at 6 p.m. Practices will be conducted on the practice field located between Oxford High School and Lakeville Elementary School (formerly the middle school).

A call for schedules

With the fall 1998 high school athletic season commencing on Monday, August 10, the Eccentric sports department will begin collecting schedules and pre-season practice times for all of the area teams, school within the Eccentric's North Oakland coverage area include Clarkston, Clarkston Springfield Christian, Lake Orion, Lake Orion Shalom Baptist, Oxford, Oxford Christian Academy and Oxford Indianwood Christian.

Coaches and athletic directors can send in this pertinent information via fax at (248) 693-9716, or mail to: Brad Kadrach, Sports Editor, The Eccentric Newspapers, 790 S. Lapeer Rd., Lake Orion, Mich., 48362.

Thanks.

Yankees finish second

The Rochester Yankees 16-and-under baseball team advanced to the finals of the AABC East-Central Regional July 30-Aug. 2 in Cincinnati, Ohio, before falling to the Akron (Ohio) Boys of Summer, 2-1.

In the finals, Brett Crawford (Clarkston), Paul Hudson (Birmingham-Detroit Country Day) and Dan Hauser (Rochester Adams) each collected hits, while Aaron Johnson (Utica Eisenhower) suffered the loss despite striking out six and walking none.

Throughout the tournament, Ryan Meissner (Adams) led the Yankees pitching staff with a 2-0 record. At the plate, Ryan Good (Rochester) paced the attack with a .444 average, while both Hauser and Kris Kristich (Troy) followed suit with identical .428 clips.

Arthritis benefit

Indianwood Golf and Country Club in Lake Orion will be the site of the 1998 Industry Challenge Classic, a benefit to help the Arthritis Foundation Michigan Chapter.

The Arthritis Foundation is looking for as many as 264 corporate, community and civic leaders to challenge each other on the links at the event, which will be held Aug. 31 at 12:30 p.m.

Golfers will compete for special industry trophies, best overall score, individual prizes and bragging rights. The proceeds will go to help the Arthritis Foundation Michigan Chapter provide funding for research and quality-of-life programs for 1.5 million Michigan residents who live with the daily challenges and limitations of arthritis.

Registration fee for the event is \$500 per golfer. Corporate sponsorship packages are available at costs between \$1,000 and \$7,500.

To register, or for more information, contact Mollie Conway at the Arthritis Foundation, (248) 424-9001, Ext. 40.

Hole in one contest

The Lake Orion Lions Club and Bill

Please see BRIEFS, C2

A star-studded summer

North Oakland Stars view '98 campaign as success story

With a roster made up of nothing but true standouts, 1998 was supposed to be a banner year for the North Oakland Stars baseball contingent — and they did not disappoint.

Although the Stars did not advance out of the final round of the National Amateur Baseball Federation Regional July 30-Aug. 2 in Toledo, where they came within just two wins of taking their season into the national tournament — their preseason goal — veteran manager Dan LaNoue said the past seven weeks was still quite a memorable season.

"I think the only really disappointing thing was not making it to the World Series because that was our ultimate goal," recalled LaNoue, a former minor leaguer. "We reached our goal as being league champions, though, and we were never really out of any contest. We had a great season."

True to his words, LaNoue's star-studded team did have a great season and they deployed some lethal damage onto their opponents.

Against not only some of the finest in Michigan, but in North America, the Stars posted a final record of 32-10. Included in that total was an 18-4 mark in the ultra-competitive Macomb Amateur Baseball Federation league, which North Oakland captured for the third consecutive year.

"We played some great teams, some of them were more like national (select) teams," said LaNoue. "but we still held our own against everybody."

In the MABF, the Stars were nearly dominant, despite losing three of their last four league contests.

"Our first goal was to win our league and we were able to do that," said LaNoue. "We had to win our last game to do it, but the guys came through."

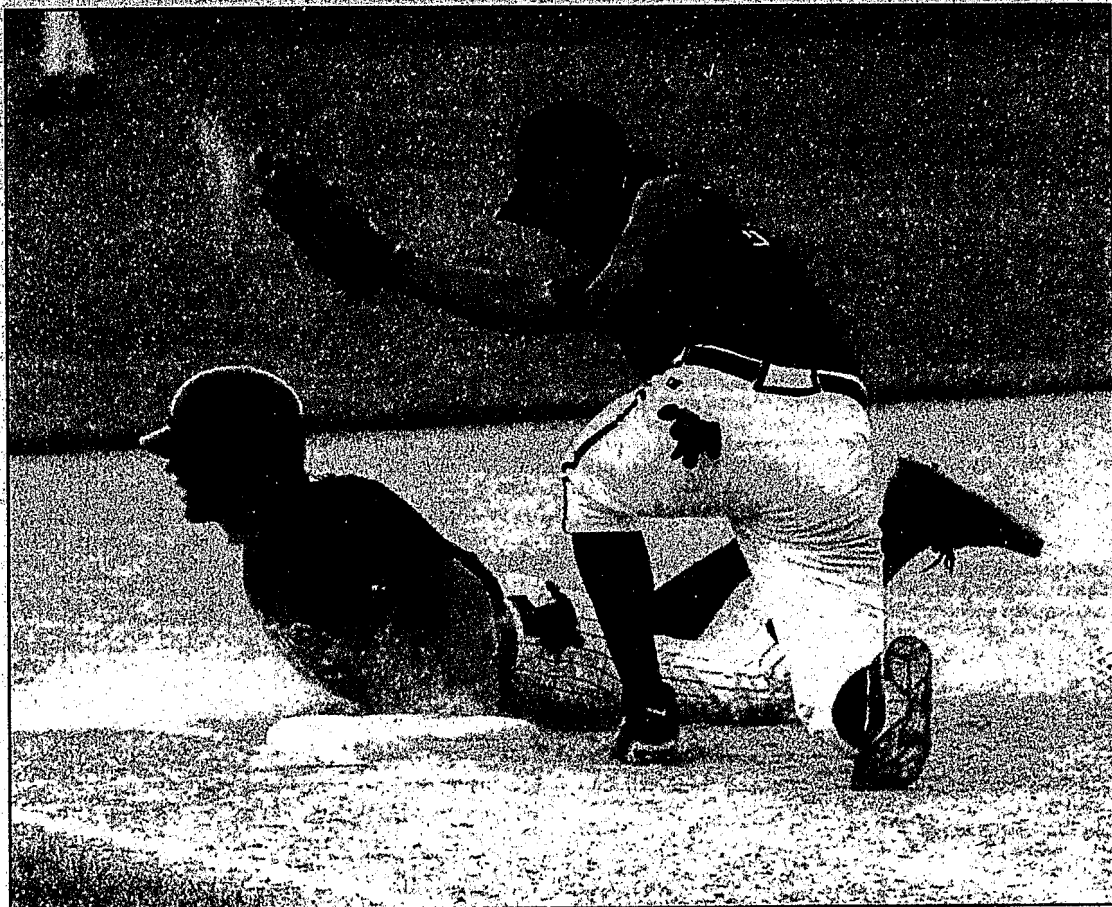
The Stars' offense was nearly unstoppable throughout, as they posted a team batting average of over .375 and belted just under 50 home runs.

The most impressive player at the plate was shortstop Tim Frankhouse (Rochester). Bound for the University of Toledo, Frankhouse batted at a .488 clip that included nine round-trippers, 47 RBI, 16 doubles and a dozen stolen bases.

"We didn't give out team awards, but I guess you could say that Tim had an MVP-like year for us," praised LaNoue. "He was solid at the plate and in the field, and he was a great leader. When he was hot, the rest of the team played better."

Several players also had exceptional seasons at the plate for the Stars. Mike Bennion (Rochester/Oakland) hit .476 with 33 RBI, Chris Crowder (Troy/Michigan) hit .462 and drove in 40 runs, and Chris McQuiston (Birmingham Seaholm) posted a .406 mark with seven homers and 41 RBI.

On top of that, seven other players



Down and dirty: Mike Bennion (left) slides safely back into first place during a midseason game against St. Clair Shores. Bennion and his North Oakland Stars teammates finished a 32-10.

hit over the .300 mark, outfielder Brett Wattles (Rochester) went yard eight times and outfielder Jason Daniels (Rochester Adams) swiped an 41 bases.

"Everybody on this team did their part," said LaNoue. "Some kids hit for average, some for power, some utilized their speed. Everybody came through for us at open time or another."

Not to be outdone, the pitching staff posted statistics that would make some Major League team just a little envious, maybe more.

Even though projected staff ace Andrew Good (Rochester) left the team less than 10 games into the season after signing with the Arizona Diamondbacks organization, the Stars' staff was extremely tough to beat.

A total of 14 players shared time on the mound, combining for a 2.15 ERA.

"I think losing a pitcher of Andrew Good's caliber might have hurt us at the regional, but it's amazing the think how well our pitchers threw throughout the season," praised LaNoue. "As a whole we were very consistent, despite

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Dan LaNoue
—Stars manager

a couple of injuries. We had guys pitch even though they were on just a couple days rest or even if it wasn't their turn. There were a lot of team players on this ballclub."

Both Josh Clark (Clarkston/Western Michigan) and Keith Perez (Holly/Western Michigan) led the teams in victories with 5-2 records, while Perez's eye-catching 1.75 ERA was the best of any pitcher that recorded more than two decisions on the mound.

Left-hander John Handley (Rochester) was 4-1 with 1.95 ERA,

Mike Bennion (Rochester) was a perfect 4-0 with a 2.45 ERA, Domanick Squires (Rochester/Michigan State) finished 5-1 with a 3.05 mark, and Ryan Petoskey (Davison/Mott CC) was 3-3 with a 3.76 to round out the starting rotation.

"Some of their records were actually deceiving," said LaNoue. "People like Ryan Petoskey had arm troubles all year, but he still did a very good job. And Josh Clark was just a workhorse for us. Everyone that pitched did a fine job."

Despite all the talent on the Stars' roster, LaNoue, who was assisted by Dean Murdoch, Larry Handley and Mike Lechner, believes that the talent alone did not help the Stars enjoy tremendous success this past summer.

"People like Dean Murdoch were my right-hand man. My assistants did an awful lot for this team," thanked LaNoue. "And the parents were wonderful. We had mom's helping out with

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A perfect 8

Youthful Rams put it all together



Ram tough: Part of the success of the Michigan Lake Area Rams' season included a win in the Connie Mack Gator / St. Clair Shores tournament in July. Pictured are (bottom, l-r) Matt Mitchell, Justin Robinson, Steve Seargeant, Tim Clouse, Chris Mitchell and Eric Jenks, and (top, l-r) Coach Dave Mitchell, George Maroulitsas, Coach Rich Hynes, Spencer Hynes, Mike Ciulis, Jason Pawlak, John Drallos, coach George Drallos, Brad McCloskey.



With a team made up solely of 17 year olds, the Michigan Rams exceeded expectations this summer, finishing with a 26-18 record that included a trip to the CABA World Series last month.

Mission accomplished.

When George Drallos first met with the players on his Clarkston-based Michigan Rams baseball team last November, a list of goals for the 1998 season were placed on paper. And now that the season is nearly two weeks into the history books, Drallos, the Rams' manager, believes that his young team exceeded expectations.

"Looking back, I would have to say that on a scale from 1-to-10, that this season was an eight," admits Drallos proudly. "We did start kind of slow, but once we turned the corner, things really started to go our way."

Drallos believes the season's ninth game was the turning point for the

Rams' successful '98 campaign.

Playing on its home field at Oakland University against undefeated Livonia Travel — the Rams were 2-6 at the time and on verge of their seventh defeat — Drallos' squad pulled out a remarkable come-from-behind win.

With two outs in the top of the seventh inning and with Livonia holding a 6-5 lead, shortstop Tim Clouse (Lake Orion) beat out a throw on what appeared to be a game-ending groundout. The next batter, second baseman John Drallos (Clarkston), delivered a two-run homer, followed by a 1-2-3 bottom half to win the game.

"I really think that that game was the turning point," recalled Dral-

los. "We were kind of struggling when it came to pulling out the close ball games. We were never getting blown out, but we were losing close games like 3-2 and 6-5. After that point, we started to believe in ourselves."

Believed they did. The Michigan Rams ended up the season with a 26-18 record and tied for second in the nine-team Little Caesars Premier League at 10-6. They also won the Shores/Gator Invitational in St. Clair Shores and grabbed runners-up honors at the Battle Creek-Mayors Invitational during the season.

"One of our goals was to place in the top three of our league and we

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MHSAA cites changes for upcoming year

The excitement of another season of fall sports will soon begin for nearly a quarter of a million young student athletes, as the 1998-99 athletic seasons opens with eight sports sponsored by the 724 member schools of the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

Official practices for all fall sports will begin on August 10, except for a small number of football teams, which began on August 5. A total of nine schools, including seven from the Upper Peninsula, were given permission by the MHSAA Executive Committee to begin competition a week earlier to help them secure a full schedule of games.

All football schools conduct three required conditioning days of practice before beginning contact. Conditioning sessions may not include any pads. Houghton, Ironwood, Kingsford, Menominee, Stambaugh-West Iron County and Stephenson will begin their grid seasons on August 28, while Powers-North Central, Indian River-Inland Lakes and Maple City-Glen Lake open on August 29, with the latter two schools facing each other. All other football schools can begin varsity play on either September 3 or 4.

The remaining fall sports sanctioned by the MHSAA, which includes girls basketball, boys soccer, girls swimming & diving, girls tennis, boys golf, and boys and girls cross-country, begin their practice schedules on August 10, and all but three sports can start competition that day.

The first game date for boys soccer is August 21, girls swimming and diving may open activity on August 22, and girls basketball begins on August 24.

Two safety issues are addressed under National Federation of State High School Associations rules changes in football. The first prohibits the use of eye shields with less than 100 percent light transmission, the second prohibits defensive players from using their hands to slap a blocker's head.

Additionally, the MHSAA Representative Council took action in May which requires that all varsity football games involving Michigan teams ending in a tie score after regulation play be decided by the MHSAA-approved tie-breaking procedure.

The Council also revised the mercy rule in football so that a running clock will be used at all levels, for regular-season and playoff games, whenever a 35-point differential in the score is reached after the first half of play. The clock will run continuously except during called timeouts, the break between the third and fourth quarters and following a score, during penalty enforcement, and for safety reasons — such as injuries. Normal timing procedures resume if the point differential is reduced to less than 35 points.

Notable National Federation rules changes in basketball include a change in substitutions during multiple free-throw situations, and how a team calls

a time out.

During multiple free-throw attempt situations, substitutions may only be made before the final attempt of the sequence and after the final attempt has been converted. With regards to call time outs, a player or the head coach may now orally or visually request a time out.

The MHSAA Representative Council voted in May to institute a mercy rule in basketball which will be in effect at all levels for regular season and tournament play. When a different of 40 or more points is reached after the first half, a running clock shall be used, with the condition that the running clock shall revert to regular time schemes when the differential is reduced to 30 or fewer points. In all cases, the clock shall stop for called timeouts and breaks between quarters.

In soccer, National Federation rule changes include: that a goal may be scored from a kick-off or goal kick; that a goalie may no longer touch the ball with his hands after receiving it directly from a teammate on a throw-in; an allowance for lateral movement by a goalkeeper during a penalty kick; and an adoption for a provision that the placement of the ball on the line for corner kicks is legal.

The 1998 fall campaign culminates with state championship tournaments beginning with the Upper Peninsula finals in girls tennis on October 2 and wraps up with the girls basketball finals on December 5.

Nature's office

A new way to write

It's just before dawn and the resonant call of a great horned owl drifts from beyond the pines. A second owl replies in kind from within my woods. Ten minutes later an explosion of raucous crows greets sunrise. That was this morning's alarm clock. Time to feed a dozen chickens, an odd pair of goats, a foursome of emus, and take the 140-pound puppy for a nose-to-the-ground walkabout and... to write this column.

Enough "things" happened in those first few minutes of light to stir an almost endless stream of columns. This makes for a pleasant dilemma for nature writers and a most appropriate time to respond to an often-repeated question: "Don't you run out of things to write?"

I can only smile when asked that question. Ideas are endless. Finding time to write as summer wanes is the limiting factor. So, how does one create more time?

To lengthen my writing day, I have opted to create a new writing office. Not your typical pale gray cubical. My house is perched high on a glacial hillside in Brandon Township with unobstructed views. But, I still feel confined inside. Writer's block comes quickly without the sounds and sights and smells of nature. No more. The renovated farmhouse porch is now screened in and the smell of paint and freshly cut wood is nothing short of delicious when blended with warm breezes and the scent of pine sap and nearby walnut trees. Hummingbird feeders, just an arm's length from my chair, lure in ruby-throats

most every morning and again just before dusk. A suspended rope chair, on order, and will provide a view of the old apple tree and unkempt wildflower meadow.

With the proper writing environment created — a setting rich with nature's distractions — I now only have to narrow down a topic for a column. August is an easy month, overflowing with the freedom of choices. The creation of the screened porch could be a column of its own. With my woodworking skills being, shall we say, "slightly questionable," a few friends did most of the work and another friend gave her opinions on design and other unsolicited advice. But, we four, board by board, nail by nail, prevailed and a porch with an intentional southern flavor was born. A hammock, shipped in from the Carolina low country is the crowning touch. If only there was the smell of the sea. My new editor might not be keen on 500 rambling words dedicated just to the creation of a country porch, but then again she has not seen the view. But there are other choices. Many choices. August brings the ripening of blackberries and elderberries. August brings growth of the fungus among us in damp wooded hideaways. August brings more mosquitoes and squadrons of dragonflies in hot pursuit.

As days shorten, goldfinch feast on ripening thistle seeds. Spider webs glisten with morning dew. Still speckled fawns appear in mid afternoon, ears erect, and staring straight ahead as if to ask what sort of

strange beings we might be. Leopard frogs leap through moist meadows. Massasauga rattlesnakes sun on some dirt roads near swamps. Crickets come to life in the evening. Katydid calls. Thunderheads billow. Corn wilts.

Barn swallows, with maneuverability the airborne military forces of the world can only dream about — swoop low over my field before returning to their nests of mud constructed on top of 150 year old beams. And with dusk, the first of the evening's bats take wing on search and destroy missions. Five hundred or more mosquitoes fall victim to each bat, each night. Bat patrol could be good for a column or two.

Great carpets of green duckweed coat shallow ponds. Snapping turtle eggs hatch. Yellow jacket and bald-faced hornet nests swell to watermelon size proportions. Green herons stand motionless on partially submerged logs. Skunks grub about under bird feeders. Young raccoons visit backyard barbecues. Turkey vultures ride rising hot air masses we call "thermals."

Yes, there are plenty of topics. Next week, I will choose one. But now, time for the hammock and some dreaming on a sultry Oakland County afternoon.

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hotel reservations at some of the out-of-town tournaments, and we had others helping out with the little things, such as bringing extra water. You couldn't have asked for a better bunch of parents that volunteered their help."

With two-thirds of the team leaving the Stars either because

of college commitments or age restrictions, LaNoue understands that this year's team might be hard to duplicate, but he already welcomes the challenge or building up another powerhouse.

"We'll still return seven or eight players and that should

help, but we do lose a lot of great ball players," said LaNoue. "I guess we'll just go out and try to pick up a new group because the are out there, it's just a matter of finding them."

Just keep your feet on the ground and keep reaching for the — Stars.

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were able to do that," said Drallos. "We also wanted to finish above five-hundred and we accomplished that, too."

A season like that is quite commendable, considering that Drallos' contingent was made up entirely of 17-year-olds instead of 18-year-old dominant teams. They were by far the youngest team in their league.

"We were the only all 17-team in our league," explained Drallos. "And at tournaments, most of teams we played were all 18-year-olds or team that were predominately 18-year-olds. But once we came together, we could compete with just about anybody."

The Rams' statistics can prove that statement.

From the mound, the Rams finished with a respectable 3.69 ERA — a mark that dropped considerably as the season moved along.

Brad McCloskey (Birmingham Brother Rice) finished a perfect 5-0 with a 3.37 ERA to lead the starting rotation.

Eric Jenks (Clarkston) was a deceiving 4-5, but had a team low 1.67 ERA.

Matt Mitchell (Warren DeLaSalle) posted an impressive 2.15 clip as a relief pitcher.

"Our pitchers really developed over the season," said Drallos. "They matured each time out."

The Rams were even more impressive from the plate, posting a team batting average of .356 with 208 runs scored. Matt Mitchell led the way with a blistering .484 clip, with eight more teammates batting over the .300 mark, including Clouse at .393, Drallos at .381 and Jason Pawlak (DeLaSalle) at .368.

Spencer Hynes (Clarkston) also led the with five home runs, Drallos drove in 36 runs to top the chart, and Steve Seargeant drew 26 walks, just to name of few club leaders.

"We had so many guys contribute in so many ways," Drallos said. "Everybody understood their role."

In the field, however, is where the Rams were at their best.

"Our fielding saved us in a lot of games," he continued. "Some of these guys made some breath-taking plays out there, and they made it look so effortless. This was a great defensive team."

The Rams' season came to a close at the Continental Amateur Baseball Association World Series in the Cleveland, Ohio, region, just two weeks ago, where they posted a 5-6 record and placed second in the consolation bracket.

Nevertheless, Drallos and Co. aren't complaining.

"Sure, we would have liked to have done a little better there, but we played some awfully good teams," added Drallos. "Overall, we know that we had a very good season. I think in most cases that we exceeded expectations."

The expectations for next season will be much higher for the Rams — and for good reason.


"A lot of the teams that we played this year lose a lot of players and will kind of be rebuilding, but we should have everybody back," continued Drallos. "Hopefully, everybody will come back and we'll try to pick up a couple more pitchers."

"I think we are all looking forward to next summer a little bit," he added. "I know I am. These are a bunch of great young gentlemen and it's a pleasure to coach them."

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Flanders Building Company present the annual "Hole in One" Contest Aug. 22-29 at Mike Weger's Willow Creek Golf and Sport Center on M-24 in Lake Orion.

Qualifying rounds will be held from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Aug. 22-29, with the four golfers closest to the pin qualifying for the Aug. 30 final. Cost is \$5 for three balls or seven balls for \$10. Additional balls will cost \$1 apiece, with no limit being set on the number of tries.

The qualifiers meet in a shoot-out at 1 p.m. Aug. 30.

Grand prize is a home built by Flanders located in the Paint Creek Country Club golf community, valued at approximately \$300,000. Prizes will be awarded to all qualifiers.

Touch football

Any team wishing to play in an adult touch football league, playing on Monday and Wednesday nights in September and October can call league director Rick Moffatt, (248) 623-9052.

One team is looking for players to fill quarterback and receiver slots. Call 391-6950 for details.

Outdoor Calendar

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ARCHERY

BOWHUNTER SHOOT

Detroit Archers will hold a bow hunter 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, on its walk-through range in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 for more information.

3D SHOOT

The Oakland County Sportsman will hold a 30-target 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 9, on its walk-through range in Clarkston. Call 623-0444 for more information.

MORE 3D

Royal Oak Archers will hold a 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, August 16, on its walk-through range in Lake Orion. Call (248) 693-9799 for more information.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

JUNIOR ARCHERS

A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

CLASSES/

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FLY TYING

Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tyers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an

upcoming class.

HUNTER EDUCATION

Wayne County Sportsmen's Club will hold several hunter education classes in the upcoming months at its clubhouse and grounds in Romulus. These classes will be taught by certified instructors. Students must be present for both days of their respective class. All equipment will be provided. Classes will be offered Aug. 29-30, Oct. 3-4, Oct. 17-18 and Nov. 7-8. Cost is \$10.50 and includes lunch both days. To pre-register call (313) 941-9688.

WINGSHOOTING SCHOOL

Hunters Ridge Hunt Club in Oxford will host the Field Sport Wingshooting School on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 12-13. Master gunfitter and certified instructor Bryan Bilinski, who is credited with bringing sporting clays to the United States, will lead the school, which will cover all aspects of proficient shooting. Call (616) 933-0767 (daytime) or (248) 637-2446 (evenings) for more information.

CLUBS

SOLAR

The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Senior Citizen's Center in the Livonia Civic Center. Call Jim Kudej at (313) 691-0843 for more information.

FISHING BUDDYS

Fishing Buddys Fishing Club meets monthly in Rochester Hills. The meetings are open to all anglers. Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

CLINTON VALLEY BASS

Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

FISHING TOURNAMENTS

OAKLAND BASS MASTERS

Oakland Bass Masters will hold a 50-boat open tournament on Sunday, Aug. 30, on Pontiac Lake in Oakland County. Registration is \$80, \$85 after Aug. 26. Call (248) 542-5254 for more information.

MEETINGS

NRC

The monthly meeting of the state Natural Resources Commission will be Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 12-13, at the Holiday Inn-Petoskey, 1444 US 131 S., Petoskey. Persons who wish to address the commission or persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation should contact Teresa Golden at (517) 373-2352 one week in advance.

SEASON/DATES

GOOSE

The September Canada goose season will be Sept. 1-15 in the Lower Peninsula and Sept. 1-10 in the Upper Peninsula. (The counties of Huron, Tuscola and Saginaw will be closed for the early season.) The daily bag limit is five.

WATERFOWL

Waterfowl hunters have until Aug. 28 to apply for a reserved hunt permit.

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN

Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours are 10 a.m. to sunset on Wednesdays and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. On Mondays and Tuesdays, shotgun and archery shooting is available noon-sunset while the rifle and pistol range is open 3 p.m. to sunset. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

PONTIAC LAKE

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (248) 666-1020 for more information.

ORTONVILLE RECREATION

Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2433. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

FISHING IN THE PARKS

Learn the basics of fishing including how to bait a hook, basic knots, casting and fish ecology during this weekly program, which is offered Tuesday's at 6:30 p.m. through August 11 at Metamora-Hadley, Pontiac Lake and Island Lake.

BIRD HIKE

Learn to identify some of the area's birds during this naturalist-led hike, which begins at 8 a.m. Saturday, August 8, at Maybury. Participants should meet at the riding stable parking lot off Beck Road, 1/4-mile south of Eight Mile Rd.

INSECT SAFARI

Discover the good and bad about insects during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11, at Proud Lake.

ANIMAL SIGNS

Learn to locate and identify some common animal signs during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, at Highland.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal 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.

1998 PERMITS

The 1998 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

FULL MOON WALK

A naturalist-led hike under the light of the "corn moon" begins at 8 p.m. Friday at Stony Creek.

THE UNDERSTORY

Find out who lives in the shadows of Kensington's woods during a naturalist-led walk, which begins at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9, at Kensington.

CHICKEN LITTLE'S NIGHT OUT

View the annual perseid meteor showers and other astronomical sights while roasting marshmallows around a campfire during this program, which begins at 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12, at Indian Springs.

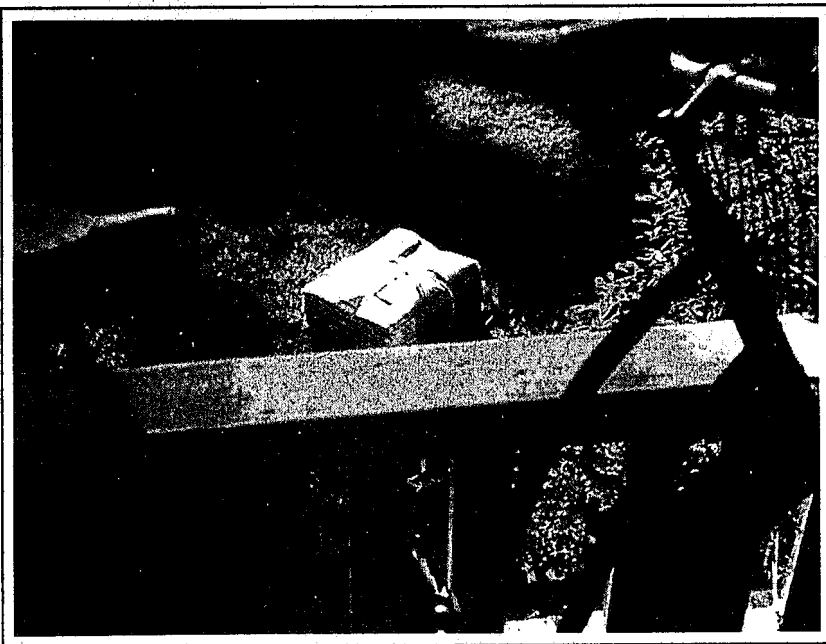
OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS

Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

FREE WOOD CHIPS

Free wood chips from the Oakland County Parks Christmas tree recycling program will be available on Saturday, Aug. 29, at Orion Oaks at the Clarkston Road entrance. Individuals are asked to provide their own shovels and to load the chips by hand. No motorized equipment is allowed and no commercial haulers. Additional wood chip dates are scheduled for Sept. 26 and Oct. 31.



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FARMINGTON - HILLS - HUGE Garage Sale. Furniture, clothing, books, records, etc. 2528 Brookfield Ln. 11 Mi. & Halsted, Thurs. Fri. Aug. 13/14, 10-6, Sat., Aug. 15, 10-3

716 Household Goods

BEAUTIFUL CHERRY 6 place dining room. 2 years old. Asking \$3000. King headboard w/ cream, accent. \$400. (734) 581-5018

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SECTIONAL sofa, cream \$400. 2 wood/glass tables. \$125. King brass headboard. \$150. (734) 581-5018

738 Farm Equipment

MASSEY 1995 Ferguson Diesel, low hours, cutter & back blade. (248) 449-3063 or (248) 469-1108

751 Musical Instruments

TROMBONE - Holton Used 1 year \$500. Eves. (248) 348-5774

570 Attorney/Legal

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642 Health/Nutrition

LOSE WEIGHT & WIN. Your way to the UK! England. Toll free 857-16-9218

702 Antiques/Collectibles

ANTIQUE TELEPHONE collection & accessories. Numerous 1950 pop-corn machine. (734) 587-8786

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Ann Arbor Antiques Market. The Brusler Show. Sat. Aug. 15, 10-3pm. 5055 Ann Arbor Saline Road

711 Garage Sales

Wayne - Huge Garage Sale! August 13, 14 & 16, 10am - 7pm. (248) 252-5222

716 Household Goods

CHINA - Nostalgia, floral, 12 place settings. \$1000. Perfect 248-478-2339

716 Household Goods

CONTEMPORARY ROSEWOOD contemporary \$500. Excellent condition. (248) 851-9192

740 Farm Products

3 D's (Little Yellow Stars) BIG SALE ON PERENNIALS. Thurs. thru Sun. 4 1/2" container \$1.00

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704 Arts & Crafts

CRAFT SHOWS BY RAINBOW. Mankinway City - Aug 29 & 30. Hartland - Sept 19 & Nov 7

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SPICER ORCHARD'S Apple Country Arts & Crafts Fair. Sept 12 & 13 1998. Crafts needed. For information please call Heather Spicer at (810) 922-8848

712 Garage Sales Wayne

CANTON - Community-wide yard sale. Up to 270 families. Aug. 9-9, 9am-5pm. Westport Manor, 41021 Westport

716 Household Goods

CRIB SET - BELLINI 3 pieces. Call 248-626-0690

716 Household Goods

CRIB W/ MATTRESS, Rocking chair, breakfast table, chairs, desk, bookshelves, etc. (248) 478-1913

746 Hospital Equipment

ACS HOLTER SCANNER Full discolor. Training optional. \$5000. Call after 7pm. (810) 239-7590

783 Cats

MANE COON adult, pedigree breeders papers. \$1500 each. (248) 737-1775

PIZZERIA

W. Bloomfield. Fully equipped. Asking \$35,000. 248-789-1800

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706 Auction Sales

TROY SCHOOL DISTRICT AUCTION. Sat. Aug. 15, 10:30am. Preview 9:30am

706 Auction Sales

DEARBORN HGTS-AUG. 13, 14, 8-4, Aug. 15, 8-noon, 8422 Rochdale

714 Clothing

BLUE FOX JACKET - Size M. Like new. \$250. 248-615-1884

716 Household Goods

ADJUSTABLE BED, queen size, custom made, brand new Massage. \$1300 firm. 734-458-8517

716 Household Goods

PC-66 MHz, 8 MB, 1.4 M modem, CD ROM, monitor, mouse, \$450 firm. Twin size mattress, box spring, \$80 both. (248) 865-5427

748 Lawn Garden & Snow Equipment

JOHN DEERE STX 46 hydro law tractor-like snow, 1 use 4 summer. For information call: (734) 953-9945

784 Dogs

AKC ALL BREED DOG SHOW. Aug 16 & 17. Oakland University Meadowbrook, Rochester Hills, Mich. \$400. Parking \$4.00 for info, call (248) 625-2252

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706 Auction Sales

MARY & WILLIAM dining set w/ 6 chairs, buffet, china cabinet, dark wood. \$1200. (248) 624-2339

714 Clothing

REDFORD TWP - Garage / Estate Sale. 8877 Saratoga St. of Tele-copier, like new, 12-16, 8am-5pm. (734) 422-8937

716 Household Goods

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838 Cadillac

SEVILLE 1994 BT8 black/black, factory moonroof, clean, loaded, 61,000 miles, \$18,500. (734) 211-3518

840 Chevrolet

CAMARO 1989 Convertible, low miles, take over payments. (734) 729-0169

CAMARO 1989 225 Blue, automatic, 11,000 miles, leather, loaded, 21,000 miles, \$14,800. (734) 711-7661

CAMARO 1988 2.8 V6, Runabout excellent. Some rust, reliable, \$1200/best. After 6pm: 248-349-7897

CAVALIER 1987, air, 5 speed, black, 49,000 hwy miles, extended warranty \$6900. (313) 389-4533

CAVALIER 1988 coupe, 2-door, auto, air, great condition, \$7000/best. (734) 584-8565

CAVALIER 1994 224 Automatic, moonroof, CD, power windows/locks, tilt, cruise, aluminum wheels, loaded, \$17,795.

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CAVALIER 1988 Z24, no rust, runs good, 145,000 highway miles, \$2500. (248) 478-8971

CORSICA 1994 - Air, automatic, clean, one owner. Well cared for, \$5500. (734) 721-3724

CORSICA 1988 - Mint condition, no rust, air, automatic, \$2000/best. Call (734) 338-3092

CORVETTE 1990 - Red, all options, excellent condition, \$1,000,000. (248) 693-4048

IMPALA 1996 SS only 11,700 miles, loaded, leather interior, factory warranty, burgundy exterior. Come see Mr. Hirsig. (248) 448-2751

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LUMINA 1992, 4 Door sedan, navy, only 53,000 miles, dependable, loaded, clean in & out, loaded, mileage bound, \$7500. (248) 647-8747

LUMINA 1996 4 dr. sedan - 30,000 miles. Must sell, \$11,500 or best offer. 248-448-2751

MONTE CARLO 1995, 234, black on black leather, automatic windows, doorlocks, new tires, battery, 46,000 miles, immaculate condition, \$11,500/off. 734-459-6448

MONTE CARLO 1985 SS - 87K, many new parts, paint/brakes, all stock, \$7200/best. 734-207-1668

842 Chrysler

CONCORD 1993 - 4 door, cherry black, 64,000 miles, new condition, loaded, \$3500. (313) 277-5939

LEBRON 1994 CONVERTIBLE, green/black top, 50,000 miles, original owner, \$8500. 248-471-7953

LEBRON 1995 Convertible, Red/white top, leather, 25,000 miles. Loaded, \$10,000. 734-729-2322

LHS 1995 - leather, CD, 49,000 miles, excellent condition, \$13,200. (248) 648-0936

LHS 1996 V6, leather, aluminum wheels, loaded, this is the buy \$10,850.

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Sebring 1997 JXi convertible, cloth top, leather, cd, power seats, black 30,000 miles, \$18,500 248-471-7953

SEBRING JXi CONVERTIBLE 1998 Loaded, candy apple red, CD changer, \$18,500. 248-738-9699

844 Dodge

COLT 1992 - excellent condition, 42,000 miles, auto, Great city car, \$3500 (248) 353-7131 after 5pm

EAGLE 1995 Vision ES1 - green, 3.3L, 77,000 miles, moonroof, new tires/brakes, \$6800. 248-626-5509

INTRPID 1994 ES, chargin, fully loaded 3.5L V-6, automatic, traction control, keyless remote, original owner. \$6300 or call (734) 591-0072

INTRPID ES 1994. Full power. Loaded. Very good condition. \$7300/best. (734) 416-9148

INTRPID LH 1995 - 4-door, 3.3L, spruce, 65,000 miles, excellent condition, \$8500. (248) 647-7512 x 3

INTRPID 1994 - power windows/doorlocks, tilt, cruise, air, emerald green. One owner. Best offer. 248-661-1848

NEON 1995 Sport, loaded, good condition, 78,000 miles, \$4800/best. (248) 305-9455

SHADOW 1993 ES 4 door, automatic, CD, 58,000 miles, extra clean, \$5700/best. 248-641-0615

STEALTH 1993 ES - Auto, air, power windows/locks, remote, 1 owner, \$9200/best (248) 344-1369

STEALTH 1994 - Excellent Condition, am/fm/cassette, air, auto, power windows/locks, sunroof, alloy, \$12,500. (248) 414-9133

STEALTH 1993-5-speed, all power, silver, AM/FM tape, good condition, 65,000 mi., \$9400. 248-661-1777

STRATUS ES 1995 4 cylinder, 5 speed, loaded, CD player, 38,000 miles, \$8400. (248) 449-6091

846 Eagle

EAGLE 1992 - Black, sunroof, Great condition, loaded, Blue book \$5500 Asking \$4200/best. 810-714-1815

EAGLE 1990 Talon - needs work, needs tires, \$950 (734) 459-4460

TALON TSi 1992 - AWD, black, custom wheels, \$7500 (248) 347-5942

VISION 1995 ES1 Power moonroof 98,000 well maintained highway miles, \$6,500. 734 515-5005

848 Ford

CONTOUR 1995, LX, automatic, leather, ABS, 31,000 miles, loaded, \$9450. (248) 851-8764

CONTOUR SE 1996, V6, red, automatic, moon roof, full power, excellent, 47,000 miles, \$9500. 734-416-2363

CONTOUR 1996 Sport GL - black, 5 speed, air, power, cassette, 22,000 miles, \$8,500. 248-653-4899

CROWN VICTORIA 1992 LX, Blau blue velour, excellent condition, low miles, \$7,700 (734) 425-6827

848 Ford

ESCORT 1989 - AM/FM cassette, Air, power brakes & steering. New brakes, \$1200/best. (313) 6024

ESCORT 1995 - 4 door, 5 speed manual air/cruise cassette, 16,000 miles, \$6900. (734) 459-1259

ESCORT 1991 - GT, 2 door hatchback, 5 speed manual many extras, Excellent, \$3500, 313-271-5377

ESCORT GT 1993 40,000 miles, clean, \$5,950. (248) 355-5105

Escort GT 1981 - must see, 61,000 miles, air, cruise, cassette, new brakes/tune-up, no rust, 5 speed, red, \$4,900 firm. 248-647-6294

ESCORT LX 1989 - 2 door hatchback, 74,000 miles, Asking \$1200/best. (313) 531-7747

ESCORT 1987 - LX Sport, 17,000 miles, all power, keyless entry, Live New! \$9,700. 248-528-2175

ESCORT 1994 LX, sport package, 2 speed, excellent condition, 1 owner, \$5000. (248) 471-7878

ESCORT 1996 LX Wagon automatic, air, extra clean, \$6,995. CRISSMAN LINCOLN MERCURY ROCHESTER (248) 652-4200

ESCORT 1994 LX wagon-green, 5 speed, air, am/fm cassette, cruise, 75,000 miles, \$3900. (734) 451-9654

ESCORT 1996 LX, white, 5 speed, 45,000 miles, air, cassette, \$6500. Call (734) 991-6598

ESCORT 1997 Sport, 4 door, excellent condition, must sell, \$10,400. (313) 471-7878

ESCORT 1993, standard, air, 60,000 miles, excellent condition, \$5,500. (734) 281-5197

ESCORT 1993 wagon, excellent running, air, automatic, owner, \$3200. 734-454-0027 or 734-953-3700

ESCORT 1998, ZX2 Sport, 5 speed, air, cd, moon roof, loaded, \$14,000. (248) 478-1016

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MUSTANG 1997 COBRA Convertible, 6,000 miles, black/leather, 18" Michelin Pirelli, Etchach springs, 4.10 gear, sport/leas, \$29,500. Bloomfield. (248) 332-2355

MUSTANG 1997 convertible-5 speed, "Woodward Dream Cruise" mild edition, new condition, loaded, make offer. (313) 277-5939

MUSTANG 1998 5.0 GT Convertible, automatic, leather, \$15,995. CRISSMAN LINCOLN MERCURY ROCHESTER (248) 652-4200

848 Ford

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MUSTANG 1988 GT: Purple, 25,000 miles, fully loaded, Mint \$13,600. \$248-535-0127. W-313-945-6929

MUSTANG 1989 GT: 5.0 5 speed, 95,000 miles, \$5,000/best. Call/Flick. 734-421-2603

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MUSTANG 1987 GT: 5.0 5 speed, 75,000 miles, excellent condition, \$7000/best. (248) 889-1984

MUSTANG 1995: LX - Spoiler, 47,000 miles, Excellent Condition, \$3400/best. After 6: 248-349-7225

MUSTANG 1994, 07,000 miles, dark green/gray, Excellent condition, \$7,800. 248-648-9724

PROBE 1993 automatic, air, sunroof, tilt, cruise, 61,000 miles, \$7,800. 248-648-9724

PROBE 1993, 5 speed, 51,000 miles, \$5,200. (734) 981-4573

PROBE 1994 - Black/gray interior, 5 speed, air, 41,000 miles, \$5,500. (248) 648-8888

PROBE 1993 - excellent condition, automatic, sunroof, loaded, moving, must sell. 248-768-5243

PROBE 1991, GL, red, automatic, air, cassette, clean, low miles, 1 owner, \$4,300. (313) 830-8929

PROBE GL 1992-sunroof, A/C, Cassette, excellent condition, well maintained, \$5,200. (313) 255-1991

PROBE 1990 LX-all power/wire/electronic, dash, sunroof, auto, 82,000 miles, \$2000. ***SOLD

PROBE 1994, red, automatic, New brakes, well maintained. 248-637-5999

PROBE SE 1994 automatic, Teal, A/C, 75,000 miles, loaded, \$6,000/best. (734) 452-4551

TAURUS 1993 LX, 3.6 engine, moon roof, leather, excellent Condition, \$5,795. (734) 455-1430

TAURUS 1992 GL, all power, 95,000 miles, \$5000. Call after 5pm (734) 542-1979.

TAURUS GL 1993, black, 51,000 miles, loaded, new tires, battery, ABS, \$8400. 248-989-1453

TAURUS 1994 GL - Mint condition, 4 or automatic, lumbar, loaded, anti-lock brakes, \$3000. 910-704-8969

TAURUS 1997 GL Wagon - V6, full power, white, 29,200 miles, warranty, excellent condition, \$12,900/best. (248) 684-1298

TAURUS 1997 GL, well maintained, pacific green, air, cassette, w/am/fm stereo, 8 CD player, loaded, 21,300 miles, \$15,800. (313) 558-0207

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TAURUS 1993 LX Mint condition, loaded. (248) 540-8719

TAURUS 1994, 34,000 miles, air, V6, excellent condition, \$7900. 248-644-4657

TAURUS SHO 1993-Loaded, green, leather, moonroof, 5-speed. Very clean, \$8950. 810-217-0546

TAURUS 1993, SHO, 54,000 mi., fully loaded, 5 speed, Premium Sound System, \$8500/off. 313-814-6503

TAURUS 1990 station wagon- auto, air, all power, silver, \$1600. (810) 781-8360

848 Ford

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Sporty Mercedes C230 delivers safety, value



By Anne Fracassa
Avanti News Features

It's amazing to me that automobile companies can totally revise and redesign a vehicle from front to back, inside and outside, and keep the price the same or lower than the previous model.

How come the previous model cost as much as it did and it was the old model? I don't get it.

What I do get is the fact that the consumer wins in that situation. And that's really all that matters here.

It was no surprise to me that Mercedes-Benz revised the C230 sport sedan for 1998 and still held the base price at the 1997 level: \$30,450.

That's a really nice price for a Mercedes-Benz. For the C230, too.

What I like most about the new Mercedes-Benz C230 is its sporty look. Yes, I said "sporty" and "Mercedes-Benz" in the same sentence. That's because of the company's good experience with the C36 super sedan. This design was inspired by the C36, and it shows.

You would think that a sports sedan this large would be underpowered by a 4-cylinder engine. Not so.

It's powered by a 2.3-liter double overhead cam 4-valve powerplant that delivers 148 horsepower mated to an electronic 5-speed automatic transmission. A bit on the transmission later.

Variable intake valve timing boosts mid-range power for responsive performance, says Mercedes-Benz documents of the engine. I guess I would put it more simply by saying, "Has power anytime you need it."

From pulling away from a light to passing on the freeway or entering a



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short freeway ramp with a semi barreling down on you, the C230 takes it all in stride and steps up to the plate and tosses in all it's got.

Response is quick and you're in control and you're going - fast.

The transmission on the C230 actually adapts to your specific way of driving.

Listen to this description: The transmission computer "adjusts shifting logic for leisurely driving with quick, smooth upshifts for the best fuel efficiency. On frequent freeway merging, the transmission holds each gear longer for quick acceleration."

If you flip the switch on the transmission for "Winter" mode, traction is enhanced by starting in second gear and shifting at lower engine speeds.

The C230 has a double wishbone suspension, and coupled with Mercedes' own 5-arm, multilink rear suspension that gives the driver precise wheel control. The result: You feel one with the road.

Handling is superb. I first drove the

C230 during a press preview in Milwaukee earlier this year, and then later in the year around some Detroit suburbs. My impressions didn't change. The handling and the ride impressed me.

Now for the outer skin. The sheet metal flows effortlessly around this aerodynamic wonder. The front is lower to the ground, making it look a bit aggressive.

The front of the C230 is really beautiful. The grill is very unique with its larger-than-life horizontal ribs. It looks sooooo Mercedes-Benz.

Where's the antenna? Nowhere. The car phone antenna is in the rear bumper and the stereo antenna is laminated into the rear glass. Done. Nice. Neat.

Safety is the key here at Mercedes. Always has been. There are standard front and side airbags and anti-lock brakes. Brake assist is also standard. That's the new technology that lets you stop a lot quicker in emergency braking situations. It can detect an emergency

stopping procedure and then applies full braking force quicker than you, the driver, can.

Babysmart is on board as well. That's that new-fangled transponder that detects a baby's safety car seat in the front passenger compartment and deactivates the front passenger airbag.

You've got to buy a special infant, toddler or booster car seat from Mercedes-Benz dealers to deactivate it, but the cost is negligible. What's a couple more bucks, anyway, to protect your kid?

Another safety feature standard on the C230 is the Mercedes-Benz Electronic Stability Program (ESP). No, it can't read your mind. It can come close, however.

ESP can detect when you're spinning or sliding and applies selective braking to keep the car going where you're pointing it. So, if you're understeering (plowing) or oversteering (fishtailing), the system will brake certain wheels to keep you going in the right direction. Pretty smart technology.

One last comment about safety. Mercedes-Benz wants you to always go out there and see your car in the driveway, at the mall, at your work's parking lot or the local Tim Hortons.

It's called SmartKey and it really is a neat system.

No longer do you need a key to start the car. It's a key fob that contains a radio frequency unit that locks and unlocks the doors and a separate system that starts your car.

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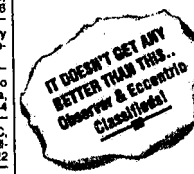
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GEORGE HAYES

Q What advice can you give people who need to become more engaging in the interpersonal arena and improve on building relationships?

Ed K. Farmington

Most recruiters who have been at it for a while will agree that "getting liked" should be the primary goal of any candidate. The most common war stories have to do with perfectly qualified job seekers who were turned down in favor of less qualified but more charming interviewees. Sometimes, it's just a matter of capitalizing on a warm and fuzzy feeling.

Building business relationships starts with a positive first impression, but requires a reinforcement and expansion of that initial glow. Even after a person is hired, promotions and higher "merit" raises often go to those who are considered the most affable and positive. Life and, particularly, employment are not meritocracies.

We've interviewed a few candidates recently who serve to instruct:

• **Very Direct Dan.** This fellow got right to the point. In brutally honest terms, he told us exactly what was good and bad about his former organization and boss. He had surgically removed any softeners or qualifiers from his vocabulary. There was none of this somewhat, sometimes, possibly or on occasion stuff for him. He spoke with a big, black permanent marker. Our client was a little over-

welcomed and asked to see additional candidates who had their "edges rounded off."

• **Rather Abrupt Abner.** One of the shortest interviews I've ever had. Abner made a rapid assessment of the opportunity and answered questions in quick, crisp phrases. When he perceived the interview was over (it wasn't), he popped up, shook my hand and headed for the door instructing me to give him a call if something materialized. We didn't even exchange pleasantries.

• **In Control Connie.** This candidate interviewed - no grilling - me. It was in my office and she was sitting in my chair across from my desk drinking my coffee. But there was no doubt about who was running things during our meeting. She asked questions with a tone of skepticism, put me on the defensive and kept me there. I felt like apologizing to her for something. She might have been a good candidate, but I'm afraid to call her back.

• **Take a Hint Henry.** Well, wasn't this an interesting ninety minutes spent with a person who I couldn't place if he was willing to work for free. I tried to tell him that, too. Gee, Henry, most of our clients are in different markets and disciplines. It's been enjoyable talking with you, but I have to get going on some paperwork. Look at the time-I promised I'd be home by now. We've already discussed that. Wow, it's late. I believe an alien is about to burst out of my stomach and kill us both.

By way of contrast, I have a friend-formerly a business acquaintance who drops by periodically and always asks "What can I do to help you out?" He is aware that there is a

quid pro quo in long-lasting relationships. This man never stays too long. He approaches delicate subjects obliquely and listens as much as he speaks. We talk business, but also venture into subjects such as his son's progress at college or non-partisan political topics such as urban sprawl. It's pleasant, efficient and mutually beneficial.

Q I've had two interviews for a senior-level position with a highly regarded company. The job itself would be ideal and I seem to be connecting well with most of the people. On more than one occasion, the discussions have turned to religion and I've felt a little uncomfortable. What does this say about the culture of the company and how should I handle the issue in the next interview?

A I wonder why executives sometimes feel they can ignore legal prohibitions or abandon ordinary notions of tasteful discourse when interviewing other executives. They would never think of asking junior level candidates about race, politics, family status, or religion and might even go so far as to fire mid-level managers who violate such well known rules. What idiot would risk a lawsuit? However, in senior level courtship, the feeling seems to be that "we can talk." Nevermind that such subjects are inappropriate and lack job relevance for both the VP and the mail clerk.

My experience has been that the subject of religion does not arise through blatant questioning, but is usually put forth as a statement. For example, a person might suddenly say: "I am a such and such and I try to run my company according to my

beliefs." The strong implication here is that the interviewer would like you to say: "I'm a such and such, too!" Not saying it can make you feel like you've just lost some serious points.

There's really not much you can do to make it less awkward: My brilliant tactic has been to sit there with a simpy grin on my face hoping that it blows over. On those rare occasions when a client or employer has put it to me directly, I've said honestly that I keep my beliefs very private and never discuss them in a business setting (if memory serves however, I never got the job or purchase order when this happened).

Sizing up the culture of a company is always important. Even when you don't have concerns of a specific nature, talk to as many employees as possible to identify and assess potential conflicts. If most people aren't wearing their religion or politics on their sleeves, the odds are good that you won't have a problem. However, if everyone down the line broaches the subject and it seems to be a pervasive theme, being the odd person out could affect how you are ultimately regarded.

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From the bookshelf "The Artist's Way at Work: Riding the Dragon" by Mark Bryan, Julia Cameron and Catherine Allen (William Morrow and Company, \$26). This is a must read for those who want to unleash their creative juices in the logical, take-no-risk, left-brained corporate world. The basis for the book's organization is a thirteenth-century Chinese painting, Nine Dragons. The dragon's nine transformations have long been interpreted as symbolic of

personal enlightenment. Its premise is straightforward: Intellectual capital ideas as money and money as ideas is the real currency of today's and tomorrow's business world. By maximizing your intellectual capital you'll be a happier camper at work and at home and your employment (as opposed to individual job) security will be bullet-proof. Fulfilling its promise, requires deep, introspective thinking and hard work. I'm about halfway through learning how to "ride the dragon." What an exciting ride it is. What a scary ride it is. What a hard ride it is. But I keep my motivation by remembering that nothing worthwhile ever comes easy.

The first tool of creative emergence is simple, yet so complex. It's

intellectual housecleaning. Take a sheet of paper and list all your fears, hopes, plans and angers regarding the work you do and the life you have. As the authors say, "no fear is too silly, no anger too petty and no hope too preposterous." Fill the page and put it in a dated envelope to be reread when you finish the book (i.e. complete your transformation). I use my envelope as a bookmark to silently applaud how far I've come and remind me of how far I have to go.

The next tool in your emergence is literally a wake up call. During your transformation you'll have to get up an hour earlier each day. Why? Your Morning Papers must be completed. What are Morning Papers? They are three pages of longhand, stream-of-consciousness writings of your

thoughts. Write down anything that comes to mind (e.g. your past, thoughts on the previous day's and upcoming day's activities, your future, how you are treated by others, how you treat others, etc.). The purpose of Morning Papers is to create focus.

Write these three pages each and every day and you'll find that you will be able to focus on what's important as opposed to what's urgent. If you only act on what's urgent you quickly forget what's really important.

Writing three pages isn't easy at first and its degree of difficulty decreases only a little. After riding only four dragons it still takes me forty-five minutes to do my morning papers. A few days into writing them,

I flashed back to the habit of a friend of mine, Frithjof Bergmann, a philosophy professor at The University of Michigan. Bergmann gets up at 4 AM and thinks for three hours. He believes that the early morning is the best time to think. The time when the mind is uncluttered with yesterday. The time that still holds promise for the new day. The Morning Papers also put us in touch with our inner personalities. The ones that achieve, doubt, control and question our actions. I've identified six of my personalities so far: dreams, pragmatist, teacher, student, procrastinator and what, if I'm certain I'll identify more. Over a surprisingly short period of time I've come to listen to my chorus of personalities and learn to act in their best interest.

As I ride each dragon, I also began to recognize and relate to the personalities of others. The authors call it the yellow-Jeep syndrome. In a yellow Jeep and you'll become more aware of other yellow Jeeps. Your Morning Papers, dictate how you'll ride the dragons of Awakening, Soaring the Abyss, Pearl of Wisdom, Teaching and Learning, Owning Our Ambition, Living with Passion, Ledger of Authenticity and Testing in Authenticity.

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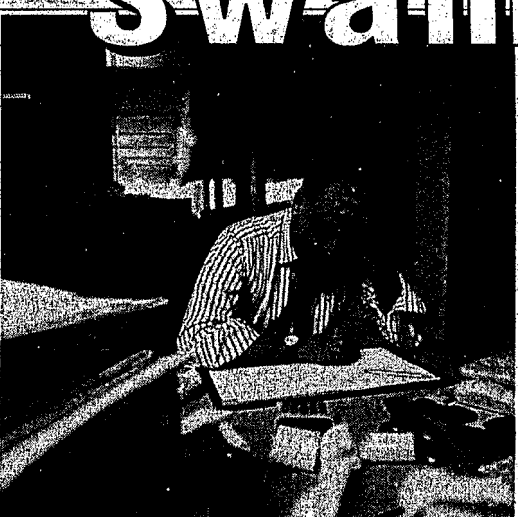
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A Whole New Look
A Great New Opportunity!
Frank's Nursery & Crafts, headquartered in Detroit, is the nation's largest chain of garden and craft centers. And, as we continue to grow, we are seeking new opportunities to become a part of our management team.

Store Managers
Assistant Manager
We offer an excellent compensation/benefits package including: medical/dental insurance, 401(k) plan, paid vacations, personal holidays. If you are an experienced Retail Manager with proven leadership skills, a desire for excellence, and the drive and ambition to become part of the best retail nursery management team, please send your resume to:
Frank's Nursery & Crafts
Human Resources
6501 E. Navada
Detroit, MI 48234
Equal Opportunity Employer

FULL-TIME HELP WANTED
Barricade setup drivers & shop help. Will train-right people. Excellent pay/benefits. Please call: (248) 478-8022 or apply in person: Michigan Barricading Equipment, EOE.

FURNITURE
Touch-up & warehouse persons needed for full-time employment. Paid vacation, Blue Cross, 401K, life insurance. Fax resume to: Classic Interiors, 20292 Middle

500 Help Wanted General

HUMAN RESOURCES ASSISTANT

The Crown Group, one of the nation's largest automotive component finishing suppliers, is seeking an experienced Human Resources Assistant for its largest production facility. This position handles all areas of employee records, payroll, orientation, benefits administration, and has at least two years previous experience in personnel, computer systems, and benefits administration. The ability to interact with all levels of associates, interviewing and training is a plus.

HUMAN RESOURCES

We offer a competitive salary and attractive benefit package. For consideration, please submit your resume with salary requirements in confidence to: 3177 East River Road, Livonia, MI 48150-ATTN: HRREP. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

BENEFITS SPECIALIST

Growing manufacturer headquartered in Plymouth seeks an individual with a progressive approach to assist our Human Resources Department in the phase of a new plant. Selected candidate will possess a Bachelor's degree in Human Resources or a related field, previous benefits and payroll experience is a plus. We offer an excellent benefit package and salary commensurate with experience. Please submit resume with salary requirements to:

Benefits Specialist
P.O. Box 5545
Plymouth, MI 48170
E.O.E.

HUMAN RESOURCES PART TIME RECRUITER

Hours flexible. Must be able to dedicate to meeting with professors from local universities presenting information about employment and volunteer work to students, attending job fairs, and pursuing creative means of recruiting creative, reliable people interested in providing quality assistance & support to persons with developmental disabilities.

Resumes to: 734-427-701 or call Denise or Gwen at 734-422-1020.

HVAC MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN

Wanted for high-rise apartment building in downtown Detroit area. Applicant should possess excellent communication skills and should be knowledgeable in all phases of building systems. Servicing zone line heat pumps, heating and cooling equipment is necessary. Proper repairs in recovery required. Good references and prior experience a must. We offer an excellent compensation and benefit package.

Send resume to: Riverfront Tower Apartments
Fax to: 313-393-5006
Attn: Management

HVAC SERVICE TECHS.

EPV Certified. Must be reliable & dependable. 2 days/week. Approximately 2.5 hrs/night, 7/9hour. Benefits package. (248) 355-4555

IDEAL FOR RETIRED

Hardware sales. Full or flexible part time. Mathison Hardware, 31533 Ford Rd. Garden City.

IMMEDIATE OPENINGS

Due to increase in product demand, this Fortune 500 company is looking to fill many entry level positions. No experience necessary, we will train. Resumes to: 734-427-701 or call Denise or Gwen at 734-422-1020.

INDUSTRIAL MACHINE OPERATOR SEWER

Production experience needed for office chair manufacturer. Full time, excellent profit sharing. (734) 722-8200

INSIDE SALES REPRESENTATIVES

We seek part time, inside Salesperson to greet and assist customers upon their shopping. Excellent communication skills. Send resume to, or apply at:

Renewal by Andersen
37144 Six Mile Rd.
Livonia, MI 48152

INSTALLERS NEEDED

Carpent, wood and vinyl installers needed for occupied and unoccupied homes. Must have reliable transportation, insurance and must take pride in your work. Please apply within 10 days. Call: 734-553-1100

INSTALLERS

Voice and Data cable systems preferred but not necessary. Systems integrator seeking entry level candidates must be team players. Hard working, honest. Willing to learn. Excellent pay, benefits and training. Fax resume with cover letter to:

REH Associates, Inc.
21637 Melrose Ave.
Livonia, MI 48152
Fax: 248-346-3070

INSTRUCTORS

For day program working with developmentally disabled consumers, Mon-Fri, 8am-4pm. Excellent benefits. 734-729-8470

Instructors needed

Part time, adult education ESL. Please apply to: Redford Union High School District, 1990 Beach Daly Rd., Redford, MI 48240. Attn: Karen Moran. Or call: (313) 592-3376

INSURANCE ADMINISTRATOR

Must be 18, have valid driver's license. Will train. Apply at: FiberClass Installation, 29769 Anthony Dr., Wixom, MI. No Telephone Calls Please. (248) 478-8299

INSURANCE ADMINISTRATOR

2 years experience needed for this Southfield position. Must run illustrations & have knowledge of underwriting procedures. Qualifications for individual and executive life policies. Win 95/Excel experience & references required. Non-smokers preferred. Fax resume to HR Department at (248) 357-9513

INSURANCE CUSTOMER SERVICE REP

Experience in PAC or college grad. To \$30K. Excellent benefits & advancement. W. Oakland County. (248) 353-7146

INSURANCE OVERLOAD SYSTEMS

"the best jobs for the best people"

INSURANCE PERSONAL LINES CSR

Farmington Hills agency. Good opportunity. Good advancement. Send resume to: Alpha Insurance Agency, 32255 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200, Farmington Hills, MI 48334

INSURANCE PERSONAL LINES CSR

For growing Plymouth Agency. Experience preferred, but will train the right person. Call (734) 455-1110

IRRIGATION COMPANY

Excellent Pay. Call (248) 626-2033

500 Help Wanted General

INTERIOR DESIGNER

Michigan's leading Koolturn Furniture Dealership is seeking an experienced sales professional for its new Interior Designer position. Must have an Interior Design degree, at least 5 years experience with systems, and a proven track record. This position handles all areas of employee records, payroll, orientation, benefits administration, and has at least two years previous experience in personnel, computer systems, and benefits administration. The ability to interact with all levels of associates, interviewing and training is a plus.

INTERIOR DYNAMICS

Human Resources Dept.
1702 Crooks Rd.
Livonia, MI 48150
(Equal Opportunity Employer)

INVENTORY COORDINATOR

National Service Company seeks career-minded individual for management position in inventory control program. This position requires extensive travel both in state & out of state. Candidates must be organized, detail-oriented and have a strong background in inventory control, data entry, and processing and analysis of inventory data. Duties will include: data entry, expediting, shipping & receiving, and customer service. Salary: \$18,000 - \$21,000. Please submit resume to #1094.

INVENTORY

Count products in retail stores for market research. Must be VERY energetic, detail oriented, have good handwriting, be quick with a calculator. Call Maria at 248-358-9922

CANTON

Immediate opening for full-time Janitorial positions. All shifts available for Warehouse cleaning. (734) 663-7505

JANITORIAL

Accepting applications for janitors on Tues. & Thurs. between 11:00am-3:30pm. Afternoon shift. Southfield area. Lakeside Building Maintenance 248-352-1494

JANITORIAL BUILDING SUPERVISOR & OFFICE CLEANERS

Progressive growing building maintenance company has immediate full & part-time positions. Drug/alcohol free workplace. Benefits & training information. 734-421-9254

JANITORIAL

Canton area. Full & part-time. Part time evening work, 2 days/week. Approximately 2.5 hrs/night, 7/9hour. (248) 358-7505

JANITORIAL CLEANING TEAMS

24-hour service. Must be reliable. Livonia area. 734-266-6055

JANITORIAL FLOOR CARE

Looking for responsible, work oriented individuals for floor care. Must. Competitive wages. Evening/Trn/ Southfield area. (313) 831-3070

JANITORIAL

Bloomfield private school seeks janitor, some sitting. Day shift. Call for immediate interview. 248-988-0278

JANITORIAL

For new car wash/turnip pay down? Premium quality service has part-time openings. 10-15 hrs/week. Call Mr. Keith 313-537-2000ext

JOURNEYPERSON (MF) ELECTRICIAN

For residential construction. Excellent pay, benefits & retirement. 734-591-3310

KINDERGARDEN

is looking for dedicated teachers to teach children. Flexible hours, benefits & more. Call (734) 453-2590

KIT PACKAGING SUPERVISOR

Seeking individual with high mechanical aptitude for supervising kit packaging, a hands-on type work with automated packaging systems. Excellent pay, benefits & training. Fax resume with cover letter to:

email address: dztzkoff@ztkoff.com
Ztkoff Seals & Packings.
Attn: David Ztkoff
P O Box 488
Farmington, MI 48332-0488.

LABOR

Southfield & Auburn Hills (M59 & Crooks) automotive related firm seeks employees for day shift. Call for immediate interview. 248-949-0287

LABORER

Aggregate Company in Holly seeks a laborer for 2nd shift operation. Qualifications: Must be 18, have good driving record, and ability to repair and maintain plant and pit.

LABORER

Edw. C. Levy Co.
HR Dept.
27575 Wilson Rd.
Novi, Michigan 48378
(248) 349-6000 ext. 1443
Fax: (248) 349-9162

LABORERS

Full time poured concrete wall construction. Transportation needed. 248-478-3590

LABOR

Pharmaceutical plant located Westside of Detroit seeks manufacturing workers. Days. Call for immediate interview. 248-988-0287

LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL

needed for a well established landscaping company. Top pay. Full benefits. Year round possibilities. Call Ron or Joe at (248) 643-6676. Lots of good openings at (248) 819-9044

LANDSCAPE NURSERY NEEDS

Retail Sales Person, CDL Drivers, Residential & Commercial Estimators & Landscape Designer. Ask for Dennis Cribbini. (734) 405-1700

LANDSCAPE

Seeking experienced Power/Paver Installer. Job includes other landscape duties as well as snow removal. Salary based on experience. Call (248) 347-5990

TREE TRIMMING/SPRAYING

Personnel. Starting pay \$11 to \$16 per hr. for qualified applicants. A valid drivers license is a must. Top pay. Full benefits. Year round possibilities. Call Ron or Joe at (248) 643-6676. Lots of good openings at (248) 819-9044

LANDSCAPING / NURSERY

Workers wanted for day shift landscape and nursery work. Retail experience helpful. Full & part-time available. Livonia. 248-478-4474

500 Help Wanted General

Land Technician

National Company Immediate full-time Career Opportunity. First American Title. This is a great opportunity for a Land Technician who is looking for a challenging position. The ideal candidate will have a minimum of 5 years experience in land acquisition, title insurance, and recording. The position involves travel throughout the state and requires excellent communication skills. Salary commensurate with experience. Please submit resume to: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Suite 400, Farmington Hills, MI 48334. Fax: 248-643-7555. E-Mail: Rmeyer@firstam.com. www.firstam.com

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LEAD MECHANIC

The number 1 leader in the forklift industry, Yale Material Handling - MI, is looking for a highly motivated, self-motivated, and detail oriented Lead Mechanic with the potential to be a Shop Foreman. The ideal candidate will function in a team environment, be a team player, and have excellent communication skills. Benefit package available. If you are interested, please send your resume and salary requirements to: Yale Material Handling - MI, 29300 Wixom, MI 48393. Fax: (248) 449-6701

LEASING AGENT / Site Manager

Growing Property Management Company seeking highly motivated individuals to manage multi-unit residential properties in Northville. Qualified candidates must have the ability to work with a diverse group of employees and possess a minimum of two years experience. Position offers a competitive salary and benefits package. Call Beth at: 248-965-1600 or FAX resume to: 248-965-1630

LEASING CONSULTANT

Part-time position available for apartment complex in Farmington Hills. Experience in leasing and office procedures. Please mail resume to: 7013 Orchard Lake Rd., Suite 110, West Bloomfield, MI 48222

LEASING CONSULTANT

wanted for weekend leasing in luxury Southfield area. Must be able to train. Ideal for older person. Call M-F, 10-5. 248-358-0400 or fax to 248-948-0636

LEASING CONSULTANT

Full time for large Southfield apt. complex. Seeking motivated, experienced leasing consultant for fast paced office. Experience preferred/will train individual with strong people or office skills. 248-557-0610 or fax resume to 248-557-0906

LEADFOOT MARKETING MANUFACTURER NEEDED

Light Duty Assembler, CNC Lathe & Mill Operator, Plate Inspectors, Machine Repair Persons. Compensation commensurate with skills. Generous vacation, medical & retirement benefits. Prefer resumes by fax: 248-664-5242, attn Lynn or Brian.

LIFE GUARDS & INSTRUCTORS

Must have life guard certification. Competitive salary, flexible hours, good benefits. Apply in person at the Farmington YMCA, 28100 Farmington Rd.

LIFE GUARDS / W.F.I.'s

Lake Orion Community Pool at Lake Orion High School is in the process of hiring Life Guards & W.F.I.'s for the 1998 Sept. opening. We will need people interested in Lifeguarding, instructing swimming lessons for all ages and teaching Aquatics. If you are interested, please contact: Steve Any Taylor at 248-693-5420, ext. 8045 or 248-693-5472

LOOKING FOR TREE WORKER

with experience in labor/overload work long-term. \$7.50-8.50/hr. Call for interview. (248) 478-3483

LOVE KIDS?

Hiring individuals, responsible individuals for a quality, established infant-toddler/preschool program. We offer you wonderful children from 2 to the young child. Teachers: \$9/hr., Assistants: \$7/1/2

MACHINE OPERATOR

Person needed for large Livonia area Apt. complex. Must have experience in all phases of Apt. Maintenance, including basic HVAC. Dependable call for interview. 248-281-8330

MAINTENANCE PERSON

Full time for property management to work on various properties. Includes necessary. Send resume to: Maintenance Manager, 229 N. Main, Plymouth, MI 48170

MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL

Seeking individuals w/ Apt. maintenance experience to join our renovation team. Salary plus benefits. Call: (248) 478-5227, Fax: (248) 478-6432

MAINTENANCE PERSON

Person experience in apartment maintenance. Includes transportation. Salary plus apartment. Polo Club Apts. (248) 478-6800

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For cleaning, repairs & general maintenance. Full-time, year-round. Call for interview. 248-281-8330

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Wanted for Clinton Twp./Shelby Twp apartment community. Experience w/plumbing, electrical, hvac & light carpentry repairs. Health insurance paid vacation & 401k with benefits. Call (313) 469-1818

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MACHINIST

Mill & Lathe. Full-time/benefits. Livonia. (734) 311-2227

500 Help Wanted General

MACHINE SHOP HELP

Experience preferred but not necessary. Will train. Excellent benefits. Call Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm: (734) 591-1044

HONE & LAID HAND

1-2 years experience required. Must be familiar with all gauging and leveling. For machinists & tool and die makers. Please apply at: 4631 Port St., Plymouth, MI 48170. Fax: (248) 352-3000 or FAX resume to: (248) 459-8147

MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR

Experienced. Own tools. Full-time for Westland. Don't miss this opportunity. Excellent salary & benefits. Call for interview: 7013 Orchard Lake Rd., Suite 110, West Bloomfield, MI 48222

MAINTENANCE ENGINEER

National real estate management firm seeking Building Engineer for regional mall. Position requires 3-5 years supervisory experience and a thorough knowledge of commercial building systems. Must possess the ability to supervise and direct staff of building engineers. Send resume in confidence to:

D.W. Peiland
Universal Mall Management
25555 Dequindre Road
Warren, Michigan 48092

MAINTENANCE

FOR general maintenance and landscaping at mid-size apartment community in Southfield. Full-time, dependent on season. Call: (248) 358-1538

MAINTENANCE

Full time electrical/plumbing/minor electrical, painting, drywall, minor grounds upkeep, locks and hardware, etc. for 1000 apt. unit apt. complex - Southfield. Call (248) 723-2100, x300

MAINTENANCE

Individual needed for large apartment community in Bloomfield Hills. Must be experienced in all phases of apartment maintenance. Competitive wage & benefits. Call: (248) 332-7400

MAINTENANCE MANAGER

BDE Mongolian Barbecue is looking for someone who can handle repairs & maintenance for our business. Basic knowledge of carpentry, electrical, HVAC & kitchen equipment required. Non-union. 40 hrs/week-ends. Call: 248-389-2560

MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN

Luxurious apartment community in Birmingham seeking an experienced, self-motivated individual for maintenance. Must be knowledgeable in all phases of Apartment Maintenance. Firm offered a plus. Competitive salary, great benefits and 401k. Please call 248-644-1300 or fax resume to 248-644-3874

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Full time for apt. complex in Livonia. Experience preferred. Competitive wage, apartment after 90 days & great benefits. Please call: (248) 477-6448

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT for growing financial services practice...

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSOCIATE Training association located in Troy...

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT The Senior Environmental Employment Program...

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT The Violation Law Registry, a legal staffing company...

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT for small marketing research firm...

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT Full-time. Must be self-motivated and person...

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT Planning Perspectives, Inc. Administrative Assistant...

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT Full-time. Must be self-motivated and person...

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT Downtown management consulting firm...

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT Extensive computer experience for cleaning company...

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT Administrative Assistant needed for the Troy & Southfield areas...

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT Large, prestigious CPA firm is seeking a top-notch assistant...

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT ARBOR TEMPS NEEDS Administrative Assistant...

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT AUTO BILLER needed for Centro dealership...

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS Long Term/Part Time Positions \$12-\$14 per hour...

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT Be the right-hand person to the President...

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT Major marketing and public relations firm...

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT Document Control/Administrative Assistant...

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT Billing Coordinator High tech company located in Oak Park...

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT Emst & Young LLP, the world's leading integrated professional services firm...

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT Growing company seeks Administrative Office Manager...

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT OPENINGS THIS WEEK Financial services - Communications...

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT Billing Clerk Sought for clerical services company...

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A PROGRESSIVE INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION is seeking an enthusiastic, organized individual...

CALLING ALL CLERICAL Several positions open with great companies in the Metro area...

CASH/BANKING Cash/banking position for Tier 1 supplier...

CASHIER/RECEPTIONIST LUXURY Import Dealer is seeking a motivated individual...

CLERICAL ASSISTANT Looking for motivated, dependable, highly organized person...

CLERICAL ASSISTANT Billing Department Livonia based medical equipment company...

CLERICAL FULL-TIME ACO Hardware is looking for a self-starter...

CLERICAL ROSTAL OF AMERICA, INC., a Tier-One Automotive supplier...

CLERICAL Novit agency seeks full-time, entry-level Clerical person...

CLERICAL POSITION Small transmission remanufacturing co. has immediate opening...

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BOOKKEEPER Super organized person for Audiology practice...

CLERICAL OPPORTUNITIES InterFirst, the nation's leading Wholesale Mortgage Lender...

CLERICAL REPRESENTATIVE Customer Service Representative Data Entry Clerks...

CLERICAL BANKING Clerks Banking firm in Royal Oak seeks clerks...

CLERICAL CLERKS Clerical Typist/Word Processor Regional Pleasanton manager...

CLERICAL CONTROLLER/RECEIPTS International financial institution...

CLERICAL CUSTOMER SERVICE Computers, phones, Experience necessary...

CLERICAL CUSTOMER SERVICE ASSISTANT MANAGER Canadian distribution company...

CLERICAL DATA ENTRY/CUSTOMER SERVICE Full-time positions in Southfield...

CLERICAL DATA ENTRY Full Time Small transmission remanufacturing co. has immediate opening...

CLERICAL EXECUTIVE SECRETARY For retirement facilities chain Light bookkeeping, dictation...

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ASK THE EXPERT Drain tiles will fight water in basement

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Q: Condensation is forming on the inside surfaces of three basement walls in our new home. There's so much condensation that a puddle of water is running down into the middle of the concrete floor. The fourth wall is exposed entirely on the outside with no landfill against it. This is a new house and we would like to have a dry basement. The building inspector says this is a common problem in homes built in this area, as warm basement walls and cold earth cause the walls to sweat. What do you say?

A: Without actually seeing the wall, it sounds more like moisture seeping through the concrete block and joints than sweating or condensation. The fact that the one wall is exposed indicates that the house is built on sloping ground. In this situation, there is always the possibility that water is running downhill and hitting the foundation walls.

If possible, you might try regrading around the base to divert water away from those uphill walls. Adding splash blocks to the drainspouts will lead roof runoff water away from the walls and can do a lot to keep a basement dry.

If these measures don't help, the one really sure cure is a major construction project. This involves adding a waterproof membrane to the outside of the basement walls after excavating to get at them. Then, install drain tiles along the bottom of the foundation to lead the water away.

As your home is already built, if you have to take these drastic steps, it

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English Meadows is nearly full

Harry Carlson developed English Meadows of Bloomfield, a small detached-condominium community of 18 lots in Bloomfield Township. He designed the plat, put in the roads and utilities.

Now, he plans to build the final 10 residences on two cul-de-sac streets off South Boulevard between Opdyke and Squirrel.

Carlson offers two basic floor plans. The Lincolnshire is a story-and-a-half of 3,400 square feet with four bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths. The Whitehall is a colonial of 4,100 square feet with five bedrooms and 3-1/2 baths.

Each carries a base price of \$499,500.

"We pretty much work with these two (plans)," said Walter F. Coe, vice president of Carlson-Bloomfield Construction. "If someone came in with something that fits in with the architectural design, we'd certainly look at it."

"We selected this plan as a starting point for our customers," Carlson said. "Before the customer walks in the door, we try to make 90 percent of the decisions. The model is something to start from."

"They want features, luxury, graciousness," Carlson said. "Customers come to us and said, 'We like your house. Build these features in.' We really have to be a custom builder at this price range."

Buyers commonly upgrade cabinets, countertops and flooring at the upper end of the price spectrum, Coe said.

"We've got Bloomfield Hills schools," Carlson said. "Basically, people come here for the schools. For parochial, we're in St. Hugo Parish. 'People come to see us to be closer to work ... as the business community moves further north.'"

"It's easy access to freeways, transportation," Coe said.

"We're the only people we know who can deliver a \$500,000 house in Bloomfield," Carlson said.

The Lincolnshire has been built as a model.

The residence features a first-floor master has a direct connection to a room that can be used as a den, office



Lincolnshire: This story-and-a-half with four bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths is loaded with features.

or even a nursery.

The master with cathedral ceiling, also contains a fireplace, separate jet tub and shower, two-sink vanity with sitting/makeup area and a pair of walk-in closets.

The first floor also showcases a dining room with cathedral ceiling, kitchen/nook with island, butler's pantry, and family room with two-story ceiling and fireplace.

The half bath is tucked toward that part of the house off the garage and laundry room.

Three bedrooms and a full bath are upstairs.

A dozen recessed lights are also standard in the Lincolnshire. So, too, is wood flooring in the foyer, hallways, kitchen/nook, dining room and half bath. Four larger closets also have been built for storage throughout the house.

A three-car garage, air conditioning, oven, microwave, cooktop and dishwasher, basement, carpeting

throughout and a circular driveway are standard features in both plans.

Primary exterior materials are brick, wood siding, stucco, and manufactured cultured stone.

"You've got pretty sophisticated buyers today taking advantage of good mortgage rates and tremendous equity built up in their homes," Carlson said.

"They are professional people with two incomes. The husband and wife are both executives, professional people. Two families here are doctors married to doctors," he said.

English Meadows is served by city water and sewers. There are no sidewalks.

The property tax rate currently is \$32.90 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation, half of market value. That means the owners of a \$500,000 residence would pay about \$8,225 the first year. Curbside rubbish collection is an additional \$170 per year.



English Meadows of Bloomfield

The annual maintenance/association fee is projected at \$288 per residence.

The model at English Meadows, (248) 745-6060, is open 1-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays and by appointment.

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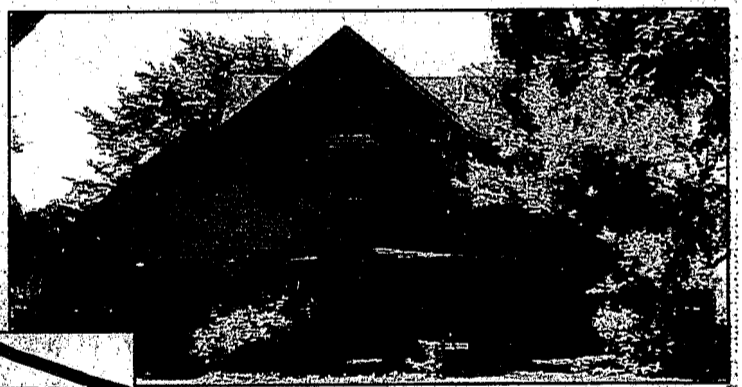
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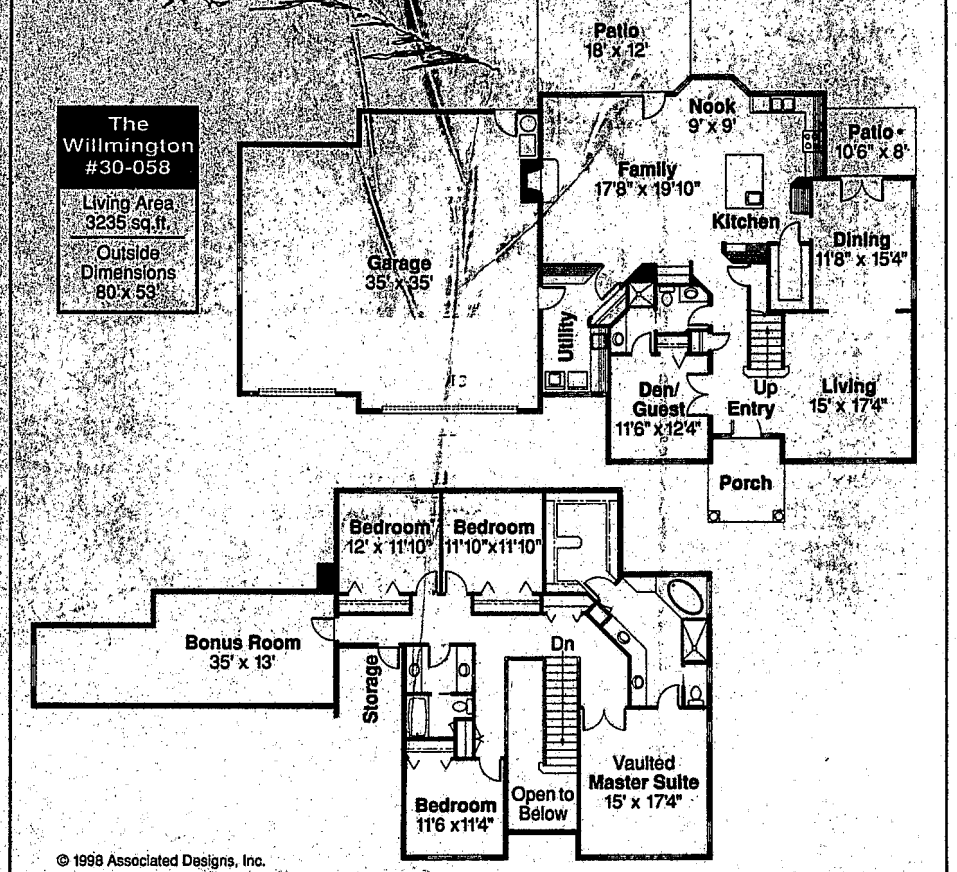
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Classic elements give flair to plan for the Willmington

It's the classic elements that draw your eye to the Willmington. Details like the keystones, arched portico and corner quoins. But this home is clearly designed to fit the needs of a busy contemporary family. Gathering spaces fill most of the main floor. The living room stands ready for formal entertaining, while alternately serving as a quiet retreat. The dining room connects to the large kitchen and is open to the living room, while a sunny nook offers a bright, cheery environment for everyday meals and snacks. Double doors across the vaulted entry from the living room open into a space that is ideal for a home office. But of course it could be outfitted as a den, guest

room, computer room, or whatever suits. The two-section bathroom also has hallway access. Windows rim the back wall of the family room. A fireplace adds charm and the promise of warmth, even when no fire blazes. The plentiful storage and counter space in the kitchen includes a huge walk-in pantry and a large work island with veggie sink. Laundry appliances, along with a deep sink and built-in ironing board, are tucked in a deep pass-through space that connects to the three-car garage. Two counters with cabinets above and below provide plenty of storage space, as does a wide closet for hanging clothes. Four bedrooms and two bath-

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may be best to employ a reliable contractor with a small backhoe to do the digging. The importance of installing drain tiles cannot be stressed too much for anyone contemplating building a house. During original construction, the cost of installing drain tiles around the foundation as it is being built is low. Even in areas where there are no wet basement problems, drain tiles can make sure that the basement will stay dry.

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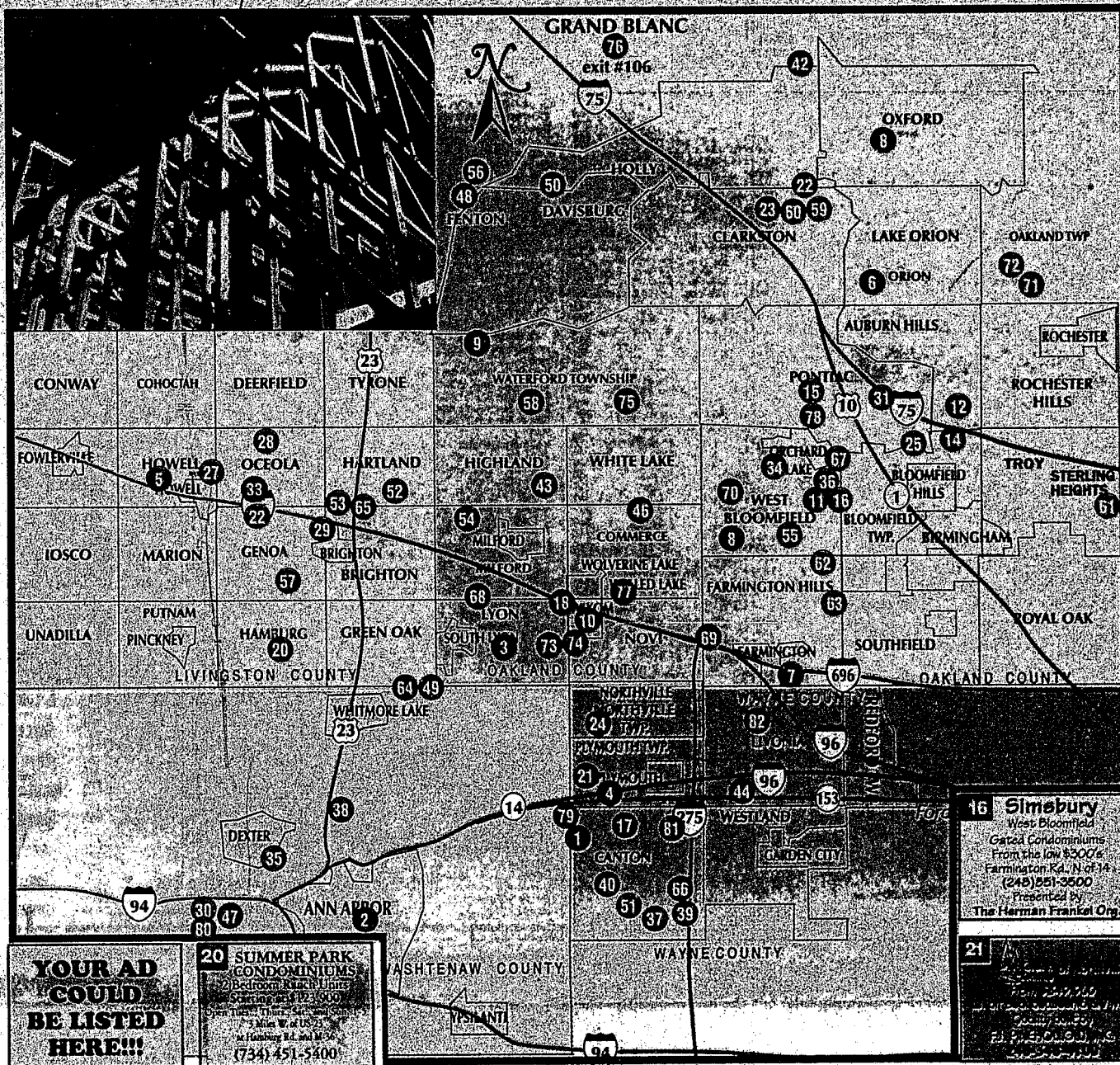
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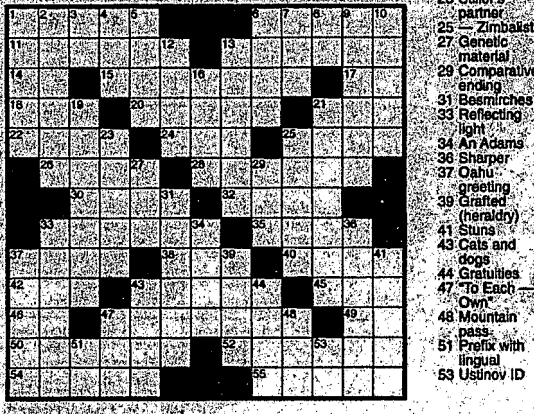
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