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The average American consumes 200 hamburgers per year — that's one hamburger every other day each year, and then some! And, of course, most of those come with a side of fries.

A burger and fries are about as American as you can get, but neither one originated in the States. The hamburger originated in Asia and came to the world by way of Hamburg, Germany. In the 1800s, a German merchant traveling through Asia came upon a tribe called the Tartars. The Tartars ate a mixture of cooked ground meats that the merchant found delicious. He brought it home to Hamburg and called it Hamburg steak, and the hamburger was born.

French fries, of course, are indeed from France. The thinly sliced and fried potatoes were sold at roadside stands throughout the northern French countryside during World War I. American soldiers who were stationed there naturally nicknamed the potatoes French fries after their host country.

What would a hamburger and fries be without a pop to go with them? We can thank Joseph Priestly, who invented the process of carbonation (injecting carbon dioxide under pressure) in 1772. Soda was originally sold in bottles with corks — thus the name "pop" from the sound the cork made when the bottle was opened.

Be sure to have a hamburger, fries and a pop at your Fourth of July barbecue! Happy Independence Day!

Vintage Clarkston is written by Kim Huttenlocher of the Clarkston Community Historical Society.

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Light to ease traffic in town

A new traffic light has been installed at I-75 and M-15 to ease traffic congestion through downtown Clarkston. Now motorists trying to head north can more easily circumvent the town.

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Residents and businesses along Main and Holcomb streets won't be seeing red as much when the new traffic light at I-75 and M-15 starts doing its job.

That job, according to Clarkston Police Chief Paul Ormiston, is to reroute traffic off Main Street, Holcomb and other Clarkston city streets.

"The initial concern was to get truck traffic rerouted off of Holcomb and through downtown Clarkston," Ormiston said. "But I believe all traffic will benefit from the new light."

He explained how the new traffic signal will help with traffic flow.

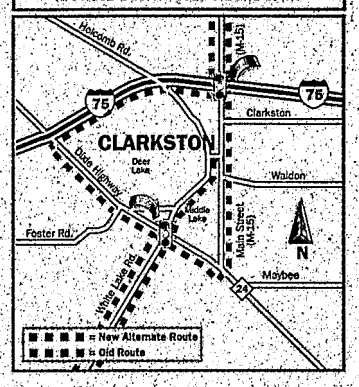
The major difference is that the signal will help vehicles coming off southbound I-75 turn left onto northbound M-15.

That can have a direct effect on vehicles, particularly trucks, coming from White Lake Road.

Prior to the installation of the signal, if motorists from White Lake Road needed to get to northbound M-15, they would often drive through Clarkston on

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NEW TRAFFIC LIGHT
Provides easier route around town



LIFEGUARD



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On the move: *Improving their lifeguard skills are (left to right) Russ Parrott, Ryan Wheaton, Kevin Breen and Kevin Miller.*

On guard

Teens trained to prevent accidents



Practice makes perfect: *Observing life guarding skills are trainer Dave Hernandez (left) and supervisor Rich Ashley.*

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The training's tough. The pay is OK. The responsibilities are enormous.

But those who work as lifeguards for Independence Township Parks and Recreation think their job is great.

Rich Ashley, aquatics director for the department, handpicks the young adults who work as lifeguards and teach swimming classes for the township.

"I only hire kids who have great personalities," he said. "They have to be incredible with younger kids. I look first for people who can deal with the public and can learn the lifesaving skills required to be a lifeguard instead of hiring strong swimmers who can't deal with the public."

Lisa Marion of Independence Township had several compliments for the lifeguards at Deer Lake beach.

"I've noticed they are very friendly to the children," she said. "They seem to get down to their level to interact with them. I even saw a young man handle an awkward situation with a parent and her child in a very nice manner."

She was bringing her son, Michael, 3, to his swimming lesson at the beach Tuesday. Along with her were daughter Ann Marie, 1, and grandpa Paul Kessler.

Michael said he's "learning to swim" in his swim lessons.

"I've noticed how very friendly the lifeguards are here and

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Emergency training: *Practicing CPR are (left to right) Kourtney McLean, Katie Osterhage, Corrina Hamilton and Krista Roschek.*

In-line rink on hold for now

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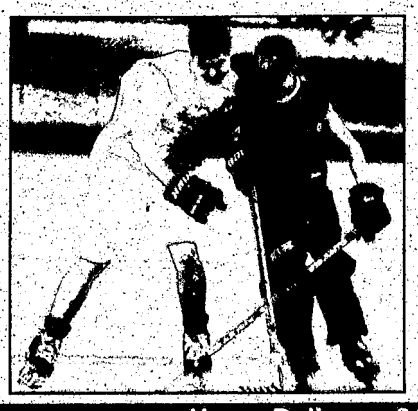
In-line hockey is taking off faster than a slap-shot from center rink, but Independence Township is still a season away from building a second inline skating rink.

Fund-raising efforts have been under way for about a year to build a second rink with a public/private partnership. Organizers of the Mark J. Miron Memorial Fund set up the fund in memory of the 13-year-old boy who died of complications from spina bifida in March 1999.

Miron was the son of Julie and Jay Miron and an avid hockey fan. Friends of the family thought an effort to build an additional rink at Sashabaw Plains Park was a fitting tribute.

Dana Fortinberry, who also is a member of the Independence Township Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission, has spearheaded the fund-raising effort. She updated the township board recently on the progress the volun-

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In-line action: *Bob Andary and Daniel Setterlington play some puck at Clintonwood Park's inline skating rink.*

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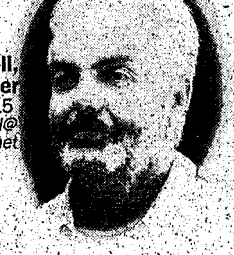
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She blends love of nature, technology

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In an age where parents can have a tough time getting children off the computer and into the great outdoors, a Davisburg woman has found a way to use the computer to kick kids outside.

Linda Watson set up www.naturely.com as a resource for parents, teachers, Scout leaders or anyone who is interested in getting children excited about nature.

"As a kid, I always loved to be outside. Your couldn't pull me inside," she said.

Even though she lived in Detroit, she cultivated her love of the outdoors. Later when her own children came along, she became a Girl Scout leader.

"One of the big things I was always looking for were good things to do, especially when we went camping," she said.

Her web site provides all sorts of ideas to get children outside and thinking about nature. Not only has Watson, 52, been a Scout leader, she also is a naturalist for the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council. She gets the ideas for her web site from books and her own experiences.

Watson designs training programs for companies, often using technology. Her background in technology made it easy to set up the web site. She has 500 subscribers to her weekly e-mail newsletter from all over the world. She said she often wonders what people in Japan or Saudi Arabia are thinking about when they read about frogs in Michigan.

Most of her subscribers, however, are either in scouting or home-schooling. She said she does not endeavor to make money on the project. She spends three to five hours a week updating the site.

"It's more like a hobby. It's a community thing," she said.

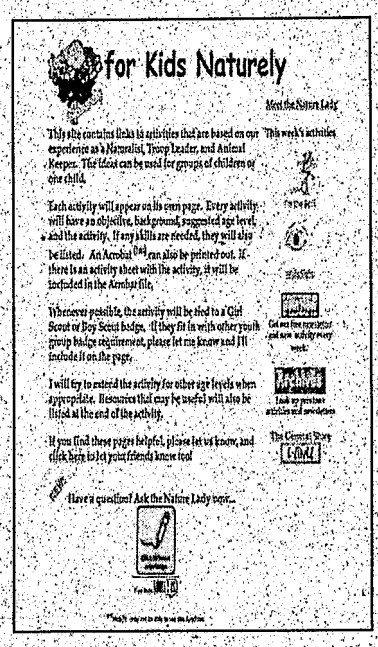
Some of the activities include having young children crawl around on the ground to see the world from an ant's perspective.

For older children, interviewing a tree could be fun.

Watson said the tree interview is a different way of the old assignment to do a report about a specific type of tree. With the interview method, students each study a kind of tree but then they interview each other and the interviewee has to pretend they are the tree they studied. The interviewer then writes a report based on the interview.

Soon Watson plans to host a three- to four-week cyber camp. Each week will have a theme like geology or animals and the web site will be filled with ideas for parents and others to suggest to their kids. She said it's a sneaky way of engaging kids in learning and luring them outdoors. They can look up the activities on the computer and download them.

"But you've got to get outside to do them," she said.


for Kids Naturely
Meet the Nature Lady

This site contains links to activities that are based on our experience as a Naturalist, Troop leader, and Animal Keeper. The ideas can be used for groups of children or one child.

Each activity will appear on its own page. Every activity will have an objective, background, suggested age level, and the activity. If any skills are needed, they will also be listed. An Acrobat file can also be printed out. If there is an activity sheet with the activity, it will be included in the Acrobat file.

Whenever possible, the activity will be tied to a Girl Scout or Boy Scout badge. If they fit in with other youth group badge requirement, please let me know and I'll include it on the page.

I will try to extend the activity for other age levels when appropriate. Resources that may be useful will also be listed at the end of the activity.

If you find these pages helpful, please let us know, and click here to let your friends know too!

Have a question? Ask the Nature Lady now...

This week's activities

Get our free newsletter and new activity every week!

Look up previous activities and newsletters

The Closest Store

Inside out: *Linda Watson (above) has developed an award-winning web site that gets children hyped on nature. To the left is what Linda Watson's home page looks like. Its address is: www.naturely.com*

Concerts in the Park begin July 7 in Depot Park

By Sally Girard
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Starting July 7, Clarkston-area residents can get into the Thique of things on the Nightshift and that sure Beats Settin' Home.

A four-concert series is planned for Clarkston's Depot Park with bands Beats Settin' Home, Thique, Bobby Lewis & Crackerjack Band and Nightshift. In its 21st year, the Concerts in the Park Series kicks off this year on July 7.

The free Friday concerts run from 7 to 9 p.m. Depot Park is on Depot Road off Main Street behind Clarkston City Hall.

The performances are presented by the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce and corporate sponsors including the Clarkston Eccentric as a fun community event and a way to get people downtown, said Karen Ayoub, Concerts in the Park chairperson.


Bobby Lewis and the Cracker Jack Band

Ayoub said people can haul out the blankets and lawn chairs and be ready to have a good time.

"It's just a wonderful thing," she said.

Three of the bands are new along with popular returning act Bobby Lewis and the Crackerjack Band.

"He always draws a large crowd," Ayoub said.

Beats Settin' Home starts things off July 7. The name gives people a clue to what this band is about. It's billed as folk music and family favorites with a hearty dose of humor tossed in. The three band members are educators by day and have been playing music together all over the metro area for 17 years.

Next up, on July 14, is Thique, five members of the Blue Pigs. The Detroit police officers will perform Motown hits.

On July 21, Bobby Lewis and the Crackerjack Band takes the stage. The band formed in 1976 and uses a classic pop rock format.

Nightshift will perform on July 28. That five-member group plays classic rock, country and Motown from the 1950s all the way through the 1990s.

Citizens can grab a bite to eat and support local organizations. Starting with the second concert, a community group will have food for sale. On July 14, the Clarkston Coalition for Youth and Clarkston Marching Band will offer concessions. The Marching Band will be back July 21 to feed hungry concert-goers. For the final evening, the Junior Optimists, Octagons and Optimist clubs will team up to offer food and drinks.



ACHIEVERS

Meghan O'Donnell, daughter of Michael and Elizabeth O'Donnell of Clarkston, was one of four valedictorians at Notre Dame Preparatory Academy in Pontiac this past school year. She earned a 4.11 grade point average. She will attend the University of Notre Dame to study psychology and pre-medicine in the fall.



Meghan also received the Clarkston Area Optimist Club's "Octagon" scholarship at a recent ceremony.

Meghan currently works at the Independence Township Library and volunteers at the OATS riding therapy program in Brandon Township.

While at the preparatory academy, Meghan participated in the National Honor Society, Optimist Club and Student Congress, was co-editor of the student newspaper and taught Bible school. She also participated in We Unite and the St. Daniel Youth Group. She was active in basketball, track and horseback riding.



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Johnson supports efforts to reduce state tax on gas

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER
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While people are talking about the high cost of gasoline purchased at gas station pumps, Michigan legislators are trying to decide what they can do to relieve the gas-price pinch.

State Rep. Ruth Johnson (R-Holly), who represents the Clarkston area, said the first thing they're doing is trying to find out what's caused escalated prices in the Midwest.

"We learned that from May 22 through June 19, gasoline prices nationwide increased 16 cents a gallon. In Michigan, they increased 53 cents a gallon. In Detroit, the increase was 62 cents a gallon," she said. "We want to find out why the Detroit-area increase is larger than that for Michigan and for the nation."

In order to get answers, she and other legislators attended a hearing by the House Transportation Committee Tuesday at which several experts spoke.

One local television station is campaigning to get the 6-percent state tax on gasoline prices eliminated.

Decrease prices

"Anything that would be helpful to our customers and bring the price down, I would be in favor of," said Dave LeShock, owner of Clarkston Shell on M-15 at I-75 in Independence Township.

"Our customers are telling us they feel taken advantage of," said Tim Winters, manager of that station. "One man returned from Alabama, where he paid only $1.39 a gallon. Another returned from Missouri and paid $1.29 a gallon for gasoline."

Rosemary Coburn was filling the tank of her small vehicle at the gas station Tuesday. The independent mail carrier from Pontiac spends $15 on gas every two days, and she has an economical vehicle.

"I have to pay for my own gasoline in my job. With the high cost of gasoline, I don't drive anywhere else but work," she said.

Johnson hopes the Legislature reconvenes to make a decision about the gas tax. She said the Federal Trade Commission is already investigating other ways to lower prices.

"There are a couple of things I feel strongly about that affect this," she said. "Our state tax on gasoline is a tax on a tax and that is not right. That needs to be changed."

She explained that the 6-percent Michigan tax is based on the cost of gas that already includes a federal tax.

"Also we need to return a portion of the sales tax to consumers while the prices are so high," she added.

The idea, however, is not to eliminate the entire 6-percent sales tax. What she supports is eliminating the 6 percent on the excessive cost of gas.

"That's what we have to discuss. We need to look at gas prices a year ago and also look at the difference from national prices and what we pay in Michigan," she said. "The difference may only be 5-6-cents a gallon, but that's still a savings to consumers."

School aid decrease

One concern of lowering the amount of money Michigan gets from the state tax is that 73 percent of the money goes into the School Aid Fund. In the fiscal year 1999-2000, the fund received $4.6 billion. It's expected to receive $4.8 billion this fiscal year.

"I don't believe this will have any impact on public education," Johnson said. "When the House voted on the School Aid Fund for kindergarten through 12th grade earlier this month, I voted against it. It cut $205 million from the school fund and put it in the state's General Fund for two years. The state shouldn't be earning a windfall on higher gas prices."

Brian Whiston, director of Legislative Affairs for Oakland Schools, is waiting to see what happens.

"I've heard projections that $40 million to $80 million would be lost to schools if we got rid of that tax for a short period," he said. "There's no guarantee a reduction in the tax would reduce the price of gasoline by that much."

POLICE NEWS

Following are some incidents recently reported to police and fire agencies in Independence and Springfield townships and the city of the Village of Clarkston.

Independence Township

Smoke from window

On June 25, police found smoke coming from a window of an apartment in the 4900 block of **Fox Creek**. An officer entered the apartment through an open patio door. The officer found a pot smoking on a stove. He removed the pot from the heat. The township fire department cleared the apartment of smoke. No one was home at the time of the incident.

Breaking and entering

On June 25, someone cut a lock on a motorcycle trailer in the 7000 block of **Clintonville Road**. The subject removed several articles, including two helmets with intercoms, a tool box, battery booster and charger and other items.

On June 23, someone broke in to an attached garage in the 5400 block of **Winell** and removed a generator and an electric circular saw, both valued at more than $725.

Springfield Township

Robbery with firearm

On June 24, three men entered the Dixie Party Store, 8774 **Dixie Highway**, at closing time. The owner of the store, a 41-year-old man from Commerce Township, told police one of the subjects pointed a gun at the head of the store clerk and demanded money. The subjects left the store with money from the two cash register tills and with pre-paid phone cards. The subjects were last seen on foot on southbound Dixie Highway, according to the police report.

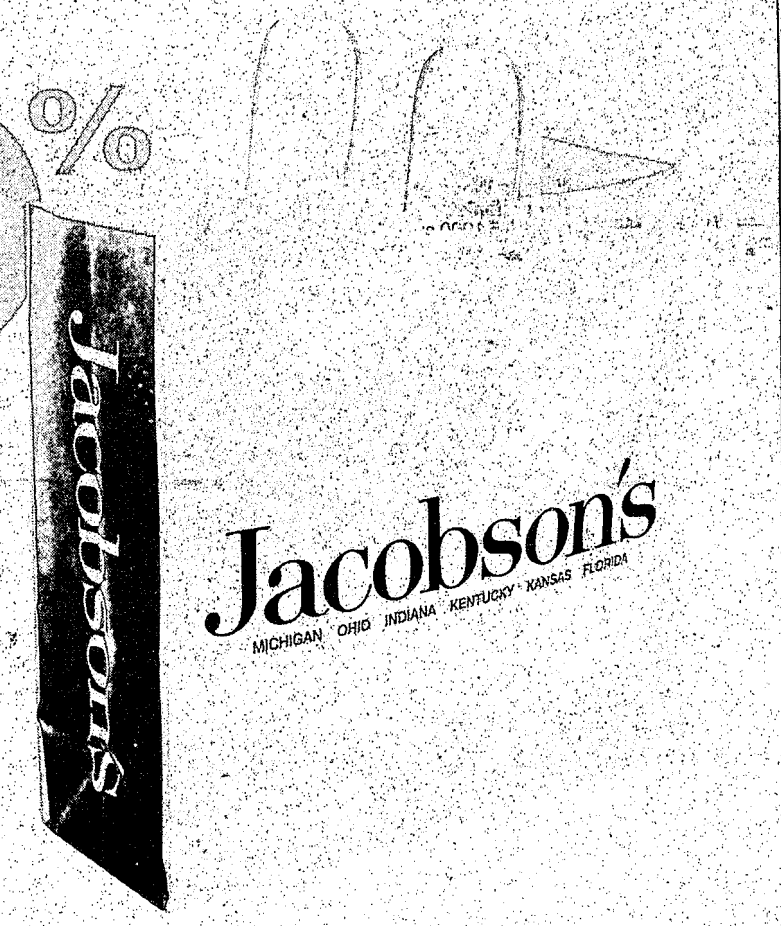
Clarkston Police

No major reports.

Independence Fire

Fire calls

Independence Township Fire Department responded to 20 calls June 23-25. These included eight medical calls, three personal-injury accidents, two automatic alarm calls, one vehicle fire call, one wires down call, one carbon monoxide investigation call, one investigation call, one other call, one wires down call and one building fire call.

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OBITUARIES

Kathie Jo Scott

Kathie Jo Scott of Clarkston, formerly of Waterford, died June 24, 2000, at age 44.

Mrs. Scott worked for Professional Mortgage, Clarkston. She graduated from Waterford Township High School in 1974 and previously worked at the Perry Drug Store headquarters.

She is survived by her husband, Greg; two daughters, Sarah and Michelle; mother, Betty (the late Leonard) Koop of Waterford; father-in-law, Bob (Ruth) Scott of Waterford; several siblings, Fred Koop, Karen (Robert) Harrington, David (Judy) Koop, Kerry Jennings and Leonard Koop II; and several sisters- and brothers-in-law, Randy (Sue) Scott, Debbie (Jan) North, Keith (Rose) Scott, Cheryl (Brad) Gable, Robert Scott and Stacey (Teresa) Scott.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday in Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston with Don Kevern officiating. Interment is at Lakeview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the family for the future education of Mrs. Scott's two daughters.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Clarence J.A. "Oscar" Lawson

Clarence J.A. "Oscar" Lawson of Clarkston died June 26, 2000, at age 89.

Mr. Lawson was a general contractor with his family business.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Nina; brother, Arnold; and two sisters, Betty and Louise.

He is survived by four siblings, Laura (Dale) Tinnin of White Lake, Robert (Peg) of Ohio, Florence Schroeder of Pontiac and Dick (Donna) of Florida; several nieces and nephews and many special friends.

A funeral service is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. Thursday in the Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment was at Oakhill Cemetery.

Evelyn J. Young

Evelyn J. Young of Clarkston died June 24, 2000, at age 74.

Mrs. Young and her husband, Hugh, formerly owned and operated Young's Opdyke Market. More recently, she worked as a real estate agent for McCabe Realty, Waterford.

Mrs. Young was preceded in death by her husband, Hugh. She is survived by two daughters, Sharon (Chuck) Steinhelper of Clarkston and Cynthia (Gordon Roberts) Young of Bloomfield Hills; three grandchildren, Celeste (Jarad Wood) Steinhelper, Heather (Derek) Wiley and Chandler Young; and two siblings, Gordon (Arlene) Brown of Waterford and Dorothy (Lester) Barron of Florida.

A funeral service was held Tuesday at Clarkston United Methodist Church with Pastors Jill Zundel and Douglas Tredilcock officiating.

Interment was at Perry Mt. Park Cemetery.

Arrangements were handled by the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to the Genesys Hospice.

Helen E. Miller

Helen E. Miller, a lifelong resident of Clarkston, died June 24, 2000, at age 68.

Mrs. Miller was formerly employed by Clarkston Community Schools as a cafeteria worker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles, and son, George.

She is survived by two sons, Charles (Sandy) of Clarkston and Robert (Marie) of Davisburg; daughter, Kathy (Homayoun) Eghbalian of Clarkston; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; several siblings, Nina (Steve) Adams of Wyoming, Calvin Jr. (Viola) Root, Betty Quick , Barbara (Eugene) Walker and Mae Root, all of Florida, Robert Root of Lincoln and Ann (John) Leonard of Lansing.

A funeral service was held Wednesday in Lewis E. Wint & Son 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston, with Brother Dan McCullough officiating. Interment is at Christian Memorial Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Southeast Michigan.

Linda S. Wickline

Linda S. Wickline of Clarkston died June 24, 2000, at age 67.

Mrs. Wickline is survived by her husband, Bill; son, Greg, of Clarkston; two grandchildren, Christopher and Jennifer; and a brother, Bill (Beverly) Holloway of Livonia.

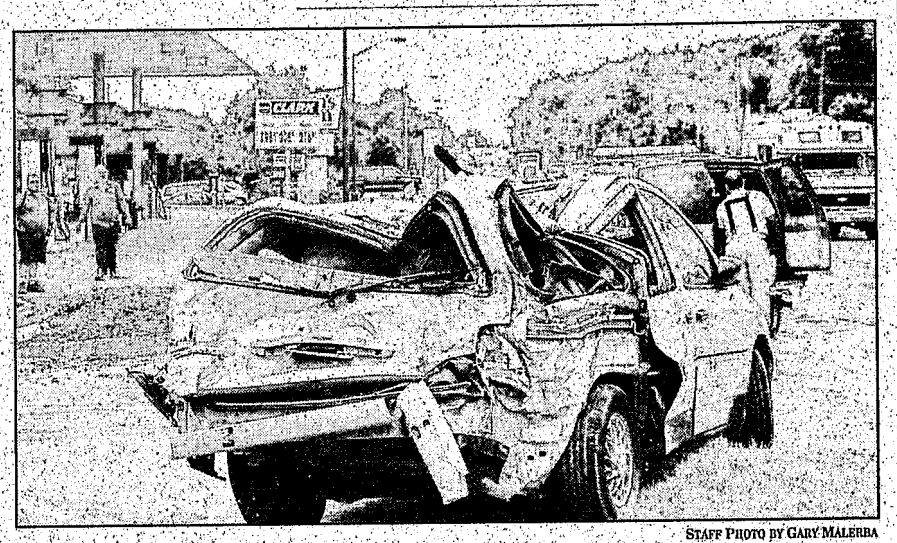
A funeral service was held Tuesday in Lewis E. Wint & Son 100 TRUST Funeral Home in Clarkston with the Rev. Jill Zundel officiating.

Interment was at Lakeview Cemetery.

CLARIFICATION

A story in the June 25 edition of the Clarkston Eccentric should not have indicated that Springfield Township used any proceeds from the sale of bonds to buy 78 acres of land.

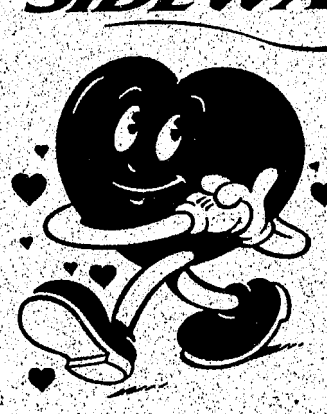
Van and truck collide



STAFF PHOTO BY GARY MALERBA

Accident on Dixie: *A Commerce Township woman received minor injuries in a crash June 22 on Dixie Highway just south of Maybee Road. According to the Independence Township substation of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, a van and a cement truck were both traveling north on Dixie Highway when they collided. The woman driving the van was injured, although the extent of the injuries was not known. Neither vehicle had any passengers.*

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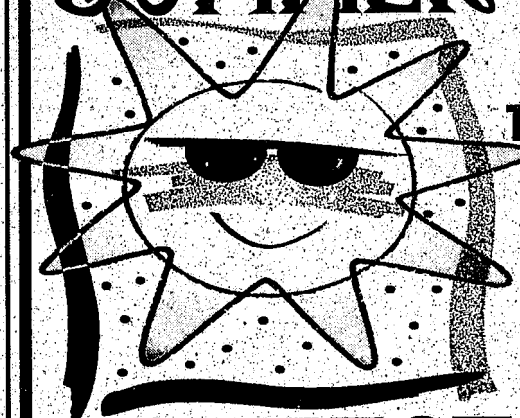


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Christmas tree bill has a few gifts for Oakland County

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A "supplemental budget," applying $393 million in state money to projects not originally called for in the budget, has won the approval of Michigan lawmakers.

The proposal got plenty of criticism for being a "pork-barrel bill" and a "Christmas tree" bill. But in the end, lawmakers adopted it 29-9 in the Senate and 102-4 in the House.

The bill provides funding for a number of southeast Michigan projects. Among the largest expenditures is $10 million for the Detroit Zoo. The money will pay an "Arctic Ring of Life" exhibit, a conservation center for amphibians, and an animal health complex.

The budget also includes $50,000 for a Regional Communications Emergency Operations Mobile Command Post for the Oakland County Sheriff's Department. The funds will improve the county's command post by providing computer tracking for on-scene operations, a microwave video system and a radio communications system to coordinate the efforts of emergency personnel.

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It also includes $255,000 for local Boys and Girls Clubs. The funds will help pay programs dealing with substance abuse, counseling, reading readiness, health and smoking prevention. Boys and Girls Clubs included are those for Southeast Michigan, Orion/Oxford, North Oakland County, South Oakland County, Huron Valley and Troy.

The budget includes $2 million for the construction of the Combined Regional Emergency Services Training center, already under construction at Oakland Community College's Auburn Hills campus. The project, already under construction, is a $7 million simulated city for the training of police and fire personnel.

But it also included a number of projects that set off controversy and charges of pork barreling. Included were:

- $5 million for the Kalamazoo Aviation History Museum.
- $500,000 for upgrades at the Iron Industry Museum in Negaunee.
- $5 million for the demolition of abandoned buildings in Detroit and other cities.
- $3 million to upgrade the St. Aubin Marina in Detroit.
- $9.6 million for arts and culture grants in several cities, including Lansing.

Senators argued the bill gave just enough to a variety of lawmakers to assure its passage.

"There is simply too much in here for too many people for this not to pass," Sen. Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia) said. "I would argue that is precisely why it should not."

Sen. Arthur Miller Jr. (D-Warren) also objected.

"I am extremely unhappy because I represent some hard-working citizens who do not benefit by this grant here. I'd rather see their taxpayer dollars of $618 million — you want to give a tax refund, well let's give the supplemental bill back to the taxpayers of Michigan. That's a good place to start."

Rep. Judith Scranton (R-Brighton) defended the budget from charges of pork-barreling.

"Every project in there is important to the district it is in, and to the state," she said. "If we give money to the DIA, is that important to Detroit? Yes. Is it important to the rest of the state? Yes. If we give money to the Aviation Museum, is it important to Kalamazoo? Sure. But is it also important to the rest of the state? Yes.

"If we are going to build a building, it has to go somewhere. It can't levitate," she concluded.

The supplemental budget adds $393 million in state money, but also allocated other funds, such as federal grant money, for a total appropriation of $614 million.

Here's how area lawmakers voted:

In the House:

Yes — Reps. Mike Bishop (R-Rochester), Nancy Cassis (R-Novi), Patricia Godchaux (R-Birmingham), Gilda Jacobs (D-Huntington Woods), Gilda Jacobs (D-Huntington Woods), Ruth Johnson (R-Holly), Mike Kowall (R-White Lake), John Pappageorge (R-Troy), Nancy Quarles (D-Southfield), Andrew Raczkowski (R-Farmington Hills), Marc Shulman (R-West Bloomfield) and David Woodward (D-Madison Heights). **No** — Rep. Bob Gosselin (R-Troy).

In the Senate:

Yes — Sens. Loren Bennett (R-Canton), John D. Cherry Jr., (D-Clio), Mat Dunaskiss (R-Lake Orion), Shirley Johnson (R-Royal Oak), and Gary Peters (D-Bloomfield Township). **No** — Sens. Bill Bullard (R-Highland Township), George Z. Hart (D-Dearborn) and Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia).

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The nursing and community services departments of Oakland Community College's Highland Lakes Campus will present CPR classes in July and August designed specifically for healthcare providers seeking cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification.

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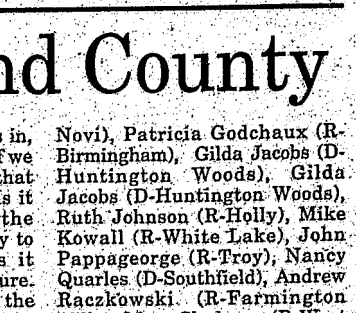
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- Background information on heart disease, risk factors and prudent living.
- Analysis of heart and lung function status.
- Instruction in one and two-rescuer CPR foreign body airway obstruction management.
- Instruction in pediatric resuscitation and airway management.

Class dates and times are: July 10, 9 a.m.–noon or 1–4 p.m.; July 12, 1–4 p.m. or 5:30–8:30 p.m.; July 25, 9 a.m.–noon or 1–4 p.m.; July 27, 9 a.m.–noon or 1–4 p.m.; Aug. 22, 1–4 p.m. or 5:30–8:30 p.m. and Aug. 25, 9 a.m.–noon or 1–4 p.m.

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Lifeguards from page A1

how good with the kids they are," added MaryJo Oppedisano of Independence Township. She was catching the sun rays on the beach with her children, Anna, 4, Michael, 3, and Isabella, 2.

"They'll say things to the kids like 'I like your sunglasses,' things that make them feel good."

Oppedisano brings her children to Deer Lake beach every sunny day, she said.

As much as the parents and the children like the lifeguards, the feeling is mutual from the lifeguards' point of view.

"I like that the little kids look up to us," said lifeguard Ryan Wheaton. A senior at Clarkston High, he started working with the parks and recreation department last fall.

Lauren Leigh, who attends Michigan State University, said the lifeguard training was difficult, but it was worth it.

"I just thought this would be a great job and so far it is," she said. "The children are so easy to get along with and to work with."

Allison Prudhomme, also an MSU student, has been a township lifeguard for four years.

"I've watched a lot of these kids grow up," she said.

Niagra University student Julie Gallegas mentioned how hard the department works at keeping the lifeguards trained.

"Our insurance company requires four hours a month of in-service training. We do eight hours of in-service training a month," Ashley said.

"We train them in preventing incidences as well as saving lives," he said. "I'm proud to say for the 10 past years that I've been with the swimming program, we've never had to perform a real save. We take care of problems before they grow out of hand."

If there were an emergency, the lifeguards know to blow a whistle, blow the airhorn, point to the location of the problem and raise their fist to show they need assistance.

"That would get our emergency action plan going," he said.

The lifeguards said being outside is a definite draw for the job.

"We rotate working at Bay Court and Deer Lake beaches and at the high school swimming pool," Ryan explained.

Ashley recruits a lot of his staff during the winter months. He works as indoor manager at Pine Knob Ski Resort.

"I get to watch the kids and see how they react with the public," he said. "We have an amazing lifeguard staff. They are a responsible group that really cares about the job."

Rink from page A1

teers working for the memorial fund have made. She said $5,600 has been donated so far.

But she added that the original estimate of $30,000 to build the rink was not realistic. Mike Turk, interim parks and recreation director, said cost estimates received about a month ago put the total cost at approximately $49,000.

"The estimates came in much higher," he said.

The plan had been for the memorial fund to generate about half the needed money and the parks and recreation department would match it. Since it doesn't look like that will happen, Turk said the project is on hold for now.

"We're looking at spring, summer of next year," he said.

Fortinberry said the rink at Clintonwood is well-used. It has gone from four teams when her son started playing four years ago to at least 16, she said.

"Between practice and games, you can't get on that rink at Clintonwood Park," she said.

Turk said Parks and Recreation has about 25 teams of children 14 years and under, which adds up to about 250 participants. Older kids and adults also use the rink, he said.

"It gets used quite a bit," he said.

Making a rink entails more than just slapping some asphalt down, he said. The surface would be regulation size, 80 feet wide by 200 feet long. That is larger than the rink at Clintonwood, he said.

The paving cost is estimated at $30,000, Turk said. Painting the entire surface and then the necessary markings is $12,000. Turk said five coats of paint are needed. The last expense is $7,000 for the boards that prevent the ball from going off the rink.

Donations may still be made to the Mark J. Miron Memorial Fund at Clarkston State Bank, 15 S. Main St.

Light from page A1

South Holcomb or on M-15 from Dixie Highway. That would take them through downtown Clarkston.

Now these motorists have the advantage of two traffic signals to help them take a faster, easier route to northbound M-15.

They can use the left-turn signal at White Lake Road to turn onto northbound Dixie Highway, enter southbound I-75 about a mile north of White Lake Road, and then exit easily from I-75 onto M-15.

"This route has the advantage of having no pedestrian traffic, no stop signs and no extra traffic signals," said Ormiston. "And as traffic increases that uses the signal at I-75 and M-15, the timing of the light can be adjusted to let more cars go through.

"This new traffic signal gives drivers choices," Ormiston said.

Tim Winters, manager of the Clarkston Shell gasoline station on M-15, just south of the I-75 off-ramp, sees lots of traffic going north and south along M-15.

"The worst time is from 7 to 8 a.m. and from 4:30 to 6 p.m.," he said. "People trying to turn left out of Blue Grass Drive just can't do it. I think the new signal will help with the flow of traffic."

The signal belongs to Michigan Department of Transportation. The Road Commission for Oakland County maintains the signal.

■ 'This route has the advantage of having no pedestrian traffic, no stop signs and no extra traffic signals.'

Paul Ormiston
Clarkston Police Chief

Craig Bryson, RCOC public information officer, said lights are kept on the blinking signal after they're installed for 7-14 days.

"That gives people a chance to get used to a traffic light being at a new location," he explained. "If we had it working as a regular signal right away and drivers aren't expecting it to be there, we'd have traffic accidents for sure."

The traffic light is expected to be fully functioning by about July Fourth.

Ernie Savas, MDOT metro region engineer, said the request for the traffic light was first made in April 1999. It was approved in June 1999.

MDOT gave the project to a contractor along with six other lights along I-75 at a cost of $158,000, he said. "Our studies certainly showed that a traffic light at I-75 and M-15 was necessary."

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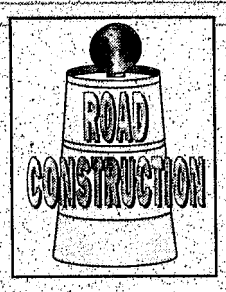
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NORTH OF M-59

■ **Community:** Auburn Hills and Orion Township.
Road: Joslyn Road to Brown.
Project: In conjunction with the paving of Brown Road, the Joslyn/Brown intersection is being reconstructed and reconfigured. The intersection is closed (except for traffic traveling northbound on Joslyn to eastbound Brown and west on Brown to southbound Joslyn.) The developer of the Auburn Mile shopping center on Brown west of the intersection, is performing and paying for this work. The intersection will reopen at the end of June, though it will be limited to three lanes because the railroad crossing through the intersection cannot be reconstructed until July, when it will be shut down during the General Motors summer shutdown. Completion date July 28.

■ **Community:** Auburn Hills and Orion Township.
Road: Brown Road, Joslyn Road to Baldwin Road.
Project: This section of gravel road is being paved by the developer of the Auburn Mile shopping center and is closed. Detour is Baldwin Road, Lake Angelus Road and Joslyn. Completion date July 28.

■ **Community:** Auburn Hills and Orion Township.
Road: Brown Road, Joslyn to Giddings.
Project: As part of the reconstruction of the Brown/Joslyn intersection (see item above), Brown Road is closed between Joslyn and Giddings so that the new approach to the intersection can be constructed. The road will be closed until the intersection reconstruction is completed. Detour is Harmon Road and Giddings Road. Completion date is July 28.

■ **Community:** Waterford Township.
Road: Walton Blvd., Dixie Highway to Sashabaw Road.
Project: RCOC is widening Walton from two lanes to five. Completion date July 28.

■ **Community:** White Lake Township.
Road: White Lake Road, Andersonville Road to the National Weather Service Station, approximately one and a half miles to the west.
Project: RCOC is paving gravel road. Road closed to through traffic during construction. Detour is Teggerdine to M-59 to Williams Lake Road to Maceday Lake Road to Nelsey to Andersonville Road. Completion date is July 15.

SOUTH OF M-59

■ **Community:** Southfield.
Road: 12 Mile Road, Inkster to Northwestern Highway.
Project: Road Commission of Oakland County is widening road from two lanes to five. Inkster is closed at the north side of the 12 Mile intersection (12 Mile remains open to traffic.) At the end of June, Inkster will reopen on the north side of the 12 Mile intersection, but close at the south side of the intersection. Detour or both north- and southbound Inkster is 12 Mile to Middlebelt to 11 Mile/13 Mile. Completion date is Aug. 15.

■ **Community:** West Bloomfield Township.
Road: Oakley Park, Green Lake to Haggerty.
Project: RCOC is paving gravel road. Road is closed to through traffic. Detour is Green Lake Road, Richardson Road and Haggerty Road. Completion date is Aug. 15.

Community Foundation issues grants galore to Southeastern Michigan groups

The Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan has awarded 578 grants totaling nearly $6.5 million to nonprofit organizations throughout the seven-county region.

These recent grants will support the work of diverse agencies providing programs in the areas of arts, culture, civic affairs, health, human services and youth.

Among the total allocations are grants to the following organizations and programs:

■ A total of $78,000 ($28,000 from the Foundation's Raymond C. Smith Fund and $50,000 from the Foundation's affiliate, the Grayling Fund), to the *Detroit Artists Market*, Detroit, to support expanded exhibition/education programs — including gallery talks, tours for students, internships, city festivals and family seminars on contemporary art.

■ $35,000 to *Gleaners Community Food Bank Inc.*, Detroit, to support a comprehensive strategic plan to increase the organization's effectiveness as area hunger challenges are increasing.

■ $15,000 to the *Rochester Community School District*, Rochester, to support planning for a new facility to be used jointly by the Rochester school district, the city of Rochester Hills and the nearby Avondale School District.

■ $20,000 to the *Southeastern Michigan Health Association*, Detroit, to offer its "Healthy People Healthy Oakland" disease-prevention education program in Pontiac.

■ $20,000 to *Pontiac Neighborhood Housing Services Inc.*, Pontiac, to support an innovative tenant/landlord education initiative.

■ $39,463 to the award-winning *Troy Community Coalition for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse*, Troy, to extend its successful "Youth Academy" anti-drug and leadership program to Detroit and Royal Oak.

■ $4,500 to *Immanuel Lutheran Church*, Detroit, to support a comprehensive summer program of education, recreation and cultural enrichment for youth and their families.

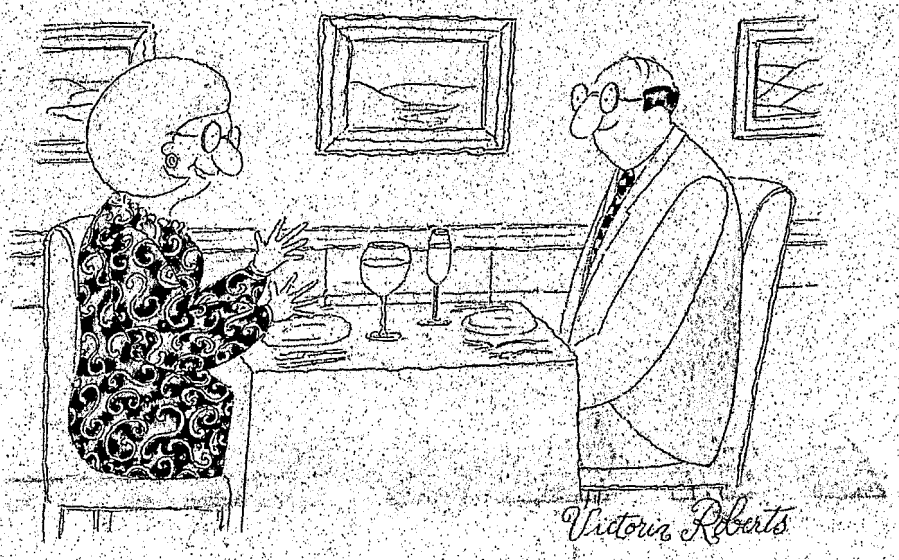
■ $7,250 to the *We Are Here Foundation Inc.*, St. Clair Shores, to engage students from 73 middle and junior high schools in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties in hands-on environmental program.

■ $30,000 to *St. John Hospital and Medical Center Corp.*, Detroit, to support a theatrical-arts program for deaf youth that will culminate in a Deaf Arts Festival in September.

The Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan, founded in 1984, is a permanent community endowment built by gifts from hundreds of individuals and organizations committed to the future of southeast Michigan.

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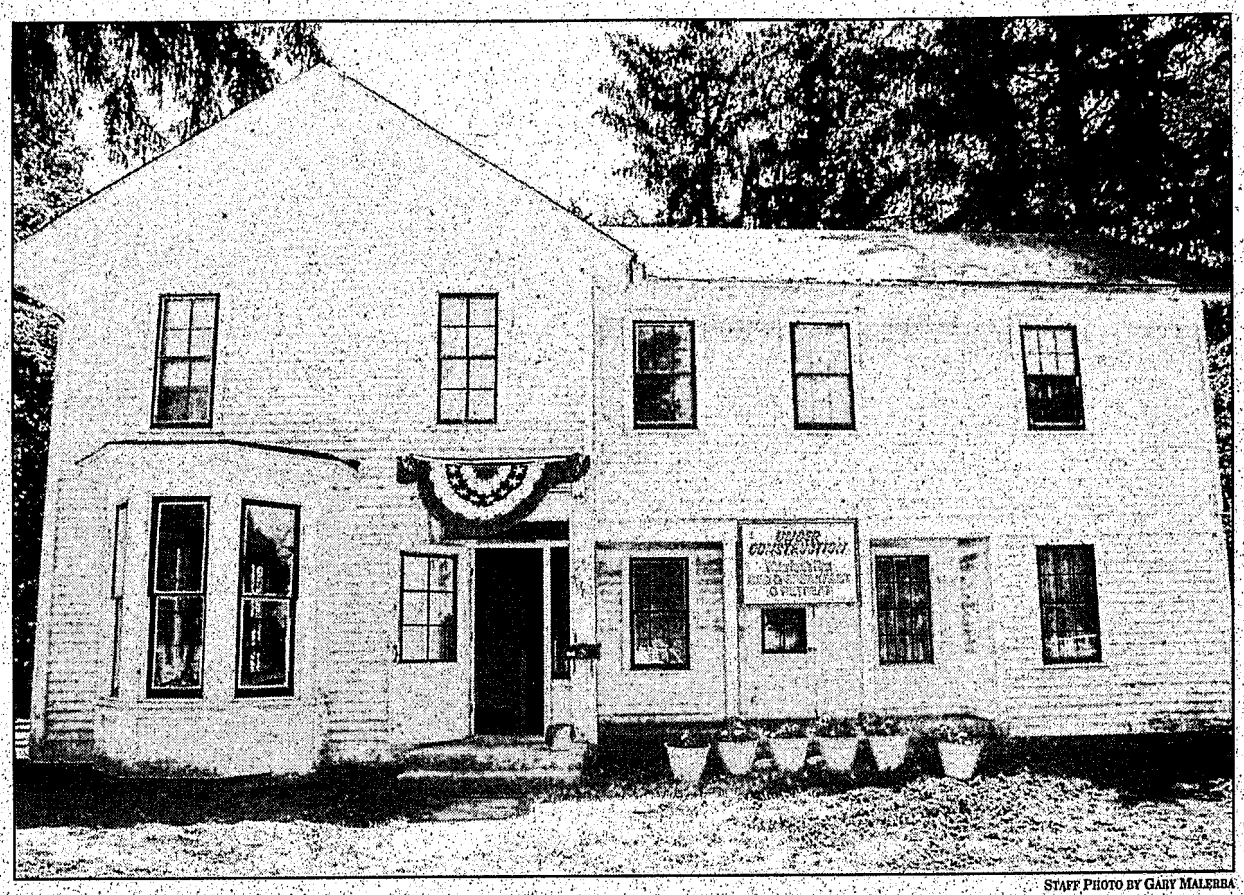
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Friends to open historic bed and breakfast





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Hard work: *Mike Bruner (left to right), Shawn Bruner-David and Maryann Johnson along with her husband, Doug, are working hard to refurbish an 1865 historic home (far right) that they'll open as a bed and breakfast.*

BY CAROLYN WALKER
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If your average couple argues over how to decorate a house, what do two couples do when it comes to refurbishing one?

They form a partnership, get organized and open up a bed and breakfast, that's what.

"We just hooked up at Christmastime," said Mary Ann Johnson, one of the co-owners of an up-and-coming bed and breakfast, as she gave an informal tour of the 1865 house at 5967 Andersonville Road. "(We) plunged in with both feet."

Johnson and her husband, Doug, plan to open Waterford's first bed and breakfast next spring with partners Shawn Bruner-David and her husband, Michael Bruner. It will be in the Waterford Village Historic District, which includes buildings on portions of Dixie Highway, Andersonville Road and Airport Road as well as the streets Steffens, Pontiff, Dubay and Cambrook.

"We are pleased because they are restoring the house. It was in danger because it was falling into disrepair and they've taken an interest in it and restored one of the important homes in the historic district," said Joy Smith, president of the Waterford Historical Society, as she considered what the couples are doing.

Like Smith, Waterford Community Planning and Development Director Bob Vallina said he is glad someone is restoring the building, which is zoned C-1 for local business, a low-impact use.

"Any improvements in our historic district are always greatly appreciated," he said. "It will actually encourage visitors to see the positive parts of Waterford."

The idea for opening a bed and breakfast harks back to fond wishes on the part of Mary Ann Johnson and Shawn Bruner-David, who are both nurses. "We knew we could be friends," said Bruner-David. "My goal ... was to see if we could be business partners and we did find out it would work."

"It's been in our hearts for years," said Johnson. "The four of us got together and started talking about the dream."

According to Bruner-David, she and Doug Johnson first knew one another as high school students in the 1969 Waterford Kettering band. They became reacquainted when Bruner-David was seeking band alumni for a 30-year reunion.

Prior to the reunion, the Johnsons were living in Mexico. Bruner-David, who had been emailing with the Johnsons, went down for a visit and the couples began seriously considering the establishment of a bed and breakfast, wondering if people would visit one in Waterford. The nearest bed and breakfasts are in Clarkston, Holly and Auburn Hills.

"Having been in Mexico, I'd come home to visit and there's no place to stay," said Mary Ann Johnson. The Johnsons moved back to Michigan in March of this year.

The couples purchased the house in May and have been busy restoring it themselves, with the assistance of one construction employee who works for Bruner.

In order to avoid conflict, they established a system of working — designating each individual with a task and making that person the "champion" of his or her task.

Mike's is construction, Doug's business, Shawn's marketing and public relations, and Mary Ann's interior decorating.

As for any decorating debates, Mary Ann wins, after a vote, if there is a 50/50 conflict because she is in charge of that task.

"Our budget is tight, so it's the four of us and one of my husband's workers," said Bruner-David. "So it'll be a labor of love. We're not going to run out of energy. We hope we don't run out of money. We've wanted it too long."

According to the two women, main portions of the house were constructed in 1865. Two additions were later added in 1873 and 1901.

The home, which is about 2,000-square-feet in size, was originally owned by Emily Tilden, a granddaughter to John Williams, a mayor of Detroit, according to Joy Smith.

According to Bruner-Davis the site is also the homesite of Lorenzo Streeter, a carriage maker; hence, they choose the name, Carriage House Bed & Breakfast and Retreat.

The couples intend to maintain the historic integrity of the downstairs but will enlarge the existing upstairs bedrooms into two large bedrooms with private baths and then modernize them for the convenience of guests. They plan to stock the bedrooms with Murphy beds that can sleep four, each, allowing a total of eight guests at one time.

"To purists that really breaks their hearts," said Mary Ann Johnson, referring to the modernizing of the upstairs. "But to make it a (luxury) bed and breakfast, we have to do it. Our biggest focus is we want this as a conference center for retreats."

The women, who live near the Clarkston/Waterford border, intend to come to the bed and breakfast in the morning and cook breakfast for their guests, although they will not be staying on the premises at night. They hope that their bed and breakfast will attract not only families but business people who need a nice place to stay.

In addition, they intend to host scrapbooking parties, women's teas, other women's events and children's character enrichment classes.

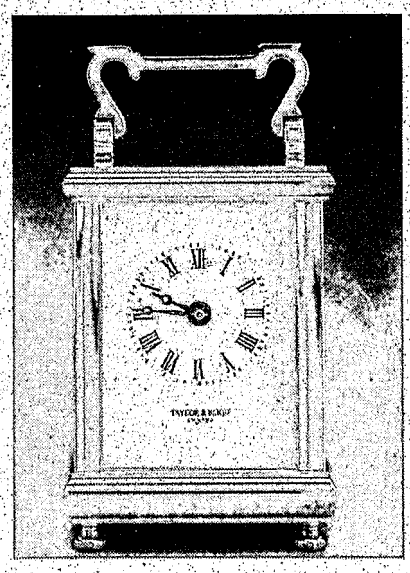
The couples plan to start booking conferences and teas after Labor Day. To contact the Carriage House Bed & Breakfast and Retreat call (248) 425-3151.



Carriage house: *One of the home's owners, Lorenzo Streeter, built carriages in this out building.*



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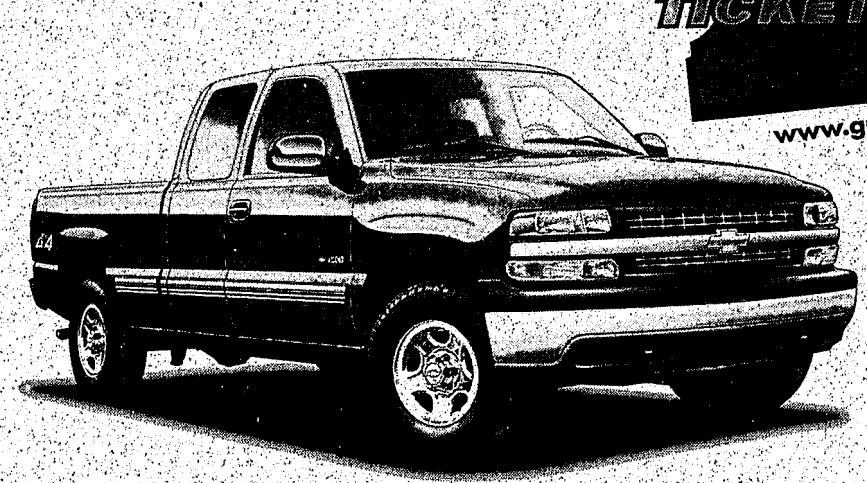
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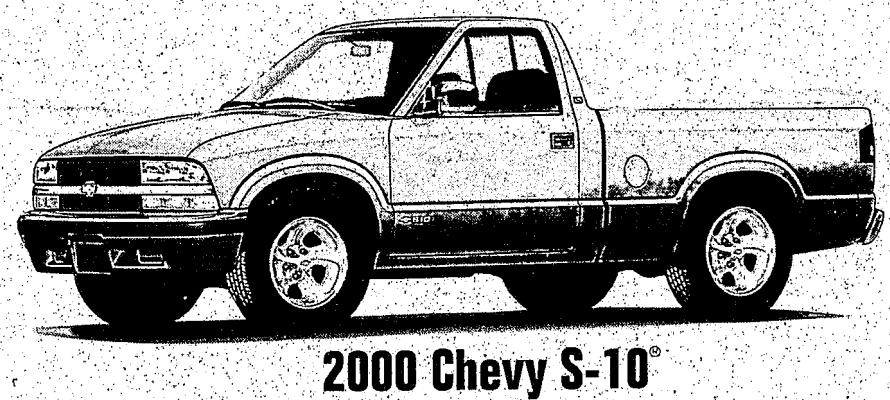
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OPINION

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Fun on the Fourth

There's something for everyone

■ Even if you already have plans, you may want to modify them to include at least one of the many fun things going on Tuesday in downtown Clarkston and Clintonwood Park in Independence Township.

Don't have plans for July Fourth yet? Stay home and treat yourself and family to Independence Day in Independence Township, a celebration that lasts from sunrise until sundown.

Even if you already have plans, you may want to modify them to include at least one of the many fun things going on Tuesday in downtown Clarkston and Clintonwood Park in Independence Township.

There's something for everyone, from floats and fireworks, clowns and crafts, to balloons and vintage baseball.

We don't think you'll be disappointed.

(See inside today's paper for a special section you can take along for reference.)

The day begins with a big pancake breakfast from 7 to 10 a.m. in Clarkston Masonic Temple in downtown Clarkston.

It continues at 10 a.m. with a giant 100-plus unit parade along Main Street through downtown Clarkston. Sponsored by Independence Township Fire Department for more than 60 years, the parade draws spectators from all over Oakland County. One of the highlights will be a flyover from Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Mt. Clemens.

The day continues at Clintonwood Park with the Festival of Fun put on by Independence Township Parks and Recreation. Activities start at 11 a.m. and run until dusk.

Some of the more popular events include an arts and crafts show, live music, children's games, firefighters' waterball fight, hot air balloon launch and vintage baseball demonstrations.

Clarkston-area service organizations will be selling food so you don't even have to pack a picnic lunch if you don't want to.

The day ends at 10 p.m. in Clintonwood Park with fireworks sponsored by the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce and Clarkston Rotary Club. (A rain date of July 5 is set for the fireworks.)

Zambelli Fireworks Internationale, the same company that puts on the Freedom Festival fireworks show, will shoot off the fireworks in Clarkston.

The point is, you don't have to fight road construction or spend a lot of money on gas (see cartoon at right) to see a top-quality fireworks show.

From pancakes at sunrise to fireworks at sundown, Independence Day in Independence Township is a celebration you won't want to miss.

Nursing: A noble profession

■ The women and men who make nursing their life work are committed, caring professionals, dedicated to helping people heal and stay well. They deserve our admiration, respect and support.

High school grads and college students unsure of a major might want to consider a career in nursing. It's a rewarding field that offers jobs and opportunities for advancement.

The demand is great. Industry experts predict things could reach a crisis point by the year 2005. Nurses are getting older with the average age ranging from 42 to 45, and there simply aren't enough young people entering the field to satisfy the demand. Canada, England, Ireland, the Philippines, Australia and Western Europe also are reporting significant nursing shortages.

While the demand is great, there is industry pressure to downsize and cut costs, which often results in workload increases for nurses. Restructuring in the health care industry has also had a negative impact on nursing. Some community hospitals, most recently Beyer Center in Ypsilanti, which is owned by Oakwood Healthcare System, have closed.

Stays are shorter and more procedures are being done outpatient, but hospitals are increasingly becoming large intensive care units whose patients require cardiac monitoring, respiratory assistance and intense treatment. Heavy patient loads and pressure to treat more people, quickly for less money have made nursing a less attractive career choice.

Nurses complain about long hours, being bogged down with tasks that could be done by less skilled workers, and not having enough time to spend with patients.

But despite the challenges, there are lots of good reasons to consider nursing as a career. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that jobs for registered nurses will grow 23 percent by 2006 – faster than the average for all occupations. Working in a hospital isn't the only option for nurses. There are many areas to specialize in, such as administration, clinical care, emergency and medical surgical care. Nursing has always been ripe with opportunity, and that will continue.

Salaries are an issue, too. Nursing salaries start out well, $35,000 to $38,000, but don't increase significantly. More career enhancement incentives are needed for nurses to explore advanced positions within the profession. There's also a need for mentoring, experienced nurses helping younger nurses.

Better communication between schools that prepare nurses and hospitals, clinics and other care facilities that hire them will help ensure that nurses are properly trained to do the work that must be done.

Resources must be allocated to allow nurses to spend more time balancing wellness care with monitoring illness. Nurses can teach patients how to take better care of themselves – preventative medicine is the best medicine – but they often don't have the time.

High school might be too late to talk about careers in nursing. High-paying, high-tech jobs have the competitive edge. Work must be done at the junior high level to attract a new generation.

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LETTERS

Factors favor term limits

There was a cartoon in the June 8 Eccentric that implied that term limits were nothing more than the same old faces, but obviously just changing from one chair to another.

In spite of the continual barrage to repeal term limits in our state, I believe that time will prove its necessity and importance. This is a factor not yet recognized at the national level, but again it is hoped that time will eventually see it become a reality.

Although the importance of term limits is always open to satire, there are nevertheless many factors in its favor:

■ Being in public office too long breeds arrogance.

■ Salaries and perks today are of such a nature as to inculcate a heavy desire to stay in office.

■ The continual campaigning for election funds while in office has been a deterrent to effective representation to all but the special interest groups. It minimizes the time spent for devising ways of getting re-elected and furthering their own public careers.

■ By the nature of the position of public office, incumbents can effectively develop a political machine as well as a war chest which is too difficult for new aspirants to equal.

■ A limited tenure encourages the office holder to remember that his or her justification for existence is to uphold the Constitution and the rules of order.

■ A limited tenure discourages bribery as well as making the incumbent less vulnerable to bribes.

■ A limited tenure incumbent will not be intimidated as much by the polls or tempted as much by the moneyed lobbyists.

■ It would encourage real and active reform where needed since the coterie of lawyers and lobbyists would have less sway.

■ It would be an automatic and continual blood transfusion into a state Legislature or a Congress which too often has one foot in quicksand and the other in a bear trap.

■ Increasing their own wages and perks would cease to dominate their agenda since there would be enough resistance in the ranks from those on their way out.

■ They would be in office only long enough not to have lost touch with reality and the outside world.

■ The tenure is short enough that it doesn't give them the time necessary to learn how to use your money to build buildings with their names on it.

■ People new to the game will have more tendency to regulate the regulators.

■ Term limits would most likely have kept our Congress from becoming the largest extortion machine on the planet.

■ Term limits would minimize the risk of paternalism, which appears to be a common disposition of the career politician.

■ It is reasonable to believe that a whole political party would not have prostituted itself to save a scoundrel, if about one third of them were up for term limits.

■ A limited period of time does not give them a sufficient period of time to bloat their staffs.

■ With a limited period in the Legislature, there is strong reason to believe that in the cases of tough and necessary legislation principle will outweigh political risk.

■ With term limits, we will find that there will be more individuals with definitive goals and laudable convictions.

For those who are constantly bemoaning the fact that we need experienced legislators in order to effectively govern it is well to keep in mind that this is exactly what we have had and take a look at the result.

What we need are inexperienced people who are fresh with the energy to represent their constituents and who have not as yet learned the loopholes and pathways of how to further their political careers and/or circumvent our Constitution.

There are many more compelling reasons but possibly the best eulogy for their abysmal track record was written by Canadian publisher Margaret Murray in 1981 when she wrote that, "Governments are like underwear; they start smelling pretty bad if you don't change them once in a while."

George M. Haddad
Franklin

Up in smoke

The "smoking or non-smoking" option for restaurant seating is at best a superficial accommodation that fails to respect the health of patrons and employees.

Ventilation systems are unable to remove the tiny harmful components of environmental tobacco smoke that remain suspended in air for an extended period of time. The recirculated smoke-contaminated air fills the lungs of every restaurant occupant.

The public should not be expected to compromise health and well-being for the convenience of dining out.

Albert Zack
Farmington Hills

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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Couples, gay and straight, should avoid public displays of affection



JAIME GREEN

Eight years ago my parents started the tradition of going to Cedar Point on Father's Day. In the early years my parents and I didn't know that it is also Gay and Lesbian Pride Day, but on Father's Day 2000 you couldn't mistake it.

Everywhere you looked there were guys holding hands with other guys, or two girls kissing. It seemed like a different culture had emerged. It was awkward watching this happen because in Clarkston you don't ever see these things. I felt like I was seeing a foreign film with English subtitles.

Our society is so close-minded that it takes a pride day for us to be smacked in the face with this ever-so-prominent reality.

I have to admit that I was very uncomfortable when we entered the park. After being sheltered for so long, I was thrown into a whirlwind of homosexuality. My parent's friends and my family were all standing in line for the Millennium Force when a dance contest began. Two guys started to dance very provocatively together in line. Some might call it bumpin' and grindin', or freak dancing.

Comments soon followed. We heard everything from, "Do we have to pay for the show?" to "Can we get a refund?" to "Look at them go!"

We had preconceived notions of homosexuals. But honestly, at the end of the day, we couldn't tell who was straight and who was gay unless we saw couples hugging or kissing. Two girls kissing at the end of the day didn't faze me as much as it did earlier that morning.

I took Law & Society as an elective class at Clarkston High this year. One assignment was a current event regarding the pending gay marriage allowance in Vermont. The views of the juniors and seniors in that class proved that society isn't ready for homosexual behavior.

Some students believed that homosexuality is only a form of expression that should be considered a marriage because there isn't an amendment or anything that prohibits it. Nothing directly says it's illegal so what's the big deal? Then there were other students who thought that it was wrong. Comments such as "God created Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve" were heard.

In school we have codes of conduct about PDA (Public Display of Affection). We are being sheltered from kissing and "messing around" at the high school level. What about the children at Cedar Point? That is a family place. Parents have been taking their kids there since it was built. My dad still remembers being afraid of the Blue Streak, whereas today we fear the 300-foot Millennium Force drop!

What message are we giving to children who don't know the facts, controversies or amendments? They don't know about equality or the Bill of Rights. All they know is what their parents teach them.

I'm not just talking about seeing gay people or straight people; I'm talking about respect for others. The comments affect the thoughts of today's youth. I formed my own views based upon what I have heard from adults, movies, books and school. If people were considerate of each other, maybe we wouldn't be so incredibly sheltered and we would be more willing to accept another lifestyle.

I honestly don't think that being gay is really the issue. I think that the show of affection is the problem in society. If you want to be gay be gay; if you want to be straight be straight.

Whether you are gay, straight or in-between, get a room. People don't want to see your PDA.

Jaime Green is a student at Clarkston High School, where she has worked on the school newspaper.

MEAP scores show reform's working



PHILIP POWER

Michigan fifth and eighth graders across the board improved their scores in the MEAP tests for science, writing and social studies, according to scores released last week.

More significant is the long-term trend. By and large, scores are far higher than they were when the MEAP test became the instrument of choice for assessing student performance. Interestingly, some of the biggest gains have come from districts that Lansing is now considering for takeover, such as Hamtramck and Inkster.

Various authorities greeted the report with enthusiasm. Local school officials say it's because teachers and teaching methods are improving.

State school authorities say the school system is finally beginning to make real progress in reform. Gov. John Engler, who directed the takeover of the Detroit schools, says it's because schools are realizing the governor is serious.

Whatever. When the news is good, everybody is entitled to take a chunk of the credit.

Although it's tough to do and takes a long time, reforming the public schools is not rocket science. Reformers proposed a sensible model for improvement years ago. First, you decide what kids are supposed to learn at various grades while they are in school. Second, you assess what in fact kids do learn; in Michigan, that's called the MEAP. Third, you release these scores — district by district, school building by school building — to the public so as to ensure accountability. Fourth, you demand that schools respond to the results by improving teaching methods and materials. Fifth, you make it clear that you are resolute in staying on the path of reform.

The main point to seize firmly — especially right now, before all the pro- and anti-voucher propaganda hits — is that the school reform model is working in Michigan. Kids are learning more, virtually across the board.

That's very, very good news.

It's important to realize that most of our schools were not so bad to start with and have improved considerably over the past decade. The districts with real problems have been the very urban and the very rural. In the case of urban districts like Detroit, where the outrageous politics of school governance got in the way of good schools, drastic measures like the state takeover appear to be yielding results. Remote rural districts, where geographic isolation limits resources of all kinds, a technology fix such as increased reliance on computers and the Internet may offer hope.

State Board of Education president Dorothy Beardmore, one of the unsung heroes of school reform in Michigan, is delighted. "What these scores show is that standards-based education reform works because it makes sense to specify what kids should know at various stages in their education career," she says.

"All this goes back a long way," Beardmore continues. "It started in 1991 when we established model curriculum outcomes. In 1995, we established standards. We worked on the MEAP test and gradually turned it into an accurate assessment of what kids learn. And now we're starting to see some real progress as all this trickles into every classroom in Michigan."

Beardmore's right. To improve an entire school system in a state as big as Michigan doesn't happen overnight. "People are beginning to figure they might as well get on board because standards-based education reform is not going to go away," she says. "Some years ago, people in the legislature were talking about abolishing the MEAP test, but you don't hear much about that anymore."

In fact, the numbers of pupils taking the MEAP are going up, evidently in large part because of Gov. Engler's bright idea of linking success on the junior year MEAP to a $2,500 Merit Award scholarship to college. Starting in the 2000-2001 school year, eighth graders can earn additional awards by scoring well on the MEAP.

A small irony amidst all this encouraging news: Folks at the State Board of Education have yet to receive the official MEAP scores report.

Administrative responsibility for the MEAP was transferred from the State Board to the Department of the Treasury last year. Beardmore learned about the current results by reading the newspapers.

Maybe the next step in school reform should be to tidy up some bureaucratic organization charts so the right hand knows what the left hand is doing.

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They're having a grand old time with 'You're a Grand Old Flag'



JUDITH DONER BERNE

I didn't know, walking into an assisted living residence in Birmingham, that the event I was attending would end up as an appropriate column for the Fourth of July.

It didn't dawn on me until I sat down to write about it. First, this is one of the 20 American House senior living residences. And the logo on the press release that originally drew me to the event is red, white and blue and centers on a flag.

Next, the director of life enrichment services, Sandy Roney-Hays greets me wearing a red, white and blue striped hat, a navy dress, and red and white spectator pumps. It happened to be Flag Day.

Last, *You're a Grand Old Flag* is sung, resung, and sung again. Let me tell you why.

Every other Wednesday evening, right after dinner, Roney-Hays draws about 15 residents — about a third of the people who live there — into the living room to explore what was meaningful in people's lives during the 20th Century.

Roney-Hays, whose background is in sociology and anthropology, teaches at Livonia's Schoolcraft College. For the past six years, she has also worked in geriatrics. "My whole goal to build relationships and make it substantive," the Southfield resident says. "It really is peer education." Last week, in preparation, she had 74 books out of the library. "I know I'm learning," she offers.

"Sandy tries to create a context for discussion," adds Julie Gandler, a spokeswoman for American House. "She is trying to do it as a peer leader, so they can share. It's working. I can hear it (during conversation) in the dining room."

They've taken it chronologically, decade by decade, and this evening they're up to the 1940s — an era dominated by the patriotism inspired by World War II. It turns out to be a particularly important decade in most of their lives.

As we go around the room, we learn that Helma Sanna was married in the '40s. So were Marian and Hugh Burnham, Margie Olsen, whose husband, Merritt, owned the former Olsen's Market in Birmingham, had two daughters by then. Margaret Irwin had four daughters, one who now lives in Bloomfield Township. Ed Koran, a native Detroiter, was born in the late '40s, and Marjorie Green, a 34-year resident of Birmingham, was a teenager.

"I was in the WACS (Women's Army Corps) in the '40s, and my husband was in the service," Ouida Pfankuch shares, passing around a photograph of a young couple in uniform.

"I married in 1940," Ruth Brown says. "I was in the Navy working in a diesel engine plant and my mother was working there, too."

That prompts Roney-Hays to ask what they remembered about Rosie the Riveter, a symbol of women who, in the '40s, took over the jobs of the men who went to war. "Women working changed society forever," she advances.

"We came out of the kitchen and we wouldn't go back," chimes in Sanna, an historical fiction buff.

Most has something to say. In fact, Nancy McCuen, another longtime Birmingham resident, comes armed with extensive research on each era. Roney-Hays gets immediate answers when she asks who teenagers of that day most admired, according to a *Life* magazine survey. FDR, MacArthur, Lincoln, Roy Rogers, Joe DiMaggio, Babe Ruth, are some correct answers. So are Doris Day, Clara Barton and Florence Nightingale.

"It would be interesting to see who they admire today," Sanna wonders aloud.

The most universal response comes when Roney-Hays brings up the songs of the era: *Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree With Anyone Else But Me . . . As Time Goes By . . . White Cliffs of Dover . . . That Old Black Magic.* They have no need for the song sheets Roney-Hays has run off, but failed to collate.

By far the biggest hit is *You're a Grand Old Flag*, which Roney-Hays tells them was written in 1906, but revived in the patriotic fervor of World War II. (I discovered that it originally was called *You're a Grand Old Rag*, but objections from patriotic societies prompted composer George M. Cohan to change the title.)

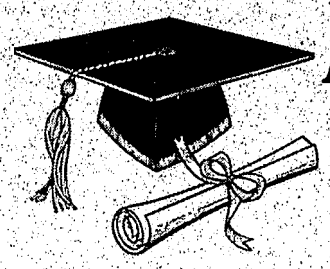
They sang it once. Then someone started it up and they sang it again. Then a few minutes later it was sung for a third time. "Sometimes we get hold of something and it's hard to get out of it," Roney-Hays narrates. It's the best part of the evening. It's the sound of patriotism and community and a shared past.

"In the '40s, times were hard. There was no money. People got together and sang," reports Plankuch. Here at the turn of the century, there's lots of money. People get together, but do they sing?

As we sit around our picnic tables this Fourth of July weekend, I wonder whether joining in patriotic song might give us a greater sense of community and a shared future.

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SHAWN SPRY

All is not quiet with a rodent in the house

It was midnight. All was quiet in the house. Everyone was sleeping, all except the mouse. Okay, it's really a hamster. But it's still a rodent.

If you know as much about hamsters as I did before owning one, then you'll be surprised to find that they are nocturnal.

Reality bit me the night I showed up on our doorstep with her. And after three months of being the mother of a hamster owner, my secret desires for her destiny almost came true tonight as she escaped in our basement.

Let me start at the top. In the beginning, we met a dog named Dylan — a sweet, adorable beagle that needed a good home. My husband surprised me by dropping him in my lap at our first child's baby shower. I was obviously naive about parenting if I thought I could raise a dog and a daughter at the same time.

Two years and countless carpet cleanings later, it was apparent that Dylan's goal in life was to turn our relatively clean and odorless home into a hairy, smelly one.

Upon becoming pregnant with our second child, it became imperative that Dylan have new owners.

Thankfully, my husband found the unsuspecting new owners at his work. Three months before our son was born, Dylan left us. I'll admit I was sad and still fondly reminisce about the dog that snorted like a pig with his nose to the ground whenever we would try to take him on a walk.

Little did I know that my then-2-year-old daughter would have formed such a bond with her pet that to this day the name "Dylan" brings tears to her eyes. So it's easy to see how her puppy dog eyes guilted me into our next pet acquisition — Zippity.

As soon as I agreed that she could

Please see SPRY, B2

Day camp

Kids have fun, learn close to home

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER
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What's summer for a kid without a chance to go to camp?

Independence Township provides that experience for local children.

Mike Stefanski directs these various camps. A social studies teacher and coach at Clarkston High School during the school year, he's been in charge of the camps for three years now.

He garnered his camp knowledge working as a township camp counselor in his younger days.

Camp began this week. Sessions continue until Aug. 18.

"We're offering sessions throughout the summer at very reasonable prices," he said. "Last summer we served more than 550 children."

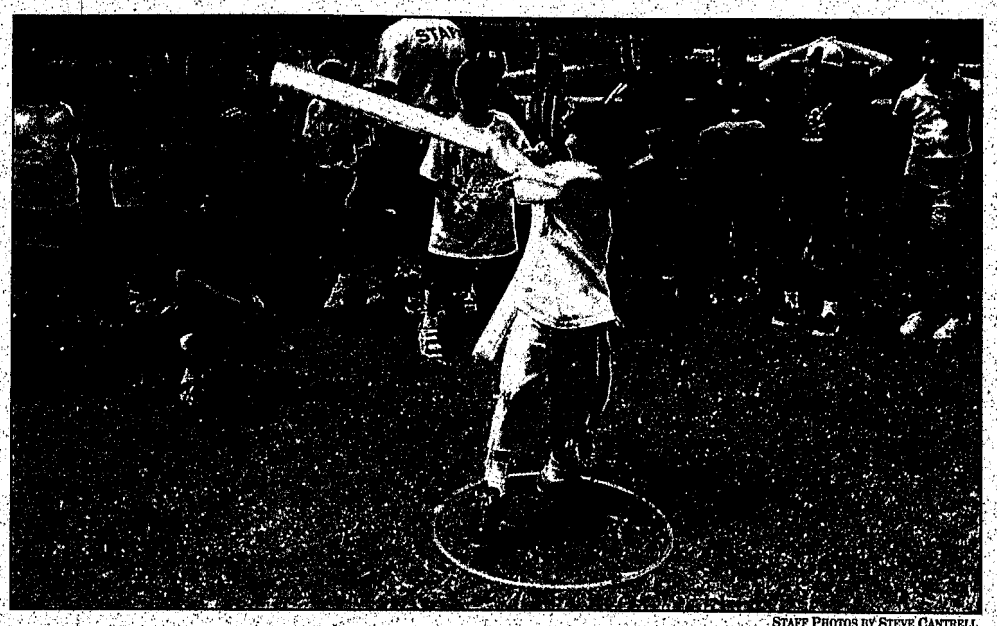
He said he's really proud of the counselors who work at the camps.

"We have five supervisors and 30 counselors. They are the best," he said. The counselors are mostly college students.

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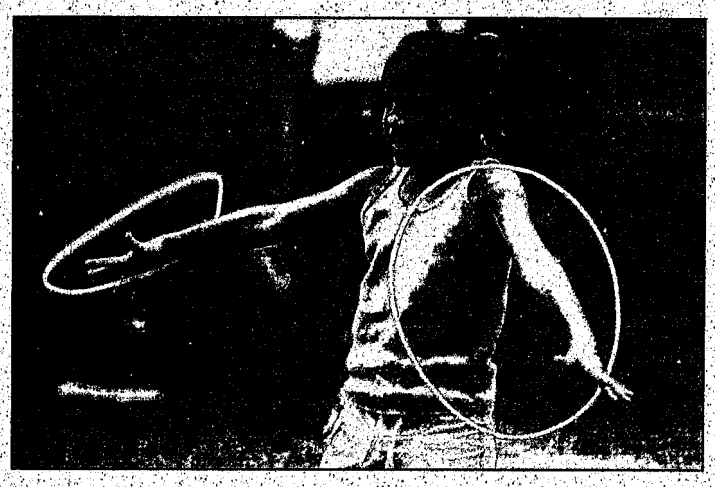


What skills! *Andrew Lange reacts after making a great throw in a scoop ball game.*



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Summer games: *Nick Kucher plays the clothes-pin Samurai game with his camp mates.*





Takes talent: *Andrea Butler (above) keeps two hula hoops going at once. Junior camp counselor Josh Melvin (right) tries to get a hula hoop out of a tree.*

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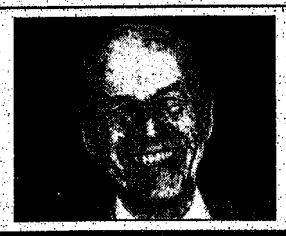
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REV. ROGER CAMPBELL

We've long been warned about the danger of becoming workaholics. Now a study of thousands of men and women over an eight-year period reveals it may be equally dangerous to be a loafaholic.

This study confirmed the value of exercise in keeping the heart healthy but also surprised many by showing that staying active cuts down on other diseases (even cancer) and evidently lengthens life.

What next?

Perhaps a warning label on easy chairs: "Becoming a couch potato may be hazardous to your health."

Life is too short to waste and shorten further by catering to our tendencies to non-involvement. There are things to do for which each of us is more fitted than anyone else. So let's get busy, making the most of opportunities to work, play, serve and be involved in the adventure of living.

Bible heroes were men and women of action.

Consider Moses facing Pharaoh, producing plagues, dividing the Red Sea while leading his people through the wilderness to the Promised Land. And all this after he was 80 years old. He was some senior citizen.

A study of the Psalms reveals David to have been a man who lived 60 minutes of every hour. His moods and experiences take one from the tops of the mountains to the depths of the valleys and back again.

Sometimes he was sobbing and sometimes singing. There were times of triumph and times when he seemed to be hanging on for dear life. But in both devotion and duty, he clearly gave his all.

Paul pictured himself an athlete in the true sense of the word.

Outwardly, he didn't fit that image, being short and near-sighted, but he seized each day to use it for the glory of God. He said he was busy "redeeming the time" and urged others to do the same.

Our Lord was the greatest example of one who gave himself completely to every task. Wherever He went the mundane became miraculous. Everyday contacts were recognized as divine opportunities. Common sights became teaching tools: shepherds and their sheep, sowers and their seed, vines and branches. He had time for children, for the poor, for the sick and sorrowing.

Follow Him through Samaria on His way to Jerusalem and you will find Him talking to a troubled woman beside a well, addressing Himself to her deepest needs. Though tired, hungry and thirsty, He was more concerned about her weary heart and thirsty soul than His own fatigue.

To the amazement of His disciples, He was unwilling to rest or eat until He had ministered to her and her many friends who responded to her invitation to come out from the nearby city to hear and believe.

Place Him on a cross. Crucify a criminal on either side of Him. By now you will have concluded there is nothing more He can give. But if you listen carefully, you will hear Him guarantee paradise to a dying thief, making the most of the moment again.

Wise Solomon said we ought to live fervently, advising: "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might." (Ecclesiastes 9:10). No holding back, no making excuses.

The Bible calls for an active intense life. Now medical science has caught on and agrees. In obeying both, we're sure to find life more fulfilling. And we may even live longer.

The Rev. Roger Campbell is an Independence Township resident and author of more than 20 books. His radio program, Higher Ground, is on WUFL-AM at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sundays.

ENGAGEMENT



Jennifer Dahl of Clarkston had an addition to her graduate garb during Lawrence Technological University's recent commencement exercises at Cobo Center — an engagement ring.

Dahl and Kevin Rockwell of Mt. Morris met as freshmen at Lawrence Tech in 1995 in Professor Jerry Crist's chemistry class and were among the 750 in the Lawrence Tech's class of 2000.

They are both mechanical engineering graduates and plan to wed Sept. 16.

Camp *from page B1*

Mike Melvin agrees. He's the father of Joshua, 15, and Jacob, 8. The boys have been attending camp since the family moved to Independence from Bloomfield Hills about five years ago.

Joshua is too old to attend the camps as a camper so he works for them as a junior counselor.

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Mike Melvin
— Father of two campers

A psychologist and certified teacher, Melvin said he's always concerned that people watching his children are focused on children.

"The counselors are always making sure the children are having an entertaining time and a learning time," he added. "They supervise them carefully and do a great job."

Here are the day camps offered by Independence Township:

■ Pee Wee Camp: Ages 4-5. 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. One-week sessions. Bay Court Park. Cost: $30 a week for residents.

■ Clintonwood Camp, Bay Court Camp. Two-week sessions. For students entering first through fifth grades next school year. Camp includes field trips and swimming at the beaches. Cost: $120 for residents.

■ Discovery Camp: Two-week sessions. For students entering sixth through eighth grades next school year. Includes field trips. Cost: $120 for residents.

Before and after care and drop-in availability can be arranged.

In addition to camps, the township is also offering a Play It Safe program for children ages 4 and 5. This program stresses safety and uses miniature life-like roads and towns to teach such fundamentals as bus, bicycle and road safety.

This is a one-session program from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 3 p.m. July 10-28. Cost: $90 for residents. Friday is the deadline for registration.

Anyone wanting more information on the camps should call Independence Township Parks and Recreation at (248) 625-8223.

Spry *from page B1*

take home this distant cousin of the rat family from a friend's, I knew there would be trouble. My husband's jaw fell open when we showed him the mini-mouse. He was a bit suspect when he learned it was pregnant, and that my midwife had passed it off on us. "Shouldn't she keep her, at least until after the birth—and weaning?"

Little Zippity never did end up having babies, but she has made us labor since the night we brought her home. She wasn't content to sit politely in her halfway-house box on top of the fridge. When my husband returned from a midnight hamster supply run at the local 24-hour thrifty acre store, he found the box empty.

We both knew that our daughter's mental and emotional health depended on us finding Zippity.— or running back out to the thrifty acre store and buying a lookalike. As fate would have it, she didn't perish from the 5-foot fridge fall. We found her cowering in the corner of the kitchen.

Since then, she has done little except rattle her cage a bit and require daily feeding and watering. Of course, as soon as the novelty wore off for her 5-year-old owner, Mom and Dad became the hamster keepers. (Uh, by the way Dad, if you're reading this...Zippity needs her cage cleaned.)

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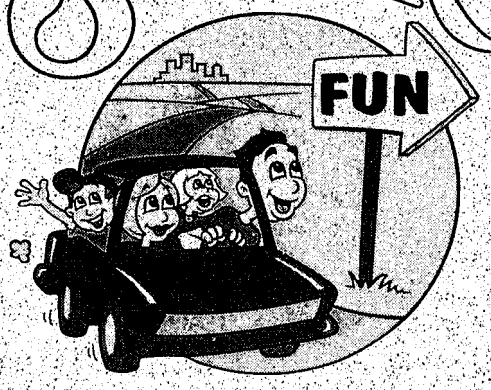
So tonight, as I sat clicking away at the computer I realized that the small spherical toy I had put Zippity in to run off some energy sat motionless. She had escaped! Yes! She had escaped. No.

Was I happy or sad? How would I tell my daughter that her precious Zippity was lost in the labyrinth of boxes in our basement? Could she ever recover from a second pet loss? I pondered the possibilities. To tell her or not to? Maybe she wouldn't notice.

My dilemma was shortly solved as I saw a small furry creature scurry past my feet under the desk. She was cornered, captured and returned. I sighed. If only these pets came in self-service, daytime models. If only children didn't want them so badly.

Shawn Spry is a Waterford resident and freelance writer. Carolyn Walker will return July 13.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 29

TRAVELING MUSIC SHOW LUNCHEON & BAKE SALE
Join Springfield Township Parks & Recreation, The Young At Heart Senior Citizen Group of Springfield Township and Oakland County Parks & Recreation's Traveling Music Show at Hart Community Center in Davisburg. Lunch will begin at noon, the bake sale will begin at 12:30 p.m. and the music show will begin at 12:45 p.m. and last for an hour. This event is free and for all ages. Lunch is $3 per person and the bake sale prices will vary. (248) 634-0412.

FRIDAY, JUNE 30

PADDLE TO SUNDOWN
7-9 p.m. Canoe Crooked Lake at Independence Oaks County Park, Clarkston, and explore the surrounding wetlands with a guide. A light snack is included in the $2/person plus $3/hour canoe rental fee. Participants can bring their own canoe. Life jackets are mandatory. Pre-registration is required. Call 248-625-6473.

KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE SKY
7:30 p.m. Independence Township Library. The library's Teen Advisory Team is sponsoring The Flying Aces Professional Frisbee Team, an event for all ages . With experience performing in all 50 states, including half-time shows for the Detroit Pistons, Michigan State Spartans, and U of M teams, the Flying Aces outdoor show promises to be a spectacular event. Bring a blanket or lawn chair.

TUESDAY, JULY 4

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Big pancake breakfast from 7-10 a.m. in the Clarkston Masonic Temple, downtown Clarkston. Have your breakfast here before the parade begins at 10 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5

BAN-JO'S OF MICHIGAN
7-9 p.m. A summer concert at the Cohn Amphitheater located next to the nature center at Independence Oaks County Park, Clarkston. Listen to 15 banjos strum favorite tunes. Cost is $2.50/person. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the nature center. Pre-registration is not required. Call 248-625-6473.

THURSDAY, JULY 6

WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP
7 p.m. Independence Township Senior Center in Clintonwood Park on Clarkston Road. The topic is "Suicide — Help for Those Left Behind." It is hosted by Alicia Brown MA, LPC. This is on a walk-in basis. There is no charge and no pre-registration is required. For men and women recently widowed of all ages. Refreshments will be served. All area residents welcome. For more information or to be on the mailing list, call the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home at (248) 625-5231.

THURSDAY-SATURDAY, JULY 6-8

GARAGE SALE
The Clarkston Schools Instrumental Music Association is holding a garage sale in the Clarkston High School Student parking lot. Hours are 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 9 a.m.-noon Saturday. Please come and support the high school students who will travel to London in December to perform in the Lord Mayor of Westminster's New Year's celebration. For more information or to donate items, contact Susan Bartley at (248) 391-3036 or the web site at nanners@tir.com.

SATURDAY, JULY 8

JR. LIFEGUARD DAY
8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mill Pond Park Beach in downtown Davisburg. Springfield Township Parks and Recreation will offer children ages 9 years and up an opportunity to learn emergency water safety and practice it through the use of lifeguard rescue equipment. Cost is $25 per person. Participants are required to bring a bathing suit and towel. Each participant will receive a T-shirt, whistle and lunch. Registration is required by July 6. (248) 634-0412.

OLD-FASHIONED GAMES
2-4 p.m. Green Lake Park, located on the corner of Northbay and Foster roads. Raindate will be Saturday, July 15. Activities include three-legged, egg on a spoon, potato sack and wheelbarrow races, egg toss and much more. This program is free and for all ages. Pre-registration is required by Thursday, July 6. (248) 634-0412.

MONDAY, JULY 10

TENNIS LESSONS
Mill Pond Park in downtown Davisburg. In cooperation with the U.S.A. Tennis Association, Springfield Township Parks & Recreation will offer tennis lessons for children ages of 4-17. Session No. 2 runs from Monday, July 10, to Wednesday, July 19. Classes are held on Mondays and Wednesdays only. All participants will receive a U.S.A. Tennis T-shirt and tennis rule book. Black-soled shoes are not permitted. Participants are required to bring their own tennis racquet. Pre-registration is required. For times, prices and more information, call (248) 634-0412.

SWIM LESSONS
Springfield Township Parks & Recreation will offer swim lessons at Mill Pond Park Beach in Davisburg for ages 5 and up. Session No. 2 begins on Monday, July 10, and runs through Friday, July 21. Session No. 3 begins on Monday, July 24, and runs through Aug. 4. On the first day of each session, all participants are to arrive at 9 a.m. They will be assessed by a certified American Red Cross water safety instructor according to the American Red Cross Learn to Swim Program (Level 1 -9) and then given time slots depending on their ability. Fridays will be used as fun days. Activities are designed to stimulate interest and motivate participants to learn. If your child has had swim lessons in the past, please bring his or her certificate with them the first day of class. Pre-registration is required. For prices and more information, call (248) 634-0412.

AQUA TOTS SWIM PROGRAM
Springfield Township Parks & Recreation will offer the aqua tots swim program at Mill Pond Park Beach in Davisburg for ages 3-5. Session No. 2 begins on Monday, July 10, and runs through Friday, July 21. Session No. 3 begins on Monday, July 24, and runs through Friday, Aug. 4. Swim times will be announced at a later date but will be between 9 a.m. and noon. Classes last for 30 minutes. An adult must accompany each child in the water during the lesson. Pre-registration is required. (248) 634-0412.

MONDAY-FRIDAY, JULY 10-14, JULY 17-21, JULY 24-28

CAMP FIRE BOYS AND GIRLS DAY CAMP
Independence Oaks, Clarkston. Boys and girls 1-8 grades. Adventure Bound July 10-14, Jungle Safari July 17-21, Oweki Olympics July 24-28. Extended hours are available at Independence Oaks for working parents. Financial aid is available for low-income families. Opportunities for camp counselors. For more information: (248)618-9050, web site: www.comnet.org/campfirenoc

FRIDAY, JULY 14

KAYAK LESSONS
Instructor Dolores Hunter, in cooperation with Springfield Parks & Recreation, will teach children ages 9-14 the fun and easy sport of kayaking at Mill Pond Park in downtown Davisburg. Session No. 2 will be held noon to 1 p.m. Friday, July 14, and Friday, July 21. Cost is $25.00 per person. Children must be able to swim and must provide their own sun protection, swimsuit, towel and water sandals. Lifejackets, kayaks and paddles are provided. Pre-registration is required by Wednesday, July 12. (248)634-0412.

BATS, BATS, AND MORE BATS
1-2 p.m. Indian Springs Nature Center, in cooperation with Springfield Parks & Recreation, will be at Hart Community Center in downtown Davisburg to talk about bats, bats, and more bats. This program is free and for all ages. Pre-registration is required by Wednesday, July 12. (248) 634-0412.

THURSDAY-FRIDAY, JULY 15-16

SUMMERFEST OF ANTIQUES
9 a.m. to 5 p.m., 6400 Pine Knob Road between Waldon and Clintonville Road. Annual event sponsored by Pour Mary's. Several dealers will be showing antiques including crocks, quilts, glassware, furniture, primitives, toys. There will also be a lunch. For information or dealer space, call (248) 391-0094.

MONDAY-FRIDAY, JULY 17-21

OUTBACK EXPEDITION
Outback Expedition is the theme of this year's Vacation Bible School at St. Trinity Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston. Times are 9 a.m. to noon. The program is geared for ages 4 through sixth grade. For more information or to register, call 625-4644. Come and celebrate God's family with exciting Bible stories, crafts, games, snacks, songs,and more.

SATURDAY, JULY 22

FAMILY FUN DAY & RUBBER DUCK RACE
Noon to 6 p.m. Mill Pond Park in downtown Davisburg. Sponsored by Springfield Township Parks & Recreation, this program is for all ages. Admission to the event is free. It is $3 for each Rubber Duck Race entry or six for $15. There will be a wide variety of activities for all ages including a "Chalk It Up" sidewalk chalk contest, a beach obstacle course for children, and traveling music show "Singsation." Proceeds will benefit the Springfield Township Parks & Recreation Young At Heart Senior Citizen Group. Pre-registration is encouraged. (248) 634-0412.

THURSDAY, JULY 27

SPRAYMASTERS WATER SKI SHOW
7 p.m. Big Lake in Davisburg. The Spraymasters Water Ski Club and Show Team will dedicating a performance as a fundraiser for Springfield Township Parks & Recreation. Maps are available at the Parks & Recreation office. Tickets are $2 per person and will be for sale at the event. Pre-registration is encouraged. (248) 634-0412.

SATURDAY, JULY 29

KAYAK TOUR
Instructor Dolores Hunter, in cooperation with the Springfield Parks & Recreation, will offer a kayak tour for individuals age 15 years and up 10 a.m. to noon around Big Lake in Davisburg. Cost is $20 per person. Participants must be able to swim and must provide their own sun protection, swimsuit, towel and water sandals. Lifejackets, kayaks and paddles are provided. Pre-registration is required by Thursday, July 27. (248) 634-0412.

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY, AUG. 28-30

MATURE DRIVER WORKSHOP
Colombiere Conference Center, 9075 Big Lake Road, Clarkston, in cooperation with Independence Township Senior Center and the Traffic Improvement Association is sponsoring a Mature Driver's Workshop. For times and cost, call Joan Rich at (248) 334-4971 or Margaret Boutos at (248) 625-8231.

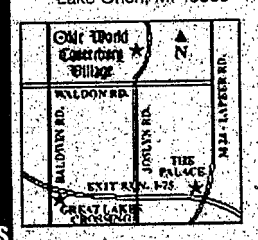
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LET'S MEET
Single white female, 25, 5'9", full figured, brown hair and eyes, enjoys clubs, shooting pool, hockey and more. Seeking a single male, 25 to 34, with similar interests, for possible relationship. BOX 13353

ROMANTIC AT HEART
Single white female, professional, in early 40's, 5'4", 130 lbs, attractive, slender, enjoys children, movies, garage sales, games, the outdoors and being romantic. Looking for a single male with similar interests, for friendship and possibly more BOX 13385

YOU SHOULD CALL
38 yr old, single white female, no children, animal lover, college educated. Loves the outdoors, fishing, camping, the woods and more. Seeking a single male, around same age, for friendship and more. BOX 13437

FIT THE BILL?
52 yr old, single female, 5'9", red hair and blue eyes. Likes dancing, blues, arts, flea markets, garage sales and more. Seeking a single male who likes the same, for friendship and more. Age and appearance is not important. BOX 13440

THE SIMPLE THINGS
Single female, blonde hair, hazel eyes, late 50's, likes outdoors, laughter, dogs, walking, swimming and more. Seeking a single male, who's honest and enjoys the simple things in life. BOX 13441

LOVE ME FOR ME
20 yr old, 5'3", medium built, single mother, with auburn hair. Looking for a single male, 20 to 30, preferably with a child, that will accept me. BOX 13522

CAN WE TALK?
5'5", medium built, single female, with long blonde hair and blue eyes. I enjoy going to concerts, motorcycles, home cooked meals, and walks in the park. Looking for a single male for good times, friendship, and maybe more. BOX 13528

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
Single white female, 43, 5'11", full figured, enjoys country music, movies and more. Seeking a single male, 45 to 55, with similar interests, for friendship first. BOX 16751

LADY OF CLASS
Divorced, white mother of two, 29, 6', full figured, blonde hair, blue eyes, smoker and social drinker. Enjoys movies, reading, the outdoors, long walks and more. Seeking a single white male, 28 to 35, with similar interests, for possible relationship. BOX 16832

FOR YOUR EYES ONLY!
35 yr old, 5'6", 160 lb, single black female with short brown hair. I enjoy music, darts, shooting pool, and going to concerts. Seeking a single male, 35 to 45, who is honest, humorous, family oriented and has similar interests. BOX 16964

ARE YOU THE ONE?
Single white mother of two, 49, blonde with blue eyes...medium built, employed, enjoys dining, dancing, concerts and more. Looking for a loving, honest male who likes to have a nice relationship. BOX 17002

CALL IF INTERESTED
40 yr old, 5', 115 lb, single mother who enjoys all sports, the outdoors, and more. Looking for a single male with similar interests, who has a positive attitude and a good sense of humor, for friendship first. BOX 20862

TREAT ME RIGHT
18 yr old, single female, looking for a single male with a variety of interests, who knows how to treat a woman. BOX 20868

I'LL BE WAITING
5'5", 110 lb, 32 yr old, single female with light brown hair and blue eyes. I like dancing, fishing, boating, and camping but realize that it all would be much more enjoyable if shared with that one special man who answers this request. BOX 20882

FINAL SOUL MATE
38 yr old, single female, who enjoys children, the outdoors, animals, fishing, and sports. Looking for a single professional male with similar interests. BOX 20898

LET'S HANG OUT
21 yr old, 5'7", single female, with brown hair and blue eyes. Seeking a single white male, 20 to 28, who loves hanging out, the movies, the mall and more, for friendship and more. BOX 13565

SHOOTING STAR
Divorced, white professional female, 5'5", 125 lbs, brown/black hair and eyes, dimples, looks minus 40 and stable. Seeking a divorced, white male, 55 to 60, attractive, 6', stable and a good sense of humor. BOX 31913

SUNSHINE
I am outgoing, friendly, retired professional, white widowed female, 62, 120 lbs with brown hair. Looking for friendship with a single male to enjoy doing fun things together. BOX 36127

QUALITIES
Laughter, romance, love. Are you looking for these? Then call this down river, pretty, young looking, 60 ish, white professional female, 5'1", 140 lbs, non-smoker or drinker, looking for a white male of integrity, 58 plus, who can embrace all of the above as well as a full time commitment to a relationship. BOX 32073

ONE IN A MILLION...
...In Novi. Very attractive, single white female, young looking 50, great shape and figure, 5'4", brunette with brown eyes, seeking very nice looking, single white male, 45 to 55, honest, easy going, non-smoker, no dependents, emotionally and financially secure, for sincere friendship, possible relationship. BOX 35982

I'M THE ONE FOR YOU!
Divorced, black mother of one, 42, 5'4", medium build, non-smoker, attractive, medical professional. Enjoys movies, plays, concerts and quiet times at home. Seeking a well established, single or divorced male, with good character, for a possible long term relationship. BOX 13502

NEW BEGINNINGS
I'm a single white female, 5'8", plus size, blonde hair, blue eyes, 39. Seeking a male who's down to earth, romantic, outgoing and not phony. I am very outgoing and enjoy all aspects of life. Searching for a soul mate and a companion for life. BOX 32067

LARGE AND LOVELY
Single white female, 47, 5'6", 250 lbs, attractive, searching for a single white male, 45 to 54, with values, honesty and humor. I enjoy movies, music, dancing and travel. Waterford area. BOX 35986

LOOKIKNG FOR YOU
Single white female, 37, 5'6", blonde hair, green eyes, college educated, enjoys dancing, music, reading, the outdoors, sports, walks and more. Seeking a single male, 35 to 40, non-smoker, with similar interests, for possible relationship. BOX 13491

GOOD HEARTED MALE
Single white female, 43, 5'4", romantic, affectionate, secure, warm hearted. Seeking white male, medium to large build, 36 to 45, who enjoys music, dancing, dining in and out, movies, sports, going up north, animals and much more. BOX 32068

SEEKS A GOOD MAN
Single white female, 23, 5'6", 125 lbs, seeking a loving, 23 to 30 yr old, non-smoker, over 6', for a possible relationship. BOX 35990

GOOD HEARTED WOMAN
Divorced, white, professional mother of two, 47, who enjoys music, the outdoors and much more, who's attractive, full figured, honest and caring. Seeking single, white Christian female, who's honest and caring, for friendship and a possible relationship. BOX 20815

NEW BEGINNINGS
33 yr old, single mother of two, 5'7", 130 lbs, seeking a single father, 32 to 38, who enjoys fishing, bowling, camping, dining, movies and quiet evenings at home. Friendship first, possibly more. BOX 35992

IS THIS YOU?
38 yr old, divorced, mother of two, honest, easy going, fun loving, down to earth. Seeking a male, 30 to 45, who enjoys the outdoors, fun times and much more, for friendship and a possible monogamous relationship. BOX 20829

VERY PRETTY BLONDE
5'7", 118 lbs, professional, upper 50's, upbeat, with plenty of vigor and spunk. Looking for a professional male counterpart, 60's, for dating first and getting to know each other and hopefully a long term commitment. BOX 35996

HELLO FRIEND
Slender, attractive, intelligent, white female, 54, tall, engaging, ladylike, amiable, warm hearted, eclectic, widowed, smoker, seeks white male, 55 to 69, intelligent, tall, gentlemanly, well spoken, self assured, communicative and a fellow epicurean. BOX 35998

MATERNAL EXPRESSION
Petite, spiritual, very pretty lady, 37. I am kind, charismatic, holistic, positive, passionate and humorous. Loves dancing, dining, theater, nature and quiet times. Seeking 35 to 50, non-smoking, very attractive, spiritual, fun, open minded, established, sensational, tender, gentle man, to make my heart go pitter patter. BOX 35960

ARE YOU LONESOME?
Single, professional, white mother of one, 36, 5'3", 130 lbs, blonde hair and green eyes. Seeking a single, compassionate, white male, 40 to 50, with a sense of humor, for dating and friendship. BOX 35962

CZECH BORN
42 yr old, single mother, red hair and hazel eyes, 25 in spirit and a good 30 in looks. Independent, ambitious, enjoys travel and boating. Seeking someone to grow old with. Great life, love and friends to long term relationship. Absolutely monogamous. BOX 35964

WILD FLOWER
44 yr old, single white professional female, 5'7", auburn/brown hair, seeking spontaneous, outgoing, humorous male, to share life's adventures. Lets discuss our interests. Possible long term relationship. BOX 35970

LADY OF CLASS
50 yr old, Single white female, 5'4", 125 lbs, with brown hair, blue eyes, who enjoys movies, dining out, cooking, sports, music, the outdoors, travel, and weekend getaways. Seeking a single male, with similar interests, for possible relationship. BOX 13384

NEW BEGINNINGS
Divorced white female, red hair, blue eyes, weight proportionate to size. Seeking a single male, 40 to 55, who enjoys movies, dining, and having fun, for a possible long term relationship. BOX 33656

CLASSIC ROMANCE
50 yr old, single female, 5', believes in romance, likes music, dancing, classic cars, country life and simple pleasures. Seeking a kind, sincere, single or divorced male, 42 to 60, non-smoker with similar interests for a long term monogamous relationship. Down River area. BOX 14471

TREAT ME RIGHT
Single white mother, intelligent, good looking, in good shape. Looking for a traveled fun and adventurous male, 30 to 55, for friendship and maybe more. BOX 16770

BASIC INFORMATION
Single white mother of two, 30, 5'5", 125 lbs, brown hair and eyes, smoker, enjoys reading, camping, the beach and more. Looking for a single male with similar interests, for friendship and possibly more. BOX 13275

LOTS OF ENERGY
I'm a small, cute, young looking, physically fit package with lots of energy. Seeking a single white male, 37 to 43, who is attractive, active and is interested in a possible relationship. I enjoy working out, watching sports, outdoor activities, cuddling, music and much more. BOX 31999

FIT THE BILL?
Widow white female, 55, financially secure, non-smoker or drinker, who enjoys camping, dancing, travel, and much more. Seeking single white male, with similar interests, and more to share, for friendship, possible relationship. BOX 16874

GOLFERS WHERE ARE U
Single white female, 55, young looking, active, down river area, loves to golf, but not ready for the tour. Lots of interests, new adventures. Seeking fit single white male, 5'10" or taller, between, 50 and 60, for conversation, friendship and more. BOX 33652

SPONTANEOUS
White widowed female, 51, 5'3", average and proportionate, enjoys biking, walking, dining, movies, good books, also an animal lover. Looking for a white male, 48 to 55, for friendship, maybe long term. BOX 36123

THINKING OF YOU
Single female, who's honest, positive and motivated. Looking for a single honest, caring male, who's college educated, for friendship and possibly more. BOX 16892

HARD TO FIND
60 yr old, white widowed female, 5'3", brown hair and eyes, non-smoker, non-drinker, enjoys music, long walks, bike riding, movies, bingo, going to church and much more. Looking for a single, white male, 55 to 62 who enjoys life. Must be honest and caring with similar interests. In Down River area. BOX 31909

SINCERE
Pretty, petite, trim, classy, 5'4", 122 lbs, divorced white female with a passion for life and love, seeks a tall, clean cut, handsome, financially secure, fit, romantic gentleman, 55 to 65, to share life's pleasures. Enjoys outdoor activities, dancing dining, theater and much more. BOX 35910

DEEPER IN LOVE
Sincere, fun loving, divorced white female, 37, 5'4", with blonde hair, green eyes, who enjoys sports, dining out, travel, movies, camping, walks, and much more. Seeking single white male, with similar interests, for serious relationship. BOX 13432

SEEKING COMMITMENT
35 yr divorced white female, mother of one, 5'3", blonde hair, blue eyes, about size 18. Been told I am pretty and have a good personality. Smoker, non-drinker, no drugs. Enjoy movies, camping. Seeking a marriage minded man that doesn't drink or do drugs. Down River area. BOX 31940

DATE MATE
Single black female, 38, 5'3", 190 lbs. Seeking down to earth male, 35 plus. No games please. BOX 36139

PRETTY ENTREPRENEUR
54 yr old, Comfortable from Levi's to a floor length gown, 5'4", lots of fun, curvy, beautiful, brown hair and eyes, and spiritual. Enjoys movies, plays, opera, concerts, ballet, boating and swimming. Looking for a Caucasian gentleman, 48 to 75, successful, sincere and kind to complete my life. BOX 36097

DREAMER
Single white female, 45, 5'8", smoker, social drinker, enjoys theater, movies, concerts, romantic evenings and more. Seeking a single female with similar interests, for a possible relationship. BOX 16953

MAKE ME SMILE
Divorced white Christian mother of two, 37, 5'4", 145 lbs, employed, enjoys theatre, museums, reading, nature walks, community events and children. Seeking an honest, goal oriented, intelligent, emotionally fit male, non-smoker, non-drinker with a healthy attitude and good sense of humor. BOX 32040

ATTRACTIVE & CLASSY
Eclectic, slender brunette, enjoys tennis, golf, dancing, boating, gardening, most music, plays and more. Seeking honest, loyal, flexible, fun, romantic, special gentleman, over 50, for friendship, possible relationship. BOX 39105

IF IT'S YOU CALL?
45 yr old, single white female, seeking single male, to share life with, for good conversations, going out, spending quality time together. BOX 13354

FOR COMPANIONSHIP
Widowed, white female, 5'1", 125 lbs, blonde with hazel eyes, active, enjoys traveling, dining out and bike riding. Looking for an honest, fun loving, white male, 65 to 72, for friendship and companionship. BOX 32043

ROMANCE DESIRED
...By pretty, blue eyed blonde, youthful 50's, bright, warm and outgoing, 5'6", 170 lbs, but losing. Searching for a professional, successful, handsome male for friendship, possible relationship. BOX 36111

LIGHT UP MY LIFE
38 yr old, single white female, 5'7", blonde hair, weight proportionate, blue eyes, no children, family oriented. Enjoys horseback riding, swimming, camping and boating. Seeks male, 36 to 40, height and weight proportionate with similar interests. BOX 32045

LOOKING FOR FRIENDS!
Single female, 35, full figure, self-employed, fun loving, looking for a single, white male, without children, 24 to 36, non-smoker, social drinker, for an honest, trustful friendship and companionship. BOX 13342

THE GOOD LIFE
5'6", 140 lb, independent woman, enjoys car shows and racing, camping, bowling, dancing and shooting pool. Looking for a single male, social or non-drinker, 35 to 45. BOX 32047

JAZZ ANYONE
Single, black, Christian mother of two, 21, non-smoker, non-drinker and very independent. Enjoys jazz, the outdoors, plays and concerts. Seeks a single, black Christian male, 25 to 35, non-smoker, non-drinker for a serious relationship. BOX 36109

COMPANION
White widowed, 5'1", 125 lbs, with blonde hair and brown eyes, very active. Enjoys travelling and dining out. Seeking a white male, 65 to 72, for companionship. BOX 32059

WANTED: A GOOD MAN
Single white female, 46, full figured, casual smoker, casual drinker. Seeks very honest, warm male, 48 to 55, to share dinners, movies, concerts and good times. Serious minded men only. BOX 31937

GOOD TIMES HERE
Single white male, 27, 5'11", 230 lbs, brown hair, hazel eyes, smoker, enjoys sports, the outdoors, movies, long walks and more. Seeking a single white female, 21 to 29, with similar interests, for possible relationship. BOX 13305

JUST YOU AND I
Single white male, 34, attractive, 6', 160 lbs, muscular, employed, confident, easy going, good personality and sense of humor, enjoys a variety of things. Seeking a single attractive, white female, 25 to 30, height and weight proportionate, independent, honest with good sense of humor. BOX 13373

BASIC INFORMATION
Divorced father of two, 39, enjoys camping, fishing and bowling. Looking for a single female, 35 to 39, for friendship and possibly more. BOX 13383

BASIC INFORMATION
Single white male, 37, enjoys fishing, going to the beach and more. Looking for a single female with similar interests. BOX 13417

DIAL MY NUMBER
Single white father of one, 5'11", 170 lbs, 37, brown hair and eyes, non-smoker or drinker, enjoys camping, fishing, the zoo, movies and more. Looking for a single, kind, smart female, 25 to 40, who enjoys children, for friendship and possibly more. BOX 13418

SEEKS SPECIAL LADY
I'm a single male, who likes rock-n-roll, dancing, shows cars, swimming, but most of all, it's to meet that special lady to share the rest of my life with together. BOX 13448

BRIGHTEN UP MY LIFE
45 yr old, single white male, non-smoker or drinker, who enjoys parks, the zoo, dining out, good conversations and just about anything. I'm hoping to find a single female, who'll bright up my life. BOX 13485

GIVE ME A CALL
Single male, 54, non-smoker, enjoys good conversations, movies, music, sports, travel, walking, dancing and more. Seeking a single female, 46 to 63, with similar interests, for possible relationship. BOX 16886

ROMANCE IS THE KEY
Single white male, 54, 5'8", 175 lbs, brown hair, green eyes, easy going, honest with a good heart, enjoys boating, movies, dining, dancing, reading, gardening and just being around water. Looking for a single female, height and weight proportionate with similar interests. BOX 16901

A GREAT CATCH
Single white male, 47, 5'8", 200 lbs, enjoys biking, dining out, movies, golf and more. Seeking a single female, with similar interests, for possible relationship. BOX 16930

SIMILAR DELIGHTS
Single father of one, 5'10", 190 lb, with brown hair, baby blue eyes and a medium build. Likes sports, movies, cuddling and hanging out with my friends. Seeking a single female who share similar delights. BOX 16947

ONE OF A KIND
Single white father of one, 45, 5'10", brown hair, green eyes, employed, open, honest, enjoys football, good conversation, family and friends. Looking for a single or divorced female, 30 to 45 with long hair and similar interests. BOX 16952

FRIENDS FIRST
Single father of two, enjoys sports, music and more. Looking for a single female to be friends, hang out and just kick it with. BOX 17006

TALK TO YOU SOON
6'1", divorced white male, with long auburn hair and blue eyes. I enjoy hockey, children, cooking, and more. Looking for a single white female, 27 to 35, for friendship and possibly more. BOX 17010

DR. MILES
Good looking male with glasses. Likes music, sports, dining out, and other varied interests. Nice guy who doesn't want a serious relationship (at least right away.) BOX 36216

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Very kind, respectful, considerate, single white male, 39, 6'5", 246 lbs, with brown hair and green eyes. I enjoy camping, fishing, hiking, anything outdoors, dancing and the movies. Seeking an honest, loyal and loving female who enjoys doing similar things. Children okay. BOX 15466

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...or compulsive shoppers! Down to earth, respectful, romantic, white male, 40's, with gusto and kind face, seeks special sweetheart for possible long term relationship. BOX 35980

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Happiness. Answer this ad, you won't be sorry! Attractive, financially secure, professional, single white male, 40, 6',170 lbs, no dependents. Seeks attractive, single white female, 25 to 45, weight proportional to height. BOX 32071

HONEST
Tall, divorced white male, 6'4", good physical condition, 55, non-smoker, self employed, honest, sincere, sense of humor. I would like to meet a slender lady, 45 to 50, who is easy going with good values, for companionship and possible long term relationship. BOX 35984

LET ME SPOIL YOU
Divorced father of two, 5'8", with dark brown hair and eyes. Likes movies, dining, dancing, traveling, horse back riding and more. Seeking an open, caring, understanding and honest female, who has a sense of humor and would like to be spoiled. BOX 20936

JUST ME
Divorced white male, 6'1", 195 lbs, 28 yrs old, non-smoker, best feature is my heart. Likes concerts, up North, working on my house and spending time with that special someone. Done with the games. Seeking single or divorced, white female, 26 to 32, average built. BOX 35968

RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE
44 yr old, 5'6", athletic, fit, single, Christian male, who likes working out, is seeking an athletic, honest female, who enjoys social activities, going to church, dining out, movies, the beach and more, for a long term relationship. BOX 20937

HONEST MALE
Single white male, non-smoker, social drinker, who enjoys movies, computers, walks, and dining out. Seeking an honest white female, 45 to 55, non-smoker, social drinker, who enjoys to go out for companionship. BOX 32076

A TRUE FRIEND
Single white male, 5'11", physically fit, honest and caring. Enjoys exercising, travel and the outdoors. Seeks single white female, 21 to 32, with similar interests, friendship first, possible long term relationship. BOX 35994

GOOD HEARTED MAN
24 yr old, single white male, 6'3", 250 lbs, athletic build, with brown hair and eyes, clean cut, who enjoys movies, concerts, travel, plays, the outdoors, and sports. Seeking single white female, 21 to 40, with lots of interests, for friendship, good times, and much more. BOX 20775

TEDDY BEAR ON A ...
...HARLEY. Divorced white male, 33, one son, enjoys anything outdoors, cooking, weekend getaways, gardening and motorcycles. Non-smoker, non-drinker. Seeking best friend, partner, white, 28 to 40, non-smoker, with lots of interests. Must enjoy motorcycles. BOX 36000

TAKE A CHANCE
Single white professional Catholic male, 44, no dependents, communicative, humorous, preserving, flexible, 5'8", fit. Seeking single professional white female, emotionally available, 28 to 42, for a happy, healthy relationship. BOX 32062

RUGGED JOCK TYPE
Athletic, muscular, single white male, 41, 6'2", 238 lbs., brown/blue, clean cut, degreed, never married, no dependents with an outgoing personality. Enjoys new activities, outdoors, working out, reading, Las Vegas and quiet nights. Seeks friendly single female, age and area open. BOX 36113

LOVER BOY
44 yr old, single white male, good looking, outgoing, good personality and love children. Seeking a white female, 40 to 50, who likes walks in the park for possible relationship. BOX 36133

OPEN MINDED
28 yr old, divorced, white male, 5'11", 185 lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys bowling, pool and roller blading. Looking for a female, 21 to 35, with similar interests for fun times. BOX 32065

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Divorced white male, 38, 5'7", 110 lbs, brown hair and eyes, believes in honesty, faithfulness, communicating and no games. Enjoys pool, darts, golf, reading and movies. Family oriented, smoker and social drinker. Seeking single female with same beliefs, interests, 30 to 40, height and weight proportionate. BOX 32066

NO CLEVER AD
White divorced male, 50's, with many interests. Seeks kind hearted lady for monogamous relationship. Will answer all. BOX 35972

EASY GOING
Divorced white male, 49, 6'1", 205 lbs, good looking, sincere, down to earth. Enjoy cycling, long walks, physical fitness, movies, theater. Looking for 5'8" plus, attractive, fit, brunette or auburn haired Christian lady with similar qualities, for friendship and maybe more. BOX 32069

LOVE FOREVER
Caring, affectionate, loving, hard working, divorced white male, 53, 5'7", silver fox hair, 170 lb, loves ocean, beaches, spending quality time together. Seeking friendship for monogamous relationship, 40 to 50. BOX 35978

POTENTIAL FUTURE
Single white male, 39, never married, no children, passionate, romantic, employed and a student. Enjoys a wide variety of interests. Seeking a non-smoking, single female, 21 to 45, who likes holding hands, hugs, kisses and cuddling, for friendship and possibly marriage. BOX 31934.

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Affectionate, nice looking, employed, single white male, 50, 5'9", 150 lbs, spiritual, loyal, with many interests including song writing. Non-smoker, occasional drinker, would love to respectfully adore a cute, slender, trustworthy, talented, single white female, who wishes to unite our future as one. BOX 32036

SEEKS SOMONE SPECIAL
Single male, 41, 5'10", 190 lbs, with curly blonde hair, non-smoker or drinker, athletic, who enjoys outdoor activities, going to movies, reading and writing. Seeking a small to petite build, single white female, 35 to 48, non-smoker, social drinker, active, for intellectual conversation. BOX 38117

ARE YOU LONELY?
Single white male, 56, 5'11", 180 lb. Seeking a single white female, 30 to 45, who enjoys dancing, movies, short trips, and quiet evenings at home. I'm a non-smoker, and social drinker. Family oriented. BOX 35974

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Happiness. Answer this ad, you won't be sorry! Attractive, financially secure, professional, single white male, 40, 6', 170 lb, no dependant. Seeks attractive, single white female, 25 to 45, weight proportionate to height, who's happy with who she is. BOX 35976

LOOKING AHEAD
Divorced white male, 5'11", financially secure, professional, 51, who likes exercise, fine dining, theater and travel. Seeks intelligent, attractive single or divorced white female, 40 to 52, who would be good company in all kinds of situations. BOX 36093

CALL ME
49 yr old, single white male, 5'6", 175 lbs, fun loving with a good sense of humor. Seeking single white female, fun loving, for friendship, possibly more. BOX 17012

SOMETHING NEW
Single, white, professional male, 44, 5'8", fit, no dependents, Catholic, communicative, humorous, introspective and persevering. Enjoys biking, jogging, music, movies and much more. Seeking fit, emotionally available, professional, single, white female for a happy, healthy relationship. BOX 36141

SINGLE DAD
45 yr old, divorced white father of one, 5'10", with brown hair, blue eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, dining out, good times, and much more. Seeking single white female, 30 to 46, with lots of interests, for friendship, possible relationship. BOX 13408

BLACK OR HISPANIC
40 yr old, looks 30, divorced white male, 5'9", 175 lbs, brown hair and eyes, attractive, intelligent, physically fit, home owner, with a good job. Seeking a single or divorced, black or Hispanic female, 29 to 35, attractive, intelligent, physically fit with a big heart and great smile. BOX 33653

SUMMER TIME FUN
Good looking, 38, 5'11", trim, loves the outdoors, would appreciate a sweet, slim, gal, to spend summer time fun at my cottage and island. Someone who likes the great outdoors. I can promise you a rose garden. Let's have a garden party. Kids okay. BOX 36135

SERIOUS REPLIES ONLY
Single black non-smoking male, 33, 6'2", 220 lbs, brown hair, eyes and mustache. Enjoys dining out, movies, dancing, music, games and the outdoors. Seeking a single black female, 21 to 37, 110 to 160 lbs, with similar interests, for possible relationship. BOX 16949

WOMAN WANTED
Single white male, 54, 5'10", 175 lbs., not bad looking, good condition, employed homeowner, non-smoker, no dependents, seeks slim, attractive white woman, 40 to 50, in the Westland area. BOX 36137

LOOK NO FURTHER
Single white male, 39, 5'6", enjoys the outdoors and more. Seeking a single female, 35 to 45, with similar interests, for possible long term relationship. BOX 16958

SEEKING SUBSTANCE
Single white male, 45, 5'8", fit with no dependents, non-smoker wants to share music, art, nature, spirituality, humor and love with a single, white female, 29 to 43, who wants a quality relationship. Downriver area. BOX 32046

LET'S MEET
Affectionate, retired, single male, 60, 5'5", blonde hair, blue eyes, likes dining out, movies, walks in the park, watching tv and traveling. Seeking a nice lady, to have some fun with. BOX 36081

MONOGAMOUS
48 yr old, single white male, 6', 180 lbs, who enjoys life, romance, the outdoors, quiet times, and lots more. Seeking single white female, with similar interests, for monogamous relationship. BOX 13447

PLEASE READ THIS...
...If you are 48 to 58, slim, white attractive female, looking for a non-violent, loving, happy go lucky, non-drinking guy. I am 5'9", 175 lbs, attractive, widowed and lonesome, looking for a lifetime relationship. I'll answer your call. Downriver area. No games. BOX 32049

TEACHER
Single white male, 49, 5'9", 150 lbs, seeking a single white female, 44 to 52, who enjoys nature, music and exercise. Non-smoker. Prefer Riverview/Wyandotte area. BOX 32050

SUPER HONEST LOYAL
Handsome, single, white professional male, 38, 5'9", 160 lbs, very fit, half Italian, Catholic. Seeks honest, loving, caring single white female, under 38, slim, no dependent, for fine dining, walks, good conversation, weekend getaways, for one on one long term relationship. BOX 36099

WHAT DO U WANT?
A formula if successful to a rewarding, adventurous, experienced, single white professional male, 62, 6', 175 lbs, seeks a willing, passionate, white professional female to complete the formula. Discreet in Dearborn. BOX 32054

SEEKS COMPANIONSHIP
Bright, decent, desirable, educated, single man, late 60's with many interests. Seeking a decent, desirable woman, 58 to 68. BOX 36125

LOVE TO MEET
48 yr old, 5'11", 215 lb single white male seeking secure lady companion for friendship and possible long term relationship. Looking for petite white or Asian lady, 45 to 50, who enjoys golf, romantic walks, movies, travel and fun times. BOX 36129

FIRST TIME AD
45 yr old, single male, 6', 225 lbs, non-smoker, seeking single female, slender, non-smoker, for friendship. BOX 13425

UNIQUE AND OUTGOING
Single Italian male, 5'9", 172 lbs, engineer, football coach, very physically fit, enjoys family activities, sports, rollerblading, movies, coaching and quiet evenings. Seeking a single, petite, physically fit female, 32 to 40, very active and has similar interests, for friendship and possible relationship. BOX 32057

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JUST A CALL AWAY
Single male, 40's, 5'9", 155 lbs, with dark hair and eyes. Likes dining out, parks, the zoo, the movies, plays, dancing and more. Seeking a single female, 30's to 40's, for friendship and more. BOX 13233

LOOKING FOR YOU
Single white male, 42, 5'11", 215 lb, non-smoker or drinker, enjoys horse races, quiet times, Jazz, movies and more. Looking for a single female with similar interests. BOX 13261

GIVE ME A CALL
Single white male, 68, 5'5", 180 lbs, brown hair and eyes, enjoys boating and more. Seeking a single female, petite with similar interests, for a possible relationship. BOX 13292

TELL ME ABOUT YOU
48 yr old, 5'10", 165 lb, smoker, single white male who lives down the river. I like fishing, holding hands, golfing, dining in or out, and the summer rain...but what are your interests? Give me a call and we can talk. BOX 13504

JUST THE FACTS
37 yr old, single male looking for a single female who is smart. Could that possibly be you? BOX 13525

DESIRES OF THE HEART
Single white male, 34, 5'7", 153 lbs, brown hair and eyes, non-smoker or drinker, well educated, enjoys golf, bike riding, weight lifting and more. Looking for a single or divorced female, with no children, 29 to 35, 5' to 5'9", non-smoker or drinker, family oriented with similar interests. BOX 16471

LOOK NO FURTHER
Single white male, 36, 5'9", 185 lbs, enjoys sports, long walks, quiet evenings at home, trying new things and more. Seeking a single female with similar interests, for possible relationship. BOX 16819

SUMMER FUN
Single white male, 37, 5'9", 185 lbs, blonde hair, hazel eyes. Together with the right person we could enjoy sports, the summertime, the sun and boating. Seeks a single female, 24 to 38, with similar interests, for possible relationship. BOX 16852

WAITING 4 YOU
Divorced white male, 31, 6'1", 208 lbs, height and weight proportionate, enjoys sports and the outdoors. Looking for a single female with similar interests, for friendship and possibly more. BOX 20762

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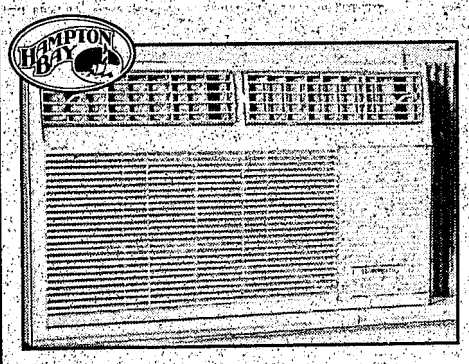
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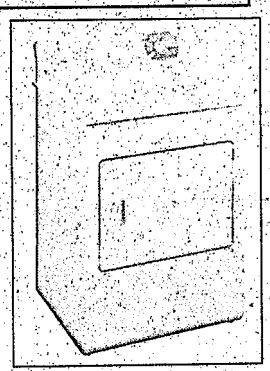
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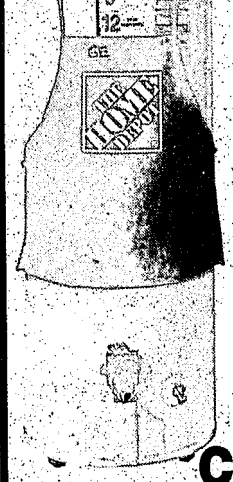
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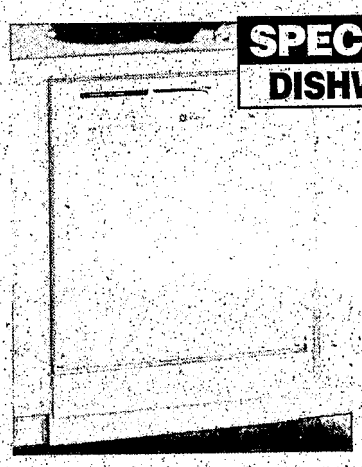


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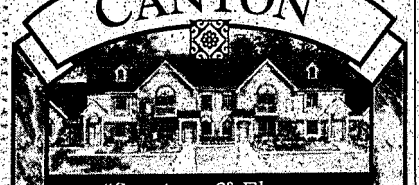
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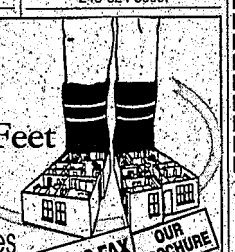
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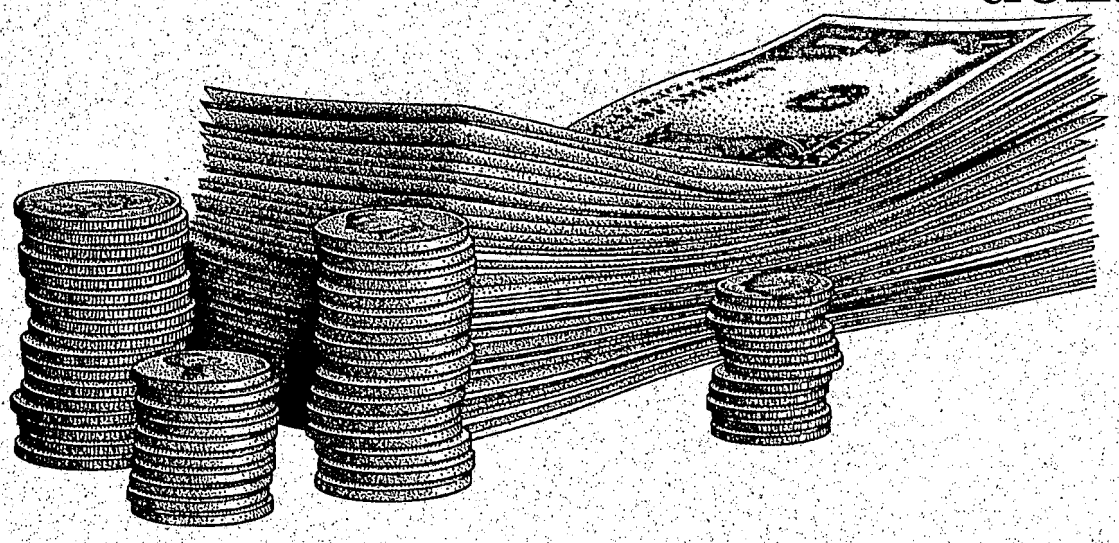
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New funeral home will serve Jewish families

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Making plans: *Alan Dorfman (left) and his son, Jonathan, plan to build a new funeral home in Farmington Hills. It will be the third funeral home in Oakland County to serve the Jewish community.*

For years, people who knew funeral director Alan Dorfman asked him, "Why don't you open your own place?"

Then employed by Hebrew Memorial Chapel, Dorfman finally set out on his own, opening a small business in Berkley. Since 1989, he and his son, Jonathan, have been offering the Jewish community an alternative to the larger Hebrew Memorial and Ira Kaufman chapels.

On Sunday, they took the historical step of breaking ground for the first Jewish funeral chapel to be built in the past 50 years in the Detroit area. Located on 12 Mile Road in Farmington Hills, the 13,000-square-foot Dorfman Funeral Chapel will be more than 13 times the size of their Berkley building.

"All we do now is graveside services," Alan explained. "We use the facilities on the cemetery grounds for the service and then proceed to the grave. Now, families will have the opportunity to hold the service right in the new place, and then we'll either proceed to the cemetery or meet there, which is safer."

With its canopied front entrance and enclosed, outdoor garden, the building will be constructed of limestone, granite and brick. The three-acre site posed some challenges, Jonathan said, but has good access to major roadways.

The Dorfmans chose Farmington Hills because demographic studies showed the community is roughly the center of a Jewish population living in an area from Troy to Walled Lake.

Recent wet weather have made the Dorfmans a little nervous about the planned October completion date. They're looking forward to expanding on more than a decade of providing services to the community during times of greatest need.

The tradition began with Alan, whose family had been in the pharmacy business. His father operated a store at Joy and Quincy roads. Alan would sit at the lunch counter with workers from the Ira Kaufman Chapel and listen to them talk about their work.

He found the field fascinating and decided to make it his life's work. Alan served an apprenticeship with R. Hamilton Co., then began a 27-year career with Hebrew Memorial.

"I enjoyed working there, but there's nothing like being your own boss," he said.

Jonathan came into his father's business from medical school, at Michigan State University.

After talking with people already in the profession, he changed his mind about medical school and has been working with his father ever since.

Particularly in recent years, the business of providing funeral and burial services has taken an upward curve, as the "baby boom" generation ages. People born shortly after World War II ended are now growing older and facing the end of their lives.

"That's why huge companies are paying large sums of money for funeral homes," Jonathan said. "A lot of the 'mom and pop' funeral homes are being bought out."

He doesn't see that happening with the Dorfman Chapel.

"I think there's a down side," he explained. "You lose the personal service. When you own your own business, there's a real pride in helping the family through it. We've always thought of it as, how would we like to be treated when we're going through this."

A licensed funeral director, Jonathan also holds a master's degree in psychology. He pursued the advanced degree after talking with a professor who specialized in the psychology of grief.

Hills City Council member Jerry Ellis, who has known the family since Jonathan was a young boy, spoke at Sunday's groundbreaking ceremony of his pleasure at having the family located in his community.

As he listened to Jonathan make the first presentation for a re-zoning request on the property last year, Ellis recalls thinking back to the days when the applicant was in middle school. He remembered carpooling to take Jonathan to Sunday School.

"I got a real kick out of it," he said. "Here he was, a very nice young man, in business with his father. It's a nice project, and they did a nice job with it. I took a lot of pleasure in that."

A change of scene, but not of nature

OAKLAND ... NATURALLY



JONATHAN SCHECHTER

Now I wonder why it took me so long. Rewards of change can be very sweet.

This is my goodbye column. Well, at least goodbye to the old office.

Today I moved into my new writer's office, an office that bears little resemblance to the plush walnut-lined offices of Franklin, the high-rise steel and glass power cubicles of Southfield or even the quaint "rent a plant" quiet spaces of Clarkston. My office has a cotton hammock, a weathered wicker chair, a homemade end table, wind chimes and a variable wind speed, non-electric air conditioner. I am looking around as I write and there is nothing else here. Well, there are three empty coffee cups on the wooden floor and a temporary patch job where my dog took a short cut out of the office last night.

After writing over 100 columns on the old computer that perched on the old desk and looking out the old window at the same old field I knew it was time for a change. Now I wonder why it took me so long. Rewards of change can be very sweet.

My office may be barren in your eyes, but it is the liveliest and most peaceful place you may imagine, and as you may have already correctly surmised, I now hide in my screened in country porch. Before writing this column on the eve of the summer solstice, I took the luxury of sprawling out in my hammock and soaking in the view and taste. And out here in Brandon Township, with the meadow in full bloom and warm moist air rising over the hill carrying just a hint of horse smell, there is a taste of nature in the air. And the air conditioner.

Nature's winds, filter the scents and sounds of a new summer through the screening bringing back memories of other fields, other places and other times.

But today – what a day. A ruby-throated hummingbird has made a half dozen hovering visits to the red and yellow feeder dangling just a few feet away on the far side of the screen. The hum of her rapidly beating wings drew me from my near slumber at the keyboard. She tanks up on my gift of artificial nectar for her high-energy flights and then throws it in reverse, rising up through the leaves of the black walnut trees on the leeward side of the porch.

A red squirrel, high up in a tall spruce, clucks out its rapid-fire unmistakable alarm call as the tail flicks frantically. A neighbor's cat slinks by.

The cat passes. The squirrel falls silent and I become aware of the chirps of crickets, and the distant territorial rattle of a house wren and the call of crows. Perhaps not wanting to be left out, one of my roosters loudly proclaims his studly presence from the barn, barely 200 feet from the office.

And today the wind is gusty, swaying the wind chimes into melodic motion and making it easier for gravity to suck down a few tiny black walnuts. The breeze also sets into motion my hillside meadow of California poppy, bachelor buttons, blanket flowers, blue lupine and thousands, yes thousand, of yellow coreopsis. Monarchs and swallowtails and one rabbit dance in the meadow.

Moisture fills the air. I await the thunder and celebrate in the storm's approach. I could scribble another dozen pages on the new office – my window on nature's way – but it is time to add some heavy wire mesh at the lower level of screening lest the dog decides again to push through to explore tonight's world. I can't blame him.

And now it is time to zap these first summer scribbles electronically from my country world to you.

Perhaps I will sleep here tonight. A gray treefrog is sure to serenade me with the rain.

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NATURESCAPES

Insectorama

■ Lewis E. Wint Nature Center, near Clarkston and Ortonville, 1:30–3:30 p.m., Saturday, July 8.

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Pre-registration required. (248) 625-6473

Nature's underdogs

■ Metrobeach Metropark, near Mt. Clemens, 1 p.m., Saturday, July 8.

An indoor program on some of nature's looked-down upon animals such as skunks and opossums, followed by an outdoor hike looking for signs of these nocturnal creatures.

For ages 3 and older. No babies. Pre-registration is required. (810) 463-4332.

Home school/wolves: They're a real howl

■ Stony Creek Nature Center, near Rochester and Utica, Wednesday, July 12, 10 a.m.

Wolf expert Beth Duman, a volunteer for wolf park in Indiana, a consultant for the Department of Natural Resources, and a former wolf owner, will share her experiences through slides, skins and her own two dogs. For ages 8 and older. $2. per child.

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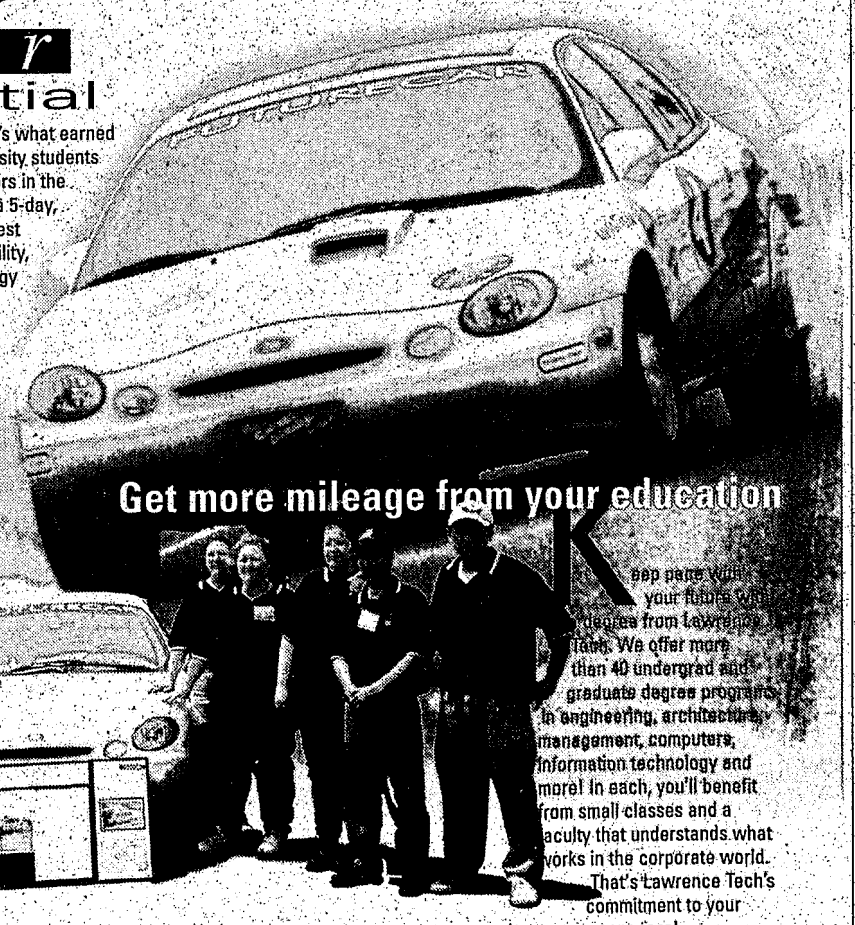
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Jack Nicklaus, Ernie Els, Ben Hogan, or maybe David Duval? Norgart has taught golf students who swing the club similarly to each of these TOUR players.

"I've even had students with an unorthodox swing like Jim Furyk's, but most people would believe they swing like that!" Norgart laughs.

Norgart uses high-tech, digital imaging equipment that records swing data with both side and rearview angle cameras and sensors. Clubhead speed, swing path and other critical readings are matched against those of TOUR players and the results made be evident. Norgart's own swing compares to that of four-time TOUR winner Jeff Sluman.

"This type of analysis speeds up the learning process by allowing students to see their mistakes and correct them," says Norgart, who recently founded the Jim Norgart Golf Academy at Pine Trace Golf Course in Rochester.

Norgart has over 25 years of experience teaching golf and has studied under designer golf guru David Leadbetter, who has worked with Nick Faldo, Se Ri Pak, and many other greats of the game. Norgart uses the same swing analysis equipment that another designer golf guru, Butch Harmon, uses to coach Tiger Woods.

Just like the relationship between those golf stars and their coaches, Norgart custom designs training programs that best suit his pupils. The training may be done in one single session or a series of lessons that can range from 30 minutes to three hours.

"I've learned from some great teachers – Leadbetter and Hank Haney – and have molded my training method to fit what I believe in," Norgart explains. "It's important to understand that without a proper swing plane and good position at impact, a player doesn't have much chance to make good contact with the ball consistently."

Currently, two other golf professionals assist Norgart in teaching players of all levels, including beginners. John Ward, of West Bloomfield, who was formerly with the Golf Digest Schools, and Norgart's son Rob are the nucleus of a staff that will expand on July 1 when the Academy expands to another location at the newly-opened Shepherds Hollow GC in Clarkston.

"We try to create the whole package," says Norgart, "and it is the quality of our lessons that set us apart."

Lesson prices range from $40-$55 per session and reservations can be made by calling (248) 343-3675.

Norgart also employs a physical therapist to aid those who need assistance in stretching and flexibility, particularly players advanced in age.

Some of the finest players in our area have made a lifetime of studying the game and have learned that, like fine wine, some players experience their best golf after the age of 50.

The professional circuit is no different. Last week, some of our area PGA club professionals and top over-50 amateurs competed in the 2000

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Oxford's Schmidt named All-State

All-State baseball players coming from the Flint Metro League have been few and far between in recent years. However, Oxford sophomore catcher Bobby Schmidt came through with a big season to gain high honors.

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Playing in the Flint Metro League doesn't exactly lend an athlete to the statewide spotlight very often. Which makes the recent honor bestowed upon Oxford's Bobby Schmidt that much more impressive.

Schmidt, a sophomore catcher for the Wildcats, was recently named Second-Team All-State by the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association. He netted the honor in his second year as a starter.

Schmidt led Oxford to a strong season in 2000, advancing to the Division I district semifinals before finishing with a 22-13 record. Schmidt's power and arm strength were two keys in the Wildcats' turnaround season.

Schmidt finished with nine home runs, 44 RBI, 17 doubles and a .472 batting average. His play at the plate and behind it drew praise from Oxford coach Art Marcell.

"Bobby hit the ball well all year, especially in the clutch," he said. "Playing in the Flint Metro League, it's tough for some of these guys to get noticed, but it's nice to see him get recognized for the year he had."

Schmidt also started on Oxford's varsity as a freshman, and made considerable strides in his second season. His defense was terrific, as he threw out 37 runners on base, an average of more than one per game. That total includes potential base stealers and runners leaning the wrong way off a base. Those outs are huge for any team, not only from a momentum standpoint, but they kill rallies made by the opposition.

"We set up plays for him to pick people off," Marcell said. "Before the season, I could foresee some improvement in him, because he has such a big upside. But I never expected him to have this kind of season."

Schmidt's best day of the year came on May 4, when he flat-out punished Lapeer East. In a road doubleheader

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Camp Rockers





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Fine-tuning: *The Detroit Rockers youth soccer camp made its stop at Seymour Lake Park in Oxford Township this week. To the right, Sam Bird, an 8-year-old from Lake Orion, goes through the "Mine Field," one of many drills the young athletes used to improve their skills on Monday. Below, Gena Nelson, a 12-year-old from Oxford, practices her dribbling skills by weaving through some flat-based pylons.*



Let's play: *Paul Snape, a native of Liverpool, England, who will be a senior at Oakland University this fall, was one of the camp's instructors. Snape is handing out penny-jerseys to the athletes and giving some advice before the start of an intra-camp scrimmage.*

A track matter

State medalists pace well-stacked All-Area Boys Track Team

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Although a state championship eluded the Eccentric-area teams in boys track & field during the 2000 campaign, there was little doubt the area again was a showcase for many exceptional performances.

Nearly 75 local athletes qualified for the state finals – some in as many as four events – and many stood proudly on the medals stand where they finished among the top eight placers overall.

Following are the best the Eccentric-area has to offer as selected by a panel of area coaches.

POLE VAULT: Chris Haney, Walled Lake Central, junior – The highlight of Haney's season came at the Milford Regional where he qualified for the Lower Peninsula Division I state meet with a second-place leap of 12-10, just two inches shy of the school record. The three-year varsity performer, who also ran hurdles and the sprint relays, took first at the West Bloomfield Invitational, third at the Oxford Invitational, fourth at the Oakland County meet, fifth at the Western Lakes Activities Association league meet and 10th at the state meet.

"Chris is a kid who keeps improving about a foot a year," Central coach Steve Dolloway said. "He was freshman county champion two years ago and has moved up from there. He is a hard worker and very dedicated, and I think next season he might not only be one of the best in the county, but in the state as well. He has a lot of potential."

HIGH JUMP: Brad Miller, Lake Orion, sophomore – Perhaps no area athlete improved more as the season went along than Miller. At the beginning of the season, Miller placed 13th at the Oxford Invitational with a leap of 5-6, but quickly improved after that. Miller, who cleared a season-best 6-6 in a dual meet against Waterford Mott, went on to win the Oakland Activities Association Division II league meet and the West Bloomfield Invitational, placed second at the Port Huron Northern Regional and county meet, fourth at the Waterford Mott/Ashley Relays, and capped the season off with a 15th-place finish at the Division I state meet.

"Brad cleared 5-11 last year, but was struggling at the beginning of this season," Lake Orion coach Steve Deutsch said. "I don't think he was going to the bar with much speed. But once he cleared 6-foot, he really took off and had a great season. I think he has the body and the ability to be one of those guys who can get up there around 6-11. The potential is there, and I think with him going to some camps this summer,

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NORTH OAKLAND SPORTS BRIEFS

Liquid Lightning fundraisers

The Lake Orion liquid lightning swimming team will be hosting a consession stand at all of its home meets, plus the championship meet at the conclusion of the season.

The money raised through can be used to help purchase a team banner, team caps, special workshops and other extras.

The league is asking each member family to donate cases of pop (Coca-Cola products), Gatoraid and bottled water. Storage will be provided. Other food donations will also be appreciated.

Individuals willing to help, or to make contributions, call (248) 814-7810.

Dragons earn all-district

Seven members of Lake Orion's girls soccer team made the All-Utica Eisenhower District team, including junior sweeper Beth Martin, sophomore midfielder Erica Weaver, senior midfielder Erica Whatley, junior midfielder HEather Purcell, junior stopper Elizabeth Balten, junior goalkeeper Sarah Poisson, and senior midfielder Nicole Losee.

Both Martin and Balten also made the All-Region team, and were also selected as Division I All-State Honorable-Mention.

Coaching opportunities

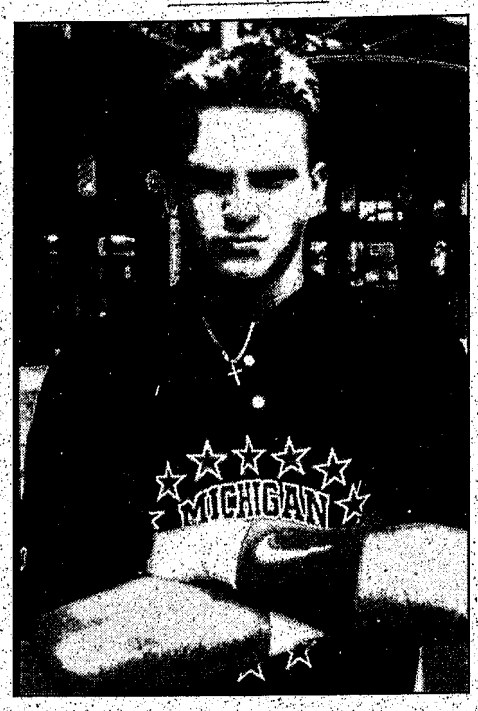
• Oxford High School has openings for the following coaching positions for the 2000-01 school year: Varsity boys basketball coach; varsity boys soccer coach; freshman baseball coach; varsity cross-country assistant coach; and freshman softball coach.

Interested applicants may send resumes to Pat Ball, Oxford High School Athletics Department, 1420 Lakeville Rd., Oxford, Michigan, 48371.

Players for adult football league needed

A local adult touch football team is seeking both a quarterback and two safeties for the upcoming fall season, which runs from September-October. For details, call Rod at (248) 391-6950.

Last hurrah



All-Star: *Lake Orion's Ryan Goleski played in the Michigan high school All-Star game last week at Comerica park.*

Schmidt *from page C1*

against the Eagles, Schmidt went 7-for-7 in the two games, with two home runs and seven RBI. He also walked twice and was hit by a pitch once, meaning he got on base 10 straight times in the two games, both Oxford wins.

With two years left in high school, the future certainly looks bright for Schmidt. Marcell's concern now is how will he follow up an all-state type of season?

"He is not a complete player yet, and there are things for him to improve on, but he's already come a long way," he said. "He wants to play at the college level and beyond, and he's the type of kid who will work at it. We'll get him to some catching camps in the offseason and see what happens from there."

Another season like this one, and it will be hard to keep the spotlight off Bobby Schmidt and the Wildcats.

Shiels *from page C1*

Michigan Senior Open at Bedford Valley GC in Battle Creek.

Lochmoor CC Professional and one-time PGA TOUR player Tommy Valentine won the two-round tournament by shooting 69-72-141 for a three-under par total that was one shot better than Ken Allard, the Auburn Hills Golf Center professional.

Also tied for second was Lynn Janson, head professional at Egypt Valley CC in Grand Rapids, a course that will host a Senior PGA TOUR event on Labor Day weekend.

Evan 'Big Cat' Williams of Rochester, the famed long-drive king who sometimes plays the Senior PGA TOUR, finished two shots behind Valentine at the Michigan Senior Open.

Rochester's Randy Erskine, head professional at Great Oaks CC, finished tied for 12th place, and amateur John French, who plays out of Bloomfield Hills Country Club, tied for 19th at seven-over par.

Dick Bury, who gives lessons at Carl's Golfland in Bloomfield Hills, shot 78-75-153, and Clarkston amateur Richard Tudhope was one behind him in 35th position.

Amateurs Stuart Young of West Bloomfield and Gary Cloutier of Bloomfield Hills both finished the Michigan Senior Open at 12-over par, and Michael Kukes of Birmingham was 17-over par.

Among the other local competitors was Shenandoah CC Professional Jim Neagles and Bloomfield Hills amateur Devin Walden.

Tap-ins

The 89th Michigan Amateur Championship wrapped up this week at Battle Creek Country Club.

After local qualifying of amateurs with a handicap index of 5.4 or less at various sites, 156 players contested for the championship. The Golf Association of Michigan conducted the 36 holes of stroke-play that will trim the field to 64, who will then face off in match play elimination.

For information on local amateurs and how they fared in the storied match-play tournament, log on to the website of the Golf Association of Michigan at www.gam.org.

■ Tomorrow, the Michigan Open begins at Grand Traverse Resort in Traverse City. The $100,000 four round state championship will be held on The Bear course.

Traverse City native Scott Hebert, a two-time Michigan Open winner, is defending champion.

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FLY TYING
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FLY TYING
Westbank Anglers, located in the Bloomfield Plaza at Telegraph and Maple roads, offers fly tying clinics (beginning, advanced, Atlantic salmon, and fly tying round table). All clinics will be conducted at the store and will cover tying tools, tool uses, and understanding of materials. All classes are limited to six students. Call (248) 538-3474 for specific times, dates, fees, and registration information.

FLY CASTING
Westbank Anglers, located in the Bloomfield Plaza at Telegraph and Maple roads, offers fly casting clinics on Sundays through mid-July. The clinics, designed to run from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., will be held at Cranbrook Academy. Students are instructed in basic casting techniques, overview of fly fishing tackle and knots, basic entomology, fish fighting skills, stream etiquette, and how to release a fish. Call (248) 538-3474 with questions regarding dates, times, fees and availability. Class size is limited.

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.

ACTIVITIES

DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS
Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc. membership meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month at Knights of Columbus, St. Pius X, 6177 Chicago Road, in Warren. The public is welcome. More information can be obtained by calling Ed Wilczek at (810) 757-7365 or club President Ray Banbury at (810) 598-0310.

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BASS TOURNAMENT
The 2000 Top Bass Tournament will be held at various sites throughout the summer months. The schedule is as follows: Sanford Lake, July 8; Wixom Lake, July 22; Lobdell Lake, Aug. 5; Lake St. Helen, Aug. 19; and Wixom Lake, Aug. 26-27. Guaranteed payoffs will be awarded with amounts determined by the number of entries. For more information, call (734) 729-1762 or (734) 422-5813.

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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 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight Mile roads. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for information.

FISHING BUDDIES
Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester Hills. Meetings are open to all anglers (boaters and non-boaters). Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

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The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Rd., Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 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.

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.

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BALD MOUNTAIN
Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Hours for archery and clay target shooting are noon to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6

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he'll be one to watch the next couple of years."

LONG JUMP: Lorenzo Parker, Walled Lake Western, senior – This four-year star had a remarkable prep career with the Warriors, which concluded with him running four events at the state finals. In the long jump, Parker was undefeated heading into the state meet as he won the WLAA, Milford Regional, Oakland County and Ashley Relays titles. Parker, whose best effort this year was 22-6.5, was fourth at the Division I state meet.

"Lorenzo was a three-time state qualifier and he medaled all three years, which shows what he meant to our team," Western coach Mike Formanek said. "He had a lot of talent, but he was always willing to do four events for us and work hard, normally running the 100 and the two sprint relays. He's a very special athlete."

Parker, who will play football and possibly run track at Vanderbilt University next school year, was also a standout in the 100, winning league and Ashley Relays crowns, finishing second at the regional, third at the county and a state semifinalist. His best effort this season was 10.7.

SHOT PUT: Andy Thorn, Waterford Mott, senior – Thorn, who will compete in football and track at Iowa next school year, had a tremendous season for the Corsairs, finishing fifth in the shot and third in the discus at the Division I state meet. In the shot put, Thorn was undefeated in dual meets, won the OAA Division II, Milford Regional, West Bloomfield Invitational and Oakland County meet, where he had his best toss of 57-3. In the discus, Thorn won all but one dual meet and was a regional and league champion. His best effort of 172-9 came at the state meet.

DISCUS: Michael Preston, Auburn Hills Avondale, senior – A three-sport athlete, Preston put an exclamation point on his stellar prep career when he won the Division II state title in the discus with a school-record toss of 169-6. A four-year varsity performer, Preston was also OAA Division IV, Algonac Regional, Algonac/Muskrat Relays and Oakland County champion, and was undefeated in dual meets. Preston also excelled in the shot put where he was a league and regional champion. He placed second in the county and the state meet. His best toss was 56-6.

"Michael Preston had just a spectacular season," Avondale coach Mark English said. "He was undefeated in both events, except for the shot at the county and state, where he was second and kept improving as the season went along. He's also a 4.0 student and had numerous offers to play football in college, but decided to throw at Western Michigan next year. He's just a very talented and bright kid."

110-METER HIGH HURDLES: David McDermott, Orchard Lake St. Mary's, senior – St. Mary's coach Sean Clouse had nothing negative to say about McDermott, perhaps one of the finest all-around athletes at St. Mary's, a multi-sport state powerhouse. A versatile performer who ran many events for the Eagles, the 110 hurdles was clearly his best event as he went on to place second at the Division II state meet. McDermott, who was undefeated in duals, won the Detroit Catholic League title, as well as the county, Algonac Regional and Operation Friendship crowns. His best effort, a 13.91 clocking, came at the county, which broke the school record. McDermott also set the school mark in the 300 hurdles (39.1) and cleared 6-4 in the high jump among other notable performances.

"David is just a great athlete," Clouse said. "He did everything that was asked of him – he ran relays, high jumped, you name it. He's just a great kid to coach. You can't say one bad thing about him."

300-METER INTERMEDIATE HURDLES: Eric Thielemens, Rochester, senior – The best effort in the area came from Birmingham Brother Rice's Nick Meter, who clocked a 38.12, but Thielemens was by far the most consistent in the area in this event. The Falcons' team MVP, four-year varsity performer and team tri-captain twice posted times of 39.5. Thielemens was second at both the OAA Division I and West Bloomfield Regional, third at the West Bloomfield Invitational, fifth at the county meet, and concluded his career at the state meet where he placed ninth – one-tenth of a second away from a medal. Thielemens was also one of the area's best in the 110 hurdles, posting a best of 14.9 while placing at a multitude of invitationals.

"Eric just had a great year for us, he ran some great times," Rochester coach Mark Merlo said. "He had a pretty good junior year, where he also qualified for the state meet, but what made the difference this year was working out all winter. He was very dedicated with the weights and on getting better. Eric is a great kid and leader. He led by example."

100 METERS: Roland Burks, Southfield, senior – This four-year varsity performer was one of Oakland County's premier sprinters and his consistency to place in both the 100 and 200 at most invitationals helped him land a spot on the first team. Although he missed the finals in the 100 at the Division I state meet by one one-hundredth of a second, he still had an incredible season. Burks, who was clocked at 10.7 in the 100 and 22.2 in the 200, was West Bloomfield Regional and West Bloomfield Invitational champion and placed second at the OAA Division I and county in the 100. In the 200, he claimed first at the regional, second at the league and fourth at the county.

"Roland wasn't one of those tall kids in the sprints, but he was explosive, which helped him compete with the best around," Southfield coach Calvin Johnson said. "His quickness was his asset. Roland is just a very quick kid who could compete. He had a great season and career."

Burks is considering running next year at Northeast Louisiana State

200 METERS: Kyle Brown, West Bloomfield, sophomore – In his first season of running track, Brown, a starter in both football and basketball, enjoyed a fine campaign. In the 100 and 200, Brown was consistently one of the top finishers at every meet. In the 200, where his best effort was 22.16, Brown placed first at both the OAA Division II and Ashley Relays, was second at the county and fifth at the West Bloomfield Regional. In the 100, Brown was just as competitive, winning the league and Oxford Invitational, while finishing second at the regional and West Bloomfield Invitational, fourth at the county and eighth at the Division I state meet. His best effort in the 100 was 10.78.

"I heard from his basketball and football coaches that he was a fast kid, and he came out for track and just had a great season," West Bloomfield coach Lee Averill said. "I believe he broke the school record in both events

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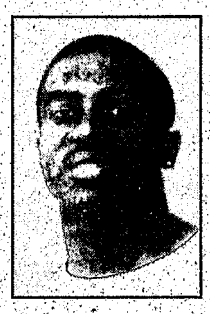
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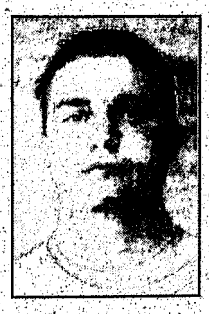
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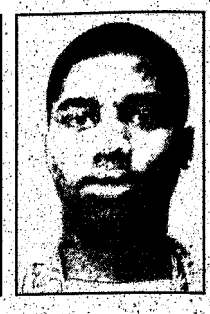
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Discus	Michael Preston	AH Avondale
Shot Put	Andy Thorn	Waterford Mott
Long Jump	Lorenzo Parker	WL Western
High Jump	Brad Miller	Lake Orion
110 Hurdles	David McDermott	OL St. Mary's
300 Hurdles	Eric Thielemens	Rochester
100 Meters	Roland Burks	Southfield
200 Meters	Kyle Brown	West Bloomfield
400 Meters	Alex Hritcu	WL Central
800 Meters	Jeremy Auer	WL Central
1,600 Meters	David Sage	Clarkston
3,200 Meters	Todd Mobley	WL Central
400 Relay	Lorenzo Parker	WL Western
400 Relay	James King	WL Western
400 Relay	Brian Tominna	WL Western
400 Relay	Kyle Gordan	WL Western
800 Relay	James King	WL Western
800 Relay	Kyle Gordan	WL Western
800 Relay	Tim King	WL Western
800 Relay	Lorenzo Parker	WL Western
1,600 Relay	Mark Carlson	Clarkston
1,600 Relay	Brett Quantz	Clarkston
1,600 Relay	Kevin Breen	Clarkston
1,600 Relay	Adam Gebus	Clarkston
3,200 Relay	Matt Haver	Clarkston
3,200 Relay	David Sage	Clarkston
3,200 Relay	Kevin Breen	Clarkston
3,200 Relay	Brett Quantz	Clarkston
Coach	Walt Wyniemko	Clarkston

SECOND TEAM

Pole Vault: Nick Jasko, WL Western jr.; **High Jump:** Ralph Sylvester, Birmingham Brother Rice sr.; **Long Jump:** Jeff Allen, Brother Rice soph.; **Shot Put:** Eric Ghiaciuc, Oxford sr.; **Discus:** John Metzger, Rochester Adams sr.; **110 Hurdles:** Nick Meter, Brother Rice sr.; **300 Hurdles:** Nick Meter, Brother Rice sr.; **100 Meters:** Brian Parker, Rochester jr.; **200 Meters:** Earl Carruthers, Mott jr.; **400 Meters:** Ben Katai, Bloomfield Hills Andover sr.; **800 Meters:** Courtland Keteyain, Lake Orion soph.; **1,600 Meters:** Joe Schramski, Avondale soph.; **3,200 Meters:** Andrew Bauer, Bloomfield Hills Lahser soph.; **400 Relay:** West Bloomfield; **800 Relay:** Southfield; **1,600 Relay:** Southfield-Lathrup; **3,200 Relay:** Lake Orion (Adam Frezza, sr., Andrew Fons, sr.; Courtland Keteyain, soph.; Jacob Swearingen, sr.); **Coach:** Steve Dalloway, WL Central, 19 Years.

THIRD TEAM

Pole Vault: Mike Cox, WL Central fr.; **High Jump:** Rafael Fauza, Clarkston jr.; **Long Jump:** Ndumi Mafu, Southfield Christian sr.; **Shot Put:** Todd Goodrick, Rochester jr.; **Discus:** Scott Thomas, Troy sr.; **110 Hurdles:** James Johnson, Lake Orion jr.; **300 Hurdles:** Brian Elliott, Brother Rice jr.; **100 Meters:** Dominic McCullum, Southfield jr.; **200 Meters:** Ryan Carruthers, Mott sr.; **400 Meters:** Tony Smith, Lathrup sr.; **800 Meters:** Brett Quantz, Clarkston sr.; **1,600 Meters:** Craig Frankland, Adams sr.; **3,200 Meters:** Ben Salyette, BH Cranbrook jr.; **400 Relay:** Southfield; **800 Relay:** Brother Rice; **1,600 Relay:** Brother Rice; **3,200 Relay:** Troy; **Coach:** Bob Stark, Brother Rice.

HONORABLE MENTION
(Open events only)

Pole Vault: Bill Kalush, Clarkston.; **High Jump:** Keith Kelly, Adams; Brian Mitchell, Lathrup; Wang Chuang, Troy.; **Long Jump:** Justin Burt, Kettering; Dominic McCullum, Southfield; Tony Smith, Lathrup; **Shot Put:** Eddie Hillery, Rochester; Doug Dawson, Rochester; Bubba Clement, Clarkston; **Discus:** Brad Kegebein, Birmingham-Detroit Country Day; Paul Lindsay, WL Central; **110 Hurdles:** Nick Stout, Lake Orion; Brett Park, Rochester; **300 Hurdles:** Cody Senkyr, Clarkston; Ryan Dropelski, WL Central; **100 Meters:** Issac Williams, Adams; Ryan Rubens, West Bloomfield; **200 Meters:** Robert Boyers, Lathrup; Adam Gebus, Clarkston; **400 Meters:** Jay Kline, Adams; Joe Martinez, Brother Rice; Anthony Phillips, Lathrup; **800 Meters:** Kevin Breen, Clarkston; Derek Delzer, Avondale; Mike Barton, Seaholm; Troy Brinkman, Troy; Mike Duke, Rochester; **1,600 Meters:** David Clingan, Mott; David Renne, Mott; Matt Haver, Clarkston; Adam Frezza, Lake Orion; Joseph Sternamann, Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest; **3,200 Meters:** Michael Colt, Lake Orion; Chris Gumz, Rochester; Scott Collins, Seaholm; Charles Vinsconti, Brother Rice.

On deck: All-Area Girls Track & Field Team



Brad Miller
Lake Orion



Brett Quantz
Clarkston



Lorenzo Parker
WL Western



David Sage
Clarkston



Eric Thielemens
Rochester



Andy Thorn
Waterford Mott

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and I think if he stays with it, he could just be incredible. He wants to win and hates to lose. He's a competitor."

400 METERS: Alex Hritcu, Walled Lake Central, senior – One of the nation's top decathletes in his age group who participated in an amazing 14 different events at various meets this year, Hritcu capped a brilliant season by finishing a surprising second at the Division I state meet in the 400 with a 49.3 clocking. Hritcu, a four-event state qualifier, was also Milford Regional champion and fourth at the league in the 400. In the long jump, he was second at the league (21-6), second at the regional and eighth at the state meet, a regional runner-up and state semifinalist in the 200 (21.6), and also ran on the Vikings' 1,600 relay, which ran 3:26.1

"He's by far one of the best (athletes) we've had in my 19 years of coaching," Dolloway said. "He's going to be a decathlete at Tennessee next year, and they are one of the best in the country. I think if he keeps working hard, he could be one of the best individuals in the country as a decathlete. He has so much talent and the right work ethic."

800 METERS: Jeremy Auer, Walled Lake Central, senior – In the middle distances, Auer shined the last two seasons as he placed in the 800 at the Division I state meet as both a junior and senior. This season, Auer was clocked at a school-record 1:55.2 at state where he was fourth, and also took second at the Milford Regional, WLAA meet and Oxford Invitational. He also ran at the state meet in both the 1,600 relay and 3,200 relay and was third at the league meet in the 400, an event which he shares the school record at 49.3. Auer, who will run at Michigan State, is also a part of the Vikings' record-holding 3,200 relay team (8:04.1).

"Jeremy wasn't much as a freshman, but through hard work and dedication, he became a great middle distance runner and was able to place at state and break some school records," Steve Dolloway said. "We have really turned our program around the past couple of year, and Jeremy is one of the reasons why. He helped us out in so many ways."

1,600 METERS: David Sage, Clarkston, senior – Over the past four years, Sage emerged as one of Michigan's premier distance runners as he was rarely beaten outside of the state meet. In the 1,600, Sage scratched at the Division I state meet, but was still unbeaten in duals and took first at the OAA Division I, Port Huron Northern Regional, Oakland County and Mansfield (Ohio) Relays, where he was clocked in a school- record



Walt Wyniemko
Clarkston coach

4:19.1. Sage also ran 2:00.0 in the 800 and was league, Ashley Relays and regional champion in the 3,200. He also took second at the county and fifth at the state in that event. His best time in the 3,200 was 9:14.9 at the state meet, one-tenth of a second off the school record. Sage will run at the University of Michigan next season in both cross country and track.

3,200 METERS: Todd Mobley, Walled Lake Central, senior – Mobley finished second at the Division I state cross-country championships last November in a school-record 15:20 and that success carried over into the track season where he was usually near the front of the pack. In the 3,200, his signature event, Mobley was champion at the county, WLAA, Milford Regional and Oxford Invitational, second at the West Bloomfield Invitational and Ashley Relays and capped the season off by placing third at the state meet with a school-record time of 9:08.97. Mobley also excelled in the 1,600 as he was league and Oxford Invitational champion among many notable finishes. He will run next school year at Notre Dame.

"Todd just had an outstanding career," Steve Dolloway said. "He was just a hard worker who had the will to win. We'll miss him next season, there's no doubt about it."

400-METER RELAY: Walled Lake Western (James King, sr., Brian Tominna, jr., Kyle Gordan, soph., Lorenzo Parker, sr.) – The hand-offs were usually pretty crisp and because of that, this foursome was always one of the first across of the finish line. They were first at the Ashley Relays, second at the Milford Regional with a season-best 43.1 clocking, third at the county and WLAA and ninth at the state meet.

"They were consistently in the in the mid to low 43s, which is why they performed so well together," Formanek said. "Their goals were to beat Pontiac Northern and qualify for the state meet. While they didn't quite beat Northern, they still made it to the state meet. They were four guys that just worked hard."

800-METER RELAY: Walled Lake Western (James King, sr., Kyle Gordan, soph., Tim King, sr., Lorenzo Parker, jr.) – This foursome turned in a stellar performance at the Division I state meet, placing eighth, and that was with just one holdover – Parker – from last year's runner-up state relay. Posting a season-best of 1:28.98 at the county, where they were fourth, this unit also won the WLAA and Ashley Relays and took second at the Milford Regional.

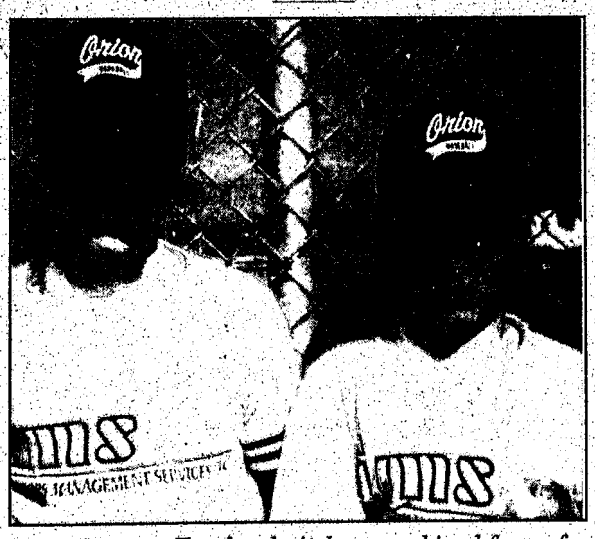
"They kind of came on late in the season," Formanek said. "Earlier in the year, we tried some different things and their hand-offs weren't the greatest. But by the end of the season, they placed at all the big meets."

1,600-METER RELAY: Clarkston (Mark Carlson, jr., Brett Quantz, sr., Kevin Breen, sr., Adam Gebus, jr.) – Midway through the season, Clarkston coach Walt Wyniemko tried this foursome and they responded by breaking the school record at the Ashley Relays, which they won. After that, this unit kept getting better. They were Port Huron Northern Regional champions, second at the county and OAA Division I meets and seventh at the Division I state meet with a 3:23.67 clocking, more than three seconds ahead of the school mark they set earlier in the season.

3,200-METER RELAY: Clarkston (Matt Haver, sr., David Sage, sr., Kevin Breen, sr., Brett Quantz, sr.) – Rarely does a school have a relay with four seniors, but that might have been the telling reason why this unit lost just one time all season – the state meet where they placed fourth in a school-record 7:53.02. This quartet was also undefeated in six dual meets, won the Ashley Relays, OAA Division I, Port Huron Northern Regional and county meets. Both Breen and Quantz were also state qualifiers in the 800, finishing 11th and 12th, respectively.

COACH OF THE YEAR: Walt Wyniemko, Clarkston – Wyniemko has coached football and track in the Detroit area for well over 20 years, but never had he coached a group like this year's Clarkston squad. Wyniemko's Wolves were 6-0 in dual meets and won the overall OAA Division I championship after finishing second at the league meet, just one-half point out of first. They also won the Ashley Relays, placed second at the Port Huron Northern Regional, only four points behind Flint Central with two key competitors ill, placed second at the Oakland County Championships and concluded the year with a fine 19th-place showing at the Lower Peninsula Division I state meet.

No-no



Teaming up: *Two local pitchers combined forces for a no-hitter in recent league play of the Lake Orion Boys Baseball League. Playing for Investment Management Services, right-hander Mike Musary and left-hander Brandon Riggsbee each fired three innings and combined for nine strikeouts in a 6-0 triumph over Sons of American Legion.*

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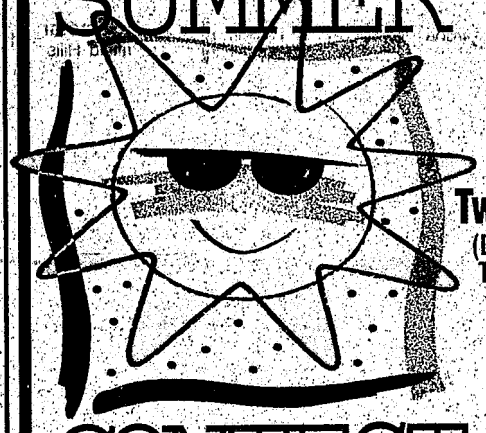
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FOR INFO: (248) 398-1331.

W. BLOOMFIELD - outdoor sale. June 29, 30, July 1, 9am-6pm. 50's stuff, military, old toys, oriental furniture, antiques & much more. 6773 Edwood, off Fieldview near Green Lake Rd. between Haggerty/Commerce.

711 Garage Sales Oakland

Check These GARAGE SALES Near You!

BEVERLY HILLS - Multi family garage sale. 6-30 & 7-1, 8-4. 16219 Elizabeth. 2 blks. N. of 13 Mile, just E. off Pierce.

BEVERLY HILLS: 2 huge sales in Nottingham Sub. Toys, books, household. Thurs only! 9-3. 22724 King Richard & 23000 Nottingham. 14 Mile / Lahser

BIRMINGHAM: Sun, July 2, 10-4. Give away prices! 1941 E. Lincoln- E of Woodward/Adams.

BIRMINGHAM - 1259 Dorchester 2 blks N. of Maple, E. of Adams. Antiques & household, no previews. Fri. 1 day only from 8:30am-4pm.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS - Thurs. only, 8-5. Furniture, silver, crystal. 2110 Lost Tree Way.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS - Thur-Fri., 9-4pm. 6630 Colby Lane. Telegraph/Maple. Furniture, toys, clothes. Let's bargain!!

BLOOMFIELD HILLS - Artists home. 5101 Inkster Rd. S. of Lone Pine. Fri. & Sat. June 30 & July 1, 10am-5pm. Paintings, 8 dining room chairs, upright piano, antique drawing board, clothes, household items, etc.

CLARKSTON: 3 family sale. Great variety! June 30-July 1, 9-5. 5465 Winell off Maybee

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FARMINGTON Hills: Moving to FLA! Fri & Sat. 9-3. Fridge, black lacquer bed suite, washer/gas dryer, exercise equip. 30903 Hunters Whip, off Farmington, S./14. 248-661-3911

ROCHESTER HILLS - patio set, household, kids, tools, misc. 3140 Palm Aire Dr. S. Pierken, W. Adams. June 29, 30, 8-4.

ROCHESTER HILLS: Thur-Fri. 9-4, 919 Woodridge Ct. N. of Avon/E off Livernois.

TROY - Huge sale. Fri.-Sat., 9-3. Little Tykes, toys, clothes, snowblower, bikes, etc. 2303 Oak River Ct., S. off Long Lake, W. of Coolidge

W. BLOOMFIELD - Art, elegant mens clothing, outdoor wear XL, tools, baby pram, portable crib, toys, fax, household, Christmas. 5603 Perrytown Dr., 1 blk. W. of Farmington Rd., S. off Walnut Lk. Rd., Fri, June 30, Sat. & Sun. July 1 & 2, 9-5.

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712 Garage Sales Wayne

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BEDROOM SET - Queen Thomasville, Cherry. 8 pieces. Looks new $1500 248-377-4817

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RATTAN SOFA and coffee table; white, w/pastel cushions, $175. (248) 540-7591

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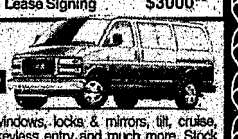
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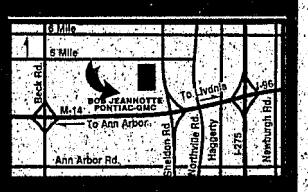


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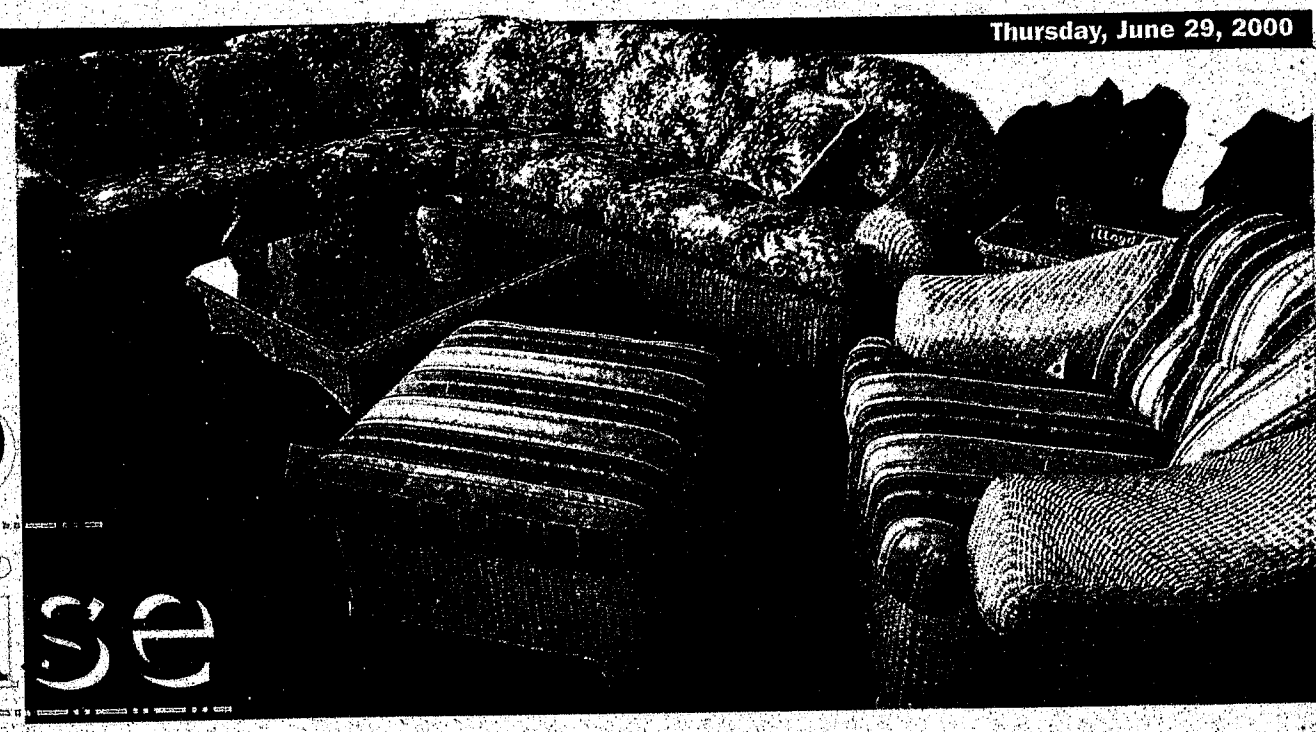
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Something wicker: *Traditional white wicker Casa Grande line by Lloyd Flanders includes sectional couch, table, ottoman and big easy chair. The coach and table are $3,039.*





Grouping: *Cornwell Pool in Plymouth has many patio groupings like this one with cushioned chairs and glass top table; it's the Sawgrass model by Winston at $1480 for the set.*

Perfect display: *Below, an etagere of lattice and leaf by Woodard looks like a baker's rack. $100.*



BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

There's a huge bridge of creativity between placing a lonely picnic table in your back yard and fully decorating your outdoor area with stylish furniture, umbrellas, statues, candles and miniature fireplaces that add warmth and romance.

Just as much attention seems to be going toward what we do with the space outside our homes as we do inside.

Our patios, decks and back yards have become more than the place we walk by to get to the sliding door. They've become the coveted retreat where we want to relax and entertain in comfort and style.

"The outside is almost as important as the inside," said Arnez Sacco, salesperson at Jimmies Rustics in Birmingham. Other Jimmies Rustics stores are in Livonia and Novi. "People are coordinating the indoor with the outdoor."

About 80 percent of their sales are for cast aluminum, the hot seller in patio furniture now, Sacco said. Wrought-aluminum with mesh seats, teak furniture and wicker products are also popular, she said.

"The patio is kind of an extension of the house, which it wasn't years ago," said Jerry Visel, president of Cornwell Pool & Patio, with stores in Plymouth and Ann Arbor.

"That's why we've gotten as elaborate in the patio furniture."

Portable fireplaces add a rustic flare in concrete, metal and terra-cotta and are becoming more and more common. They provide a rustic flare with the crackling tap dance and aromas of wood burning. These hearths are a wonderful way to set the mood for quiet moments of reflection or entertaining guests, who might like to roast a marshmallow or two.

Our back yards have become the place to relax, retreat and regroup from the stresses of the day. The colors of the decor and the flowers, the scents of the candles and fresh air provide mini-stay-at-home vacations outside our back doors.

If you're trying to create the getaway-at-home atmosphere filled with tranquility and peace, you can't forget the hammock that beckons lazy, sultry summer afternoons of leisure.

Casual Decor, a free guide to indoor/outdoor furnishings that is available at Casual Concepts in Rochester and Cornwell Pool & Patio, suggests these things to consider when planning how you would like to use your outdoor space:

- How many people do you need to accommodate?
- How much space do you have available?
- What kind of abuse is your furniture likely to get?
- What kind of ambiance do you want?
- How do you like to entertain?
- How much do you want to spend?
- What will coordinate with your home, inside and out?
- How much maintenance can you handle?
- Think about storage.

Splashy color photos feature more than just outdoor furniture. They show candles and umbrellas, cast stone benches, fountains, Italian marble mosaic table tops, Japanese lanterns, statues, lush and cushy furniture pillows that promise as much as or more comfort than your living room.

A lot of people decide to coordinate the colors of the room that faces the back yard to the hues used for the patio furniture and accessories.

"There's a lot more to choose from than what was available a couple of years ago," Visel said.

The focal point is the table and chairs and everything else, is often, built around those pieces.

Aluminum is durable and is easy to maintain. Patio furniture also comes in redwood, cedar, iron and steel. Wicker adds an antiquated look with newly treated finishes that allows them to maintain a new look even during the toughest summer storms and beating rays.

Scott McClain, manager of the Farmington Hills ACO, said the outdoor furniture selection at the store has expanded tremendously in the last 15 years.

"With the hectic work schedules when it comes to the weekends they feel it's real enjoyable to relax and sit down outside and unwind," McClain said.

At Home Editor Mary Klemic contributed to this story.

Top of the line: *Weston teak set by Gloster includes table and chairs for $3,000. The bench at right and the Adirondack chair and foot rest in the foreground are separate.*

Drink up: *These bar chairs and table are by Winston and cost $880. The chairs swivel for comfort.*



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Home Work

As consumers, we can enjoy independence in our choices

APPLIANCE DOCTOR



JOE GAGNON

It seems like a long time ago when I arrived in this country. I was amazed at the amount of choices in every category of shopping. I would look at the different jars of jam on a grocery store shelf, remembering growing up in northern Canada, where jam was sold in a gallon can which looked like a paint bucket.

So many things captured my attention and caused me to reflect on my younger years and this new world I arrived in. What a difference, and the excitement of it all kept me at full attention for many years.

A few years after my arrival in the United States I became employed in the major appliance industry and finally landed a job with a major manufacturer of appliances. These were the learning years where I soaked in every bit of information like a sponge and dedicated myself to using the knowledge gained to help others. Today, almost 40 years later, I can see how far this country has come in our world of technology.

Let's take the microwave oven, which most homeowners use today mainly to warm food up. Back in 1960s, you were told to eat everything on your plate because reheating leftover food later was a major time consumer. No homemaker likes to cook the same food twice, so the microwave became the wave of the future. How many people do you know today who don't have a microwave in their kitchen?

Look at this year 2000 when the new ranges have been introduced to the American homeowner. Can you believe that some are using light bulbs to cook with? They have harnessed the heat from a light bulb to cook food. Can you imagine the future? You might be heating each room in your house with a light bulb that doesn't even shine or driving a car without an engine.

Take a look at this great country and try to imagine what it was like when your ancestors arrived here. If they wanted ice cubes for a cold drink, they didn't walk up to a refrigerator and hold a glass in front of it. They went down to a river with a saw and cut out a block of ice and carried it with ice prongs to a wooden box and covered it with sawdust. Lord help us today if we find a speck of something in our iced tea.

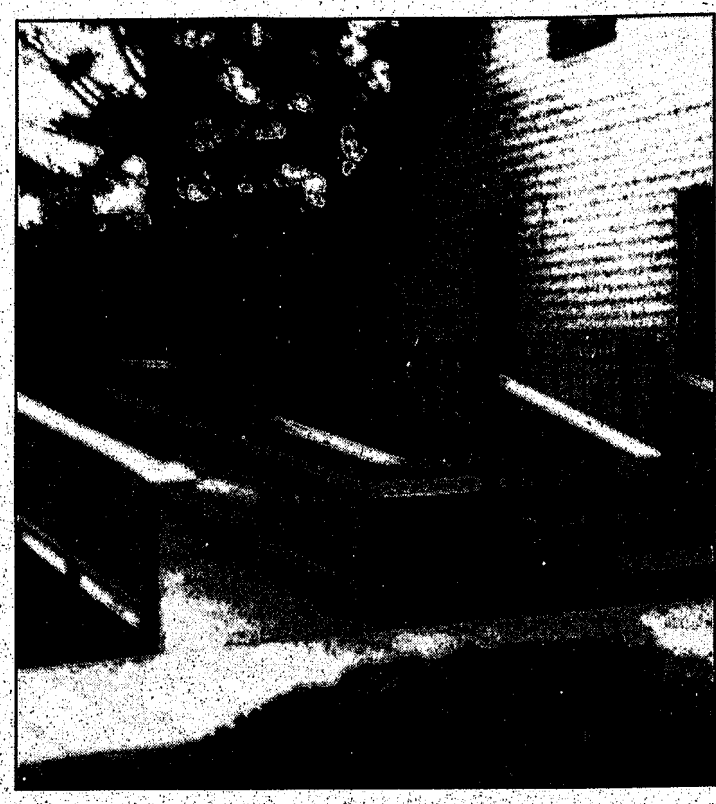
Have you visited an appliance store lately? You walk in, do your shopping and when you walk out, you can't remember all the different features offered on the hundreds of products you just walked through. The American consumer has more choices than ever before and you should feel very proud of the words "my country 'tis of thee."

When you come right down to it, let's not forget the ancestors but think about our own mothers and fathers who had to boil water on top of a stove and use a large aluminum tub with a scrub board and brush and a bar of soap.

Today, when you wash your clothes, the hardest thing to do may seem to be sorting out the different colors. Look at your clothes dryer and think of what they used, two pulleys with a line strung across the backyard. Think of the dishes and the chores for women clad in a cotton dress with an apron wrapped around them, and the kids arguing over who washes, who dries and the plate that falls between them breaking into a million pieces. Thank God and this country for the small pleasures in life.

Let's take a moment to thank whomever we believe in for the many choices we have in this great country. Let us not become spoiled by what we have and let us continue to strive for nothing but the best. When you open your eyes to the dawn's early light, I would like you to feel enough motivation to grasp the edge of the bed, jump out of the sack and say to yourself, "I live in the greatest country in the world."

Joe Gagnon can be heard Saturday and Sunday on 760 WJR. He is a member and past president of the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals. His phone number is (313) 873-9789.



Caring solution: *A ramp is just one of the ways a residence can be made accessible for wheelchair users. Caring Solutions, an area company, can help find other options.*

'Caring' company provides 'Solutions' for home obstacles

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Freedom is one of those things that often isn't appreciated until it is gone.

This isn't just the freedom of a democracy, but also the freedom to do things that are part of a daily routine. These ordinary activities can become extraordinary challenges to someone who is disabled or elderly, but that doesn't have to be the case.

A company called Caring Solutions, 34514 Dequindre in Sterling Heights, offers "design solutions to eliminate the obstacles in your life."

These solutions, so a disabled person will be safe and comfortable in their own home, take many forms — from objects for the home to suggested behavior modifications, to site evaluations and recommendations for construction and renovation.

Caring Solutions staffers can talk with builders, provide research material on where to obtain items or funding aid and make presentations.

"There are so many options out there... We can answer the questions," said Don Zavis, who started Caring Solutions in 1997. The company previously had offices in Troy. "This is all we do, every day, day in, day out."

"A lot of education can be done with builders," partner Joe Smith said. "We have done research into products."

Usually clients don't contact Caring Solutions until something happens — after someone in the family is having trouble moving around and using their home environment because of illness, an accident, or the effects of aging.

But the company can be contacted because of foresight as well as hindsight, Zavis says.

"Everybody benefits," he said.

Most people will have a temporary or permanent disability sometime during their life, the Fair Housing Act Design Manual said.

"More than one in five Americans aged 15 and over have some type of disability; problems with walking and lifting are the most common," the manual said.

Among other statistics, the manual says that 48.9 million Americans have disabilities; that 32 million are age 65 or older; and that the number of Americans age 85 and older is projected to grow by 100 percent to more than 6 million by 2010.

Universal design of residences includes such features as fewer steps. Wider doorways (measuring at least 32 inches), and room to make 180-degree or T-shaped (three-point) turns, are among the elements that accommodate wheelchair users.

On a smaller scale, replacing smooth, round control knobs with controls featuring levers make them easier to manage for people with hand limitations or visual impairments; grip bars help in the bathroom. Behavior modification can be as simple as putting items on shelves closer at hand.

A ramp can be camouflaged or put in the back. Instead of a cement walkway for a wheelchair, insulated tiles can be laid in the grass at a fraction of the cost.

When Caring Solutions is first contacted, staffers will ask specific questions to determine the extent of what is needed. If necessary they will follow up with an evaluation of the site.

"We'll come back and put together a comprehensive evaluation," Smith said.

Contact Caring Solutions by calling (810) 977-8160, e-mail caringsolutions@caringsolutions.net. Its Web site is www.caringsolutions.net

Book spells out home improvement

A new home improvement encyclopedia can help you make repairs that you can afford and, even better, that you can do yourself.

The Home Improvement Encyclopedia: Problem Solving A to Z from Ortho has useful how-to information, in addition to helpful background tips on how you and your house can get along peacefully.

The book gives detailed information on shake roofing, electrical systems, metalworking techniques, skylights, kitchen design and much more. And unlike most guides, this one provides easy-to-read graphics and explicit directions for getting your house in great shape.

Some tips are straightforward and won't take a lot of time, while others are more intricate.

The book also provides extensive diagrams to help you figure out what you need to do and where everything needs to go. It also details a whole range of materials, what their ideal uses are, and which ones would provide the greatest quality and service for your use.

The Ortho guide gives information on legal obligations about adding onto or changing your home.

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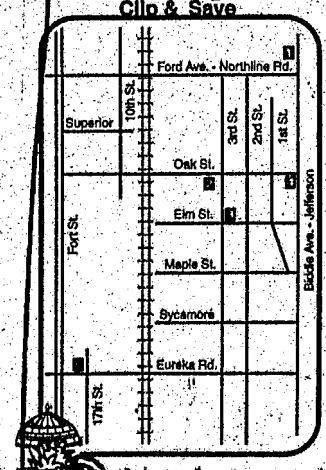
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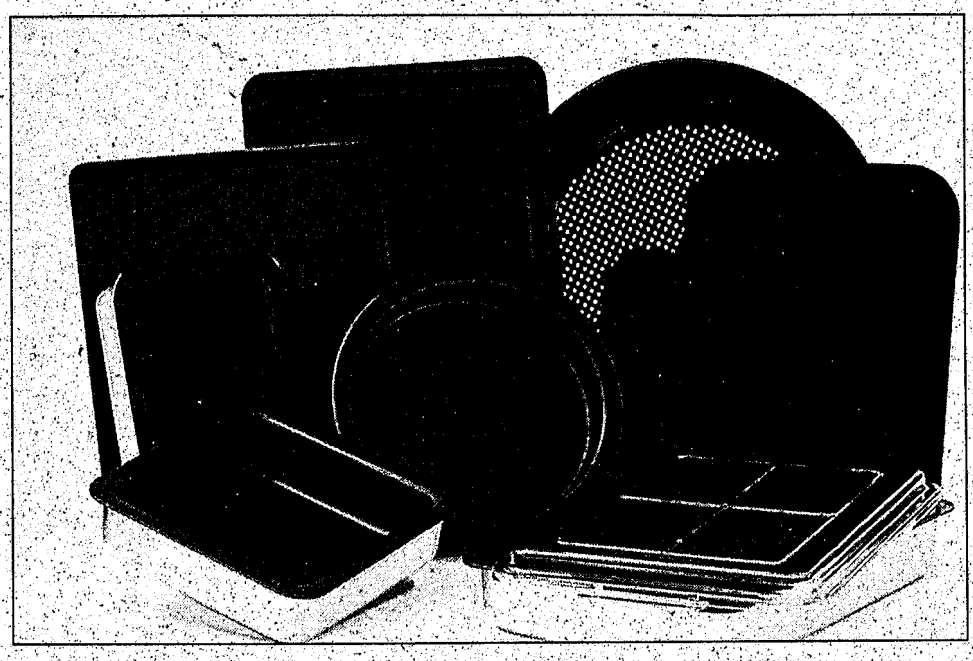
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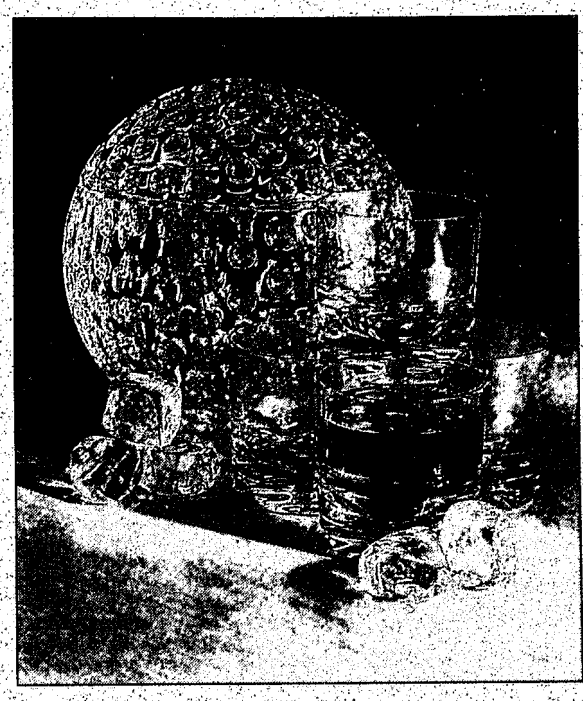
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GARDENING

Here comes the sun! Our sunflower contest is back

BY MARTY FIGLEY
SPECIAL WRITER

Yep! We're doing it again. We are again having a sunflower contest, due to the fact that many of you asked for it. For those of you who have never entered, we hope you will; for those of you who have entered, please do so again.

We're looking for the tallest sunflower and also the sunflower with the largest seed head. So get your seeds in the ground as soon as possible, give them TLC and watch them grow! Contest rules and prizes will be given in an upcoming At Home.

Sunflowers are in the Compositae family, which includes the daisy, chamomile and dandelion. The best-known genus is *Helianthus* (from the Greek *helios* for sun, and *anthos* for flower, thus its name).

In our area they are grown as annuals and some can reach quite a tall height, so check your seed package to decide which ones you want to grow. It should give the general height and maybe the size of the center, or achene, the place where the seeds are found.

The rays provide the bright yellow beauty to the flower and may serve as a beacon for pollination. The entire flower is called the head. Now some rays range in color from the yellow to a deep maroon shade.

If you grew sunflowers last year and didn't clean out the bed thoroughly, it may be best to plant the new seeds in another part of the garden because research has found that sunflowers are allopathic. That means they produce a substance that inhibits the growth of other plants, therefore helping to control weeds, which is good; but if a toxicity develops, that may inhibit the growth of subsequent sunflowers.

It's really time to sow the seeds so the plants will reach their optimum heights and growth. Well-drained soil, rich in nutrients with a neutral pH, lots of sun and extra water — especially during dry spells — will give them a good boost to help them grow.

Before planting, till the soil about 8 inches deep and plant the seeds about 1/2-inch deep, approximately 8 inches apart. Thin so there's 18 inches of space between the plants to give them plenty of room to grow.

Set stakes beside them early on; mounding the soil around them will also provide support. Cages will deter critters from eating the young plants.

There is conflicting information about fertilizers. Some sources recommend regular applications of fertilizer, while others suggest an application of fertilizer when the flower heads begin to form. This is what makes gardening so interesting.

If you are trying for the largest head, prune out smaller ones.

This is a good project in which to involve the children. Sunflowers grow fast and when they grow so tall it is a wonderful spectacle for the whole family to enjoy.

One big decision you'll have to make is whether to let the birds have a feast on the seeds, or cover the heads and save the seeds for a family treat. If you grow enough, there should be plenty for all.

Water garden tour slated

The Year 2000 Water Garden Tour, conducted by The Michigan Koi & Pond Clubs-Southeast Chapter, will take place 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 8, rain or shine, featuring seven beautiful water gardens in the Birmingham/Bloomfield area.

The walk is sponsored by Ray Wiegand's Nursery of Macomb.

Ticket prices are $10 for adults, $3 for ages 5-15. Two dollars from each adult ticket sold will be donated to the Detroit Cornerstone Schools' Hope Gardens.

To order tickets, make a check payable to The Michigan Koi & Pond Clubs-Southeast Chapter, and send it to: MKPC Pond Tour Committee, 6249 Thorncrest Drive, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301-1708.

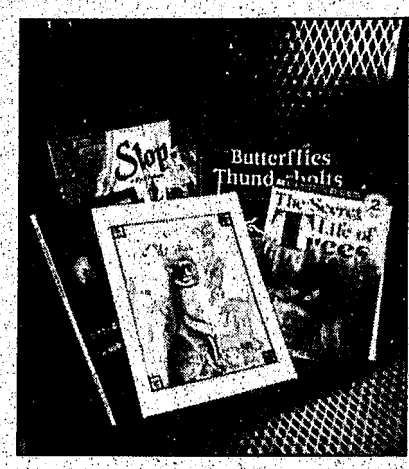
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Garden books have a youthful appeal

GARDEN SPOT



MARTY FIGLEY



Special interest: *Books for children are always in demand.*
PHOTO BY MARTY FIGLEY

Now that school is out, the youngsters will be needing something to keep them occupied. Several wonderful books pertaining to gardening and nature may be just what you're looking for to while away the summer hours and have fun doing it.

Eyewitness Readers by Dorling Kindersley has a series of books geared to specific reading levels. *The Secret Life of Trees*, Chiara Chevallier ($12.95), is rated No. 2 — the beginning to read alone level. (There are four in all for ages 3-9).

This book begins with a question and then gives the answer in simple terms. From the bark, roots, leaves (at different times of the year), shelter a tree gives to animals, to the changes that occur during the seasons, and the different climates in which they grow are featured.

The children will learn interesting facts, such as the tallest and oldest trees.

Excellent color photos and drawings are featured.

Butterflies to Thunderbolts: Discovering Science with Books Kids Love, Anthony Fredericks (Fulcrum; $17.95, soft), is ideal for teachers, parents and curious children. In this scholarly, workbook-style publication, Fredericks reviews 29 books that had to meet strict guidelines to be included.

Among the subjects are animals, the environment, plants and weather. Each has specific guidelines to help children experiment and learn and have fun doing it. This is perfect to put in a school or public library.

The Impatient Otter, Franziska Schoenfeld (Cranbrook Press), was written in 1998 as a tribute to the late Marshall Fredericks in honor of his 90th birthday.

Fredericks, a world-renowned sculptor, worked and taught at Cranbrook, where several of his works are placed.

This is a story about his black granite otter, one of three animals that surround the leaping bronze gazelle at the Levi Barbour Memorial Fountain on Belle Isle.

Otto the otter comes "alive" and is impatient to go swimming "right now" before being placed on the fountain sculpture. He convinces children to take him to Quarton Lake for a swim and they all learn a lesson during the process. This is a keepsake, especially for those who remember Fredericks and those who appreciate local connections.

The book can be bought at the Elizabeth Stone Gallery in Birmingham, the Cranbrook Art Museum in Bloomfield Hills and the gate house of Cranbrook House in Bloomfield Hills, and from the Marshall Fredericks Sculpture Gallery at Saginaw Valley State University. Cost is generally $10 but prices may vary.

For adults

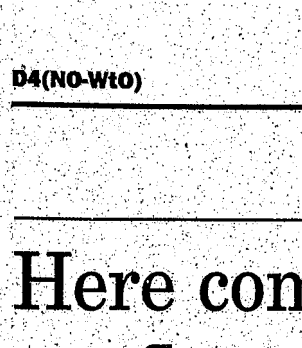
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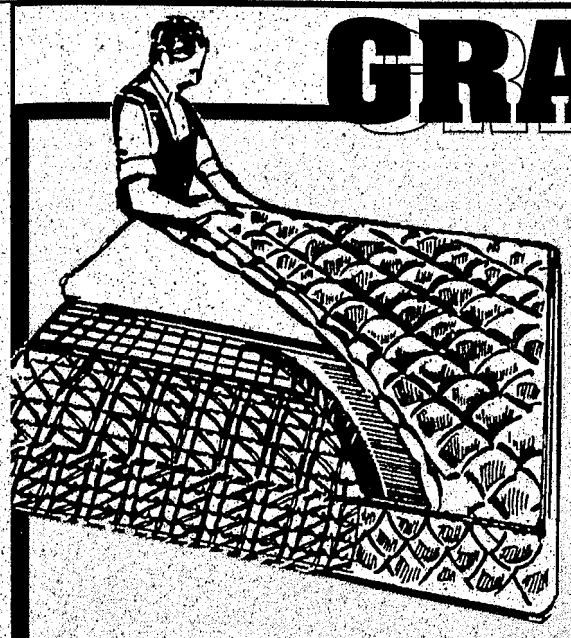
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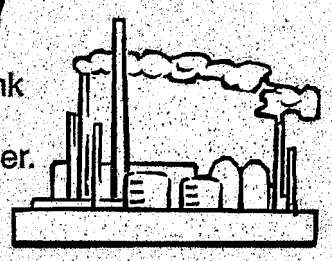
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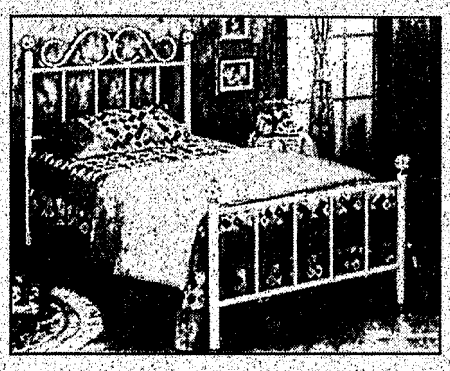


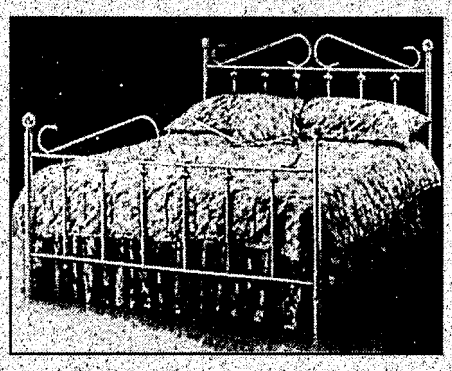
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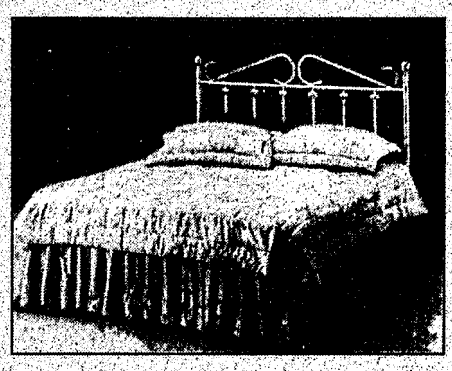
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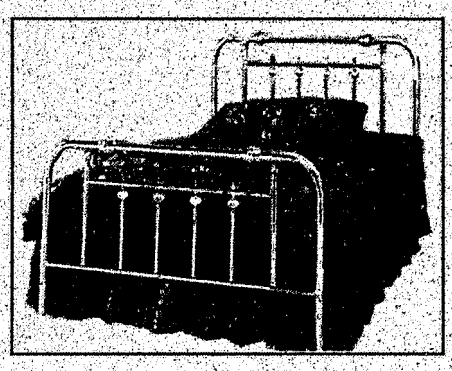
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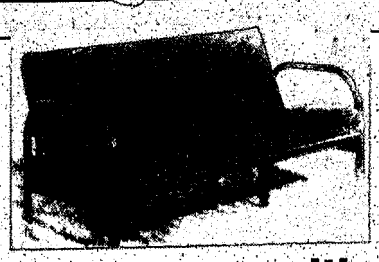


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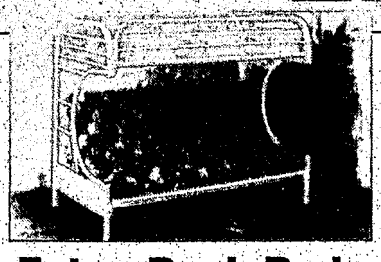
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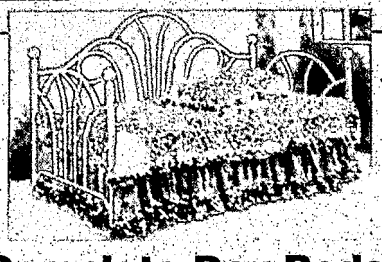
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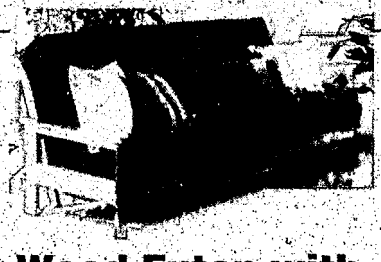
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Thousands of children go to camp each summer, but when your child joins the ranks you might feel different.

It's one thing to physically make the reservation and dream about not hearing the words "I'm bored" coming from your child's mouth every day. It's another to actually help her pack her bag – whether it's simply a day camp or a stay away from home – and send her away.

Prepare your child and put your mind at ease by creating a camp kit with a lot of essentials and a few surprises.

A camp kit is a great way to start your camper off on the right foot. It can contain anything from daily camp essentials and a few favorite snacks for the day camper, to home-away-from-home survival needs and "longing for home" surprises.

Don't worry about not having the time to put it together properly because camp starts **tomorrow**! Most, if not all, the items you will need are sitting on the shelves of your 24-hour grocery or convenience store, or lurking in the depths of your own home.

The idea behind the camp kit is to provide your child with a pack of essentials she can tote around just about anywhere she hikes.

What to pack

Start with a backpack or tote that will be easy for your child to carry and store at camp. Remember, if she's going away for several days she will also be carrying other bags, so don't overwhelm her with a huge pack.

Make your child a part of the packing process. Talk about what she'll want or need at camp. Your list might include:

- A travel-size pack of facial tissue
- Frozen bottled water (to slip into the day camper's pack each morning so she'll have cold water to drink throughout the day)
- A water bottle (for the camper away from home)
- A washcloth to run under cold water when outdoor temperatures heat up and dab on her face and neck, and a plastic bag to store it in
- Sunscreen with bug repellent (if the camp permits; some day camps ask that it be applied before campers arrive)
- A laminated index card containing emergency telephone numbers your child understands how to use
- Medical alert information (in addition to what you provide on forms upon registration) in the event your child has a condition camp or emergency personnel should know about at a moment's notice
- Favorite family photographs in a soft-sided mini-album (purse-size) your child can pull out if anxiety sets in
- Four to six small to medium bandages (for emergency scrapes) in fun colors or shapes
- Towel and swimsuit (for day campers)
- Favorite pre-packaged snacks (granola bar, trail mix, apple, banana, carrots, crackers)

Slip a few surprises into your child's camp kit, including a (an):

- Small notebook and a pen, a pencil, or an eight-pack of crayons for drawing/sketching during down time
- Comic book
- Sticker book and stickers
- Journal/diary for jotting down camp memories
- Inexpensive watch for keeping track of time
- Favorite new paperback book
- Special notes from Mom, Dad and siblings
- Greeting cards from family/friends
- Stationery pack and a colorful pen to write notes to friends and family
- Soft-framed photograph to keep in the cabin (away from home camper)
- Pre-paid calling card (to call home whenever your child needs to hear family voices)

These are just a few summer camp "survival" hints that are certain to help ease your child into a new routine.

Modify your list after talking to your child and other parents who have camp experience. Listen to camp counselors at orientation to pick up tips on other items your child may want or need in her camp kit.

Spend quality time together buying camp items and packing them. You not only ease anxieties by doing so, but also start a new tradition of coming up with neat ways to prepare for summer camp.

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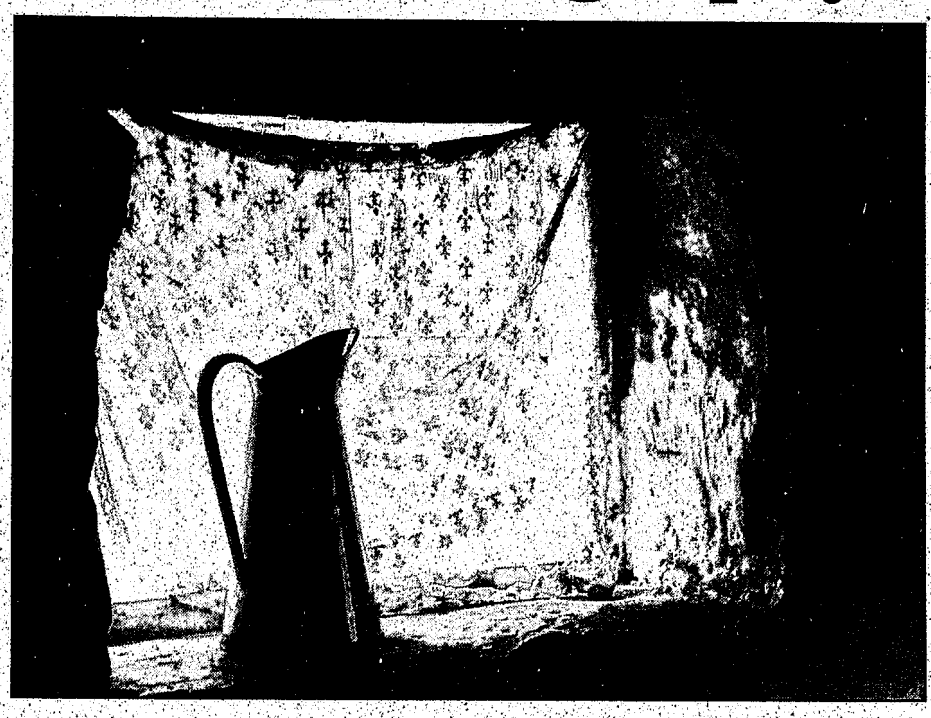
Our environment is rich in textures, from the alternating roughness and smoothness of a sand dunes, to the coarse surface of an old wall or peeling paint, to the intimate texture of a single feather.

In photographing a landscape, areas of textures and tones help separate the different sections of the composition and are best obtained by strong directional light. Objects like rivers, roads and fences can break the scene into distinct areas so that an integrated design pattern is created.

In the city, textures and tones are everywhere. The granular pattern of a street or the roughness of a wall of bricks are both rich in tone and texture. Even an old junkyard contains a multitude of shapes and textures that will produce exciting photographic results.

Remember that with city scenes, just as in landscapes, time of day and directional lighting are most important in bringing out strong tones and textures.

Enjoy photographing your pet? If so, use side or backlighting. By so doing, you'll obtain maximum detail and texture in the animal's fur and get separation from the background, too.



Ewer the one: *This old cottage near Telford, England, provided Monte Nagler with a perfect opportunity to produce a photograph rich in texture.*

Another interesting texture to explore with your camera is human skin. Once again, strong side or backlighting will bring out weathered wrinkles and tonality in the face of an old sailor while soft frontal light will show the sleek, smooth skin found on a beautiful model.

In the photograph shown here, this old pioneer cabin near Telford, England, provided me with a good opportunity to produce a photograph with texture. The rough walls and patterned curtains combined with directional lighting to make this mood-filled picture.

Details of plants, rocks and wood can make exciting photographs in their own right. Or, on a broader scale, imagine a plowed farmland photographed to produce an abstract image of line, patterns and tones.

Yes, textures and tones are key ingredients in getting dramatic results with your camera. Without them, pictures may appear dull and lifeless. But used correctly, textures and tones will help you bring home those winning shots.

Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave him a message by dialing (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then 111, then N-A-G-L-E-R. His fax number is (248) 644-1314.

Calendar

■ The Troy Garden Club will present its 26th annual Garden Walk, Boutique and Luncheon 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 12, rain or shine. Tickets are $7 in advance (advance ticket sales end 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 11), $10 day of walk (based on availability, only at the Troy Historical Museum, 80 W. Wattles). Refreshments will be at the gardens. Buffet luncheon $9.50 (by advance ticket only, by Tuesday, July 7); luncheon will be at the Embassy Suites Atrium Grill, 850 Tower Drive, east of Crooks between I-75 and Long Lake Road. Walk and luncheon tickets limited. Tickets are available at Telly's Greenhouse (call (248) 689-8735), the museum (call (248) 524-3570; closed Mondays), and Wilkop Landscape (call (248) 828-0030); or call the club at (248) 879-8091.

■ *Make a Decorative Birdbath* is one of the home classes offered at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. In this new summer class, taught by Louise Marshall Hacker, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, June 29, students will make and paint a whimsical birdbath for the outdoors using a variety of clay pots. They will also paint a birdhouse for the birds to enjoy. Cost is $30, plus $20 materials fee. Call (248) 644-5832 for registration and other information.

■ Madison & Crowe At Home, a resale shop for gently used furniture and accessories at 2256 Crooks in Rochester Hills, conducts *Home Decorating Classes for the Talent Impaired.* Scheduled sessions include *Custom Headboards*, Thursday, June 29 (cost, $35). Advance registration required. Call (248) 844-8025.

■ Step stools are fun pieces of functional art for any room, and make great personalized gifts. In *Simple Painted Furniture*, a class taught by Louise Marshall Hacker, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, July 6, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham, learn how to add some pizzazz and leave with a customized treasure. Come dressed for painting. Cost is $25, plus $15 materials fee (which includes step stool and paint). Call (248) 644-5832 for registration and other information.

■ Tour hours at Meadow Brook Hall at Oakland University in Rochester will be expanded beginning Wednesday, July 5, through Friday, Sept. 1. Summer tours will be offered 10:30 a.m., noon, 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Sunday. The hall is closed most holidays, including the Fourth of July and Labor Day; and no public tours will take place Aug. 4-8. Summer luncheons will be offered to the public weekdays July 5 through Sept. 1. Seatings will be available 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday-Friday at the Christopher Wren dining room. The fixed price of $15 includes salad, rolls, entrée, beverage, dessert, tax and gratuity. Reservations are required; call (248) 370-3140. The hall will be closed for lunch July 31 through Aug. 8 because of activities related to the Concours d'Elegance. Hall admission is $8 adults, $6 for ages 62 and over, $4 for ages 5-12, free for ages 4 and under. Group admission is $6 adult and $4 children. Call (248) 370-3140 for more information about touring the hall and the Knole Cottage playhouse, or visit www.meadowbrookhall.org

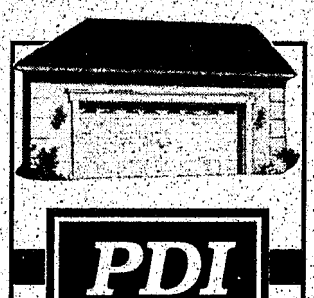
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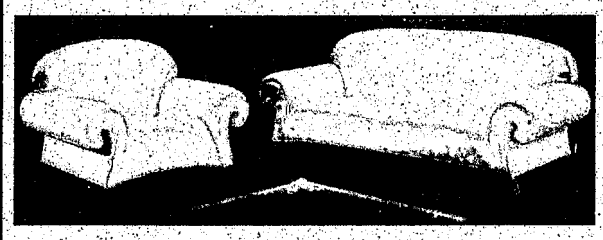
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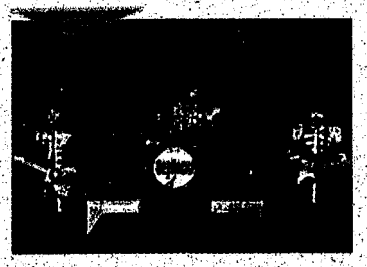
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"Get Back!" featuring cast members from Broadway's "Beatlemania!" will perform at 8 p.m. Sunday, July 2 at Meadow Brook Music Festival. Tickets are $17.50 (pavilion) and $10 (lawn). Groups of 15 or more receive $5 off ticket prices by calling Group Sales at (248) 371-2055. Tickets can be purchased at The Palace Box Office and all Ticketmaster outlets, or call (248) 645-6666.

FESTIVAL



Chill out at the first annual Pontiac Cool Nights event, a three-day BBQ, music and fireworks festival, slated 4-11 p.m. Friday, June 30-Sunday, July 2 at the Phoenix Center in downtown Pontiac. Entertainment is free. Proceeds from food and beverage sales benefit Habitat for Humanity of North Oakland. For information, call (248) 334-4600 or visit www.pontiaccoolnights.com.

ART



The Jewish Community Center, 6600 West Maple in West Bloomfield, presents a tribute to the art of Janice Charach Epstein at the Center's gallery, July 2-Aug. 10. Gallery hours are 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday.

HOT TICKET

Experience the circus at its best at Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey's presentation of Barnum's Kaleidoscape, a Euro-pean-style, one-ring, tented circus with shows at 1 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. through July 16 on the grounds of the Southfield Civic Center. Tickets are $20.50-46.50 for adults and $15.50-46.50 for children ages 2-11. Call (877) 9-BARNUM or (248) 645-6666 for reservations. Or visit www.BarnumsKaleidoscape.com.

Zoo Leaps Forward





Croaking Cafe: *This rococo toad (top) is hardly a handsome fellow except in the eyes of another toad. Glen Board (left) demonstrates an interactive learning activity on a mural designed by Exhibit Works of Livonia.*

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Frogs, lizards and more at new amphibian center

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Ron Kagan looked every bit the proud papa as he introduced the Detroit Zoo's newest addition – the National Amphibian Conservation Center.

The zoo director and his staff were expecting 500 amphibians to move into the $6 million facility before opening day, Saturday, June 24. Eventually 1,000 amphibians of 60-100 different species will call the 12,000-square-foot Center home.

Standing in front of a mural designed by Exhibit Works of Livonia, Kagan spoke about the center's importance as a resource for the conservation and propagation of rare and endangered species of frogs, salamanders, newts and caecilians. The back to back mural focuses on causes of the worldwide decline of amphibians – habitat destruction, pesticides and agricultural chemicals, and increased amounts of UV radiation reaching the earth through holes in the ozone layer. Hardest hit are the tropical forests disappearing at the rate of approximately 400-500 yards every second. If the pace continues, scientists estimate the delicate environment will be completely destroyed by 2020.

"Three years ago a group of international experts from the conservation community met to develop a place where they could study at one resource center," said Kagan, during a media tour of the amphibian center. "Finally instead of hundreds of splintered efforts it will be a centralized focus for amphibian conservation and research."

Designed by architects Jones & Jones of Seattle, the center will equally divide its attention between breeding, conservation and non-invasive research and the exhibition of Amphibia such as the South American rococo toad. It's easy to see by looking at the huge, less-than-handsome toad why the educational aspect of the center is critical to altering perceptions. The zoo's already won the respect of its peers. It was recently awarded two American Zoo and Aquari-

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Colorful frog: *This painted mantella frog is one of the frogs featured at the center.*

Don't miss good times and tunes at TasteFest 2000

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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As much a part of summer in metro area as the grand fireworks display, the 12th annual Comerica Michigan TasteFest is heading our way faster than you can say five days of fine food and free entertainment.

Despite its name, the festival is about much more than treating the taste buds. Beginning June 30 in Detroit's New Center area, this year's TasteFest is expected to draw more than 250,000 people, according to Patty LaNoue Stearns, spokeswoman for the event.

"I think it's a wonderful opportunity for our city," she added. "It draws from the suburbs, from the city. This year we'll have just a ton of new events."

What's new

The Second Avenue Street Market adds a touch of trendy charm with Detroit-focused collectibles, art work, fashion and furniture. "A great collection of avant garde stores will come together," said Stearns.

Visitors can enjoy a beverage at The Town Pump Tavern tent and then stroll over to check out Detroit-centric clothing and accessories provided by such stores as Pure Detroit and Dragonfly Boutique of Ferndale.

Hand-made goods will be for sale at Baglady Beads and Tulani Rose. For a more personal memento, internationally trained tattoo artist Sandhya will create temporary tattoos with henna dyes, and the Boston Tea Room will offer psychic readings, tarot and astrology sessions.

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What market would be complete without unusual artwork? Look for ceramics and jewelry at The Biddle Gallery or souvenirs of the city's musical past at the Motown Museum store. For a more in-depth look at emerging artists, don't miss Snug Gallery's *Gorge*, in the West Exhibit Room of the State of Michigan Building, where 15 metro area artists will show their work. Call the gallery for details at (313) 274-7091.

Calling all literary buffs, Pure Detroit presents authors Lois Johnson and Margaret Thomas 3 p.m. on Sunday and Monday, July 2-3 to sign copies of their local interest shopping and cooking guide *Detroit's Eastern Market*. Novelist Michael Zadoorian will sign copies of his book *Second Hand* at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 4.

A family affair

For the tikes, Kidcorner will be chock-full of activities including story-telling, a petting farm, crafts, face-painting and cookie-decorating.

Walk over to the Fisher Building parking lot to the State Farm Insurance Kidstage where performers like Harpbeat and magician Gordon Russ will entertain children of all ages.

Also, Barnes & Noble will host readings and visits from such characters as the Berenstein Bears, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Saturday-Tuesday, July 1-4. For those who can't

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sit still, Eugene Clark will teach the basics of puppets at the Glove Puppet Workshop, 3-6 p.m, Tuesday, July 4. For a complete list of children's activities check out www.tastefest.org.

Listen for local music

For many heading down to TasteFest, the main attraction is the music. Along with high-powered headliners like Isaac Hayes, Sloan, Roomful of Blues and 38 Special, the event boasts a total of 75 acts on four stages.

TasteFest also is an opportunity to check out some of the best local bands around.

Fans of the local rock outfit, Face, won't want to miss sultry vocalist Courtney and her psychedelic-inspired rock crew, 3 p.m. Monday, July 3. With the band's solid, self-titled debut in stores now and talk of their energetic live performances, Face is sure to take TasteFest by storm.

For bassist Mike B, a Troy native and Royal Oak resident, this year's TasteFest will be a first. "I'm glad I get to play," he said. "It should be a lot of fun. It's just another step toward our ultimate goal, which is world domination."

It's easy to tell Mike B and Face know how to entertain. The 3-year-old band – which also consists of guitarist and Redford resident Mike Smith, and drummer and Livonia resident Steve Firneno – will showcase new songs from their recently released self-titled debut on Gabriel Records. "It's definitely a progression," said Mike B of the new material.

The self-confessed veteran of the Detroit music scene promised "We're gonna do our best to entertain the crowd."

What would a five-day bash be without a little Gangster Fun? Those six ska-bandits from metro Detroit are at it again, celebrating 14 years of band-hood with a performance at 8 p.m. Friday, June 30.

Drummer Brian Bowie said the band will be promoting its brand-new album *Graphospasm*, released last month. The Pontiac resident considers the festival a "great opportunity to play for a bunch of people," adding, "We always try to put on a grand show. ... It's always fun to play outside on a big stage in front of a lot of people."

Listen for new tunes like *'Til the Weekend Comes* and *Half Wit*, a couple of Bowie's favorites to perform live. "We're a high-energy ska-reggae band. That's something they haven't had at the festival. We're representing the ska edge of the spectrum."

As for the Starlight Drifters, performing noon on Monday, July 3, this year marks a return to TasteFest. Guitarist Chris Casello of Ann Arbor said the band is the perfect addition to a festival held just before Independence Day.

"It is the holiday," he said. "Our music is so American."

He's right. It doesn't get much more American than the melding of country, swing, rockabilly and straight-up rock 'n' roll. As for TasteFest, Casello said, "It's just a really relaxed, great time."

He and band mates Billy Mac, Dave Roof and Bill Alton, a Livonia resident, are set to kick off a northwest U.S. tour and will be recording a follow-up to the band's 1999 effort *Every Note A Pearl* in Las Vegas.

Comerica Michigan TasteFest will offer something for everyone and is sponsored by New Center Council Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to developing the northern district of downtown Detroit. Proceeds benefit the New Center Council Inc. in maintaining the area and are also donated to Fairbanks Elementary School, which offers programs for impoverished youth.

For additional event information, directions to Comerica Michigan TasteFest and schedules, visit www.tastefest.org. Or, call the hotline at (313) 927-1000.

See related stories on the event on E7 and E8.

Sounds of TasteFest

Follow your ears to the beats of rock, jazz, blues and funk at this year's Comerica Michigan TasteFest. For star quality seek out the Malibu Rum Loud and Clear Stage located in the Fisher Building parking lot, just north of West Grand Boulevard. For the best in smoking local jazz turn down Cass Avenue and West Grand Boulevard for the Wellness Plan Jazz Showcase. To check out the best local bands offering everything from ska to mod and electronic music, hit the Prince Pasta Stage at New Center Park, across from the Fisher Building.

Friday, June 30

Malibu Rum Loud and Clear Stage
7:30 p.m. Sloan

Wellness Plan Jazz Showcase
4:30 p.m. Marvin Jones Trio
7 and 8:30 p.m. Johnny Rodriguez and the Fiery Latin Jazz

Prince Pasta Stage
5:30 p.m. Funktelligence
8 p.m. Gangster Fun

Saturday, July 1

Malibu Rum Loud and Clear Stage
3 p.m. Sonia Dada
7 p.m. 38 Special

Wellness Plan Jazz Showcase
Noon Sisters in Jazz
2 p.m. Ursula Walker and Buddy Budson
4:30 p.m. Dave McMurray
7 and 8:30 p.m. David Myles and Mylestones

Prince Pasta Stage
3 p.m. Immunity
5:30 p.m. The Numbers
8 p.m. DJ Shortround

Sunday, July 2

Malibu Rum Loud and Clear Stage
3 p.m. Roomful of Blues
7 p.m. Norman Brown

Wellness Plan Jazz Showcase
Noon Vincent York's Jr. New York Force
2 p.m. Ange Smith with The Charles Boles Quartet
4:30 p.m. Paul Abler
7 and 8:30 p.m. Modern Tribe

Prince Pasta Stage
Noon Stunning Amazon
3 p.m. The Brothers Groove
5:30 p.m. The Volcanos

Monday, July 3

Malibu Rum Loud and Clear Stage
3 p.m. Boozoo Chavis and the Magic Sounds
7 p.m. Isaac Hayes

Wellness Plan Jazz Showcase
Noon Loba
2 p.m. Schunk - Star-Dryden
4:30 p.m. Robert Lowe
7 and 8:30 p.m. Kimmie Horn Show

Prince Pasta Stage
Noon Starlight Drifters
3 p.m. Face
5:30 p.m. Civilians
8 p.m. DJ Cisco

Tuesday, July 4

Malibu Rum Loud and Clear Stage
2 p.m. Polyester
5 p.m. Taj Mahal and the Phantom Blues Band

Wellness Plan Jazz Showcase
1 p.m. Rich K. and Brazil
3:30 p.m. Straight Ahead
6 p.m. Tim Bowman

Prince Pasta Stage
12:30 p.m. Blackman and Arnold World Jazz Band
3 p.m. Bon Temps Roulle
5:30 p.m. The Reverbmen

Zoo *from page E1*

um Association awards for amphibian conservation.

"We want to educate and change attitudes about amphibians which most people feel are loathsome and disgusting," said Kevin Zippel, who came from the Bronx Zoo six months ago to take the position of center curator. "I'm excited that there is such a facility just for conserving and producing amphibian offspring, and working with rare and endangered species. The long term game plan is to break ground in three months for a 4-5,000-foot addition for native North American species and to highlight cultural aspects of amphibians. We have so many reference to frogs in our culture from Kermit to the story of the princess and the frog."

Glen Board has "learned a lot about frogs" since taking on the task of creating murals for the zoo six months ago. Manager of Exhibit Works' museum division, Board had stayed with the crew until 10 p.m. the night before to make sure interactive activities were ready in time for the opening. The cafe consists of two discs that visitors twirl until they match up the salamander and his dinner.

"The whole idea is for it to be fun and to be part of it," said Board, whose company is currently working on exhibits for the St. Louis Science Center. "The mural in the next room challenges kids to find the amphibians hiding in it. For me, the challenge has been to learn about frogs. We know exhibits and what people like to do but we didn't know much about frogs." Produced on a Macintosh computer, the wall murals tell the story of how all life is linked.

"The animals and environment were inspiration for the color: greens and blues and splashes of color," said Ted Swigon, Exhibit Works museum division director. "Usually these critters are very small. We want visitors to get a sense of how they develop from egg to tadpole to frog, their environments and their transition from land to water."

Becky Johnson, senior keeper at the center, stressed the delicate balance of environmental elements the amphibians must have to survive out of the wild. "They're very fragile compared to other animals," said Johnson. "The challenge is keeping their environment moist."

That's the job of Harry Ward, associate curator of herpetology. He's had to make sure each of the species live in conditions similar to their native environment. Ninety percent of the center's inhabitants will have to travel only as far as the zoo's Reptile House. But species such as the hellbender, North America's largest salamander, dart frogs, the fully aquatic axolto, and the Japanese Giant Salamander acquired in an agreement with Asa Zoo in Hiroshima, are new to the Detroit Zoo.

"Their care requires a lot of electricity and time," said Ward. "The Japanese Giant Salamander, which grows up to 5 feet long, requires a cold stream environment and extremely clean water. The tomato frog from Madagascar requires a relatively warm and moist environment and needs to be fed a diet of crickets two to three times a week."

Many amphibians live in aquatic worlds similar to the Immersion Gallery. A fine mist envelopes visitors in the space that mimics the Peruvian Amazon. Orchids, palms and tropical grasses thrive on the heat and humidity.

"We hope to serve as a model," said Andy Snider, curator of herpetology. Snider began working on the project three years ago when the zoo originally brought together educators, researchers and veterinarians from around the world.

"Many zoos use amphibians as filler species between the snakes and crocs. This is designed more like an aquarium for fish. It's especially suited to amphibians like the Emperor Newts, native to one province in central China. We started breeding them in 1989 and until 1997 the Detroit Zoo was the only one doing it."

The zoo is an exciting place to be right now with the springtime births of Siberian tigers, a camel and zebras, and the new polar bear exhibit, the Arctic Ring of Life, scheduled to open at the end of the year.

Interested in drawing the animals? The Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center is offering two-day workshops for adults and children with Pat Allen July 15 and 22 or Aug. 5 and 12. The cost is $50, members, $65 non-members. To register or for more information, call the art center at (248) 644-0866.

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Stagecrafters rock 'n' roll

By Harry Knitter
Special Writer

First it was maize and blue. Solid, winning tradition. Then it was green and white. Fresh, exciting. Now, plaid is in, at least in Royal Oak.

Theater-goers have been flocking to see *Forever Plaid* in Royal Oak and Birmingham this spring, and now it's set to make a return visit, at least to Royal Oak. The rollicking musical reopens June 30 at Stagecrafters' historic Baldwin Theatre after a successful run there in February with three bonus nights of fun-filled entertainment.

The musical is the popular story of a four-man singing group, the four Plaids, trying their best to climb the top-40 ladder of success in the music world.

What: Stagecrafters' presentation of *Forever Plaid*
When: 8 p.m. Friday, June 30 and Saturday, July 1, and 7 p.m. Sunday, July 2
Where: Historic Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette in Royal Oak, on the 2nd Stage
Tickets: All seats are $9 and reserved; call (248) 541-6430

But they run into a major problem. They're killed in a collision with a bus loaded with Beetles fans.

But rather than ending the story, their demise spawns a dream sequence in which their visions of grandeur are fulfilled. They sing their lapels off, their harmony blends smoothly, and their popularity grows quickly.

Frankly, just about any of us could have succeeded by warbling the all-star musical selections in the musical, including *Shangri-La*, *Three Coins in the Fountain*, *Shi-Boom* and other memorable hits of the '50s.

The cast consists of four lead singers and a piano accompanist.

Back for a second go-round on the Royal Oak stage are Doug Clark as Jinx; Dean Gaboury as Sparky; Kevin Frinke as Frankie; and Dan Rose as Smudge. Paul McCaffrey backs them up on the piano.



The band: *Dan Rose (left) of Huntington Woods, Kevin Finke of Royal Oak, Dean Gaboury of Bloomfield Hills and Doug Clark of Royal Oak are the Plaids at the historic Baldwin Theatre in Royal Oak.*

The music is almost non-stop as the Plaids succeed in gig after gig, always progressing. The script peaks when the foursome recreates about a 10-minute segment of *The Ed Sullivan Show*, a Sunday night fixture on CBS television in the '50s.

The audience really enjoys the sequence, which is played as if the production is in fast-forward. Look for glimpses of Jose Jimanez, Senor Wences, and Topo Jijo, along with a disheveled accordionist playing *Lady of Spain*.

Finally, the singers hit the big time, which, for them, is like receiving a shipment of plaid dinner jackets. Soon they're passing out plaid dental floss to the audience.

Nutty? Corny? Old-fashioned? Noisy?

The answer is yes to all those questions. But it's so cool, it's hot.

And, if you haven't seen *Forever Plaid* and lived in the '50s, plan to catch it on this short run. The cast is excellent, and Director Michael Smith, who played two roles in the musical during its run at the Gem Theatre in Detroit, orchestrates it.

DSO salutes America at Greenfield Village

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Participation — that's what makes our country great. We're not into exclusion, everyone can have their say — yea or nay. And as we get ready for our annual *Salute to America*, violinist Ron Fischer of Farmington is happy to be a part of it.

"Music is always an important part of a celebration," said Fischer, who will be performing with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, July 1-4 on the village green at Greenfield Village in Dearborn. "It's fun, we get to go out and meet people in the audience, we get to be a real part of it. During the break we can mingle with people, and even grab a frozen custard. It's like an auditorium on the grass."

Unlike other concerts, Fischer said the *Salute to America* concerts at Greenfield Village are something he and the other musicians "do along with the audience. It's less like work than other times."

Celebrating its eighth year, the patriotic concerts feature the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Jazz Ambassadors of the United States Army Field Band, Ford Chorus and First Michigan Fife and Drum Corps. Each concert concludes with the *1812 Overture* and a fantastic display of fireworks.

"It's always had a patriotic American theme," said Fischer. "This year we bumped it up a bit. Almost everything on the program was written by an American composer."

As the symphony plays under a star-lit night, you can say *God Bless America*, ponder *America the Beautiful* and salute *The Star Spangled Banner*.

Also on the program is an *Overture to Annie Get Your Gun*, "Mambo," from *West Side Story*, a Motown Medley, an Armed Forces Salute, and *Shenandoah*.

Emil de Cou, music director of the San Francisco Ballet, will lead the DSO. He's also led a number of family and pops concerts with the Indianapolis, Minnesota, Kennedy and other orchestras.

"It's his second visit to Detroit. I'm looking forward to it," said Fischer. de Cou led the DSO in performances of The Nutcracker ballet at the Detroit Opera House in 1999.

Even if you've attended "Salute to America" concerts before, Fischer encourages you to put the date on your calendar.

"In previous years the U.S. Army Field Band has performed, this year the Jazz Ambassadors of the U.S. Army Field Band are playing," said Fischer. "It's a different kind of music. It's a reason to come back."

The band, a select group of musicians who use their talents to bring the Army to the American public, play a versatile mix ranging from the 1930s swing sound to the popular tunes of today.

The 19-piece ensemble carries the sound of pop, patriotic music, big band tunes, modern jazz and original compositions to every part of the world. Band alumni have gone on to play with some of the best big bands in America, including Buddy Rich, Stan Kenton, Doc Severinson and Woody Herman.

Some of the people listening to the DSO during "Salute to America," will be hearing the orchestra for the first time.

"It's a wonderful way for people to hear us," said Fischer. "Maybe the next time they have the opportunity they'll come hear us play at Orchestra Hall."

Organizing the event

Jacqui Rohde started working at Greenfield Village 20 years ago scooping ice cream and flipping hamburgers. Now she's catering and sales manager and project manager for the *Salute to America* concerts.

"We're very proud of this event," she said. "It takes a lot of coordination."

Rohde and her staff spend many long hours making sure everything goes smoothly and the village's daily program is not interrupted.

"You have to have reminders everywhere," she said. "When you purchase your tickets we give you an information sheet."

As you enter Greenfield Village, you'll hear the First Michigan Fife & Drum Corp playing. They'll parade to the village green before the concert.

Plan to arrive early to get a good spot on the village green. Gates open at 6 p.m. for the physically challenged, and 7 p.m. for everyone else. Dress comfortably, and wear your walking shoes, it's a quarter mile walk from the gate to the green.

The Ford Chorus will present a program of patriotic favorites and tunes from the 1970s and 1980s from 6-7:15 p.m. The Jazz Ambassadors play from 7:30-8 p.m. followed by the symphony at 8:30 p.m.

Costumed presenters will mingle with the audience including the Mayor of Greenfield Village and Lah-De-Dah Baseball Team players.

Food

Refreshments, beer, wine and other beverages, picnic fare and snacks, and specialty cheese, fruit and wine baskets will be offered for sale.

On concert days, Taste of History, a restaurant inside the village near the green, will be open 6-10:15 p.m. The Michigan Cafe, a restaurant inside Henry Ford Museum, will be open 5-7 p.m.

"It's such a family atmosphere," said Rohde. "You can see the excitement in people's faces. When the orchestra plays *1812 Overture* you can hear a pin drop. It's one of the best crowds we entertain."

Salute to America concerts typically sell out, and draw 7,600-7,800 people per night. So if you're planning to go, get your tickets soon.

Concerts are held rain or shine. This year WJBK Fox 2 will televise the concert on Tuesday, July 4.

You can get a sneak preview by visiting Greenfield Village 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 1. That's when the DSO will be practicing.

Salute to America

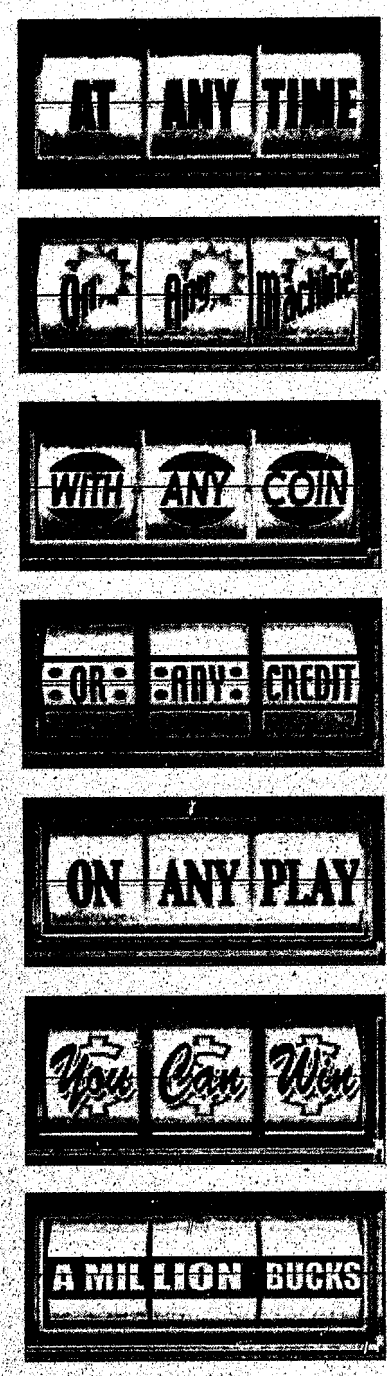
What: Concerts with fireworks featuring the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and the Jazz Ambassadors of the U.S. Army Field Band at Greenfield Village in Dearborn.

When: Gates open 7 p.m., prelude concert 7:30-8 p.m., DSO begins playing 8:30 p.m. Saturday-Tuesday, July 1-4.

Tickets: $19 adults, $10 children ages 5-12, no charge for children age 4 and younger in advance. Tickets purchased on the day of the concert are $21 adults, $12 children. Available at Ticketmaster outlets, (248) 645-6666, Orchestra Hall box office, (313) 576-5111, or Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, (313) 982-6180. Tickets can also be purchased online at www.detroitsymphony.com

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COMMUNITY THEATER

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SALUTE TO AMERICA: The Detroit Symphony Orchestra perform Saturday-Tuesday, July 1-4, on the Village Green at Greenfield Village, Dearborn. Advance $19, $10 children ages 5-12; day of the concert $21, $12 children. (313) 982-6180

FREE SUMMER CONCERTS

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: 8 p.m. Thursday, June 29, at Kensington MetroPark, Milford, free but vehicle entry permit required. (800) 47-PARKS

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GAZEBO CONCERTS: Schunk/Starr/Dryden, an evening of classic American music featuring composers ranging from Cole Porter to George Gershwin, 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 5, Burgh Historical Park, Southfield. (248) 424-9022

IN THE PARK: Steward Francke and Birmingham Songwriter Showcase, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 29, in Shain Park, Birmingham.

MUSIC IN THE AIR: One Flight Up (folk), 7 p.m. Friday, June 30, in Kellogg Park, on Main Street, north of Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. (734) 455-1453

MUSIC IN THE PARK: Liberty Brass Quintet (members of the Plymouth Symphony), noon Wednesday, July 5, in Kellogg Park, Plymouth. (734) 416-4278

MUSIC UNDER THE STARS: Big Band Express 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 6, at the Livonia Civic Center Park.

SOUTHFIELD CONCERTS BY THE POOL: Mudpuppy, 7 p.m. Sunday, July 9, at the pool deck of the Southfield Sports Arena. (248) 424-9022

STARS IN THE PARK: Farmington Community Jazz Band 8 p.m. Thursday, June 29, at Heritage Park, on Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. (248) 473-1816

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: Sunset Boulevard, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 29, at Heritage Park, on Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill. (734) 397-5110

WEDNESDAYS AT EIGHT: Baritone Steve Kosinski, 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 5, at Nardin Park Methodist Church, Farmington Hills. (248) 476-8860



Circus atmosphere: *Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey's presentation of Barnum's Kaleidoscope, a European-style, one-ring, tented circus, will be held 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. through July 16 on the greens at the Southfield Civic Center. Making its debut in Detroit, Kaleidoscope combines contemporary theater with classic circus and blurs the line between fantasy and reality. This is the first time since 1956 that a Ringling Bros. production has been presented in a tent. Detroit is the 10th U.S. city to host the tour since its world premiere on April 30, 1999, in Los Angeles. Tickets are $20.50-46.50 for adults and $15.50-46.50 for children ages 2-11. Call (877) 9-BARNUM or (248) 645-6666 for reservations. Visit www.BarnumsKaleidoscope.com*

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DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Outdoor overtures with fireworks, 8 p.m. Friday, July 7, Beethoven's Pastoral, 8 p.m. Saturday, July 8, with guest artists the Fifth Dimension 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 9, at the Meadow Brook Music Festival, Rochester. (313) 576-5111/(248) 645-6666

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POPS/SWING

MICHAEL JAMES/DEBORAH JIMMERSON: Piano bar 7-11 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, and 8 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday, at La Bistecca Italian Grille, Livonia. (734) 254-0400

JIM PARAVANTES & COMPANY: 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday through July 29, at Excalibur, Southfield. (248) 358-3355

JAZZ

SPENCER BAREFIELD: With Oliver Lake, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 30-July 1, 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, July 2, at the Harlequin Cafe, Detroit. $10. (313) 331-0922

MARCUS BELGRAVE & FRIENDS: 8:30 p.m. Saturday, July 1, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. $15 advance, $20 at door. (313) 576-5111

DOUG DEMING & THE BLUE SUIT BAND: 8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 29, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

GEM JAZZ TRIO: Performs 7-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at the Century Club Restaurant, Detroit. (313) 963-9800

LARRY NOZERO QUARTET: 8:30 p.m. Friday, June 30, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. $15 advance, $20 at door. (313) 576-5111

ROBERT PENN: 9 p.m. Friday, June 30, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

DIANNE REEVES: And Straight Ahead, 6 p.m. Friday, June 30, at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, Detroit. (313) 494-5800, ext. 0

STRAIGHT AHEAD: 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 7-8, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. $15 advance, $20 at door. (313) 576-5111

URSULA WALKER/BUDDY BUDSON: With Dan Kolton, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at Giovanni's, Pontiac. (248) 334-5241

ED WELLS: 5:30-7 p.m. Thursdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, Detroit. (313) 963-9800

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

LARRY ARBOUR: 7 p.m. Friday, at the Flying Fish Tavern, Beverly Hills. (248) 647-7747

DAN HALL AND SIRENS: 8 p.m. Thursday, June 29, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. $11. (734) 763-TKTS

WORLD MUSIC

TRINIDAD TRIPOLI STEEL BAND: Tuesday nights, at Leopold Bros. Ann Arbor. $3.

POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

THE WRITER'S VOICE: Wardell Montgomery, Jr., Sonya Pouncy and Judith Kerman, 6:30 p.m. Monday, July 10, at the Detroit Opera House. Free. (313) 267-5300, ext. 338

DANCE

CONTRA DANCE: 8 p.m. Saturday, July 1, at the Pittsfield Grange, Ann Arbor. $7. (734) 665-7704

WATERFORD-OAKS BALLROOM DANCING: 8-11 p.m. Friday, July 7, at 2800 Watkins Lake Road, Waterford. (248) 673-4764

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB: Randy Lubas, Wednesday-Saturday, July 12-15, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, Livonia. (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S: J.R. Remick, 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 30 and July 1; Jim Hamm, Friday-Saturday, July 7-8, at the club, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE: Mark Knope, Thursday-Saturday, June 29 to July 1; Jennie McNulty, also Manny Shields, Thursday-Saturday, JUly 6-8, at the club, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900

SECOND CITY: "What to do When Gratiot Happens," at Second City, Detroit. (313) 965-2222/(248) 645-6666 or online at www.ticketmaster.com

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM: WalkWorks, a self-directed exploration of the exhibit galleries that invites families and young visitors to become Super Sleuths; the museum offers more than 250 interactive exhibits intended to make science fun, at the museum, Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. $6, $4 children/seniors/students. (734) 995-5439

CRANBROOK HOUSE: Open for walk-in Sunday tours 1-3:30 p.m. to Oct. 29, at the house, Bloomfield Hills. $10, Thursdays to Oct. 26 lunch at noon may be purchased for an additional $12. Stroll through the Cranbrook Gardens at no additional charge or enjoy only the gardens for $5, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday (open 11 a.m. Sunday). Free parking at Christ Church Cranbrook directly across Lone Pine Road from Cranbrook House. (248) 645-3149

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER: IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest," "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun," "Whales," "Mysteries of Egypt" and "Everest," at the center, Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is $3 for adults, $2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are additional $4. (313) 577-8400

DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM: Visit the newest exhibition "Folk Art of the Great Lakes" or "Racing on the Wind: Sailing on the Great Lakes," also a temporary exhibit on the construction and launch of the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, at the museum on Belle Isle, Detroit. Regular admission $2, $1 seniors/children ages 12-18 during the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. (313) 852-4051

HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE: In Dearborn, open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. $12.50, $11.50 seniors, $7.50 kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. (313) 271-1620

MEADOW BROOK HALL: Tours of the 110-room historic mansion built by Matilda Dodge Wilson, widow of auto pioneer John Dodge and her second husband Alfred G. Wilson, 1:30 p.m. daily and 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Oakland University campus, Rochester. $8, $6 seniors, $4 children ages 5-12. (248) 370-3140

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY: Dr. "Wrapped in Pride: Ghanaian Kente and African American Identity," an exhibit exploring the historic, cultural and political significance of kente, continues through July 16, at the museum, Detroit. $5, $3 ages 17 and under. (313) 494-5800

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM: New exhibit, "American Vacations & Leisure," continues through August, 7:30 p.m. at the museum, Plymouth. $3, $1 students, $7 family. (734) 455-8940

ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM: "Tally My Acef Sports Memorabilia from the Past" exhibit continues to July 8, 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, at the museum. $3, $2 seniors/students. (248) 656-4663

SPIRIT OF FORD: "Summer of Racing" continues to Aug. 30, design your own car or build works of art from recycled car parts, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, at the hands-on automotive adventure center, Dearborn. $6, $5 senior, $4 ages 5-12. (313) 31-SPIRIT

LIVE MUSIC

CHRISTINA AGUILERA: With Destiny's Child, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $38.50-$25. (248) 645-6666.

ALLMAN BROTHERS: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 22, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $18.35. (248) 645-6666

LORI AMEY: Saturday, July 8, Roadrunners Raft, Hamtramck, 21 and over. (313) 873-7238; 8 p.m. Saturday, July 22, Gayle's Chocolates, Royal Oak. Free. (248) 398-0001; 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, The Ark, Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 761-1451.

JOHNNIE BASSETT AND THE BLUES INSURGENTS: 10 p.m. Thursdays, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-6368.

THE BEACH BOYS: With Martha Reeves and The Vandellas, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 29, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $12.50-$29.50. (248) 645-6666.

PAT BENATAR: With Vudu Hipples 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 30, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $12.50-$22.50. (248) 645-6666.

TONY BENNETT: With Diana Krall, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $15-$35. (248) 645-6666.

CLINT BLACK: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 13, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $15.50-$29.50. (248) 645-6666.

BLOWTOP: With The Muggs, 10:30 p.m. Friday, June 30, Lili's re, Hamtramck. (313) 875-6555; 10 p.m. Sunday, July 2, Cadieux Cafe, Detroit. Free. (313) 882-8560; 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 12, Rochester Mills Beer Company, Rochester. Free. (248) 650-5080.

BLUES MUSIC FESTIVAL: With BB King, Buddy Guy, Susan Tedeschi and more, 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $15.50-$35.50. (248) 645-6666.

BROCA'S AREA: With Remainder, 10 p.m. Friday, June 23, Jacoby's, Detroit. $5. 18 and over. (313) 886-7860

THE BROTHERS GROOVE: Mondays, The Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-MENU; 10 p.m. Sunday, July 2, Bo's Brewery, Pontiac. (248) 338-6200.

IAN BROWN: Of the Stone Roses, June 22, St. Andrews Hall show cancelled.

RICHARD BUCKNER: With Lori Amey, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 12, The Ark, Ann Arbor. (734) 761-1818.

CATHERINE WHEEL: With Tracy Bonham, 8 p.m. Saturday, July 1, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. $15 advance. (313) 961-MELT.

CHICAGO: With Little River Band, 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 28, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $20.25-$30.25. (248) 645-6666.

TERRI CLARK: 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 27, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. $15-$30. (248) 645-6666.

JOE COCKER: 7:30 p.m. Friday, September 8, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $15-$32.50. (248) 645-6666

HARRY CONNICK JR. AND HIS BIG BAND: Come By Me Tour, 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 27, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $25.50-$45.50. (248) 645-6666

COUNTING CROWS AND LIVE: With Galactic, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Aug. 2-3, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $23.50-$46. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100.

CREED: With 3 Doors Down, 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 18-19, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $25-$35.

CREEDENCE CLEARWATER REVISITED: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 18, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $12.50-$24.50. (248) 645-6666.

MARSHALL CRENSHAW: 8 p.m. Saturday, July 22, Magic Bag, Ferndale. $17. (248) 544-3030.

D'ANGELO: With Amel Larrieux and Slum Villages, 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, Chene Park, Detroit. $38-73. (248) 645-6666.

DEF LEPPARD: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 29, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $28.50-$38.50. (248) 645-6666.

DIXIE CHICKS: 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 18, The Palace of Auburn Hills. $32.50-$39.50. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100

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THE DOOBIE BROTHERS: 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 30, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $12.50-$24.50. (248) 645-6666

DR. DRE, SNOOP DOGG, ICE CUBE, EMINEM AND WARREN G: Up In Smoke Tour, 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 7, The Palace of Auburn Hills. $35-$50.

GEORGE DUKE: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $18.50-$34.50. (248) 645-6666.

DURAN DURAN: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $15-$29.50. (248) 645-6666

BOB DYLAN: With Phil Lesh and Friends, 7 p.m. Sunday, July 16, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $25-43.50. (248) 645-6666.

DYNAMITE HACK: With Mest, Bowling for Soup, 6 p.m. Friday, June 30, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. $7. (313) 961-MELT

KURT ELLING QUARTET: 8:30 and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 7-8, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-8310

FIGHTING GRAVITY: With Under Construction, 8 p.m. Thursday, June 29, 7th House, Pontiac. All ages. $7. (248) 335-3540

JASON FISHER: With Lisa Gonzales, Friday, June 30 and With Jelly's Pierced Tattoo, Saturday, July 1, Xhedos Cafe, Ferndale. $5. (248) 399-3946

FOLK IMPLOSION: 8 p.m. Friday, June 30, 7th House, Pontiac. 18 and older. $10 advance. (248) 645-6666.

FOREIGNER: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $14.50-$24.50. (248) 645-6666.

PETER FRAMPTON: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $12.50-$24.50. (248) 645-6666.

GLENN FREY: 8 p.m. Saturday, July 8, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. $42.50. (248) 645-6666.

GIPSY KINGS: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $15-$42.50. (248) 645-6666

GOOD VIBES TOUR: Featuring Slum Village, Bahamadia, Cali Agents and Spontaneous, 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 28, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. $15 advance. (248) 645-6666

COLE GUERRA: With Lori Amey, Saturday, July 15, 7th House, Pontiac. (248) 335-3540

SCOTT HENDERSON: 8 p.m. Thursday, July 13, Magic Bag, Ferndale. $16. (248) 544-3030.

DAN HICKS AND THE ACOUSTIC WARRIORS: 8 p.m. Sunday, July 30, Magic Bag, Ferndale. $15. (248) 544-3030.

INSIDE 5 MINUTES: With Small Brown Bike, Quixote, 10 p.m. Friday, June 30, Jacoby's, Detroit. $5. 18 and over. (313) 886-7860

JO NAB: 5 p.m. Friday, June 30, The Deck, Detroit. (313) 965-9500

STANLEY JORDAN: 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 3, Magic Bag, Ferndale. $17. (248) 544-3030.

THE JUDDS: With Lee Roy Parnell, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 27, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $20-$39.50. (248) 645-6666.

MARVIN KAHN AND KEITH VREELAND: 7 p.m. Thursdays, Le Metro, Southfield. (248) 353-2757 (jazz duo).

KID ROCK: With Twisted Brown Trucker, featuring Joe C. and Uncle Kracker, 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Aug. 31, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $29.50-$36. (248) 645-6666.

KISS: Farewell Tour featuring Ted Nugent, Skid Row, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6, Breslin Student Events Center, East Lansing. $45. (800) 968-BRES.

KORN: With Powerman 5000, Papa Roach, Sunday, Aug. 20, The Palace of Auburn Hills. $34.50. (248) 645-6666.

ALISON KRAUSS & UNION STATION: 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. $12.50-$24.50. (248) 645-6666.

KD LANG: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $21-$36. (248) 645-6666.

LEFTOVER SALMON: 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 18, The Majestic, Detroit. $15. (313) 833-9700

ADRIAN LEGG: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17, The Ark, Ann Arbor. $15. (734) 761-1800

HUEY LEWIS AND THE NEWS: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 3, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $12.50-$24.50. (248) 645-6666.

LONESTAR: With Rascal Flatts, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. $15.50-$32.50. (248) 645-6666.

DJ MARK E.P. OF PARADIME: 10 p.m. Wednesdays, Innisfree Irish Pub, Garden City. (734) 425-2434.

DJ MARQUIS: 9 p.m. Thursdays, Detroit Science, "The Lab." 18 and older, $10-$15 cover. Ladies free. (313) 438-4146.

RICKY MARTIN: 8 p.m. Friday, June



30, The Palace of Auburn Hills. $45-85. (248) 645-6666.

DAVE MATTHEWS BAND: With Ben



Harper and the Innocent Criminals, 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 5, Comerica Park, Detroit. $46.50. (248) 645-6666 or (313) 983-6611.

MARTINA MCBRIDE: With Chris Zito, 8 p.m. Saturday, July 1, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. $22.50-$33.50. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100.

MAZE: With Gerald Levert, K-Ci and Jo Jo and Kevin Edmonds, Time 7 p.m., Sunday, July 23, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $25.25-$47.75. (248) 645-6666.

MB2: 10 am. Wednesday, June 28, Family Fun Day, Berkley. (248) 546-2450; 8 p.m. Friday, July 7, Troy Civic Center, Aquatic Center, Troy. (248) 680-7223; 1 p.m. Thursday, July 20, Shane Park, Birmingham. (248) 644-5832.

MICHAEL MCDONALD: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $12.50-$24.50. (248) 645-6666.

BILLY MCLAUGHLIN: 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 17, Magic Bag, Ferndale. $10. (248) 544-3030.

NATALIE MERCHANT: With Wilco, 8 p.m. Thursday, July 13, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. $20-$27.50. (248) 645-6666.

THE MILLIONAIRES: CD Release Party, 8 p.m. Sunday, June 25, Magic Bag, Ferndale. Free. (248) 544-3030.

MISSING PERSONS: With Flock of Seagulls, Wang Chung, Gene Loves Jezebel, 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $10-$15. (248) 645-6666.

MONTREUX FESTIVAL: Featuring Al Jarreau, Roberta Flack, David Sanborn, Joe Sample, George Duke, Monday, Aug. 21, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $18.50-$34.50. (248) 645-6666.

MOTLEY CRUE: With Megadeath and Anthrax, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 16, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $15-$35. (248) 645-6666.

THE MOODY BLUES: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 1, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $15.50-$29.50

NICKELODEON'S ALL THAT TOUR: With Ifo, Bewitch'd and Blaque, Sunday, Aug. 6, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $18.50-$28.50. (248) 645-6666.

NOBODY'S BUSINESS: Hosts Rockabilly Jam Sessions, Thursdays at The New Way Bar, Ferndale. (248) 541-9870.

NO DOUBT: With Lit, Black Eyed Peas, 5:30 p.m. Monday, July 3, Phoenix Plaza Amphitheater, Pontiac. $26.50. (248) 335-9497.

N'SYNC: No Strings Attached Tour, Tuesday, July 18, Pontiac Silverdome. $49.75. (248) 645-6666.

OVER THE RHINE: 8:30 p.m. Sunday, July 23, The Ark, Ann Arbor. $12. (734) 761-1800

OVERTHROW: With Red Tree, Friday, June 31, Griff's Grill, Pontiac. (248) 334-9494.

OZZFEST 2000: Featuring Ozzy Osbourne, Pantera, Godsmack, Static X, Incubus, Methods of Mahem, POD, Soulfly, Queens of the Stoneage and Crazytown, 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 12, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $50.25, with donation to Lifebeat Charity. (248) 645-6666.

PEARL JAM: With Supergrass, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, The Palace of Auburn Hills. $28. (248) 645-6666

PLEA FOR PEACE TOUR: With MU330, Link 80, Alkaline Trio, 4 p.m. Friday, June 30, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. $10. (313) 961-MELT.

POISON: With Cinderella, Dokken and Slaughter, 6 p.m. Sunday, July 2, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $15-$27.50. (248) 645-6666.

RED HOT CHILI PEPPERS: With Stone Temple Pilots and Fishbone, 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Aug. 7-8, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $28.50-$38.50. (248) 645-6666.

LEANN RIMES: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $15.50-$29.50. (248) 645-6666

GONZALO RUBALCABA: 8:30 and 11 p.m., Friday-Saturday, Oct. 6-7, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. $20. (734) 662-8310

SMOKEY ROBINSON: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 10, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $15-$25. (248) 645-6666.

CLUB CIRCUIT

ALVIN'S: 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. 18 and older welcome. (313) 832-2355 or www.alvins.xtcom.com

ARBOR BREWING COMPANY: 114 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393 or www.arborbrewing.com

THE ARK: 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. (734) 763-8587

ANDIAMO ITALIA WEST: 6676 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

BEALE STREET BLUES: 8 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac. (248) 334-7900.

BIRD OF PARADISE: 312 Main Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-8310

BLIND PIG: 208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $3 in advance, $5 at the door. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

BULLFROG BAR AND GRILL: 15414 Telegraph, Redford. (313) 533-4477

CARBON: Joseph Campau just north of Caniff in Hamtramck. (313) 366-9278

CAVERN CLUB: 210 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 332-9900

CLUTCH CARGO'S/MILL STREET: 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older Saturdays; 18 and older Wednesdays. (248) 333-2362 or www.961melt.com

COBO ARENA: 301 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. (313) 983-6616

CONOR O'NEILLS: 318 S. Main, Ann Arbor. Free live entertainment. (734) 665-2968 or www.conoroneills.com

COWLEY'S: 33338 Grand River Avenue, Farmington. (248) 474-5941

THE DECK AND THE FIVE HOLE: 2301 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 965-9500

DETROIT SCIENCE: 9 p.m.-5 a.m. Thursday-Saturday, 13090 Inkster Road, Redford. Cover $10 for 21 and over. Cover $15 for 18-20 year olds. No cover for women on Thursdays. (313) 438-4146 or www.detroitscience.com

EDISON'S: 220 Merrill Street, Birmingham. (248) 645-2150

ELIE'S: 263 Pierce Street, Birmingham. (248) 647-2420

FIFTH AVENUE BILLIARDS: 215 W. Fifth Avenue, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922

FLYING FISH TAVERN: 17600 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills. (248) 647-7747

FORD ROAD BAR AND GRILL: 35505 Ford Road, Westland. (734) 721-8609

FOX THEATRE: 2211 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 983-6611

FOX AND HOUNDS: 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-4800

GOLD DOLLAR: 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or www. golddollar.com

GROOVE ROOM: 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. Free before 10 p.m. nightly. 21 and older. (248) 589-3344 or www.thegrooveroom.com

HILL AUDITORIUM: 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. (734) 764-2538

JOE LOUIS ARENA: 600 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. (313) 983-6606

JD'S KEY CLUB: 1 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 338-7337.

KARL'S CABIN: 9979 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450

LA BOOM TEEN NIGHTCLUB: Dance night for teens ages 15-19, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday. 1172 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. (248) 926-9960

LONELY HEARTS CLUB: 211 E. Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 913-5506

LOWERTOWN GRILL: 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. (734) 451-1213

MAGIC BAG: 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030.

MAINSTREET BILLIARDS AND THE ALLEY: Main Street, Rochester. (248) 652-8441

MAJESTIC THEATRE, CAFE AND MAGIC STICK: (313) 833-9700

MEADOWBROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL: On the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills. (248) 377-0100.

MEMPHIS SMOKE: 100 S. Main Street, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300

MICHIGAN THEATER: 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 668-8397

MOTOR LOUNGE: 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. (313) 396-0080 or www.motordetroit.com

MR. B'S FARM: 24555 Novi Road, Novi. (248) 349-7038

MUSIC MENU: 511 Monroe, Detroit. (313) 964-MENU

THE PALACE: 2 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills. (248) 377-0100 or www.palacenet.com

PHOENIX PLAZA AMPHITHEATER: 10 N. Water Street, Pontiac

PINE KNOB MUSIC THEATRE: I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com

PURE BAR ROOM: 1500 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 21 and older. Cover charge Friday-Saturday. (313) 471-PURE

ROCHESTER MILLS BEER COMPANY: 400 Water Street, Rochester. (248) 650-5080

THE ROOKIE SPORTS CAFE: 3632 Elizabeth, Wayne. (734) 729-7337

ROYAL OAK MUSIC THEATRE: 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. (248) 546-7610

THE SCARAB CLUB: 217 Farnsworth, Detroit. (313) 831-1250

ST. ANDREW'S/THE SHELTER: 431 E. Congress, Detroit. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com

7TH HOUSE: 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 335-3540

STATE THEATRE AND STATE BAR: 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and over. (313) 961-5451 or www.statetheater.com

24 KARAT CLUB: 28949 Joy, Westland. 21 and older. (734) 513-5030

313 JAC: Upstairs from Jacoby's, 624 Brush, Detroit. (313) 962-7067

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE: 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. Discount for members. (734) 464-6302.

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MOVIES



CLAUDETTE BARIUS

Drama: *George Clooney hangs on in "The Perfect Storm."*

Surviving the 'Storm'

BY VICTORIA DIAZ
SPECIAL WRITER

In the autumn of 1991, an enormous hurricane named Grace, a cold front from Canada, and a low-pressure system originating off the New England coast slammed into each other in the North Atlantic. Their three-way meteorological dance spawned the fiercest storm in recorded history.

It also spawned a mega-selling book by Sebastian Junger titled *The Perfect Storm,* and, from that, this movie scripted by Bill Wittliff (*Legends of the Fall*).

At the center of the drama is the crew of the Andrea Gail, a swordboat out of Gloucester, Mass. Captain Billy Tyne (George Clooney) hasn't been bringing in the catches lately. The mercenary owner of the Andrea Gail is grumbling big-time, Tyne and his crew desperately need more money than they're making, and (maybe worst of all) his chief competitor, Linda Greenlaw (Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio), is landing the swords right and left.

What's a fellow to do? This fellow decides to move out beyond ordinary fishing territory and head for a spot called the Flemish Cap. Here, fish abound, but it's a risky venture for several reasons, not the least of which is the monster storm bearing down on the little group.

For those of you who have never experienced stormy seas in a fishing boat, this picture most probably will not encourage you to do so. Surely, this is one of the noisiest, wettest films ever made. You may feel as if you should have brought earplugs and towels along. There is so much special effect lightning that people with photosensitive epilepsy might be well advised to avoid the production, and so much pitching and yawing that folks who tend toward mal de mer maybe should stay away, too.

Clooney seems slightly miscast as the salty captain. It's interesting to see that he's most effective when he's soppy, sloppy wet all over, a condition which appears to afford him the chance to shed his self-conscious, Dr.-Ross-goes-to-sea pose.

Mastrantonio has some of the same problems, coming across most of the time like a pretty performer merely pretending to be a sea captain. Mark Wahlberg as Clooney's feisty second-in-command fares somewhat better.

Still, *The Perfect Storm* is a spectacular story and, though a bit overlong, a compelling film. Director Wolfgang Petersen (*Das Boot*) and cinematographer John Seale (*The English Patient*) bring us aboard and compel us to stay there, mesmerized by the lashing, thrashing, swirling, twirling sheer magnitude of what came to be known as the "Halloween Storm."

Together with production designer William Sandell (*Air Force One*) and the folks at Industrial Light & Magic, they bring us a cinematic experience that is truly remarkable (even though it is not always literally enjoyable).

We also find the story compelling because of the strength of its supporting cast. John C. Reilly plays a flinty-edged crewman with a soft heart. John Hawkes is irresistible as the plucky sailor who finally gets the girl. William Fichtner may set your teeth on edge as an explosive loner with the temperament of an errant blowtorch.

Diane Lane, Cherry Jones, and Rusty Schwimmer are standouts as the women in Gloucester who serve as a loving, but sometimes resentful, support crew.

While most of this drama focuses on the Gloucester fishing boat and the men aboard, we're also shown rescue attempts involving a storm-tossed sailboat somewhere out there in the middle of the mess.

But we know little of the people aboard or of those involved directly in the rescue. At times, we can barely even see them or understand what they say amid all the sturm und drang. Confusion reigns and we feel lost at sea in more ways than one regarding this segment. Actually, the segment could possibly make a compelling movie in itself. Here, though, it feels something like a bit of ragged detritus sucked into the dark maelstrom.

The movie opens with a shot of Gloucester harbor, its salty charm enhanced smartly by James Horner's (*Titanic*) score. Later, however, the music lapses into a peculiar kind of overkill. The images in this film are of such power that the swelling score often threatens to take away from, rather than complement, what we are witnessing on the screen.

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MUSIC

Brian Setzer ready to play Pine Knob

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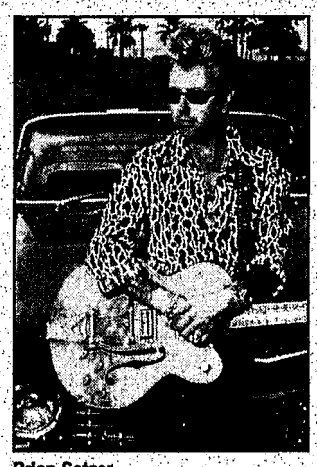
One week before he packs up his big band and heads out on the road, Brian Setzer is taking care of few last-minute details – like packing, getting his clothes dry-cleaned, oh yes, and shooting a video for the Brian Setzer Orchestra's latest single *Gettin' In The Mood.*

The song – inspired by Glenn Miller's classic *In The Mood* – is featured on the band's fourth album *Vavoom*, due in stores Aug. 1. " It's a classic," said Setzer, calling from his Malibu home June 22. "When you say swing, everybody knows it. It's a great song."

It's just what you might expect from the man who did what no one thought possible: revived rock 'n' roll, jump blues, swing and rockabilly by fronting a 16-piece big band with his electric guitar. Eight years and four full length albums later, he'll complete the video for *Gettin' In The Mood*, which showcases the band in all its glory along with Setzer's other passion, 1930s hot rods. He'll have to leave his beloved Fords behind when he heads Midwest for the start of the tour – which rolls into Pine Knob Music Theatre Saturday, June 1. Local boys, the Twistin' Tarantulas, will open the show, which is titled *Here I Go Again Draggin' 16 Guys (And A couple Chicks) Around The World Tour.*

With a new album and tour, Setzer promised the band's ready to "bump it up" a notch this time around. By adding background singers on this album and tossing in some "trash talking" hip hop beats and tape loops, *Vavoom* takes another leap to bring the sounds of 1940s swing well into the year 2000.

The challenge this time was not recording a continuation of the band's 1998 double-platinum, Grammy-winning third album *The Dirty Boogie*. "It's always a temptation," said Setzer. "You don't want to change your sound, you just want to tweak it a little bit. If there is a criticism about swing it's that it's retro music. It's from the '40s." But there's never a feeling of deja-vu with the Brian Setzer Orchestra. No musician before him or since has dared to back a wailing rockabilly guitar with a full orchestra. He's made it work since 1992.



Brian Setzer

Setzer's been intrigued by big bands since he saw Johnny Carson's talk show orchestra. "The time the Stray Cats were going to be on he asked if we wanted to use Doc's band. That's what turned the lights on. That's what really started me thinking."

Setzer first rose to fame in the early 1980s as one-third of the rockabilly band, Stray Cats. The band had early success with such top 10 hits as *Rock This Town* and *Rumble In Brighton*. Despite past success, starting over with an orchestra seemed a shaky endeavor in the beginning.

"There's no way this thing should actually work," said Setzer. "I had people tell me 'there's no way you're going to get 16 guys together' and in the beginning they were working for free."

A major challenge in the beginning was just completing the music charts for the songs. It isn't quite the same as writing a rock tune like *Stray Cats Strut*. "It's like making a puzzle. The sax has to fit in with the trumpets. It's a big job."

Audiences will see it all at Pine Knob – and even be treated to a solo performance by Setzer. "We'll basically be breaking the set down for a couple of songs," he said. He'll do a little rock "Stray Cats-style," he said, as well as a more intimate song with only his guitar to accompany him. Die-hard fans will even be treated to an older Setzer tune *I Won't Stand In Your Way*.

Speaking of changes, the rockabilly and swing-centric music Setzer's known for has come in and out of general popularity. He's seen it through the highs and lows. "You can never predict when things come and go," said Setzer. "I just do what I want and every five years I get lucky. When I started the big band, everyone thought it would flop."

With hits like *Jump, Jive An' Wail*, he proved them wrong. This time around, he's got live gems like a rendition of Duke Ellington's *Caravan* and an original called *The Footloose Doll*. He can't wait to try them out on metro area audiences. "I'm lucky, I've always got an audience," he said. "Especially in Detroit, there's a core audience. I can always play.

"The only problem I have with Pine Knob is I started watching the audience (on the lawn) playing Frisbee. I lost my place."

Leave the Frisbees at home and see The Brian Setzer Orchestra with Detroit's own Twistin' Tarantulas, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 1, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. Tickets $15-$27.50, call (248) 377-0100 or (248) 645-6666.

STREETSCENE

Sloan kicks off the 12th annual TasteFest in Detroit



STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

If Sloan's Jay Ferguson were locked in a room and forced to choose between the shuddering sounds of Limp Bizkit or the squeals of Britney Spears, he'd go for the teen-queen, no question about it.

"I'd take Britney over Limp Bizkit any day," he admits candidly, calling from his Toronto home.

Lucky for us Sloan falls somewhere far from the mass-produced sugar-pop hysteria and it's flipside – rage-infested rap-rock. Yes folks, there still exists a land where an indie break-out band from Halifax, Nova Scotia, can rock out in peace.

That place can't be detected on today's radio airwaves, but that doesn't really bother Ferguson much. He isn't about to chase a music trend he says is bound to fade away. "If you just stick to your own way, you're gonna be safe," he said. "We have to stick with what we do best."

With five albums under their hefty rock and roll belts Sloan is set to perform 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 30 as the first headlining act for the 12th annual Comerica Michigan TasteFest. Fresh from a European tour, the band seems hardly able to take a breath. In a short 18 months, Sloan released three full-length albums.

Rather than rushing out yet another, Ferguson and his cohorts, Chris Murphy, Patrick Pentland and Andrew Scott are taking time and making every song count. They don't expect to release new material until May 2001. But there's plenty out there to tide hungry fans over.

Songs off of Sloan's most recent effort, the alternately rock and dreamy-pop *Between the Bridges*, will be a highlight of the TasteFest performance. Ferguson said the band is always happy to return to the Detroit area. "We play Detroit and Pontiac all the time," he said. "We're always happy to play Michigan. The crowds are quite big in Detroit because it's so close to the Canadian border. It always feels just like playing a Canadian show."

For TasteFest, Sloan will likely gather "bits and pieces" from their past recordings as well a healthy dose of newer tunes from *Between the Bridges*, an album Ferguson refers to as the band's most "democratic" so far. Each band member contributed three songs. Since everyone writes the material, Sloan's methods have been criticized as creating a sort of compilation effect. But Ferguson considers it to have a variety of styles. Who doesn't like to mix it up every now and then?

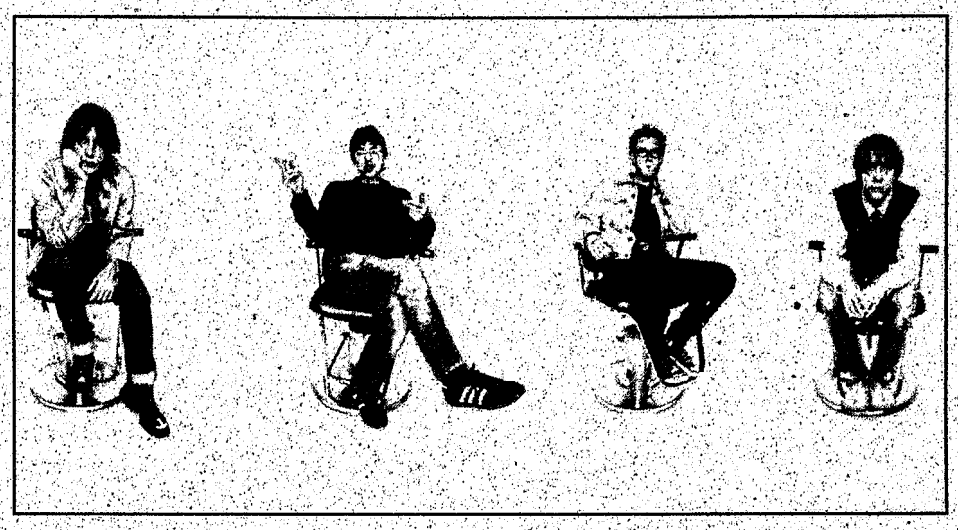
With a concept-like feel that traces a band from its humble beginning through the phases of relationships and life on the road, the album's gems include *The Marquee and The Moon* and *Friendship*.

Already working on new material with longtime engineer and affectionately-dubbed unofficial fifth member, Brendan McGuire, Sloan is working to make a more cohesive effort next time around. And they've got a few tricks up their sleeves.

"We tried to link songs musically," said Ferguson. "The last chord of one song will be the first chord of the next song." The band also experiments with using a melody in one song and mimicking it instrumentally on another track. There's no telling what's to come.

Sloan fans gets your tastebuds ready, it's about time for another heaping helping of Sloan. And just think, it's the appetizer to kick off five full days of free music in the motor city.

Don't miss Sloan, 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 30, Malibu Rum Loud and Clear Music Stage, which will be situated north of West Grand Boulevard and east of Third Street in Detroit's New Center area. For more information, call (248) 373-9522 or check the Web at www.tastefest.org.



RICHARD BELAND

Just like home: *Sloan says Detroit audiences are just as welcoming as the band's Canadian fans. Come prove them right as Halifax's pride rocks opening night of TasteFest in Detroit's New Center Area. Sloan (left to right) is Andrew Scott, Chris Murphy, Patrick Pentland and Jay Ferguson.*

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5:30 p.m. Funktelligence
8 p.m. Gangster Fun

Saturday, July 1

Malibu Rum Loud and Clear Stage
3 p.m. Sonia Dada
7 p.m. 38 Special

Wellness Plan Jazz Showcase
Noon Sisters in Jazz
2 p.m. Ursula Walker and Buddy Budson
4:30 p.m. Dave McMurray
7 and 8:30 p.m. David Myles and Mylestones

Prince Pasta Stage
3 p.m. Immunity
5:30 p.m. The Numbers
8 p.m. DJ Shortround

Sunday, July 2

Malibu Rum Loud and Clear Stage
3 p.m. Roomful of Blues
7 p.m. Norman Brown

Wellness Plan Jazz Showcase
Noon Vincent York's Jr. New York Force
2 p.m. Ange Smith with The Charles Boles Quartet
4:30 p.m. Paul Abler
7 and 8:30 p.m. Modern Tribe

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Noon Stunning Amazon
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Monday, July 3

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7 p.m. Isaac Hayes

Wellness Plan Jazz Showcase
Noon Loba
2 p.m. Schunk - Star- Dryden
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7 and 8:30 p.m. Kimmie Horn Show

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Tuesday, July 4

Malibu Rum Loud and Clear Stage
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5 p.m. Taj Mahal and the Phantom Blues Band

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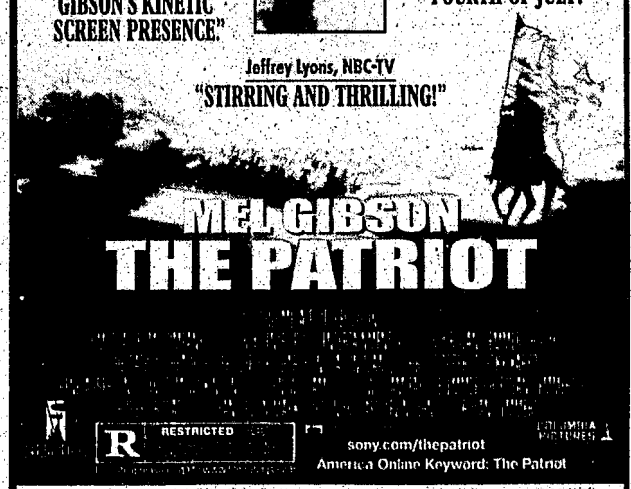
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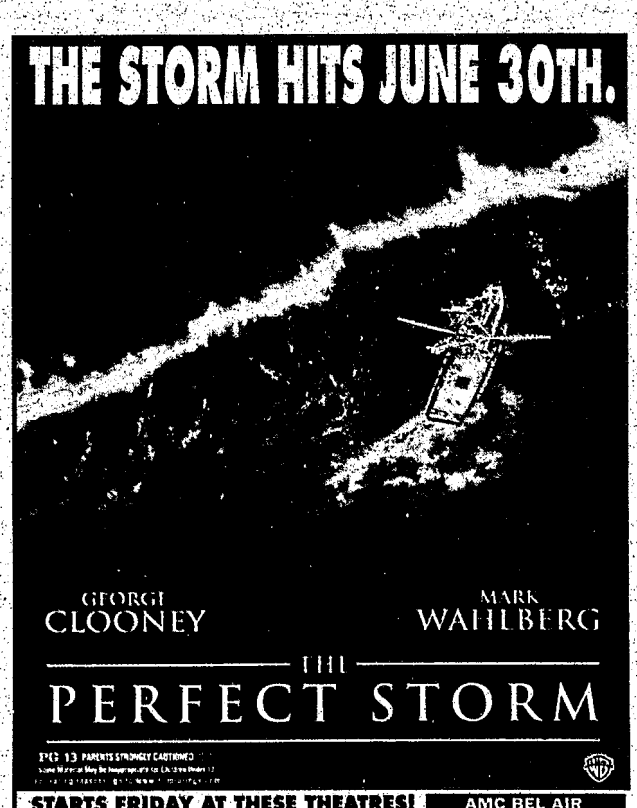


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EATING OUT

How to get the most out of food fests

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Whether partaking in a tastefest satisfies your philanthropic urges or your taste buds, most of us want to enjoy these food melanges to their fullest.

That's a tall order at venues like the Comerica Michigan TasteFest, an annual food tasting and entertainment event June 30-July 4 in downtown Detroit's New Center area.

If you're like most patrons, you'll walk away feeling you could have eaten less, or more, or differently.

Is the tummy ever satisfied?

Cut yourself some slack, and loosen your belt.

Even those who taste food for a living find having a plan is key to enjoying taste festivals.

"What I try to do is walk around once and see what they've got, then I start testing the food. I don't make a meal out of every place that I go," said Gary Hungerford, CEO of Royal Oak's Silver Spoon Creative Catering, which is serving up Marinated Baby Lamb Chops, BBQ Chicken Calzones, Grand Marnier Chantilly over Fresh Fruit and Tarte Tatin (an upside-down, French caramel apple tart) at the upcoming tastefest.

In its 12th year, the five-day event, which benefits New Center development, boasts participation by more than 30 metropolitan Detroit restaurants.

Each will serve up culinary specialties — Chicken Picatta from Marios in Detroit, BBQ Pork Ribs from Beale Street Blues in Pontiac and Chocolate Fudge Cake Sundaes from Twingo's Cafe in Detroit, just to name a few.

The restaurants will set up shop in booths along West Grand Boulevard, serving taste portions of appetizers, entrees, desserts and side dishes in exchange for Tastefest tickets.

Sounds heavenly, right? Just keep in mind your experience at Comerica TasteFest and similar events will probably be all the more divine, if you have a plan.

Tactical strategy

Know the lay of the land, said Bill Roberts, president of the Michigan Restaurant Association and owner of 220, Streetside Seafood and the Beverly Hills Grill.

"I'm a person who doesn't like to stand in line," said Roberts. "If you're in a huge crowd and you know where you're going, it sometimes helps. ... The other thing is, if there's a layout ahead of time, you might want to plot your course."

When mapping out your route, decide which restaurants and which dishes interest you, advised Roberts, adding he typically heads for establishments with which he's totally unfamiliar, as well as a handful of old favorites.

Consider making your first stop somewhere in the middle of the venue and working your way out, too, as most patrons start sampling at the entrance, he said.

Likewise, moving left, rather than right, through the event often reduces exposure to crowds, he said. "We tend to flow right because most of us are right-handed, so go left."

31 flavors

Sample a few items, then take a break, advised Pascal Paviani, chef and co-owner at Silver Spoon Creative Catering. Don't make the mistake of rushing, he said. "I know that in France it takes three hours to eat a seven-course meal. Time allows you to digest the food in between each course with a beverage or sorbet.

"Really, to get the most out of the experience, I would just take my time," said Paviani.

Furthermore, consuming sorbet between tastings, especially items with strong flavors, such as lamb, fish, BBQ, Thai food and other spicy cuisine, will enable you to fully experience the offerings, Paviani said.

And, thanks to Waterford's Savino Sorbet, sorbet will be readily available.

"I do love to eat, and especially at those events. You get to try lots of different cuisine," said Savino Sorbet owner Lou DeCillis, who is also a chef trained at the Culinary Institute of America. "But after you taste four or five different items, well, the sorbet really does break up that monotony, and the whole fun of these events is tasting the food."

DeCillis hopes TasteFest patrons will visit his booth not only to cleanse their palettes but also to sample some of his new, innovative sorbet flavors. Tropical rainbow, for instance, is a swirl of raspberry, mango and pina colada.

Sampling and experimenting are all essential to the experience, said DeCillis. And, if you're not willing to physically share your food with others — DeCillis is apt to offer strangers a taste from his own plate, if they're interested — at least share your opinions and feelings about the food.

Tasting food is an age-old social event, he said. "If you think about it, when we were all cave dwellers, the whole experience of eating — it was really a social kind of thing. People really got together around food, so when I go to a tastefest, it's a big party."

Maximum intake

Nonetheless, food festivals are also an opportunity — not to mention, excuse — to shamelessly fill up. And, there are several tactics for turning an ordinary tastefest into a pig-out session, said DeCillis.

First up, be honest with yourself. If you love food, if you love to eat, don't try telling yourself otherwise. Just go for the gusto.

Better than just doing it, better than merely granting yourself permission to break the rules, *plan* on pigging out.

Hey, don't eat breakfast.

"I swear, I'm not kidding — I would not eat breakfast," said DeCillis. "I'm not embarrassed to tell you when I go to these events, I think, hey, here's my chance to go to lots of different restaurants in one trip, and I figure I'm going to pig out."

Of course the stomach isn't a bottomless pit, either. So, as Paviani suggested, take your time. And, while you're at it, enjoy the total sensory experience, said DeCillis. Take in the sights and smells. Listen to that steak sizzle over the open flames.

"You gotta smell the aroma and look at the plate," said DeCillis. "That's part of the experience. And that way, by the time I'm stuffed I feel I've had the total experience — the unique, the sublime."



Good eats: *A variety of culinary favorites await visitors to the Comerica TasteFest, held June 30-July 4.*

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Where: West Grand Boulevard between Woodward Avenue and the Lodge Freeway, adjacent to Fisher Building.

Information: Call (313) 927-1000 or visit www.tastefest

Cost: $5 for nine "taste" tickets (cash only) at ticket booths located throughout the festival. Tickets are not refundable, but any unused tickets benefit New Center Council, Inc. programs. "Taste-sized portions" are priced up to two tickets. Other menu items are priced up to eight tickets.

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From the editor ...

Dear Readers,

We hope you enjoy our third annual special section published for *Independence Day in Independence Township*. This publication is designed for you to read at your leisure, but also to take with you for reference on Independence Day as you enjoy the parade, festival and fireworks.

In it you'll find a schedule of events, as well as several feature stories.

In keeping with the parade's theme, "2000: A New Beginning," the Clarkston Eccentric staff chose to do Independence Day-related stories that look ahead to the future.

However, we realize that one cannot look to the future without also knowing where one's been or where one's currently at.

Therefore, each story in this special section attempts to focus on where Independence Township's Independence Day celebration has been, where it is today and where it's going in the future.

We covered all three major events of the celebration, from the parade to the festival to the fireworks.

We also looked at how Clarkston-area residents' tastes have changed over the years in terms of Independence Day picnic foods and how the Independence Township Fire Department, the parade's sponsor, has grown since its inception nearly 50 years ago.

We interviewed local personality Dale Ryan, who has been emceeing the parade for nearly a decade now. And we talked to the Melody Makers, a group of entertaining senior citizens who will perform on the steps of Clarkston State Bank.

There are other stories as well about other long-time parade participants.

We hope you enjoy reading and learning about this great community event and all the great people involved in it.

See you on the Fourth!

Karen Hermes Smith,

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Clarkston High marching band adds high notes to July 4 parade

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A parade without a marching band is like a ball game without the Star Spangled Banner. It just wouldn't be the same.

Peggy North, one of the organizers of the annual Independence Day parade, said many people don't realize that the local July Fourth parade only includes a marching band because Clarkston High School instrumental music teacher Cliff Chapman has stressed the importance of civic duty to his marching band students.

"It's only out of the goodness of their hearts that those students show up to march in the parade," said North, who with her co-worker and parade organizer Luke Studt work at the Independence Township Fire Department.

"They aren't in school at that time of the year so Mr. Chapman can't require that they participate in the July Fourth parade," North added.

But many of the 200 Clarkston High School band members do participate, and parade viewers are very glad they do.

"Usually about two-thirds of the marching band members show up," Chapman said. "They do it as part of their civic duty."

He usually has the band perform patriotic music — just what the bystanders expect to hear in an Independence Day parade.

Michael Peterson, CHS vocal music teacher, remembers when he was one of those students in the marching band for the July Fourth parades. He graduated from CHS in 1986.

He recalled how excited people became as the marching band would strut by, playing instruments with unforgettable style.

"People on both sides of the streets would hear the music coming out of nowhere and know that the marching band would soon appear," he said.

"We'd see people taking pictures of the band, even if they didn't have any students in it. The cameras are going; parents are videotaping everything. It's really great to watch people's reactions," Peterson added.

He was in the parade as the CHS drum major.

"It was really very special," he said. "It's something I'll always remember."



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Traditional old parade gets an Old Navy Look

BY BARB PERT TEMPLETON
SPECIAL WRITER

When crowds line the streets to enjoy the annual Fourth of July Parade hosted by the Independence Township Fire Department, they will notice a new look for parade workers. Each and every one will be wearing a T-shirt bearing an Old Navy logo.

"It's kind of exciting that Old Navy contacted us and wanted to sponsor this year's parade," said Parade Organizer Peggy North, who is also a secretary at the Independence Township Fire Department. "I mean they called us to ask if they could and that was really something."

While North stresses that without the community's longtime support the event wouldn't have survived, the department was pleased to welcome additional help from a corporate sponsor.

Old Navy recently opened a new store at the Baldwin Commons shopping center in Orion Township. As sponsors they will provide T-shirts for all the workers at both the parade and the Festival of Fun at the park. They will also provide bike decorating kits for the children who will take part in the parade plus kazoos to use while they walk the parade route. Old Navy also will provide the flags and balloons that will be passed out to the crowd at the parade, North said.

The fact that the Fire Department is a non-profit entity makes all the extra help for the ever-growing parade particularly appreciated. North and her co-worker at the fire department, Luke Studt, go all out in an effort to make the parade a success each year.

North has been involved in the project for a decade now and has seen it burst into a full-fledged holiday must for thousands of local people. She and Studt spend the last few weeks in June awash in paperwork and details tied to making the parade, which will boast more than 100 entries this year, a winner.

The event has come a long way since its inception nearly 75 years ago in Independence Township.

Looking back

Fire Capt. Michael Farner said the fire department has been in charge of the parade for more than 60 years. He estimates that some sort of parade has been part of the Independence Township July Fourth landscape since 1926.

Longtime area residents recall those days when adults and children donned costumes and took to the streets for a fun-filled frolic along the parade route. Warm family picnics, sparklers in the backyard and a small-town feel were the norm for the annual event. And unlike this election year, which promises to include many candidates walking the walk and waving to the crowd, politics and parades didn't mix in the old days.



Family fun: *Fashion and hairstyles may have changed from parades past, as in this old photo, but the small town feel of the parade will remain.*

Farner, who has been with the fire department for 27 years, said he personally recalls the parade being a much smaller event until eight or 10 years ago. The average number of entries was in the 30 to 40 range compared to the 100-plus entries this year. The smaller scale also meant a limited time frame and generally start to finish the parade lasted 30 minutes.

"Now there are novelty groups and lots more people from outside of our area," Farner said.

Such groups as The Shriners, the Clarkston High School Marching Band and plenty of local merchants who enter floats or banners have remained a mainstay over the years.

"The high school band students have been very loyal to the parade for many years," North said. "The hardest thing is getting bands, and it's kind of 'what's a parade without a band' so we are very thankful to have them."

Having local dignitaries and celebrities stop by to join the fun also has made a number of parade years memorable. Gov. John Engler joined the route during his

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Remember when? *This picture from the Independence Township July Fourth parade dates back to the 1960s. It's sure to evoke memories from long-time residents.*

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He loves the chance to be "king" for a day

BY BARB PERT TEMPLETON
STAFF WRITER

During the sports season at Clarkston High School he's known as the "Voice of the Wolves" but when the Fourth of July rolls around, Dale Ryan takes on a new name. He's the master of ceremonies for Independence Township's annual holiday parade.

Moving to Independence Township in 1974, Ryan has been a longtime community supporter and was thrilled to add parade emcee to his agenda nearly a decade ago.

While announcing all the entertainment moving down Main Street, Ryan's sidekick and "spotter" for the event is Dave Tinkis. He keeps Ryan informed about the progress of the floats and quickly passes along any changes in the lineup.

A dedicated announcer, Ryan said he always leaves his northern Michigan vacation home to return to the township to do the parade.

"I wouldn't miss it for the world," he said.

We recently caught up with Ryan and posed a few questions about his time in the holiday hot seat.

Q. Eccentric: So how long have you been serving as the parade announcer?

A. Ryan: I think this has been going on for oh, probably 10 years but at least eight. The ladies, Peggy (North) and Luke (Studt), and I can't figure out the exact amount of time.

Q. How did you land the position?

A. Originally there was a radio announcer from Canada that they hired to come in and do it, but that wasn't working out. He didn't know any of the people or about the town. Someone with the fire department suggested I might like to give it a try.



STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

Voice of the Fourth: *Dale Ryan (left) and his 'sidekick' Dave Tinkis have been working together on the annual Independence Day parade for at least eight years. Ryan does the announcing; Tinkis works as the spotter.*

Q. Do you have a background in announcing?

A. Well I do the boys' football games and the girls' basketball games at the high school. And I know a lot of people here and at the fire department.

Q. Did Dave start out with you or was he added later?

A. He's been with me all the way except last year when my son did the parade with me. I needed a spotter.

Q. What's a spotter?

A. He gets with the firefighter that's on the stand with us to find out if any of the floats have changed position coming down the street. He gets that information and passes it on to me.

Q. So do you and Dave banter back and forth making comments during the parade?

A. No, he didn't even want a microphone. I do all the announcing.

Q. Have you noticed the number of entries soaring over the past few years?

A. It's always been a good size parade. I'd say it's over an hour or more

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first term in office. Farner and North also recall appearances by the late CKLW Radio newsman Byron MaGregor and his wife, JoJo.

In the midst of all the fun and famous faces, Farner's got his own tradition. He usually drives the grand marshal in the Model T at the head of the parade.

Another longtime tradition beyond the parade has been a competition between the firefighters and other local departments. This year's water ball event was preceded by various games over the years.

"They used to chase greased pigs until the animal rights people complained. Then they used to climb greased poles until liability became a concern," North said. "Now they do the water ball, which involves using their hoses to squirt water at the ball and the crowd loves it. There's water everywhere."

Today's parade

"I think the best part about the parade today is that it started out as a typical small-town event and it's grown now to include lots of entries including many novelty groups," North said.

"It's really wonderful and the excitement of the children and the camaraderie in the community is so nice to see," Studt added.

The list of entrants will include but will not be limited to huge floats, thoroughbred horses, colorful clowns and both classic and antique cars.

Parade goers also can expect to see several special groups who have made annual appearances over the past decade. The Melody Makers, a senior citizen band, will perform Big Band music on the steps of the bank downtown just prior to the parade. Solid Brass, a group made up of Clarkston High School graduates who performed in the Jazz Band, also will take part.

A special flyover by pilots from Selfridge Air National Guard Base is also a popular and anticipated part of the event.

Commentary for the parade will once again be provided by Dale Ryan and Dave Tinkis. The Clarkston duo have served as masters of ceremonies for six years.

"They are fabulous," North said. "They have lived in the community for years and know everyone so even though the script is there, Dale rarely used it. It's a wonderful personal touch."

Most aspects of this year's event, as in years past, will have that personal touch as so many people have worked so hard to make it all happen, North said.

"These people graciously give up their holiday to participate in the parade and our gratitude is never ending," she said. "We really want to stress the fire department's appreciation for the people who come every year to support the parade. This is a significant affair in our community, and everybody does this in their spare time."

Future prospects

Having such a sound foundation makes the idea of improving the Independence Day Parade seem nearly impossible to its organizers. Still, there are a couple of things on their wish list.

"Once upon a time there used to be all kinds of floats for the parade," North said. "Then people got too busy and didn't have time to do them. I think we're starting to head back to those days with lots of local groups like churches entering floats. We are getting more organizations involved, and I'm thrilled for that."

Another improvement North hopes to see over the next few years is more bands signing up to take part in the parade.

"I would beg, borrow and steal for any bands I could get my hands on," she said.

Still, when all is said and done for another year, North holds one image from the parade close to her heart.

It's at the very beginning of the program. The American Legion Color Guard begins to make its way down the street and the Model T carrying the grand marshal is right behind. Then the guard and the car stop in front of the grand stand and the Solid Brass band plays "The Star Spangled Banner."

"Everything just kind of stops while that's being played and it's a really nice moment," said North, who spends the bulk of the parade racing up and down the block making sure things are running smoothly. "I guess that would be my favorite part."

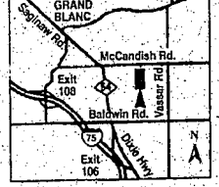
The parade will begin at 10 a.m. in the parking lot at Clarkston Middle School. It will move along Church Street to Main Street and then north to Miller Road and on to St. Daniel Catholic Church at Holcomb Road.

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Crowd expected for fireworks display

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More than just the sky lights up at fireworks shows.

So do people's faces as they watch the night sky turn into brilliant displays of color and shapes highlighted with booms from the fireworks and sometimes from the music that accompanies them.

The Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce plans to illuminate the sky again this Fourth of July with a fireworks display that begins at 10 p.m. in Clintonwood Park.

Helping the chamber cap off the July Fourth celebration in such an illuminating manner are The Clarkston Rotary Club, Oxford Bank, Pine Knob Music Theatre and A&E Construction.

But it takes more than money to produce a fireworks show. You need fireworks.

That's where Zambelli Fireworks Internationale comes in to the picture.

Zambelli will be responsible for more than 1 million fireworks shells that will be ignited this Independence Day around the country at 1,800 displays, according to Marcy Zambelli, president of public relations and marketing.

Although the company is busy all year, its busiest time is before July Fourth celebrations. The company kicks off this season with Hudson's International River Festival on the Detroit River.

Zambelli's grandfather, Antonio Zambelli, founded Zambelli Fireworks Internationale in 1893 after he emigrated to the United States from Italy.

His secret fireworks recipes, written in a little black book he carried across the Atlantic Ocean, remain stored in a safe at the company's headquarters in Pennsylvania. Regional offices are in Florida and California.

One of Antonio's sons, George Zambelli, became the company's president and general manager in 1957. His children also work for the family business.

Marcy Zambelli explained that the company still makes fireworks much the same way it did more than 100 years ago.

"First we try to get an idea of what our customer wants to portray with the fireworks," she said. "For instance, is it a kick-off display or a climax to the evening? We find out how long of a show they want and what the budget is. Then we try to get a feel for the location, where the crowd will be and any special requests."

Once that information is gathered, pyrotechnicians begin actually manufacturing the required fireworks.

"We have 1,000 acres in the Pennsylvania countryside where we make the fireworks," she explained.

The actual manufacturing goes on — very carefully — inside 60 concrete buildings called magazines. Each magazine represents a different step in the production process.

"All of the fireworks are made by hand," Zambelli said. "It takes three weeks to make one shell."

She sees changes in the future of fireworks, mainly in the way fireworks are fired and the growth of the indoor pyrotechnical industry.

"We're getting more demand for indoor fireworks, which we call closed-proximity fireworks," she said.

Until fairly recently, trained technicians fired off the shells for displays.

"Now we are getting more involved with computers firing the shells. That gives technicians the chance to move back from the tubes as they are being fired," Zambelli said.

The history of fireworks displays can be traced back 2,000 years to the Chinese people. They believed the "booms" drove away evil spirits.

The tradition of fireworks on Independence Day was set when the Continental Congress decided on July 2, 1775, to break the colonies' ties with England.

The Boston patriot and future second president of the United States, John Adams, said then that illuminations (fireworks) would be an excellent way to celebrate independence.

The more than 15,000 people expected to see the Independence Township Independence Day Fireworks Display are sure to agree.

FIREWORKS FACTS

Have you wondered how fireworks turn out to be such brilliant colors? Here are the ingredients for the different hues as well as the proper names for the many fireworks shapes and designs.



COLORS:

Charcoal carbons make amber.
Copper salts and chlorine make blue.
Barium nitrate makes green.
Charcoal carbon makes orange.
Strontium nitrate makes red.
Magnesium/aluminum makes white.
Sodium salt makes yellow.

FIREWORKS NAMES:

Battle in the Clouds: a number of salutes timed to explode in a series, sounding like a fusillade of musketry.

Chrysanthemums: stars that burst from a central core with trails.

Diadems: ejected cardboard-like strips or disks that flicker brightly as they fall in a cluster.

Hummers: small tubes that spin and create screaming or humming sounds.

Patterns: configurations of stars that explode to create a desired shape, such as hearts and five-pointed stars.

Peonies: stars that burst from a central core without trails.

Salutes: successive "booms" that end most shows.

Set pieces: a wooden framework set on the ground and studded with lances that, when ignited, outline a portrait or picture in colored fire.

Strobes: clusters of flashing silvery lights that appear to float slowly to the ground.

Tourbillons: an ignited shell that spins like a top when it rises.

Weeping willows: star colors burn an amber hue as they fall, outlining the dropping branches of the willow.

Whistles: noise-making tubes that dart across the sky, giving off shrieks as the shell bursts.

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now.

Q. So what does it take to get up there and speak to the masses?

A. You have to like to get up there on the microphone and to have fun with people.

Q. Do you use a script?

A. I have something there that I can use, but I do some ad-libbing too. I know most everybody out there.

Q. Do you announce the award-winning entries after the parade too?

A. Actually, the judging is done before the parade so I announce them while they are going down the street.

Q. Oh, so the entries don't know until that moment, wow, anybody ever fall off their float?

A. No. But one year the Optimist Club had a float with a guy jumping on a trampoline and I wondered if that wasn't dangerous, but he didn't fall.

Q. You're probably not supposed to have a "favorite" float, but is there some parade entry that you really enjoy?

A. I like the high school marching band. The more bands you have in the parade, the better.

Q. Ever had any memorable mishaps?

A. No. There are really no problems because they have it all laid out so it goes pretty smooth unless someone breaks down. Two years ago was the first time it really rained for the Fourth of July parade and I've been coming to it for 25 years.

Q. What's the best thing about this job or what do you enjoy about it most?

A. The people. And the announcing because you want to get in as many names as you can especially the high school kids.

Q. You must be a great success because we hear you've got quite a following now.

A. Well I think it's a great opportunity and I have a great time. It's like being king for a day.

Barbecues can mean anything from burgers to gourmet meals

BY SALLY GIRARD
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Move over hot dogs, hamburgers and even backyard chefs. Make room for the pros.

Local catering services say more and more people are turning in their tongs and calling in for reinforcements when it comes to having company on the patio or at the picnic table.

Michelle Ryeson, who owns Gregg's Gourmet Cafe in Independence Township with husband Gregg Ryeson, said she has had more requests for backyard catering jobs this year than ever before.

"We've got tons (of business)," she said. "Everyone wants a griller (someone who grills) on the premises."

She said lots of people just want hot dogs and hamburgers, but others want something a little fancier like teriyaki kabobs. But everyone wants someone there to do the cooking whether they furnish the food or get everything from Gregg's, 5914 S. Main St. Ryeson thinks people just like the idea of someone else doing the cooking, freeing them up for entertaining.

"You smell it, and there's someone there flipping it," she

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People pleaser: *Joe Bourque of Little Louie's Carry-Out makes lots of pizzas, but he says he cooks trays and trays of mostaccioli for people giving parties.*

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Swinging sounds: *Avis Nelson (singing) and the members of the Melody Makers will entertain crowds waiting for the July Fourth parade to begin.*

MELODY MAKERS

Local band knows the art of music



Tinkling the ivory: *Ray DeFiore enjoys the chance to perform for a local crowd when the Melody Makers takes its place on the steps of the Clarkston State Bank the morning of the July Fourth parade.*



Shining sounds: *Beflow, JC Weber plays the tuba in the area seniors' band, Melody Makers.*

BY BARB PERT TEMPLETON
SPECIAL WRITER

If you think making beautiful music is a lost art, you haven't met the members of the "Melody Makers" band.

The group, composed of area seniors who love to entertain, will make its annual appearance at the Independence Township Fourth of July festivities.

"They are a great group, and they've been coming out to play for us before the parade for about five years now," Parade Organizer Peggy North said. "As long as I can come up with a piano, they come on out."

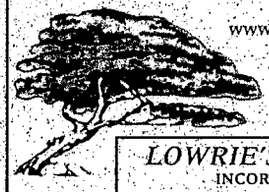
Handling keyboards for the "Melody Makers" falls to band member Ray De Fiore. He enjoys the chance to perform for a local crowd when his group takes its place on the steps of the Clarkston State Bank the morning of the parade.

De Fiore said the band, which includes 14 people, formed about 10 years ago. The members met at

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10:00 a.m **City of the Village of Clarkston**

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Fire Equipment Demonstration

Approx. 11:30 **City of the Village of Clarkston**

Sponsored by Independence Fire Department

Immediately following the parade there will be a Fire Equipment demonstration in the Millpond parking lot, located on the corner of Main St. and Washington St. in downtown Clarkston.

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11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. **Clintonwood Park**

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Entertainment Schedule

Noon-until the Fireworks **Clintonwood Park**

Enjoy a day of live entertainment! The fun will begin at approximately 12:00 noon and continue until the fireworks start at 10:00 p.m.

12:00 noon Rich Eddy Rock n Roll Oldies
1:30 p.m. Clarkston Community Band
2:30 p.m. Teen Angels
4:15 p.m. Ashley Magical Productions
5:30 p.m. Singsation
8:15 p.m. The Hits

Children's Games

12-5 pm **Clintonwood Park**

Most games charge a small fee.

Egg toss, pie eating contest, cupcake walk, sack races, 3-legged races, ice melt, ring toss, duck pond, skeet ball, squirt gun race, face painting, moon walk, Pony Rides, Old McDonald's Petting Farm and MORE!

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To reduce parking problems there will be a free shuttle service starting at 5:00 p.m. The shuttle will be running to and from Clarkston High School located on Flemings Lake Rd. to Clintonwood Park.

Demonstrations

12-5 pm **Clintonwood Park**

12-5 pm K-9 Rescue Adopt a pet in the Picnic Pavilion

1:00 pm Fireman's Waterball

Watch as fire fighters from local fire departments battle it out using water, fire hoses, and their best team efforts. It's fun to watch!

2:00 pm Vintage Baseball—on the softball fields

Hot Air Balloon Launch

between 7 and 7:30 p.m. **Clintonwood Park**

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Athletic Tournaments

Men's Class "C" Softball Tournaments

- Format depends on the number of teams. Tournament must have at least four teams.
- Team entry fee of $150 includes registered umpires, softballs and awards.
- Teams must register at the Parks and Recreation Department no later than Wednesday, June 28, 6:00 p.m., 90 N. Main St., Clarkston.

Fireworks

July 4 10:00 pm **Clintonwood Park**

(rain date of July 5)

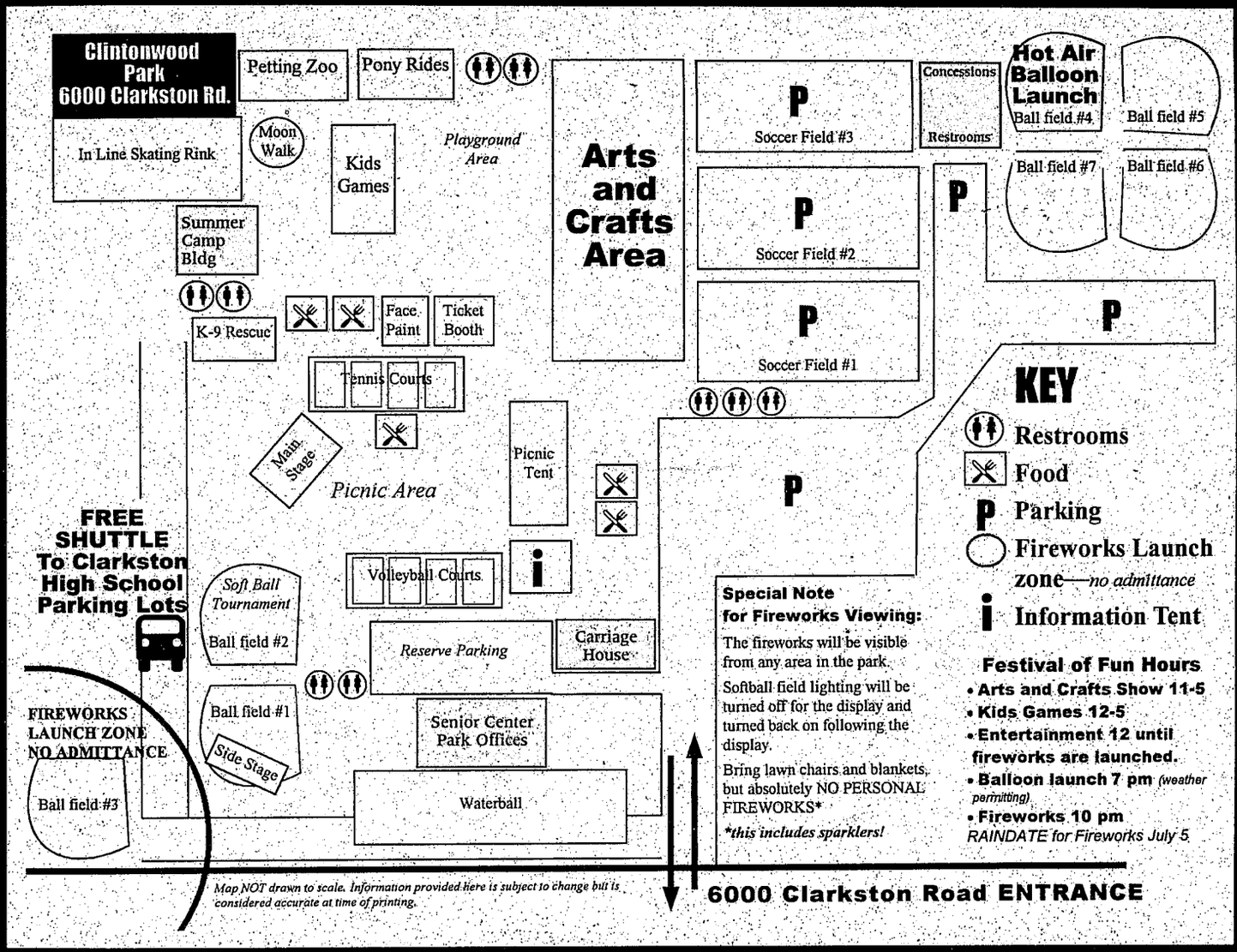
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Browsing: *The Arts and Crafts Show is a big reason people enjoy the Festival of Fun each year. The show has grown from just a few vendors during the first year.*

Festival of Fun adds vintage baseball game and retains favorite activities

BY SALLY GIRARD
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Sandwiched between the parade and the fireworks, Independence Township's Fourth of July Festival of Fun has activities for every age and interest.

Food, arts and crafts, music and kid stuff will all be at Clintonwood Park on Clarkston Road, said Mike Turk, interim director of the Independence Township Parks and Recreation Department.

The fun begins at 11 a.m. and ends with a bang at 10 p.m. with the start of the third annual fireworks show. Turk said the festivities were only started perhaps five years ago but have blossomed into a large community event.

"It was kind of small at first," Turk said.

He said the Parks Advisory Committee came up with the idea for the festival and department personnel put things together. Now, Turk said, the festival cannot grow much more and stay at its current location. He expects between 10,000 and 25,000 people to visit the festival in two waves, he explained. Normally people come right after the parade and look at the arts and crafts and entertain the kids. Then around 5 p.m. most of those people are done and another group starts to arrive to enjoy the activities and wait for the fireworks show.

New at the festival this year is the Rochester Grangers Vintage Baseball Team. They will play at 2 p.m.

Food, arts and crafts, music and kid stuff will all be at Clintonwood Park on Clarkston Road, said Mike Turk, interim director of the Independence Township Parks and Recreation Department.

"We're trying to get (township parks) employees and friends of employees to play (against the Grangers)," Turk said.

The Grangers team was formed in Rochester Hills in 1999 by the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm. They wear old uniforms and are penalized for any ungentlemanly behavior. According to Patrick McKay of Rochester Hills, the original Granger team was formed just after the Civil War and played until the late 1870s.

Theatrics and crowd interaction also are a part of the Granger game, McKay said.

Food is usually on peoples' minds at a festival, and Turk said about six vendors will be at Clintonwood.

Demonstrations will include the K-9 Rescue group that will be adopting out animals in the picnic pavilion at noon and the Firefighter's Waterball Demonstration at 1 p.m. on the volleyball courts. Weather permitting, a hot-air balloon launch is set for 7 p.m. at the baseball fields.

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the Clarkston Senior Center and started out playing for the monthly Friday night dances.

"I come from the old days where when a couple would dance, the man would hold the lady in his arms," De Fiore said. "Nowadays I don't know who's dancing with whom."

Despite that dilemma, most people young and old are eager to enjoy the sounds of De Fiore's group.

"We do some Ragtime, but our major thing is Big Band tunes from the '40s, '50s and '60s," De Fiore said. "We'll do some Dixieland music, too."

Appearances at political fundraisers, wedding anniversaries and nursing homes keep the "Melody Makers" active. They take a somewhat casual approach to their shows, accepting performance requests as they come in. They do sometimes charge a fee for their appearances, De Fiore said.

Noting that he's played the piano for "longer then I can even remember," De Fiore truly enjoys being part of the group. That feeling is mutual among the band members. Many times the full group is on hand to perform for the public. At other times, sending out half to do a show works out just fine, too.

Fine tuning their performances comes once a week at rehearsals. They are held in the Clintonwood Park Senior Center where the group gathers to practice 1 to 4 p.m. every Tuesday. Sometimes they even have spectators or "groupies" show up, De Fiore said.

"Making music is a lot of fun, and we like to get together for jam sessions with other bands, too," De Fiore said.

In addition to De Fiore, members of the group include Bob Dodge, trombone; Tom Lendzion, guitar; Stan Fay and Orvel Marlowe, drums; Vern Nelson, Herb Smith and Marv Vest, banjo; Bob Jackson, tenor sax; J.C. Webster, bass horn; Bill Patterson and Nate Anderson, trumpets; and Tom Raguso and Avis Nelson, vocalists.

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said.

The Clarkston Union Bar & Kitchen, 54 S. Main St., in downtown Clarkston also sends a lot of chefs out on assignment, executive chef Jeff Ice said. They cook everything from complicated Caribbean dishes to baby back ribs or apple-marinated pork loin. Corn on the cob cooked in the husk also is popular.

"We try to make every little thing here different for everybody," Ice said.

They sit down with each catering customer to plan a specific menu. He added that lots of people simply order a bunch of what he calls picnic staples like macaroni and cheese or potato salad if they are having a smaller family get together. His potato salad is lighter than Mom used to make. Ice said he doesn't use mayonnaise. Instead he uses red-skinned potatoes, garlic and lemon juice as key ingredients.

Chef Joe Bourque of Little Louie's Carry-Out, 7081 Dixie, in Independence Township agreed peoples' tastes have broadened quite a bit from the traditional barbecue fare.

He said the most popular items he sells are Greek salad, bread sticks, barbecue ribs and trays of mostaccioli.

"A ton of them go out of here," he said of the mostacolli.

He said sometimes people buy precooked ribs and then do the actual grilling themselves at home to save a little time. He added that the convenience of catered meals, especially for large events like graduation parties, is something more and more people are taking advantage of.

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Back in time: The Rochester Grangers Vintage Baseball Team will show how gentlemen used to play the great American pastime at the Independence Township 4th of July Festival of Fun.



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Hose handling: *The Firefighter's Waterball contest is a popular event at the annual Festival of Fun. The firefighters test their skills to keep a ball aloft using the fire hoses.*

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Turk said the launch will not take place if the wind is too high.

The Arts and Crafts Show is a big attraction and runs from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. Children's activities will include pony rides from noon until 5 p.m., Old McDonald's Petting Farm from 12:30 until 4:30 p.m. and children's games from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m.

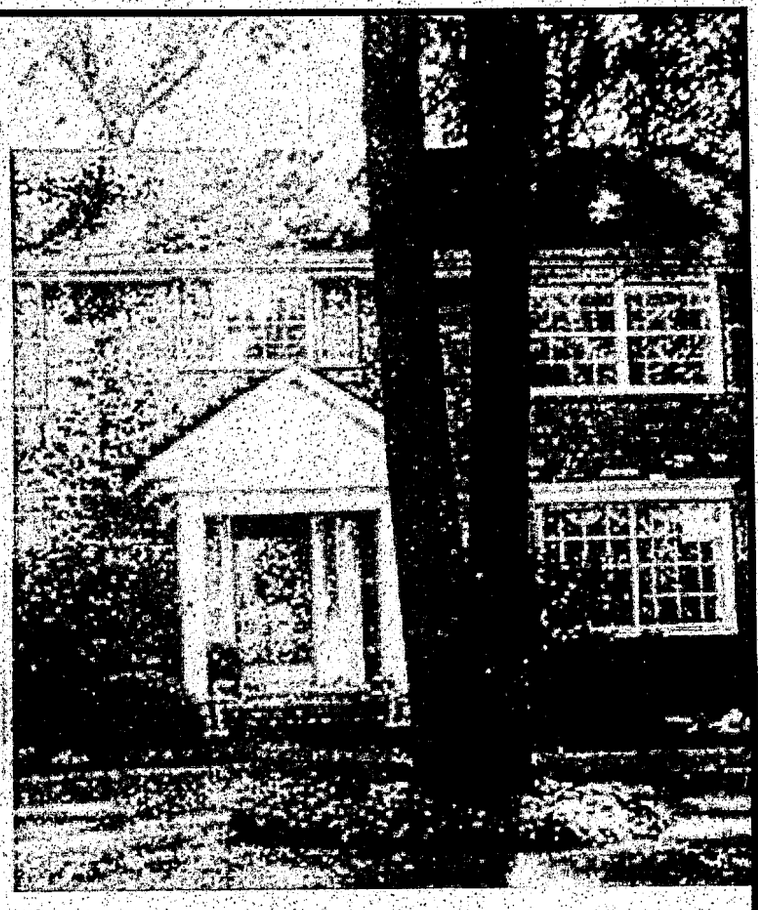
On-going entertainment also is part of the day. The stage is set by Rich Eddy playing music from the 1960s and 1970s at noon. At 1:30 p.m. the Clarkston Community Band will perform followed at 2:30 p.m. by the Teen Angels, again playing oldies.

A magic show with Ashley Magical Productions is planned for 4:15 p.m. and Singsensation, a youth choir, will perform at 5:30 p.m. The Hits will play a wide range of music beginning at 8:15 p.m.

Turk says people planning to attend the fireworks should arrive by 8 p.m. and enjoy The Hits concert while they wait. He said there are a couple of thousand parking spaces at Clintonwood. However, if the weather is rainy, there will be no parking on the soccer fields because it could cause damage. A shuttle will be running from Clarkston High School for the fireworks show. Turk added it isn't a long walk for people to park at the high school and stroll over to Clintonwood.

"It could be a nice walk for the family," he said.

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Mistie Black walks for K-9 Stray Rescue League in 1998.



James Bickford, 3, rests in the lap of his father, John, several parades ago.



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The language should be placed after the names of the grantees on the deed, but you really should have a real estate attorney draft your deed.

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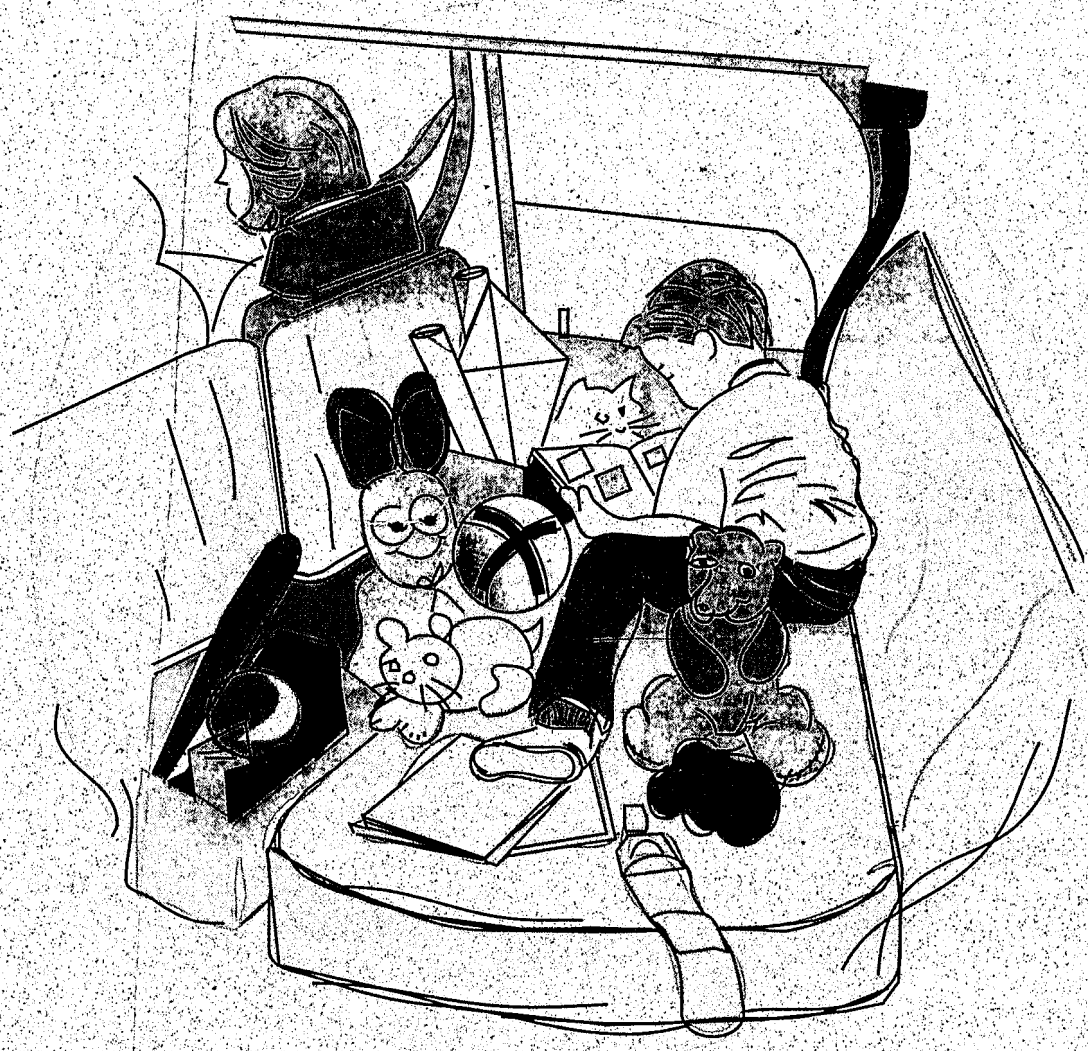
The building has its own grocery store, dry cleaner, laundry facilities and two upscale restaurants. There is a beautiful view of the Lincoln Park Zoo and the lake.

Contact a real estate person or visit to explore the possibilities.

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Surrounded by love

Familiar friends ease child to new home

BY NORMAN PRADY
SPECIAL WRITER

A disposable camera might be the secret to helping ease your teenagers' anxieties about moving.

"Suggest that they make scrapbooks," said Marianne Victor, a Southfield psychologist, "with photos related to each person's life. Include pictures of persons and rooms and buildings," dramatizing the usefulness and validity of holding on to things past.

"After all," Victor said, quoting an anonymous philosopher, "the so-called stages of life are not really sequential, but cumulative. We always are everything we ever were."

Victor, who has a general practice, specializes in family therapy.

With children older than 6, Victor said, it is vital to acknowledge their feelings. "Yes, it will be sad at first. Yet, along with good-bye, there'll be a hello. But parents shouldn't be dismissive of children's feelings."

For children younger than 6, Victor said, security is found in their parents, in their attention and their nearness. "Wherever parents go, the child will want to be there," she said.

"All children need to be prepared for moving and the related changes, but the younger ones don't experience the kind of 'giving up' that older ones do.

"With a younger child, it's fairly easy to recreate the bedroom and the child will be pretty happy seeing familiar stuff.

"But with older kids, we get to 'separation anxiety.' They want to take their friends with them," Victor said, suggesting that taking a friend along on the move might not be a bad idea, especially if the move is long distance.

"If school's out, maybe an old-neighborhood friend could come for a week's visit. Even just a weekend visit might make the transition smoother."

It could help the child accept the new surroundings if the friend were there to see it all at the same time. Supportive, direct communication, Victor said.

"The older child," she said, "faces a two-step process: ending and beginning. Relationships are more important to this child than environment." So propping the old teddy bear in the corner probably isn't enough.

"Encourage communication – telephone, letter, e-mail," Victor said.

Also, encourage activities, Victor said. "What are the child's interests and hobbies? What about sports?"

Such activities, she said, and the opportunities they offer to meet new friends can help make the change smoother and more positive.

Parents should remember, Victor said, that children from age 6 on have been living lives steeped in the coziness of home, and the familiarity of their environment, from the school building and the playground to the movie theater and the mall.

Sometimes, said Stephenie Sdao, the parents' own worries about moving affect how they deal with the children's concerns.

Sdao, a sales agent with Jack Christenson Inc. Realtors, Lake Orion, said she has occasionally found herself in an unofficial counseling role with parents and children as they start and go through the adventures of moving.

"Some parents," Sdao said, "can be more controlling. They will tell the kids, 'You're gonna' move and you're gonna' like it.' So I try to soften it, try to reassure the kids that everything will be OK for them.

"I try to reassure the parents, too. They can be worried about the steps they're taking. It can be stressful, and the kids can be an outlet for their own feelings. So I try to help them focus on the positive aspects of the investment they're making."

Sdao, like Victor, sees moving as more difficult for teens than for younger children. "Teens are afraid about changing schools, giving up friends, meeting new kids.

"Younger kids worry about being able to bring everything – their toys and pets – and want to make sure their parents are moving, too."

Because younger children sometimes grow close to her during the house-hunting process and begin calling her Aunt Stephie, Sdao said, they might ask which room in the house will be theirs.

And sometimes they see something they like in the house being bought and ask that it be left for them. "A 5-year-old who didn't have her own computer wanted the seller to leave theirs."

As difficult as moving might be at other times, it can be more difficult after the school year has started, said Greg Williamson, guidance counselor at Garden City High School.

"At the beginning of the school year," Williamson said, "all the kids are making changes, so you're not an oddball" if you have just moved into the neighborhood.

Extracurricular activities, Williamson said, let a new student meet others and form friendships. He pointed out how well he has seen that work in his school's Diversity Club, a student group dedicated to making its members more open to persons of other races and religions.

Relatively problem-free are the moving experiences observed by Aletha Bills, associate broker, Times Realty, Clarkston.

"Relatively" might be an appropriate word.

"I haven't had trouble with my customers' families," Bills said, talking about some teens she knows, "but my own family is different." She said she understands why some children want to finish high school where they are.

"But," she said, "I don't give advice."

Should I refinance my home?

During the last several years, many homeowners have become pros at refinancing. Consumers now understand how to better manage their major investments. These include such items as retirement plans, mutual funds or insurance annuities, as well as the equity buildup and the tax savings of home ownership.

Previous refinancing guidelines are no longer relevant; such as the old rule-of-thumb to refinance only if the new interest rate is at least 2 percentage points lower than your existing rate. It may make sense to refinance if your new rate will only be one-half percent lower than your existing mortgage rate. Many factors should be considered.

If you plan to remain in your home for several years, the savings you will realize in the form of a lower monthly mortgage payment could justify the costs of refinancing. Run the numbers: First, figure how many months it will take to recover your refinancing costs.

If you plan to move before you've recovered the costs, it probably doesn't make sense to refinance. Find out how much it will cost to refinance. Then find out how much per month you would save in your house payments. Divide the cost to refinance by the amount you save each month. The final number tell you how many months.

If it costs you $1,500 to refinance. And your house payment will be $67 lower per month. Divide 1500 by 67. The answer is 23 months. If you stay in your home two years, you are ahead.

In addition to a lower interest rate, many homeowners want to build equity in their homes more quickly, so they refinance from a longer-term mortgage to one with a shorter term. With a shorter term, a greater percentage of your monthly payment goes to principal.

If your loan is almost paid off, you probably don't get to take the home mortgage interest deduction on your federal tax return. Refinancing with a higher mortgage balance re-energizes this deduction.

Some homeowners have chosen to tap the equity that has accumulated in their home – often referred to as a "cash-out" refinance. Why? To pay for home improvements, take advantage of investment opportunities, pay expenses of a child's education, or to pay off other consumer debt – home interest payments are tax deductible; most other interest payments are not.

Whatever your reason, carefully compare rates and closing costs charged by lenders. Don't be afraid to ask questions and get it in writing.

Lisa Harris is president of the Mortgage Bankers Association of Michigan.

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2922 Genes Dr $124,000
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3790 Tierken Rd $120,000

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8212 Brookstone Ln $290,000
8213 Brookstone Ln $372,000
9212 Cherrywood Rd $63,000
5214 Drayton Rd $136,000
5786 Edgar Rd $183,000
9260 Lake Ridge Dr $125,000
6372 Peach Dr $139,000
6535 Ricki Ct $269,000

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4495 Bluebird Dr $172,000
8275 Cascade St $108,000
3730 Ellisia Rd $161,000
3411 Luanne Dr $265,000
2151 Matthew St $234,000
2137 Oakbrook Blvd $212,000
2600 Old Sherwood Ct $55,000
4097 Pinestead Dr $239,000
1750 Ridgewood Ln $318,000
3100 Royal St $122,000
1638 Union Lake #1642 $105,000
3990 Watuga St $90,000

Farmington
32100 Grand River #1 $88,000
34024 Oakland St $296,000
24156 Saint Mary Ct $218,000
22414 Violet St $128,000

Farmington Hills
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21309 Collingham Ave $180,000
31224 Country Blf $166,000
31188 Country Way $145,000
29812 Edgehill Ave $171,000
32260 Farmersville Rd $242,000
37858 Glengrove Dr $347,000
28564 Green Castle Rd $199,000
21632 Hancock St $113,000
29950 Highmeadow Rd $215,000
22307 Inkster Rd $122,000
21631 Jacksonville St $37,000
22028 Malden St $159,000
29330 Marvin Rd $344,000
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27721 Westcott Crsc Cr $178,000
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2290 Maddy Ln $22,000
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21922 Siegal Dr $300,000
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Kowalski

TMP Associates, an architectural/engineering firm in Bloomfield Hills, announces several promotions.

Thomas V. Kowalski, AIA, was promoted to principal from senior associate. He's a University of Michigan graduate and a member of the American Institute of Architects and the Michigan Society of Architects.

His work experience encompasses various educational projects. Kowalski lives in Clarkston.

Kenneth R. Jenkins, PE, also was promoted to principal from senior associate. He's a graduate of Lawrence Technological University in Southfield and a member of the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers.

Jenkins, a Farmington Hills resident, is director of mechanical engineering at TMP.

Thomas A. Baier, PE, was promoted to principal from senior associate. He's a graduate of the University of Detroit and a member of the American Concrete Institute and the American Institute of Steel Construction.

Baier is director of structural engineering at TMP. He lives in Rochester Hills.

Janet Conlon was promoted to principal from senior associate. She's a graduate of Walsh College of Accountancy and Business Administration in Troy and is director of accounting at TMP.

Conlon lives in West Bloomfield.

Nicholas W. McGee, AIA, was promoted to principal from senior associate. He's a graduate of Howard University and is a member of the American Institute of Architects and Michigan Society of Architects.

McGee lives in West Bloomfield.

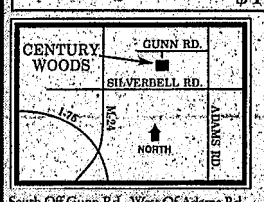
Gary P. Jelin, AIA, was promoted to vice president from senior associate. He's a graduate of Lawrence Technological University in Southfield and is a member of the American Institute of Architects and the Engineering Society of Detroit.

Jelin, a West Bloomfield resident, leads the design effort on many school projects.

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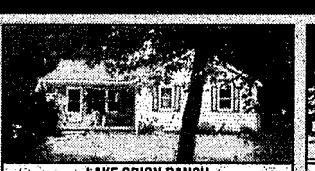
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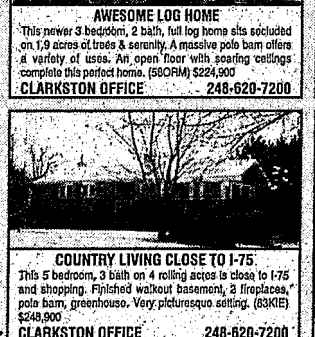

UPDATED COLONIAL
Clean colonial with updates. Family room with fireplace leading to deck and fenced yard. New carpet 2000, new bath '99, windows '95, roof and garage '95. (175REV) $184,500
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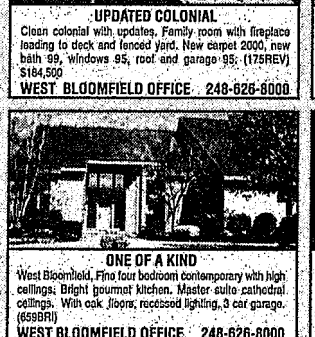

COUNTRY ATMOSPHERE CITY CONVENIENCE
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LAKE ORION RANCH
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RANCH TOTALLY UPDATED
Fantastic brick ranch, neutral decor, cathedral ceilings, updates: oak kitchen, bath room, central air, entry doors, master suite, finished basement w/ bedroom & bath. (438HAN) $174,900
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Novi Schools! Appraised at $393K, ½ acre site, 2957 sq. ft., 4 bedroom, 2½ bath, 3 car garage, 9 ft. first floor ceiling, neutral decor, N. of 10 mile, West of Beck, solid home at a fair price. (243NAN) $384,900
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West Bloomfield, Fine four bedroom contemporary with high ceilings; Bright gourmet kitchen. Master suite cathedral ceilings. With oak floors, recessed lighting, 3 car garage. (659BRI)
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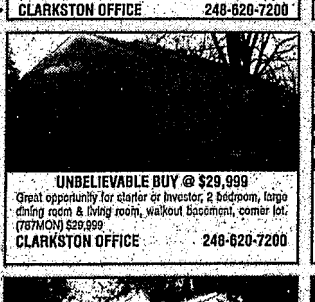

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1st floor master suite w/fireplace, private deck, highest quality sunken whirlpool tub. The other 3 bedrooms are also connected to their own baths. Private lot w/beautiful trees and plantings. Hot tub spa. (F57GR) $424,900
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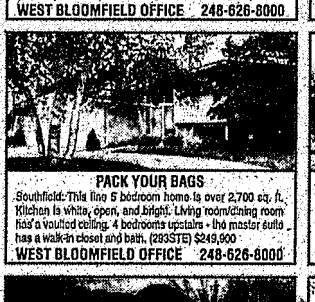

COMPLETELY UPDATED
3 bedroom, 1½ bath, full brick ranch w/2 car garage. New carpet throughout, freshly painted & a custom kitchen w/built in sub-zero fridge. Beautiful fireplace & built-in ent. center. Bloomfield Hills schools. (F31MA) $204,900
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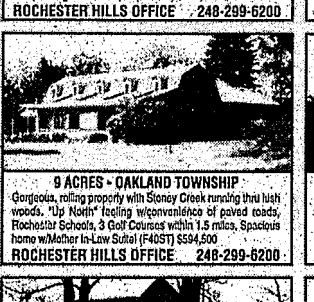


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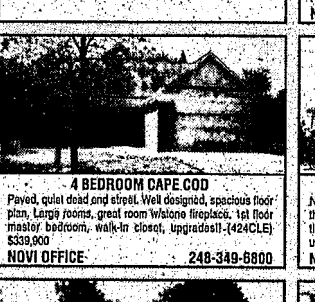

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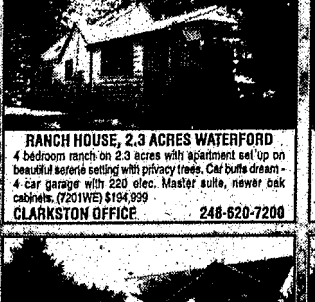

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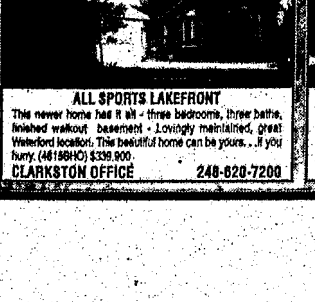

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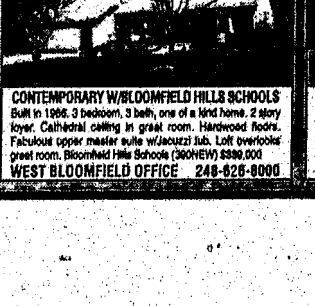


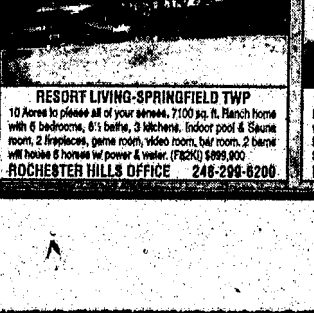
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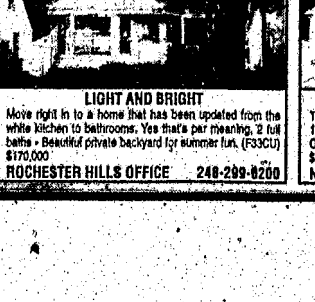

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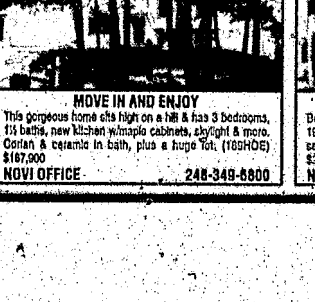

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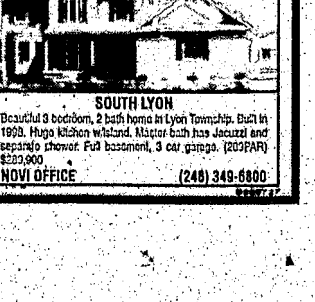

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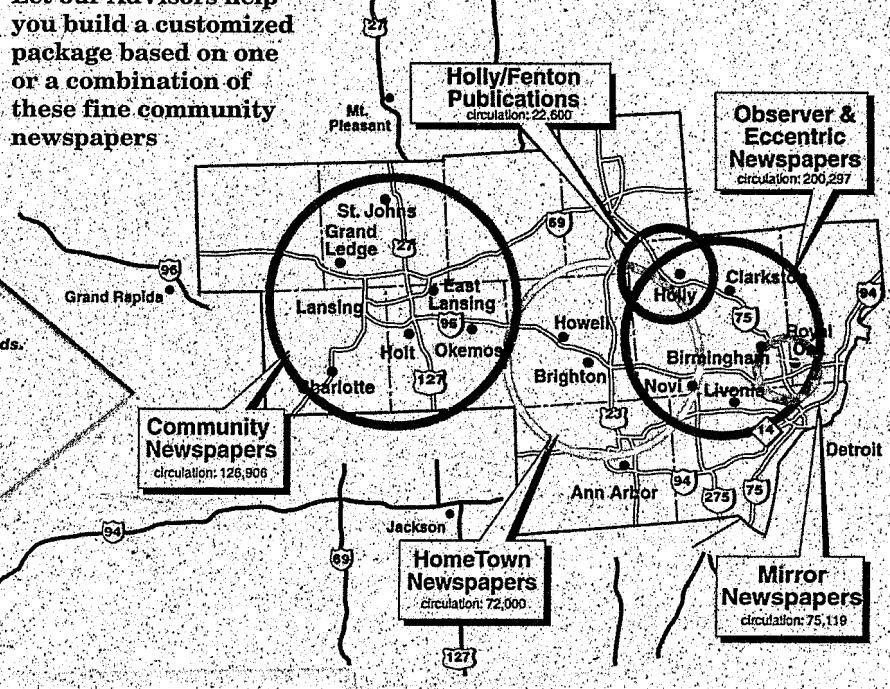
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308 Canton

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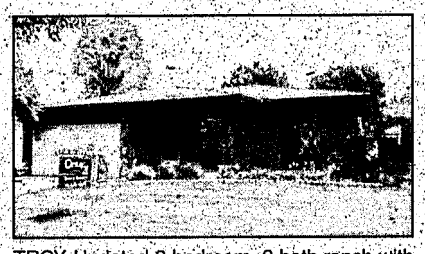
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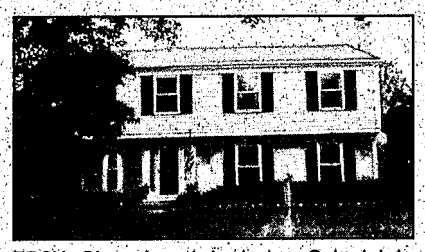
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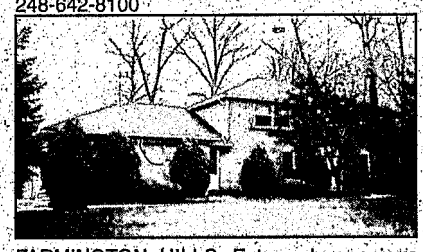
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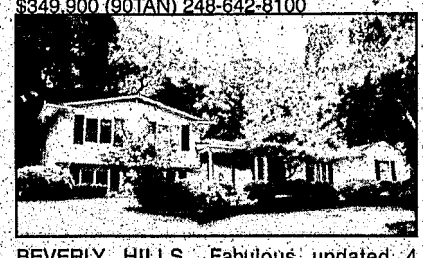
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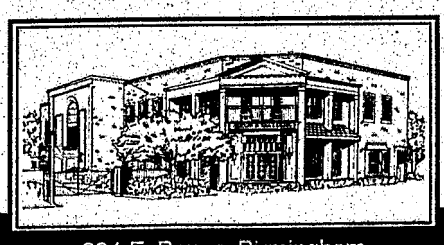
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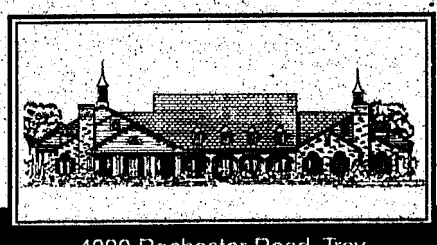
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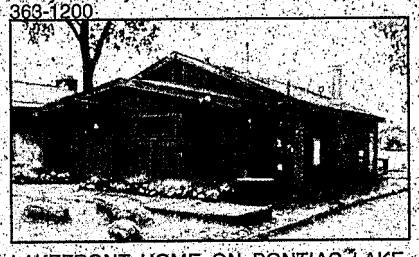
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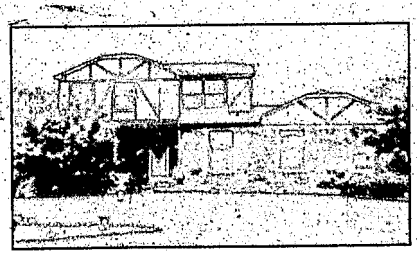
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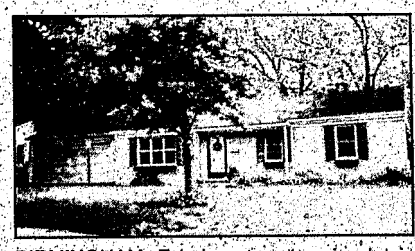
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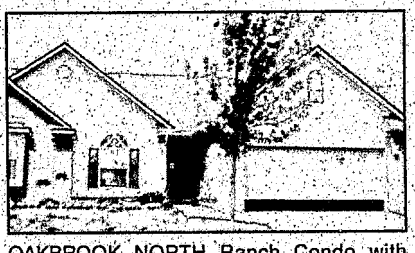
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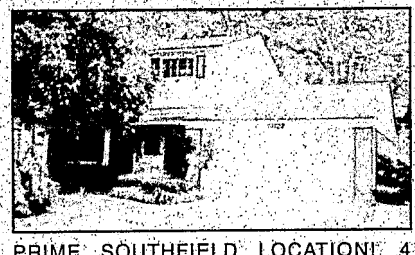
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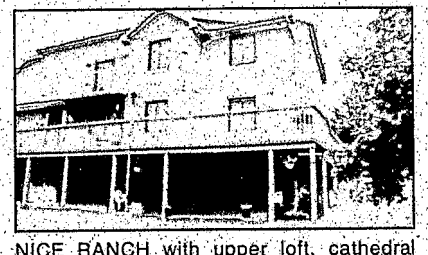
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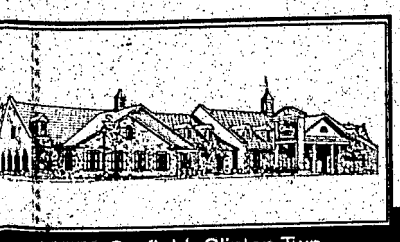
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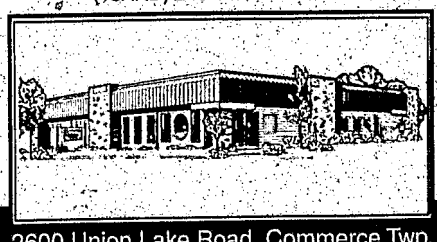
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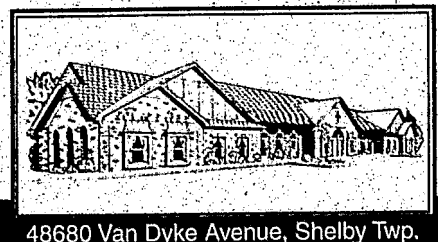
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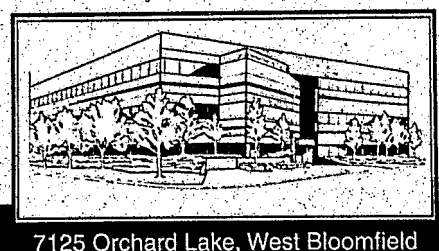
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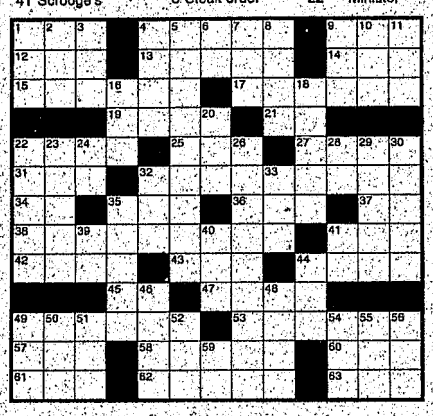
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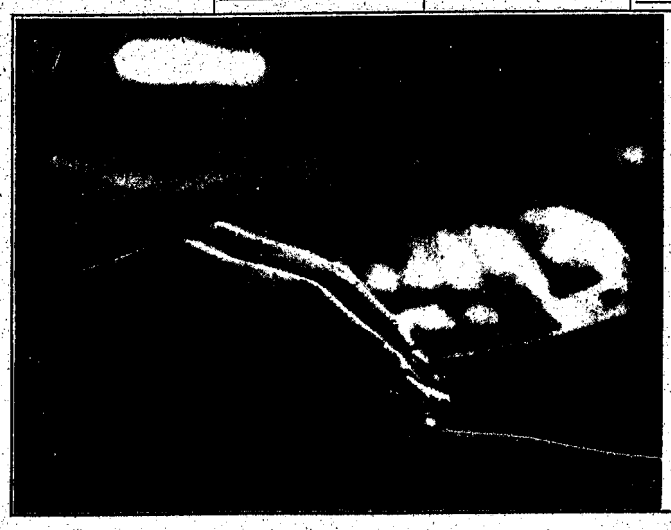
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ROCHESTER HILLS - PICTURESQUE SETTING
- Great "up north" setting on almost 2 acres with huge deck
- Two fireplaces, fieldstone walls in living & dining
- Floating stairs to upper level, built-in furniture in master bedroom & jetted tub in master bath. (DU137)

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WESTERN TROY WITH LARGE TREED LOT
- Sharp, newer kitchen w/ oak cabinets & bay window
- Generous sized rooms, plus 1st floor laundry
- Well maintained mechanics. Unfinished basement
- Open circular staircase. 4 bedrooms. 2,5 baths. (RE259)

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BRICK RANCH IN "LAKES OF INDIANDWOOD"
- Three bedrooms, 2.5 baths, great room with fireplace
- Walkout basement w/ 9' ceilings
- High efficiency furnace, central air, alarm system, appliances, 3 car side entry garage. (EA161)

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CLASSIC COLONIAL IN ROCHESTER HILLS
- Four bedrooms, 2.5 baths & lots of walk-in closets
- Leaded doors & windows, crown moldings, master bath with separate shower. Walkout basement.
- Beautiful view of rolling, wooded property. (PE876)

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WEST BEVERLY HILLS - TREE-LINED STREET
- MOVE-IN CONDITION! Perfect for the fussiest buyer
- 3 bedroom Colonial w/ hardwood floors & 2 fireplaces
- Bay window. Enclosed sunroom. Eat-in kitchen
- Finished basement. One block from park. (DE186)

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PRIVATE LAKEFRONT - ALL SPORTS LAKE
- Three bedrooms, 1.5 baths, 2 car attached garage
- Basement. Beautiful heavily treed natural setting
- Secluded yet close to everything!
- Adjacent vacant lakefront lot also available. (SI256)

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DESIRABLE OLDE FRANKLIN TOWNE
- Four bedroom center entrance Colonial
- Ceramic tile foyer, bay window in library & walnut paneling & newer wool carpet. Large white kitchen
- Fieldstone fireplace with slate hearth. (TA322)

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WOW - A BEAUTIFUL HOME IN TROY ESTATES
- Move right in & enjoy all newer updated features
- 4 bedrooms, new bathrooms & a luxurious spa tub
- Sparkling new gourmet kitchen opens to family room
- Situated on a beautiful lot w/ mature trees & privacy. (WA210)

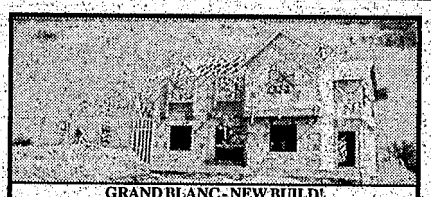
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- Kitchen, foyer & breakfast area with hardwood floors
- Wrap around covered porch. Basement. Garage. (OA926)

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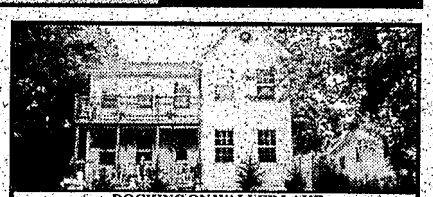
WALLED LAKE - LAKEFRONT
- PRICE REDUCED!! 2 story Cape Cod on east side of lake
- Sandy beach and many updates! Three bedrooms, breakfast room, & natural fireplace in living room
- Great western views & walkout to stunning sunsets. (LA125)

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WEST BLOOMFIELD - BEAUTIFULLY ELEVATED LOT
- Plenty of mature trees to view from the enclosed sun porch
- Crisp & clean Colonial offering 4 bedrooms & 2.5 baths
- Partially finished basement with ample storage
- Attached 2 car garage. (SH586)

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DOCKING ON WALLED LAKE
- 1,929 square feet! Built in 1998!
- Three bedrooms, 3 baths, library
- Sitting room off master suite, basement
- Garage, central air. 250 ft. on Walled Lake. (CO118)

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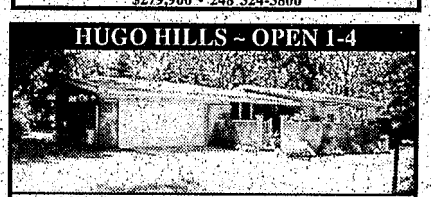
BLOOMFIELD HILLS SCHOOLS
- Three bedroom brick ranch on treed lot
- Two fireplaces, numerous updates, freshly painted
- Recessed lighting, hardwood floor in dining room
- Ceramic tile in living room & kitchen, bay window. (WO248)

$269,900 • 248 851-4400



BROOKWOOD CONDO ON 9TH FAIRWAY
- Beautiful emanates include hardwood floors, European kitchen with subzero & Gaggenau range
- Spacious great room with French doors, finished walkout & golf cart storage in garage. (BR948)

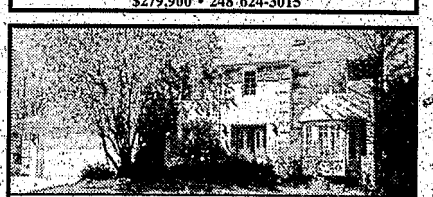
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HUGO HILLS ~ OPEN 1-4

2611 Alveston ~ E. of Opdyke, S. of Square Lk.
- Beautiful new maple kitchen with all appliances
- 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, family & recreation rooms
- Anderson windows, roof replaced, central air
- Lovely yard with large deck. Bloomfield Schools. (AL261)

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ROCHESTER HILLS COLONIAL
- Large kitchen with bay window and island
- Full stone fireplace highlights family room
- Formal dining room with bay window
- Large lot on cul-de-sac. Fast occupancy. (SU623)

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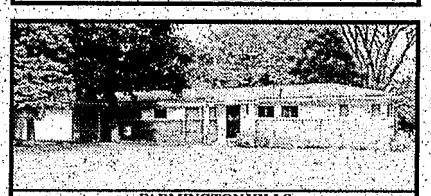
TROY - BEAUTIFUL HILLTOP SETTING
- Light - Bright - Airy! 3 bedroom brick ranch
- Fantastic updates: carpet, paint, windows, landscape
- You'll love the huge family room & open kitchen
- 2.5 car garage, beautiful private patio. Troy Schools. (CH216)

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SYLVAN LAKE ISLAND CANAL FRONT
- If you like to fish or go boating, this home is for YOU!!!
- Natural fireplace, hardwood floors, breezeway to garage
- 10x10 pole barn
- Surrounded by trees. (ST105)

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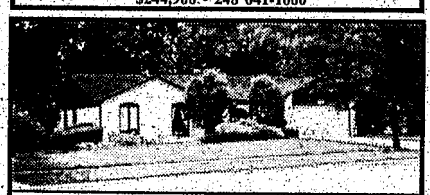
FARMINGTON HILLS
- Wonderful brick ranch home in Franklin Knolls Subdivision
- 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, dining room, spacious great room with fireplace, hardwood floors, newly painted kitchen
- Finished basement with wet bar. Large treed lot. (NO324)

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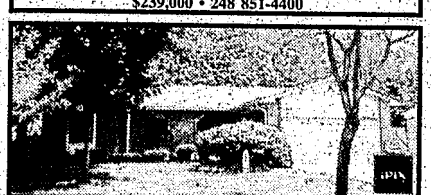
PARK-LIKE SETTING - ROCHESTER HILLS
- Fabulous ranch with over 2,100 square feet
- Updates galore. Berber carpet. Ceramic foyer
- Updated kitchen with ceramic floor, skylights
- Fireplace, full windows. Oversized garage & deck. (NE313)

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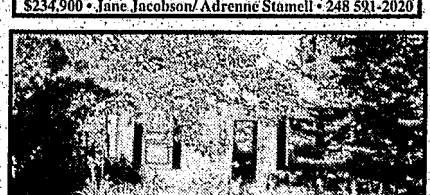
WELL MAINTAINED RANCH IN TROY
- Tasteful decor! Full basement & 2.5 baths
- Many updates & replacements. Quality ceramic, crown moldings and multilevel deck
- Backs to wooded area. (BA977)

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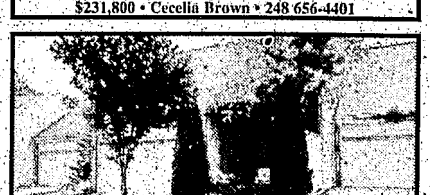
HOTTEST HOME VALUE TODAY!
- 3 bedroom brick ranch with private yard & 2 decks
- 2.5 baths, fantastic finished lower level!!!
- 2-way fireplace, 1st floor laundry, private office
- Low exterior maintenance has beautiful landscaping. (RE442)

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ROCHESTER HILLS
- Absolutely charming ranch home in the historic district
- 2 bedrooms, wood plank floors, island kitchen, cozy family room with Franklin stove. Many windows & doorwalls
- Screened porch & decking with view of Stoney Creek. (TI919)

$179,900 • 248 651-8850



ROCHESTER HILLS CONDO
- Upper level has two bedrooms, full bath plus open loft
- Main floor with living, dining, kitchen & full bath
- Balcony with view of rear yard. Partially finished basement
- Fireplace, 2 car garage. Deep backyard. (RO240)



CHARMING NORTHWEST FERNDALE COLONIAL
- Three bedrooms and updated bath
- Living room with fireplace, bay window, stained glass, formal dining room with French doors to deck
- Hardwood floors. Ceramic tile in family room. (PI184)

$164,921 • 248 647-6400



SHARP TWO STORY CONDO IN ROCHESTER HILLS
- Gas fireplace, beautiful off-white carpeting
- Wood floor in kitchen, neutral decor
- Superb location deep in subdivision backing to nature trail
- Garage. Home warranty. (CR137)

$139,900 • 248 651-8850



BEAUTIFUL CLARKSTON CONDO
- 2 bedrooms with full baths each plus a half bath
- Full finished basement, cathedral ceilings, central air, lake privileges, 4x6 deck, attached garage
- Convenient to freeways. (BL902)

$139,900 • 248 625-5700



WARREN TOWNHOUSE
- Attractive three bedroom townhouse
- Open floor plan with great room & eating area
- Two parking spaces, full basement
- Close to Macomb Comm. College. Assoc. fee. (EL151)

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