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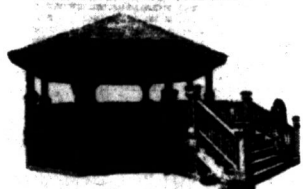
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When looking at history, we often look at the changes in everyday life over the course of hundreds of years; however, the changes over the past 50 years have been dramatic for a relatively short time span. In 1951 a group of Pontiac-area businesses sponsored the free distribution of a book called 1,003 Household Hints and Work Savers. The book offers some tips that are interesting in light of the changes in our society since its publishing.

Hint 1,002: You can tell whether or not the phone has been ringing in your absence by placing a thin piece of carbon paper between the clapper and the bell. If that important call came while you were out, the carbon marks on the paper will tell you so.

Hint 990: That little bit of lipstick which usually is not used should not be thrown away. After collecting five or six "used up" lipsticks, dig out the unused remains and melt them together. Pour the mixture back into a lipstick tube and cool in your refrigerator and you have a brand new lipstick.

Hint 998: Playing cards that have become soiled and sticky can be renovated with a little spirits of camphor applied lightly with dabs of cotton. Just wipe off and polish.

With things like the Great Depression far behind us, we have now become such efficient "consumers" that buying a new lipstick or deck of cards is much easier than conserving the resources we already have.

Vintage Clarkston written by Kim Huttenlocher, vice-president of Clarkston Community Historical Society.



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Businesses balk at proposed inspections



■ Downtown Clarkston business owners are opposed to inspections proposed for the historic district, citing government intrusion, an additional tax and the burden of having to schedule yearly inspections.

An ordinance that would mandate annual building inspections in downtown Clarkston met criticism Tuesday from business owners in the district.

"The concern I have is that there is so much subjectivity here," said Bowen Brook, owner of the Max Brook Realtors building at 27 S. Main St.

Brook was one of several business owners who turned out for the public hearing, which was scheduled by the

Clarkston City Council as a means to obtain input from those the ordinance would affect. Copies of the ordinance draft were mailed to all the district's business and building owners prior to the meeting.

In a related matter, the council again tabled a resolution to contribute \$5,000 to a downtown revitalization study for which local businesses would pick up most of the tab.

Council members decided to wait until they could specifically identify a place in the budget for the money. The city's budget hearing is slated for June 9.

Under the proposed inspection ordinance, downtown building owners and tenants would be required to complete repairs on conditions found to present imminent health, safety and welfare hazards during the annual inspections.

Repairs would have to begin within 90 days, and violators could face imprisonment and fines.

Responsibility for scheduling and paying the cost of the inspections, estimated at \$150-175, would be left to

owners and occupants.

Neither the Village of Franklin nor the Village of Milford, other historic downtowns, conduct similar yearly inspections within their historic districts, according to the building departments of those municipalities.

Neil Wallace, an Independence Township trustee who said he is in the process of purchasing a downtown Clarkston building, described the ordinance as an "inappropriate and improper government intrusion."

He called the inspection fee an "inappropriate tax."

Please see INSPECTIONS, A2



Drummer boys: Drummers join the Clarkston High School Marching Band in its parade down Main Street Monday during Clarkston's annual Memorial Day observance.

21-gun salute Veterans remembered

Military veterans who gave their lives in the line of duty were saluted Memorial Day in Clarkston with a parade down Main Street and a ceremony at Lakeview Cemetery.

Campbell Richmond American Legion Post No. 63 sponsored the annual tribute, which culminated

in a 21-gun salute and a reading of local deceased veterans' names.

Other highlights of the observance included recitation of the Gettysburg Address, vocal renditions of "America, the Beautiful" and the successive musical strains of "Taps."



Paying tribute: David Muir of Chief Pontiac Post No. 377 reads local veterans' names at Lakeview Cemetery.

Clarkstonite fills volunteer need across sea

Janet Grimes took a working vacation this year and it was one she will never forget. She picked up her paint trowel and her passport and she crossed time lines and cultures and age barriers and a war zone to make her contribution to understanding.

After returning from Ireland, where she traveled in March as a "servant learner" with the Minnesota-based organization Global Volunteers, Grimes found herself sitting back in her Springfield Township residence wishing she could understand and do more.

The problems that plague Northern Ireland, and that are attributed to Catholic/Protestant differences, has raged for so long that it has taken on a life of its own, leaving its initial causes lost to many — especially to Americans, Grimes said.

She quoted an Irish resident: "If you think you're starting to understand it, you haven't gotten enough information yet."

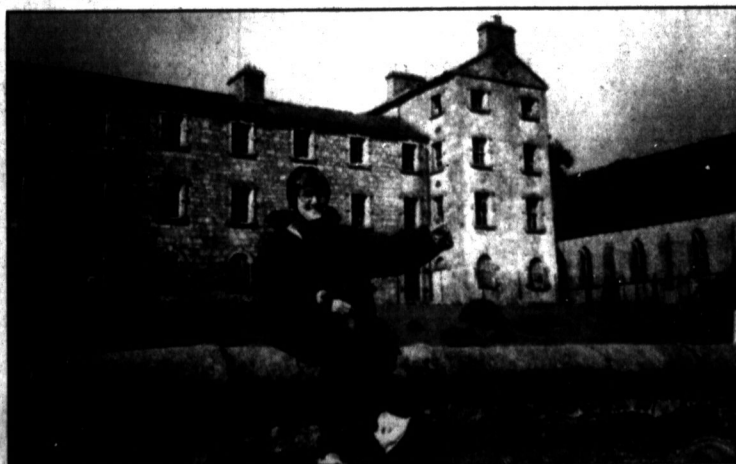
"Everybody thinks it's a Catholic/Protestant thing, and it really isn't," Grimes said, adding that about six counties in Northern Ireland are owned by the British on the otherwise Irish-owned isle.

"It really bothered us that we left going 'Huh?' about it. We came out kind of foggy and wishing we knew

what to do."

Her mission while in Ireland with other volunteers ranging in age from 29 to 80 was to help refurbish the Glencree Centre for Reconciliation located in the Wicklow Mountains, 40 minutes south of Dublin.

The Centre is a nonsectarian peace organization that attracts individuals and families from both sides of the Irish/British conflict for discussion and education.



"We were there to work on this and to get it ready so they could have people come in," she said. The Centre is part of a complex that includes old army barracks that date back to 1798. Volunteers helped with painting, cleaning, repairs and building a garden.

"They have people come here in groups ... to talk it through. They want them there from both sides to work through their feelings or any problems," she said, adding that in some instances, Irish people she encountered had never met people from the opposing side "to find out they're really people."

Grimes, a retired Waterford School District music and third-grade teacher, chose to go on the working vacation because she felt it would be a better way to meet the country's citizens, while making a contribution. Prior to

Please see GLOBAL VOLUNTEER, A4

Dublin duty: Janet Grimes of Springfield Township is photographed in front of old military barracks in the Wicklow Mountains south of Dublin. Grimes helped to refurbish the Glencree Centre for Reconciliation there.

Inspections from page A1

"This is the very kind of thing to which local business owners say, 'I don't want to be here anymore,'" Wallace said. "You have to look at your fundamental relationship with business owners."

"If businesses are just getting by, the more negative things that happen — and I consider this negative — the less likely someone is going to stick it out," said downtown store operator and building owner Buck Kopietz following the meeting. "While some things seem to be minor, there's always the straw that breaks the camel's back."

The building owners also argued that, since the city conducted annual fire inspections, an additional inspection wasn't

'If businesses are just getting by, the more negative things that happen — and I consider this negative — the less likely someone is going to stick it out.'

Buck Kopietz
Clarkston business owner speaking of city's proposed inspection ordinance

necessary. Besides, they said, they already properly maintain their buildings.

"We don't want to pay another fee for something that we're already taking care of," said

Connie Morgan of Morgan's Service at 28 S. Main. "I agree with Mr. Wallace. It's another government intrusion. And we already pay big bucks for (building) insurance."

However, several government officials, including City Building Inspector Sy Stone, Fire Chief Gar Wilson and City Engineer Gary Tressel, said they have valid concerns about building conditions, given the downtown's age.

Some building owners, although conscientious, might not see potential problems within their structures, they said.

And while fire inspections might suffice, there are a few buildings in which routine checks have not occurred because access couldn't be obtained, Wilson said.

Although the language of the ordinance didn't sit well with downtown business operators — Brock described it as "ominous" — the discussion ultimately seemed to become a beneficial exchange.

"This is not a done ordinance," said Councilman Doug Roeser, adding that he agreed the measure amounted to an intrusion and a tax, and therefore, required careful consideration.

Councilman Walt Gamble expressed appreciation for the local business owners' input and asked them whether a one-time inspection would be acceptable.

"I thought it was a very beneficial meeting for everyone, a very healthy meeting," said Councilman David Savage the day after the meeting.

"I think one of the things that I saw ... was a partnering of the business community and the council," he said. "The city council is making a serious effort to reach out to the business community and downtown to seek improvements. Improvement — that's one general consensus that's there."

ON THE AGENDA

Independence Township

90 N. Main St.
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625-5111

Planning Commission
7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 28
Tentative Agenda

Roll Call:

Public Comment:

Public Hearing:

File No. 98-1-027
Susan Johnson, Petitioner requests special land use and conceptual site plan approval for day care at Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive, 5.26 acres, 08-20-179-001

File No. 98-1-024

Edward Lee, Petitioner requests rezoning request from R-1R (Rural Residential) to R-1A (Single Family Residential) Waldon Road, 2.27 acres, 08-21-400-016

File No. 98-1-026

Robert Shell, Petitioner requests special land use and conceptual site plan approval for day care in R-1R zone NW corner Clarkston road & Pine Knob Roads, Pt of 08-15-426-002

File No. W-98-005

Kenneth Davis, Petitioner requests Wetland approvals with natural feature setback considerations, Oakhurst PRD, Phase V, Clintonville and Waldon roads, 08-24-200-003

Old Business:

File No. 98-1-015

Kenneth Davis, Petitioner requests Final Plan approval Oakhurst PRD, Phase IV (Springdale 94 lots) and Phase V (Ridgewood 35 lots), Clintonville and Waldon roads, 08-24-200-003.

File No. 97-1-057

Hoyt Frericks, Petitioner requests final site plan approval Woodlyn Court Subdivision, Allen Road, 8.24 acres, R-1A Zone, 08-17-300-040.

New Business:

File No. 98-1-028

John Riley, Petitioner requests site plan approval for AT&T Antennas Co-Location/Mounting Detroit Edison Tower Pine Knob Road at Stevens Road, R-1A Zone, 08-26-452-017.

Approval of Minutes:

March 12, April 23, May 14.

Continuing Review:

Planner's Report:

File No. 98-1-004

Victor International/A Proposed PUD, Dixie Highway, White Lake Rd. & Clement Rd., 258.4 acres, R-1B Zone, 08-30-252-002, 08-30-401-006, 08-31-126-004, 08-31-126-002, Pt of 08-30-300-007.

Staff Report:

Committee Report:

Any further information regarding the above Public Hearings may be obtained at the Township Planning Office, during regular office hours 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, or by phone at 625-8111.

Independence Township

90 N. Main St.
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Township Board

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 2
Tentative Agenda

Call To Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Opening Statements and Correspondence

Approval of Agenda

Minutes of Previous Meeting

List of Bills

Approval of Purchase Orders

Public Forum

Old Business

1. Liquor License Request Discussion
2. Sidewalk Regulation Ordinance
3. Second Reading and Adoption of a Rezoning Request from R1C to R1R, Baldwin Road

New Business

1. Approval of Fireworks Permit — Pine Knob

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7-year-old succumbs to accident injuries



Rachelle Bouchard

A 37-year-old driver who, according to police, "was doing everything right" paid the ultimate price when her unborn, 8-month-old baby — and then later her 7-year-old daughter — died from injuries resulting from a devastating, multi-car accident that took place on Dixie Highway in Springfield Township Sunday.

On Wednesday, the driver, Catherine Bouchard of Independence Township, was reported in good condition at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac. Her daughter, Rachelle, died at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor late Tuesday afternoon. She had been transferred there from Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital.

According to Deputy Walt Blackmer, traffic investigator for the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, Rachelle was "seated in the back seat in the exact position we would tell all parents. The mother was doing everything right."

"She was a real sweet little girl," said Springfield Plains Elementary Principal Sharon Devereaux of Rachelle, who was a second-grader at the school and a member of the school's Brownie troop. "Her parents are real active in the Springfield Plains community. She was dearly loved by everyone."

Brownie leader Kathleen Noble agreed with Devereaux's remarks. Crying during a telephone interview, she said, "She loved being outside. She was just really into animals and being outdoors. She loved everything we did."

Noble described Rachelle as a creative, artistic "giggler" who had numerous friends.

The Bouchard family has another daughter who will be a kindergartner at the school next year, Devereaux said.

Blackmer said the accident occurred when a northbound 1988 Acura was attempting to turn left off Dixie Highway onto Old Pond Road. A second vehicle, a Grand Am traveling north, changed lanes to avoid the Acura before a third northbound car, a Pontiac, hit the Acura and propelled it across the centerline, head on into the southbound Bouchard vehicle, a 1995 Ford Escort. A Taurus then hit the Pontiac.

On Wednesday morning, Blackmer said the driver of the vehicle who changed lanes left the scene without realizing an accident had occurred. She later came forward and, because of the testimony of two witnesses along with her own description

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of what happened, she is not considered to be the cause of the accident.

"That vehicle was not involved in any fashion as far as contact or causing the accident," Blackmer said.

Blackmer said the sheriff's office is withholding the name of the driver of the Pontiac pending the possible issuance of a warrant. That driver was not hospitalized, he said.

Other victims from the accident were transported to area hospitals.

On Wednesday, a Commerce Township man, Gary Phillippi, who was driving the Acura, was reported in stable condition at Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital.

Ann Brain, an Independence resident who was driving the Taurus, was treated and released from St. Joseph Mercy Hospital on Sunday, according to a hospital spokesperson.

According to Blackmer, alcohol does not appear to be a factor in the crash and seatbelts were worn by all involved.

Blackmer called traffic on that stretch of Dixie Highway, north from the Independence/Springfield boundary and between I-75 and Davisburg Road, "normal for the roads we have in Oakland County."

He declined comment on the road's conditions, but Springfield Clerk Nancy Strole went on the record after the accident, calling that length of Dixie "scary."

"I don't know what else to say. I was heartsick when I heard about it," she said. "It is an extremely dangerous stretch of roadway and in my view is becoming more dangerous. To ... there is a critical need for a center turn lane and that is nothing new."

"This is not the first accident and the very sad thing is, I hate to say this, but it won't be the last due to a number of factors."

Strole said increased commuter traffic, the lack of a center turn lane, speeds that sometimes exceed the legal 55 mph limit, driver error, and a backup of cars from the too-short left-turn lane at Dixie and Davisburg Road all contribute to accidents.

"With a center turn lane, just like there is south of Springfield, that would go a long way to

address many issues," Strole said. "How many more deaths do there have to be?"

At the site of the accident, Dixie Highway is a four-lane road with no middle turn lane; recently, a center-turn lane was added in front of Cedar Crest Academy using funds provided by the school and the township's Tri-party fund. Strole said the township made an effort to extend that addition as far as money would allow.

Craig Bryson, a public relations officer for the Road Commission for Oakland County, said adding a center-turn lane to Dixie Highway, which falls under the commission's jurisdiction, would require a commission study and verification that the stretch of road is unsafe.

"We are disheartened whenever anything like that happens," he said. "It's a terrible tragedy. If this is a situation where a center turn lane would make this safe, I'm sure we will program that into our construction projects."

Bryson said road improvement funding is always a problem and said that the road commission makes its decisions about which roads to upgrade based on safety factors.

Road commissioners look at traffic volume, the frequency of accidents and their severity, the stretch of road and any obstructions it may have when making their decisions, he said.

Laith Jarbo, owner of the Dixie Highway Bridge Lake Market for the past three years, said he began a petition to get an additional light put up along Dixie about two months ago. He said his decision to circulate a petition came after repeated comments from his customers, who complain about traffic congestion and hazards.

"Every week there are accidents here," he said, noting that not all of them result in fatalities. The Bridge Lake Market is close to Davisburg Road.

Within the past few weeks, a 17-year-old Oakland Technical student also died on Dixie Highway during a car accident in that same neighborhood.

Jarbo said about 300-400 people have signed his petition and that he hopes to present it to the Oakland County Road Commission for assistance in getting a traffic light.

"There is so much bad stuff happening," he said, echoing Strole's comments. "How many deaths are going to happen before somebody does something?"

Funeral arrangements for Rachelle and the infant who was to have been named Matthew, according to Noble, were being handled by the Wint Funeral Home but they were incomplete as of Wednesday.

Springfield Plains art display



Art department: Springfield Plains Elementary second- and fourth-graders recently hung their artwork on the wall as part of the school's "Music and Art Informance." Pictured here are second-grader Maria Mercado and fourth-grader Stephen Ritze-ma.

Sheriff thanks heroes of '97

Several police officers and residents from Independence Township and Springfield Township were recently honored by the Oakland County Sheriff's Department for efforts that went above and beyond the call of duty during 1997.

Their valor and assistance ranged from episodes in which an Independence resident pursued and caught a suspect in a residential breaking and entering, to that of officers who supervised the scene following the July 1997 Springfield Township tornado.

In all, six residents and nine officers involved in local work were awarded citations from Sheriff John Nichols. The police officers were also awarded uniform bars for their endeavors. They were selected after being nominated by fellow officers and chosen by a 10-member panel comprised of sheriff and civilian personnel.

The awards were distributed during a ceremony held at the Oakland County Commissioners Auditorium in Pontiac during National Police Week May 10-16.

"We just kind of honor all of them together," said Phyllis O'Connor, crime lab supervisor and vice chair of the panel that included the under sheriff, three lieutenants, union representatives and others. O'Connor said the sheriff's office has been honoring their own since the 1970s.

Among those who received citations were:

■ **Lt. Dale LaBair**, head of the Independence Township substation. LaBair was awarded the Sheriff's Distinguished Service Award for his leadership following a tornado that devastated two mobile home parks in Springfield Township last summer.

■ **Sgt. Herbert Holmes**. Holmes is an Independence officer who also received the Sheriff's Distinguished Service Award for his work at the tornado scene.

■ **Deputy Patricia Bray**. Bray is an Independence officer who received the Meritorious Service Citation for her work in capturing a car-jacker off Sashabaw Road and I-75 last September. During that carjacking, a man took the car of a woman who was posting a garage sale sign and eventually

crashed it on I-75 before fleeing into a nearby woods.

■ **Deputy Charles Young**, who received a Commendation Citation for his assistance in the carjacking. Also cited with Bray and Young were officer Terence Mekoski and reserve deputy Paul Metris who came from other areas to help at the carjacking scene.

■ **Deputy William Evans** of the Independence substation. Evans was rewarded for his work in helping a suicidal man who had wandered into traffic on I-75. Evans received a Lifesaving Citation, as did Deputy Ed Stout of the Springfield substation. On May 15, Evans and Stout went by foot onto I-75 to help the man out of weaving traffic and to safety, O'Connor said.

■ **Deputy Bill Storm** received the Special Deputy of the Year award for his work at Independence Oaks Park off Sashabaw Road. "He is just like the sergeant's right arm," O'Connor said. "He helps everybody out, out there."

The civilians who were cited included:

■ **Independence Township resident Christopher Tait**. On July 22, Tait heard breaking glass at a neighbor's home, O'Connor said. He responded by phoning the sheriff's department and then pursuing a suspect on foot until he caught him. Sheriff's officers were able to capture a second suspect.

■ **Catherine Eby, Christian Schmidt and Rebecca Smith-Radcliff**, all Independence residents, were cited by the sheriff after they intervened when they saw a woman being assaulted in a local business parking lot. The three assisted the woman and were able to provide information that led to a suspect's arrest.

■ **David Shultz**, an Independence resident, observed an elderly group home man in a pond near his residence. Shultz pulled the man out of the water and saved his life, O'Connor said.

In addition, a Goodrich man, Douglas Johnson, was rewarded for action he took in Independence Township when he observed a vehicle traveling erratically near I-75 and Sashabaw. Johnson followed the vehicle and when traffic was stopped by a red light, exited his vehicle and took the keys away from the driver of the erratic vehicle.

POLICE CALLS

The following incidents were reported to police and fire agencies in Springfield and Independence townships and the city of Clarkston May 18-26.

Springfield Police

Thefts

On May 18, a cell phone was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on **Buggy Whip**.

On May 24, a microwave, television, coffee pot and some bed sheets were reported stolen from a residence on **Canterbury**.

On May 24, a cell phone was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on **Earl**.

Vandalism

On May 22, a window was reported broken out of a vehicle parked on **Springfield Circle**.

Independence Police

Thefts

On May 23, a cell phone was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on **Crimson King**.

On May 24, a cell phone was reported stolen from a vehicle

parked on **Waldon Road**.

On May 24, stereo equipment was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on **Sashabaw Road**.

On May 24, a pocket organizer was reported stolen from a business on **Clintonville Road**.

Breaking And Entering

On May 25, unknown persons reportedly broke into North Sashabaw Elementary School on **Maybee Road**. It was not immediately known if anything was taken.

Independence Fire

Between May 18-25, firefighters responded to 48 calls. Among them were 27 medical runs, three grass fires, seven personal-injury accidents and one vehicle fire. They included:

On May 21, firefighters assisted at the scene of a traffic accident on I-75 north of Holcomb. Two patients were transported to Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital by ambulance.

On May 22, firefighters assisted a person who had a possible fractured ankle at a business on **West Washington Street**.

On May 23, firefighters assisted a 30-year-old woman who was having possible complications from a shoulder injury at a residence on **Curtis Lane**.

On May 23, firefighters assisted a 71-year-old man who was in possible heart failure at a residence on **Snow Apple**.

On May 25, firefighters assisted a 43-year-old man who was having a possible diabetic reaction at a residence on **Ortonville Road**.

Clarkston Police

On May 22, officers responded to a man who had fallen in the municipal parking lot off **Washington and Main** streets. The man was transported to an area hospital by ambulance.

On May 23, officers responded to a traffic accident that occurred on **Main Street** near **Washington Street**. In that accident, a vehicle driven by a Clarkston man rear-ended a vehicle driven by another Clarkston man. The first man was cited for failure to stop. There were no injuries.

On May 25, officers responded to a report that a cell phone had been stolen from a vehicle parked on **Madison Court**.

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New Springfield Township tech academy graduates its first class

Most students only get to graduate once, but one group of high school seniors has two graduation ceremonies to look forward to in the coming weeks.

Seniors from Clarkston, Oxford, Lake Orion, Waterford, Pontiac, Brandon and Holly will participate in the Oakland-Science-Math and Technology Academy North Recognition Ceremony Sunday at the Baldwin Pavilion, Meadow Brook Theatre.

OSMTech is a program for students who "show an affinity for math, science and technology," said Karen Benton, OSMTech parent coordinator and chair of the committee for the ceremony. The Class of 1998 is the first class to complete the program through all four years of high school.

"They were the guinea pigs

"We're very proud of all of the students, but these are the students who have explored the path."

Karen Benton
parent coordinator for OSMTech

for much of the curriculum," Benton said.

Students must apply for OSMTech openings and must include teacher recommendations and an essay stating why they want to attend the school.

Students attend a half-day at OSMTech, which is housed in the Northwest Oakland Technical Center in Springfield Township. The other half of the day is spent at the student's home school. These students will also attend their home school graduation ceremonies.

"It's not for everyone," Benton said of OSMTech. "It does impact (students') social interaction."

Benton became involved in the program when her son, Chan, an Oxford senior and one of the 38 students being honored, entered the program.

"I would recommend (OSMTech) highly," she said. "In this curriculum, it's more hands-on. Students are more involved in problem-solving."

Benton said these students have helped fine-tune the pro-

gram.

"We're very proud of all of the students, but these are the students who have explored the path," she said.

There is no valedictorian or salutatorian, just special recognition for those who are graduating with higher grade point averages, she said. The school did not want to single out individual students.

"We felt they were all academic achievers," Benton said.

Oakland University donated the use of the pavilion for the ceremony, and Dr. Dagmar Cronn, vice president of academic affairs and provost for Oakland University, will be the guest speaker.

"It's a wonderful occasion for these kids. We're trying to get them the recognition they deserve," Benton added.



Aiding understanding: Janet Grimes talks about her experience at the Glencrec Centre for Reconciliation.

Global volunteer from page A1

this trip, she had made a similar pilgrimage to Poland, where she taught English on behalf of Global Volunteers.

"We were really busy this time and so far away from the world," she said of her two weeks among the Irish working-class countryside.

Members of Global Volunteers do not try to solve problems for the residents of countries they assist. "They go and help people do things (when) they don't have the means or the hands. We're there to help and to learn."

Grimes, who is not married, said she became aware of Global Volunteers through Elder Hostel.

"Once you've gone, you're one of them," she said. "I like to go

and not as a tourist. I think it's fun to go and feel that you're helping there. You sort of see it from the people's side."

Grimes, comparing the Irish lifestyle with that of fast-paced Americans, said she was deeply moved by the simplicity of the Irish folks and their appreciation for what they have.

"Every time I go on something like that, I feel like we don't hang on to our history. They keep what they had and they're sort of proud of what they had," she said. "They keep their lovely old stuff."

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SECOND READING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield will hold a DSECOND READING at its regular meeting on June 11, 1998, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Hall, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, Michigan to consider the following:

Request from Saturn North Properties, L.L.C., 3118 E. Hill Rd., Grand Blanc, MI 48439 to amend the approved Planned Unit Development (PUD) and automobile dealership site plan for the following described property:

13.82 acres located north of Dixie Highway and east of Lavon, near the northbound I-75 exit to Dixie Highway.
P.I. #07-24-202-012

The purpose of the requested amendment is to install a chain link fence across the northern parking lot and along the northern boundary lines of its property. The fencing will be four feet high where the property line adjoins the rear lots of six homes on the east side of Lavon. The remainder of the proposed fencing will be six feet high.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the application for the Planned Unit examined at the Springfield Township Clerk's Office, P.O. Box 1038, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, MI 48350 during regular business hours. Written comments may be submitted to the Township Clerk up until the time of the Second Reading. Anyone needing a special accommodation should contact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield

Publish: May 28, 1998



Charter Township of Springfield

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Springfield has received a request for Special Land Use from Stuart Faber, 54994 Red Coat Lane, West Bloomfield, MI 48322. The request is to develop a 13-unit one-family residential development on 52.30 acres (25.69 acres of solid ground) utilizing the Cluster Housing provisions of the Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance.

The property is located south of Rattles Lake Rd., west of Ellis Rd., and on the northeast side of Waumegah Lake. P.I. #07-12-227-006 and 07-12-228-008

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that oral and written comments on the Special Land Use application will be received at a PUBLIC HEARING to be held at the Regular Meeting of the Springfield Township Board on Thursday, June 11, 1998, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Hall, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, MI.

A copy of the concept plan and other information related to the application may be reviewed at the Township Clerk's Office, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, MI during regular business hours Monday through Friday. Written comments may be submitted to the Springfield Township Clerk, P.O. Box 1038, Davisburg, MI 48350 up until the time of the Public Hearing. Anyone needing a special accommodation should contact the Township Clerk at least two (2) business days in advance of the Hearing.

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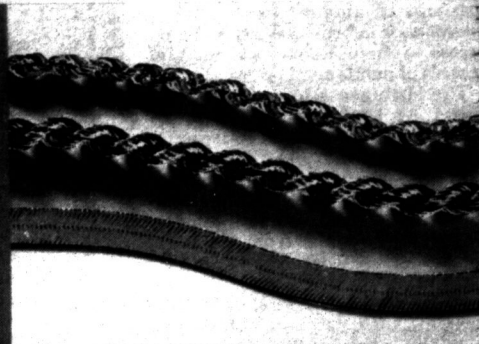
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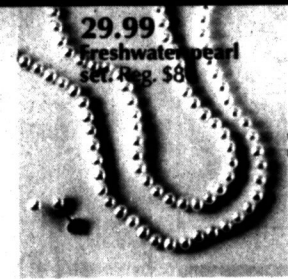
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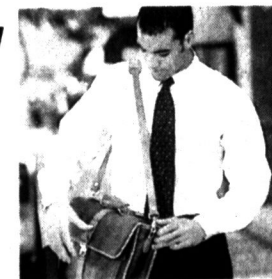
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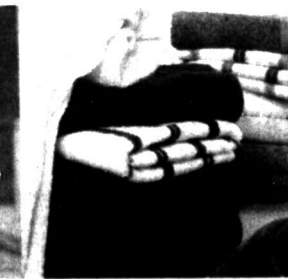
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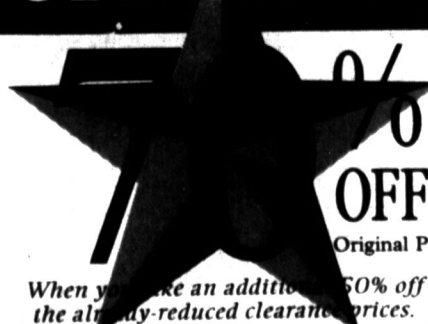


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Privacy bill under debate

A bill in the state House of Representatives could restrict the public's right to see the personnel files of state employees, including school teachers and principals.

House Bill 5615 was voted out of the local government committee, 6-0 Tuesday. If passed, it would prevent the public from gaining access to the personnel files of all public employees.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Bob Brackenridge, R-St. Joseph, is an attempt to amend the Michigan Freedom of Information Act and stop access to the personnel and medical records of public employees.

The Michigan Education Association, the Michigan Chamber of Commerce and the Michigan Association of School Boards support the bill.

Dawn Cooper, the director of communications for the Michigan Education Association said public employees should benefit from the same rights as those working in the private sector.

"We believe all public employees have a right to privacy in their personal file," she said. "The personal file is meant to be a positive receptacle. It's between the supervisor and employee. Evaluations are meant to be positive."

Cooper said once the file is available for public scrutiny, it is no longer a positive device.

"I understand that there's a balancing act, and we certainly understand



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*State Rep. Greg Kaza
—Rochester Hills*

that parents want the best for their children, but it seems to give us less rights," she said.

Rep. Greg Kaza, R-Rochester Hills, opposes the bill. He calls it an attack on the public's right to know.

"The bill argues that the information is somehow invading privacy," Kaza said, adding that the bill is a move away from an open government. "There's a conflict between privacy and the public's right to know."

"In government, we need to make more information available to the public."

Organizations such as the Michigan Press Association and Michigan Freedom of Information Committee also oppose the legislation.

Tim Richard, board member of the Michigan Freedom of Information Committee, said the bill is aimed at reversing the Michigan Supreme Court Decision in *Bradley v. Saranac Community Schools*, a case in which the Court favored the release of a teacher's job performance records to parents.

"Valuable information of a public safety nature would be covered up if the bill passes," Richard said. "Schools would be able to hide records and the public would be poorly served."

The committee, founded in 1988, aims to inform the public about the Open Meetings and Freedom of Information Acts. In a memorandum to the

House Committee on Local Government, its chairman Michael R. Shpiece wrote: "The public has a right to know about the performance of its employees, whether they are being evaluated and the results of the evaluation — especially with regard to high governmental officials."

The committee expresses concern that the proposed exemption of personnel files could prevent parents from finding out where his or her child's teacher went to college, whether the teacher is certified, and where the teacher previously worked. Salary schedules would also be exempt. Shpiece does not consider such information to be an invasion of privacy.

During the House local government committee meeting, state Rep. Penny Crissman, R-Rochester abstained from voting.

Crissman said she has unanswered questions when it comes to the bill. "I have always been a supporter of the Freedom of Information Act," she said.

Crissman supports the idea that information about public employees, paid with tax dollars, should be available for public view. But she says the bill is too vague in its explanation of personnel file information.

"What does personnel records mean?" she said. "It really is too broad to me and if I can't get some resolution, I probably won't support it."

ROAD WATCH

Road improvements could cause delays on the following Oakland County Roads this week. Roads are open unless noted. Alternative routes are advised in all instances.

I-75

At: 14 Mile
Community: Troy
The north and south bound ramps are being widened. Work is taking place at night. Traffic will be shifted for lane closures, though the project is expected to be completed by Monday.

At: Rochester Road
Community: Troy
The north bound exit ramp will be closed through June 17. Detours are posted.

I-696

From: Franklin west bound to Inkster
Community: Southfield
Shoulders will be closed through May 31.

BALDWIN ROAD

From: I-75 to Delevan
Communities: Auburn Hills and Lake Angelus
The road is being widened from two lanes to a six lane boulevard. The project is expected to be completed by Oct. 31.

BRIDGE LAKE

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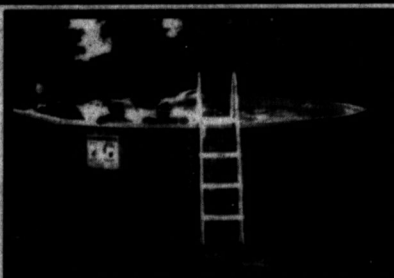
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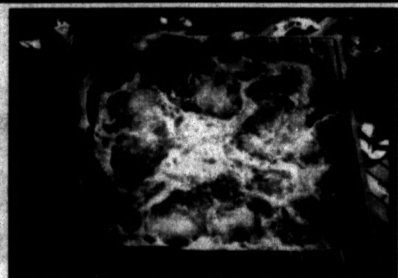
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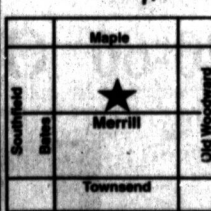
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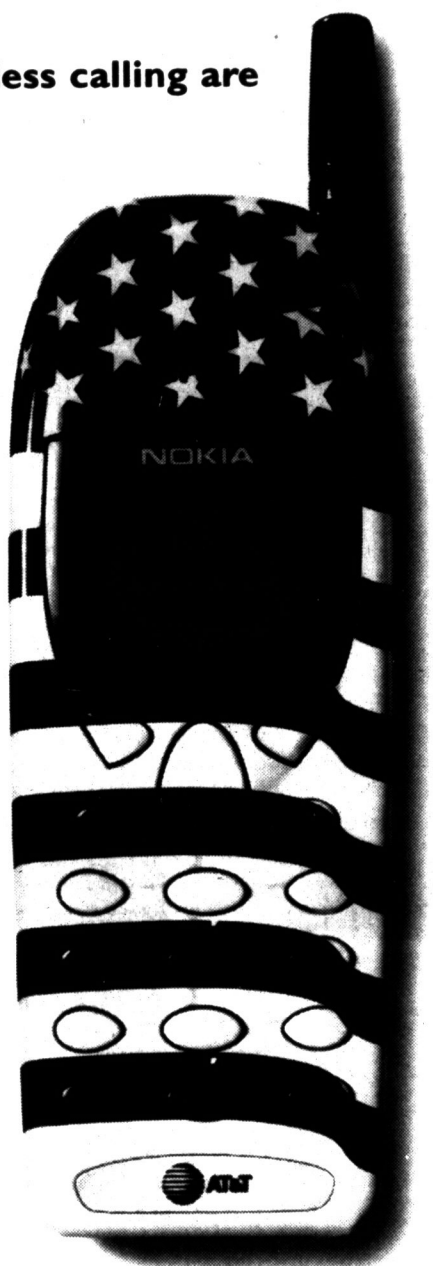


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Note to parents Leave information act intact

It's late in the Michigan Legislature's session. People are thinking summer. Law-makers are voting on a crunch of budget bills.

But if you have a suspicious mind, you would guess there is evil afoot in Lansing - and you would be right.

The House Local Government Committee is working on a bill to end the public's right to learn what kinds of teachers the local school employs and what kinds of administrators are running it.

It's called House Bill 5615, sponsored by lame-duck Rep. Bob Brackenridge, R-St. Joseph. With four short words - "personnel files" and "medical files" - it would allow schools to hide such documents from parents under the Freedom of Information Act.

Parents fought a long, hard battle before the Michigan Supreme Court in mid-1997 said they have the right to see school employees' personnel files. Two unions - the Michigan Education Association in Saranac and the Lansing Association of School Administrators - filed suit to block release of the records.

The Supreme Court said no: "We conclude that the Freedom of Information Act compels the disclosure of the appellants' personnel records ... Because the requested information consisted of information related to the appellants' public employment, we hold that the appellants' personnel records are not within the privacy subsection." The Freedom of Information Act for 20 years has allowed public bodies to withhold "information of a personal nature where the public disclosure ... would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of an individual's privacy" under sec. 13(a).

But that exemption applies only to "intimate or embarrassing details of an individual's private life," said the court. Bradley's file contained documents "pertaining to corrective or disciplinary actions, complaints filed, and performance evaluations. As for the administrators, their requested records contained administrative performance reviews."

"Significantly, none of the documents contain information of an embarrassing, intimate, pri-

vate, or confidential nature, such as medical records or information relating to the plaintiffs' private lives," said the court.

The court noted the employees didn't even allege there was personal information - they sought to hide their performance records.

The court told the Saranac district it went too far in redacting (blocking out) a memo from the principal to Bradley. The copy Saranac proposed to release said:

"You must (blank). There are (blank) and (blank) all (blank) on (blank) and (blank). You were given several (blank) by other teachers plus the (blank) you already have. You have lent of (blank) to (blank) these (blank) in. Take care of the situation."

That kind of censorship is ridiculous and insulting to the public.

Meanwhile, we learn from the Auditor General's scathing review that public school academies chartered by Central Michigan University sometimes neglected to complete police checks on people before hiring them. HB 5615 would allow that information to be hidden not only from parents but from the Auditor General, too, we fear.

HB 5615's effort to hide "medical records" is a trifle troubling. Does it mean a teacher's visit to a psychiatrist? Or would it also cover the Wayne County medical examiner's autopsy of a judge who committed suicide? Is it an invasion of privacy for the public to ask whether a late elected official was taking illegal drugs?

In an earlier case, the Supreme Court ruled it wasn't an invasion of privacy. Wayne County had to cough up the records and pay a newspaper's legal bills.

Those cases were argued over a period of years. Now the Legislature, acting stealthily during the budget crunch, seeks to undo the Supreme Court's work and rip up a statute that has stood for 22 years.

No. Don't let them sneak another secrecy measure through, the way they did in the December midnight hours of 1996. Tell your state representative to oppose House Bill 5615.

And tell the 1998 candidates: Don't even think about amending the Freedom of Information Act to hide more public records.

OCC candidates endorsed

Personal politics has plagued the Oakland Community College Board of Trustees for several years now. When voters go to the polls June 8 to fill three board positions, they will have a chance to put an end to that bickering.

The Eccentric advises voters to look for candidates who ask questions, but who don't hold grudges. Candidates should be familiar with the district's history, but show leadership in looking toward the future.

With that in mind, the Eccentric strongly endorses challenger **Rochelle Heyniger** for the OCC board. Heyniger is acutely familiar with the district since she is a student at the Auburn Hills campus. Moreover, she has been actively involved in OCC activities and even served as the student liaison to the board.

Unfortunately, Heyniger doesn't seem to understand the extent of OCC's need to modernize its buildings. But overriding that shortcoming is her interest in establishing sound programs and restoring stability to the board and to labor relations.

Of the five candidates on the ballot, Mel Vaara is the only man and would be the only man, if elected, to serve on the board. But gender alone can't be the reason to endorse a candidate. We applaud Vaara for his interest in serving, but he must take a more active role in the district before running for the OCC board.

Given our endorsement of Heyniger, only two of the three incumbents can be endorsed for trustee. Frankly, it's not an easy choice, due to board politics.

Judith Wiser has done a credible job as board chair in trying to calm stormy political waters; however, we were disappointed that she didn't attend the board retreat, despite her correct misgivings over its location, etc. Furthermore, she

was late in her evaluation of Chancellor Richard Thompson and didn't vote on renewal of his contract.

She also skipped portions of work sessions with a management consultant who is helping the board to function better, and has exhibited a tendency to be strident at times.

Unfortunately, the other two incumbents, **Anne Scott** and **Janice Simmons**, apparently vote as a part of a slate on issues that come before the board. We wish they were more independent thinkers.

But overall Scott and Simmons express most of the qualities the OCC district needs in the future.

They also seem to bear the vestiges of having dug in their heels in support of former chancellor Patsy Calkins. But Calkins is gone; it is time to move forward. In their defense, they were above board in giving their reasons for voting against Thompson's contract.

Both Simmons and Scott worked hard to support the 0.8 mill campaign. Scott chairs the Michigan Community College Association and said she started the business and community college alliance. She is critical of the budget, which she said has a 14 percent increase for administration costs. Scott also wants to work on labor relations and the way students are treated in the district.

Differing from Scott over a tuition increase (Scott was opposed), Simmons favored it, but noted she opposed other increases. We like Simmons' keen sense of the needs of students for support, remediation, technology; her determination to hold the line on finances; and desire to improve labor relations.

There is no question that the board makeup must change. Heyniger, Scott and Simmons should lead the way.

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

How do you feel about the large Fountain residential and commercial development coming to Andersonville and Davisburg roads?

This question was asked in downtown Davisburg.



'I think it's fine. Davisburg's never had anything other than what we've had here (downtown). Any development that can happen ... will be a positive.'

Kim Lloyd
Springfield Township



'I wouldn't mind having a restaurant in town, that's for sure. Now that I'm getting older, I might need to go into something smaller (to live in).'

June Hutchinson
Davisburg



'I think it's a fact of life in this part of Oakland County. I have no strong feelings for or against it.'

Erick Facknitz
Springfield Township



'I think it ought to be good for the community. I know we could use a restaurant.'

Dave Barber
Davisburg

LETTERS

Golf outing info wrong

Information which I recently submitted to you concerning the upcoming golf outing fund-raiser for Clarkston Area Youth Assistance contained an incorrect statement which needs to be corrected.

John Bowman Chevrolet Inc. is the 1998 tournament sponsor. However, it is Clarkston Chrysler Plymouth Jeep-Eagle that is giving away a two-year lease on a Jeep Wrangler for a hole-in-one.

The information that I previously sent to you stated that "a hole-in-one wins a new 1998 automobile donated by John Bowman Chevrolet Inc." That is not correct. This was a misunderstanding on my part and I apologize for the inconvenience which this causes.

As always, we appreciate the support you have shown us. By the way, readers who want more information about the golf outing should contact Amy Loughman at 625-5556, ext. 104.

Karen Dickey,
Public Relations
Clarkston Area Youth Assistance

Thanks for coverage

Thanks to all who wrote articles to help promote our National Day of Prayer events. The committee thanks you for your support.

Karen Geno
National Day of Prayer Committee
Clarkston

Be sure to vote June 8

An open letter to residents of Clarkston Community Schools:

First, I would like to thank you for the support you have given to our schools and to the children of Clarkston over the past eight years. With your support we now have a new high school that will open this fall, one new elementary school, and soon ground will be broken for a much-needed second elementary building. We will be adding new media centers to all the existing elementary buildings along with science, art and music rooms. As many of you know, we will be adding additional classroom space to each building and at long last getting rid of those "temporary portables" that have been here for more than 20 years.

It is an exciting time to be part of such a great community, one that values education and supports its schools. That is why I am running for re-election to the school board. We have set the educational standards for our students, staff and administration at a very high level, and they are meeting and exceed-

ing them. We have added/replaced text books and courses over the past eight years that challenge our students to go beyond their expectations.

We have the challenge of maintaining a budget that is controlled by our state legislators, not by millage votes every June, and to focus those dollars to our classrooms. The bottom line is what's best for the students of Clarkston. That's been the direction our board has taken, and as we go forward that is my concern - the students and how we prepare them to become productive citizens as they go out into the world.

I ask for your support on June 8 to help our district to become the best in Oakland County. With your help and continued support for the students of Clarkston, this will happen. Clarkston is known for its academics, its fine performing arts and its athletics. Let's make sure these programs will be continued and improved upon by having the right person in place to represent the community and all the students of Clarkston.

Thank you for your support and please mark your calendar so you won't forget to vote on June 8. The board election is the only issue and it is as important as any bond or millage has been because you will be electing the person who is responsible for helping to make the decisions that affect the education of all the students for programs that will take place over the next four years in Clarkston.

Sheila (Goins) Hughes
Clarkston

No ads, please

As long-time supporters of Oakland University, we are disheartened to see that the attractive sign erected at the corner of Walton and Adams is to be little more than a commercial billboard.

It is a sad reflection on this fine institution that it has resorted to advertising Pepsi or whatever else may follow, rather than simply proclaiming its own existence in a proud and dignified manner.

Francis and Judith Coats
Rochester Hills

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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

A clean, well-priced home will sell itself

We are in the middle of one of the best real estate sales years ever. Ask any agent and they will smile.

In the past I've written about real estate myths.

I've discussed the myth that great sales depend on "location, location and location."

There are three elements that shape a sale — location, condition and price. Experts say that a properly priced house will sell in 12 days.

Few houses sell that quickly because the homeowner thinks the house down the street sold for the listing price and his house is better so the house is put on the market at too high a price. If the house does sell quickly, being properly priced, the seller then regrets he didn't ask a higher price, which in fact would have slowed down the sale.

Good location won't overcome bad price. If the house stays on the market more than 90 days, the price is wrong.

The second myth is that people who sell their own homes get a higher price.

Statistics show that 80 percent of the "for sale by owner" sales (they are called FISBOS by the real estate industry) involve a real estate agent because houses are sold mainly by computer information and Fisbos aren't in the computer.

If the owner sells the property, it is usually to a friend or a neighbor and is sold at a lower price because the buyer knows the seller won't have to pay a commission. If it doesn't sell quickly to one of these people, it usually sits around until an agent discovers it.

Another myth is that real estate

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HANK HOGAN

■ If you want to sell your home, price it competitively, store some of your prize possessions in cartons out of the way, clean it up, get the carpet cleaned and get professional help.

people sell houses. In reality the house sells itself. The good real estate agent can create traffic and eventually a person who sees the house will fall in love with it.

I don't want to say that house buyers often lack vision of what a house could be; they spend most of their time trying to figure out how their furniture will fit in.

I have observed that the would-be buyer makes a decision about a house after taking five steps into the house. It is an emotional decision.

That it why people selling their home should make sure their entrance is attractive.

One of the best ways not to sell your house is to load it up with clutter.

Lots of people think that this adds character, but it only adds to the confusion of the buyer trying to fit his

furniture in the house.

It is normally harder to sell a vacant house, partly because it appears smaller, but sometimes it is better if the previous occupants had oversized furniture, cats and a lot of old photographs around the house.

The house that sells quickly is not only priced well, but is very bright (so don't block the windows), neutral in color, both walls and carpeting, and spotless.

If you want to sell your home, price it competitively, store some of your prize possessions in cartons out of the way, clean it up, get the carpet cleaned and get professional help.

Hank Hogan, former publisher of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, lives in Independence Township. He works as a Realtor in Clarkston.

Some parents should ease up on expectations

Parents have an image of what they want their children to be. All parents want their kids to turn out the best. But are parents putting too much pressure on their children to succeed?

Parents are there to guide their children. They wrote the rules and lay down the punishments. They give love and support. They also create standards. Go to school everyday, get good grades, be involved in activities and sports, go to church, get along with your siblings, do community work, do your homework, go to your piano lesson, graduate, go to college, be successful.

The problem with these demands is the time it takes to do all of them. Nearly all parents want their children to do at least half of these things, and they need to help their child manage his or her time wisely to prevent undue stress.

Nine times out of 10, however, this

does not occur. Parents tell their children what to be involved with and what to do but don't explain why or how. One freshman explains her trouble with time management. "I have all these things I'm expected to do, but I don't have the time to do them. I take piano lessons, I'm in dance, I play softball and tennis, and I also go to church and school. On top of all this I'm expected to get no less than B's on my report card and do my homework. It's a miracle if I ever sleep." This girl and many others say that if their parents would ease up on a few of the expectations, they might just get to enjoy life for a day or so.

On the other hand, parents say if they don't expect much, they won't get much. Deanna Robb, mother of two, says her expectations are reasonable. "I want my kids to experience all they can before they have adult responsibilities. They are busy, but it keeps them out of trouble. My children are

STUDENT COLUMNIST



KRISTIN FRENCH

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smart and well-behaved and I don't think they are at all hurt by their activities." Others say they have their children involved in so many things because they missed out on them when they were young. "My family was poor and we didn't have the money to be involved in sports or groups. Now that I have children, I want them to have the experiences I never had," says a parent from Auburn Hills. "I want both of my children to follow their dreams and have the opportunity to try everything." Follow their dreams?

All children have dreams. Some want to be firefighters; some want to be rock stars, and some want to be police officers. So why do most of them end up being business people, teachers or lawyers? Why are 47.4 percent of Americans ages 25-35 unhappy with their jobs? (Newsweek Magazine, February '98). Because they didn't do what they wanted to do.

They took over the family business instead of being an actor. They followed in daddy's foot steps at the law firm. They are practicing medicine because it pays the bills. Follow whose dreams?

Yes children should be given opportunities, but do they have to continue with time-consuming activities just to please their parents? Kids should be allowed to make choices about what they want to do with their time. Instead of pleasing others, they can make positive choices and be a step further into the adult world. Who knows? Maybe all children will start becoming individuals instead of smaller versions of their parents.

Kristin French is a student at Clarkston High School. Her column alternates with a column written by Clarkston Community Schools Superintendent Al Roberts.

U-M symposium highlights the information revolution

For years the debate has raged, fierce but hidden, in the upper reaches of Michigan's business community: How come we can't duplicate the high-tech boom that's bringing growth and prosperity to Silicon Valley, Calif., or Route 128 around Boston?

The entrepreneurs — there are plenty in Michigan, and good ones, too — claim the problem is lack of venture capital here to jump-start new companies. They go on to charge that the local business infrastructure so essential to facilitate start-ups — lawyers, accountants, bankers — is slim and mostly inexperienced.

Nonsense, reply the venture capitalists, arguing the good deals worth backing in Michigan are few and far between. It makes sense to hunt where the ducks are, they say, and that's mostly in places like California or Seattle.

Of course, the argument is circular. Good deals attract lots of venture capital, and venture capital attracts lots of good deals.

Recently, however, there are signs this ancient and unhelpful logjam is breaking up. Some straws in the wind:

■ Prosperity and change in the auto industry are feeding countless entrepreneurs who are starting little companies in garages up and down Oakland County's "automation alley."

■ Venture capital firms are sprouting all over. For example, Rick Snyder, a University of Michigan grad who wound up as president and CEO of Gateway Computer, has set up shop in Ann Arbor as Avalon Investments with a reputed \$100 million to invest.

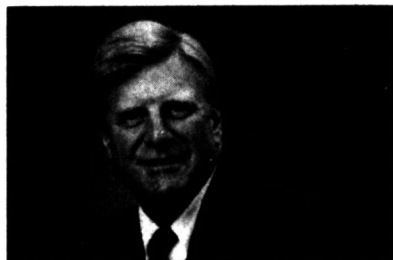
■ The June issue of Inc. magazine will rank the Ann Arbor area fourth in the country in new business growth in 1997.

That's why a symposium this weekend in Ann Arbor is so symptomatic and so interesting. Entitled "The Information Revolution: The View from Mid Stream," the gathering takes place Friday and Saturday on the U-M campus.

The opening speeches Friday afternoon work like a pair of bookends. Dr. Vinton Cerf, the guy who co-invented the Internet, will speak on "The Internet in Our Future." Dr. Douglas Van-Houwelling, who is president and CEO of Internet 2, will talk about how his organization is designing the next version of the Web that is already revolutionizing our society.

Saturday panels are equally dazzling.

U-M President Lee C. Bollinger, himself a



PHILIP POWER

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world authority on the First Amendment, will chair a group considering the legal and regulatory challenges of the information revolution. Joining him will be Harvard Law School professor Larry Lessig, recently selected the technical "master" in one of the anti-trust cases the government is mounting against Microsoft.

A panel on media and popular culture will be chaired by Tony Ridder, president and CEO of Knight-Ridder News, the company that owns the Detroit Free Press. Also appearing will be Esther Dyson, noted author of "Release 2.0: A Design for Living in the Digital Age."

The group discussing economic activity and entrepreneurial consequences of the information revolution includes John P. McTague, vice president for technical affairs at Ford, and a number of experienced entrepreneurs and heavy venture capitalists.

I've got a vested interest in the success of the symposium; I'm one of the organizers. But the symposium will bring to Michigan for 36 hours the world's greatest concentration of experts in the information revolution. It's one more piece of evidence Michigan is gaining ground in the race for the high-tech future.

Admission to the symposium is free and open to the public. More information is available on the Web at www.si.umich.edu/Marshall

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OAKLAND DIGEST

Oakland Digest provides a summary of headline stories from around the county during the week leading up to May 28.

BIRMINGHAM

To the dogs: Dog biscuits — freshly-baked dog biscuits — are on the menu at Three Dog Bakery, a new downtown Birmingham business that will cater to the doggie set. The Maple Road bakery is scheduled to open in mid-July. It will specialize in goods for pets only, including its self-styled "beagle bagels" and "chow wow pizza".

CLARKSTON

Who were they?: Springfield Township officials and nearby residents are mystified as to who is buried in the tiny, forlorn, Springfield Plains Cemetery. Grave markers are either overturned or worn smooth at the cemetery, northwest of Clarkston. Officials believe it once might have been a private or one-family burial plot.

FARMINGTON HILLS

Teen violence: School shootings like those in Springfield, Ore. and Jonesboro, Ark. will be discussed at a family forum on youth violence 7:30-9 p.m. tonight at the First United Methodist Church in Farmington. Police officials, clergy and psychiatric professionals will discuss the warning signs of teen violence as well as prevention strategies. The church is at Grand River and Warner in downtown Farmington.

LAKE ORION

Lukewarm waters: A less-than-enthusiastic Orion Township board voted 4-2 to approve a controversial subdivision bordering Long Lake. The 129-acre Shores of Long Lake project received final plat approval despite environmental concerns about the property.

OXFORD

Body found: The body of a 28-year-old Macomb County social worker was found early Friday in Addison Township. Oakland County Sheriff's deputies said they believe the victim, Lisa Putnam, was actually killed northeast of Stony Creek Metropark. An employee of the Macomb County-based Family Independence Agency, Putnam was last seen on her way to inspect a Washington Township home from which a child had removed due to alleged unsanitary conditions.

ROCHESTER HILLS

Historic video: The Rochester area's history is told on a new 75-minute videotape, "Our Legacy — Your Heritage", narrated by former television news anchorman Mort Crim. The documentary will have its debut showing June 11 at the Avon Players Playhouse, 1185 Washington Road. It is on sale for \$20 before that date, and for \$25 after, through the Rochester-Avon Historical Society.

SOUTHFIELD

Golfers setback: The revised Evergreen Hills municipal golf course might not open this summer, as planned. Seeding

hasn't yet begun on the nine-hole course, on Evergreen Road adjacent to the Southfield Civic Center, parks and recreation director William Walterhouse said, making a summer start-up unlikely.

TROY

Fund-raiser: Jennifer Powell is more than just a classmate to her Baker Middle School peers — she's an inspiration. Powell, 12, has developed Ataxia Telangiectasia, a rare genetic disease, that affects her coordination. About 200 of her classmates and teachers will be participating on her behalf in the June 6 "A-T Walk for a Cure" at Troy's Jaycee Park. Registration begins at 9 a.m. The three-mile walk begins an hour later. For more information, call (248) 524-2165.

WEST BLOOMFIELD

Off kilter: Is that a papier-mâché Madonna at the piano of Deborah Rader's West Bloomfield home? Rader, an artist, specializes in life-size, though slightly off-kilter, figures ranging from a cleaning lady, to bikers, to a couple that looks suspiciously like Jerry Seinfeld's TV parents. "I have a scream of a time," said Rader, whose works sell for \$900 and up. For information on her art, call (248) 661-4464.

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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Oakland County 4-H Clubs are joining with Habitat for Humanity to raise money to construct houses in the Pontiac area. 4-H youngsters will build Lego houses to call attention to the Habitat for Humanity program. They seek sponsors to help them acquire Lego materials. For additional information, call (248) 858-0889.

4H SUMMER

Registration has begun for summer 4H programs offered through the Michigan State University Extension. Pro-

grams are designed for students from preschool through fifth grade. They will meet June to August. Program offerings range from dinosaurs to Native American languages to agriculture and science. For more information, call the Oakland County 4H office, (248) 858-0889.

EL CENTRO HELP

El Centro, a bilingual, bicultural, ethnic-sensitive mental health program serving Oakland County's Hispanic community seeks volunteers who would like to either teach English, be a mentor/tutor, or

help with daily activities. El Centro offers a variety of services, including assessment and referral; outpatient treatment for children, adults and families; crisis intervention; case management; and prevention and community involvement programs. For more information on programs or volunteering, contact El Centro at (248) 858-5320.

MENTORS PLUS

Mentors Plus, a program of Oakland County Youth Assistance, seeks positive adult role models for youngsters 5-16. Call (248) 858-0041.

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ROCHELLE SMITH

It's time to end senseless shooting with gun control

This is an editorial. As such, the views presented here are those of the writer and not necessarily those of the newspaper. If you can't tell from that little disclaimer, let me make it clearer: This column may not appeal to everyone, but I believe I am not the only person in this area who has had enough of the insanity.

We need serious gun control in this country. How many more people have to die before something is done to stop the violence? Over the past few weeks the news reports have been filled with reports of senseless killings. The "gunmen" in many instances are "gun-children." Guns are too available. The proof is everywhere. Children forlorn over an ended relationship would not be able to open fire on their classmates if they did not have access to guns. An unpopular student feeling hurt by insensitive remarks would not be able to grab a gun and start shooting up his classmates if the guns were not so readily available. A brother would not be able to fatally shoot his sister if a gun was not in the house. A teen would not be able

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Teacher melds computers, music

Clarkston Middle School teacher Danielle Blanchard was recognized by the teacher's union for her use of computers in the teaching of music.



You could say that Clarkston Middle School music teacher Danielle Blanchard was techno-savvy before being techno-savvy was cool.

So, it's probably no surprise that one of Blanchard's CMS courses, "Technology Experiences in Music," was recently recognized by the Michigan Education Association (MEA) as a trailblazing educational program of beat and byte.

In a recent interview, Blanchard said that when she saw technology coming, she didn't duck behind the nearest typewriter cover. She embraced the new way as one more teaching tool to help kids learn to read, play and understand music.

"I bought myself a Macintosh (computer) back in '87 when they were just becoming household items," she said. "And I just taught myself ... I knew right from the get-go that there were some music programmers out there specifically using Macintosh because it was so easy to use. I was very interested in that so I jumped in to learn. And I soon found out the only way to learn it was to do exactly that ... You're going to spend some money and you're going to lose some money — and that pattern hasn't stopped."

Today, Blanchard's classroom touts three main computers — one she personally owns and two that have been secured through grants or fund-raisers. Students use them, along with eight plug-in piano keyboards, to hone their musical knowledge. "Kids can put in the (interactive) CD-ROM and learn about Bach or Mozart on their own," she said. "And with a class, you can do a multi-media presentation. You can customize it to field kids' questions. If kids are ready to understand some of



Hit any key to continue: Clarkston Middle School teacher Danielle Blanchard uses a computer to teach music to student Cindy Dodich.

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the analysis of some of the scores that they encounter, you can go into that area of the CD-ROM because it holds so much information."

On the performance side, Blanchard said her students employ computer programs to drill their rhythm and

note-reading skills. They also can perform selections on the keyboards, record those pieces and then play them back.

Additionally, students' musical compositions can be printed out like sheet music via a special computer program

and printer.

Blanchard pointed out that since 1991, she has slowly added more equipment to the class — which CMS sixth-graders can take as an exploratory and seventh- and eighth-grade can attend as an elective. She believes the more individualized approach to learning that technology affords has made a positive difference. "As long as students are progressing — as long as they're learning how to read music, it's working," the teacher said. "I'm not done growing with it."

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Work today will preserve trees, wetlands for future

Recently, neighbors put in the dock for the summer, sighing with relief at the completion of the task and filling their lungs with fresh air. Within minutes, a swim-suited child poised on the edge of the dock leaned over and dove into the clear refreshing water. Here are two elements of normal, natural summer; two elements of critical importance in our lives during all seasons — clean air and clean water.

Nothing does more to clean our air than trees. One feature of spring is the explosion of green over our heads and across our horizons. Bare branches, having survived the cold of winter, burst with bunches of leaves as the trees rejoice at the coming of the warmth of summer. Not only do trees color the landscape, they filter the air we breathe. Their natural cleaning action is more effective than all the artificial processes, useful and necessary as they are. We need trees for more than their beauty; we need them in order to live.

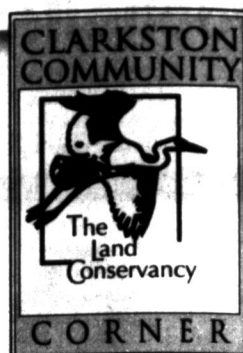
And nothing does more to clean our water than swamps or wetlands. Although there are times when they appear "dry," wetlands are natural means of filtering collections of water. They hold and treat water from heavy rains and runoffs. As temporary retainers of surface

water, wetlands are a major link in the processing chain as water moves on. Wetlands help clean the water that eventually enters our lakes and streams, or slips into the earth to recharge aquifers and to become sources of the well water we drink.

Trees and wetlands are more than resources on which we depend. They are homes as well. They are nesting sites and feeding places for birds, animals and fish. They are alive with activity by creatures of all kinds. Without these settings, most wildlife could not exist. Thus, trees and wetlands are essential parts of the natural habitat of all living creatures.

We cannot afford to take trees and wetlands, and other kinds of open spaces, for granted. At present a mere fraction remains of the stands of trees and spread of wetlands that used to exist. And the loss of other open spaces is evident. If we want those natural features to be here tomorrow, we must work to protect them today.

It is the purpose of The Land Conservancy to preserve and protect all kinds of open spaces and natural areas. Our community of service includes the headwater areas of the Clinton, Shi-



awassee, Huron and Flint rivers. Presently, we are stewards for 21 properties, totaling 340 acres, in Springfield and Independence townships.

But, The Land Conservancy can't do it alone. The continuing effort to preserve open space, such as stands of trees and wetlands, in the community depends upon your support. While memberships, donations, memorial gifts and bequests are growing, so are the challenges. Please consider joining or making a donation.

The Land Conservancy is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. It offers various types of memberships, such as \$10 for an individual, \$25 for a family, and \$100 for a life membership. Contact the Conservancy at P.O. Box 285, Clarkston, MI 48347. Telephone: 248-625-8193.

This column is shared by local community groups. Up next week: Lighthouse of Clarkston.



New addition: Sam and Robby Day hold their new brother Zachary.

BIRTH

Zachary Chez Day was born Sunday May 3, 1998, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac. He weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. He was welcomed home by his parents Bill and Susan Day of Clarkston and big brothers Sam, 4, and Robby, 16 months. Proud grandmothers are Joyce Meyers of Detroit and Elizabeth Day of Lake Mary, Fla.

Birth announcements may be submitted to: The Clarkston Eccentric, 7151 Ortonville Road, Suite 2, Clarkston 48346, Attention: Births. Please include parents' names and community and, if desired, grandparents' names and communities. Give date of birth and where baby was born.

Golf outing lauds 'Uncle' Al Dittrich

The Waterford Foundation for Public Education will remember and honor "Uncle" Al Dittrich of Clarkston, the late owner of Al Dittrich Oldsmobile, GMC Truck, at its 14th annual golf outing on Monday, June 15, at Heather Highlands Golf Club on East Holly Road near I-75.

The foundation usually honors a graduate of the Waterford Schools, "but this year is to be something special," said Bob Coats, co-chair of the outing.

"We lost one of our community assets. Uncle Al was a very special person that did so much to help so many."

"He was one of the original backers of the Waterford Foundation that helped get us on our way."

Many of Dittrich's friends, including radio personality Dick Purtan, will be there as well as Mary and Tom Dittrich, Dittrich's wife and son.

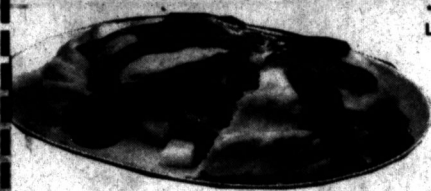
The outing is a double shotgun starting at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. The afternoon is already sold out.

The memorial honors banquet will be held in the evening.

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to kill his parents and then open fire on classmates in a crowded cafeteria if guns were not so easy to get. I am in favor of total gun control. I know this is not a popular opinion for many, but I ask how popular is the senseless killing that is happening at an accelerating pace across the country?

The argument that I've heard repeatedly is: "If you take guns away from decent folks, criminals will be the only ones with guns." As far as I'm concerned, that's the way it should be. Frankly, I'm not as worried about the criminals as I am about the so-called "decent" folks who are arming any child, angry spouse, alienated lover or two-bit burglar who happens upon their gun and decides to take out their anger on the town. When I drop my kids off at school each morning, I wonder if the next news report will be about a Clarkston child who has decided to settle his or her puberty problems with Dad's shot gun. How many times in the past few months have you heard a report of a "good kid" who had "never been in trouble before" suddenly appearing at a school or school function with a gun and going after the target of his rage? These "good kids" need our help, not access to our guns. Without the ready access to weapons, children would be forced to put more thought into how to act upon their anger.

Another popular argument against gun control is that guns aren't the problem, people are. That's true. If people were perfect, we wouldn't need gun control. If all parents knew exactly the right way to raise their children and all relationships were without violent moments and all humans were completely in control of their senses, guns would not need controlling. Unfortunately, not every parent knows how to raise the perfect child. Not all parents received the proper upbringing from which to pull the wisdom they need in order to pass the right values along to their children. Not every adult is in control of his or her temper. I fully agree that people are the problem, not guns. To that I ask, "How do we control people?" It hasn't happened so far, and I don't have a clue as to how it will happen in the near future. We can, on the other hand, make it more difficult for out-of-control people to kill innocent bystanders.

Guns are not a necessity in our society. Very few people go out and shoot their evening dinner anymore. I know hunters feel that America is a free country and hunters have a right to own guns. Personally, I don't believe in killing innocent animals for sport, but I am not going to debate that here. There are ways to allow hunters the freedom to go hunting without allowing guns to be kept in the home. If guns were controlled in a way that required legally licensed guns to be kept in a storage facility when not being used for a legal activity like hunting, it would make it impossible for children to grab Dad's or Grandpa's gun and start shooting up their schools. When a hunter is planning a hunting trip, he would need to provide identification at the storage facility and sign out his gun. When the trip is over, he would be required to sign the gun back into the facility. Although this plan would not be convenient for hunters, it would reduce the number of rage-driven shootings enough to make it worth the inconvenience. Not only would it reduce the problem of kids with guns, it would require an enraged adult to spend more time thinking about his or her actions before

grabbing the gun to settle the score. If a so-called decent person becomes enraged and checks his or her gun out of the storage facility to go on a shooting spree, it would be a lot easier to determine who committed the crime and the question of "premeditation" would be a moot point.

The idea of a gun storage facility may sound a bit strange, but if you think about

it, it is not so different from some of the practices we currently have in place. People who enjoy boating with a large boat often rent a boat slip in which to keep their boat. If hunting is a sport, then renting a storage slip for your gun would eventually be considered a common practice. There would, of course, be a charge for storing the guns, but such a charge is already common for

many of the sports or luxuries we already enjoy. People who smoke pay serious taxes on each pack of cigarettes. In addition to ORV stickers, snowmobilers are now required to pay "trail permit fees" to cover maintaining state trails. Those who enjoy liquor pay a hefty liquor tax. Fishermen pay for fishing licenses and, perhaps, boat rental or storage. To hunters who feel that

being forced to store their guns in a storage facility is unfair, I say this: I don't have a gun in my house and think it's unfair that I have to worry that someone I love will be killed by a gun which is available in someone else's house."

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SPORTS SCENE

County sponsors sports camp

Oakland County Parks offers a "sports sampler" at its week-long Sports Camp, sponsored by The Sports Authority.

Athletes ages 8-13 are introduced to sports that encourage teamwork and sportsmanship. Daily activities include a mix of soccer, street hockey, flag football, kickball, volleyball and more. Parents/guardians are invited to attend the Sports Camp Information Day June 11 at 6:30 p.m. at Waterford Oaks Court Games Complex.

Camp dates are set for June 15-19; June 22-26; July 6-10; July 13-17; July 20-24; July 27-31; and Aug. 3-7. Camp hours are 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For more information call (248) 858-0916.

New soccer league

The Oakland Developmental Soccer League is Oakland County's newest youth co-ed soccer league, providing an opportunity for children who want to compete at a level above recreational soccer.

The ODSL will provide experienced trainers for each age group, and will consist of ball skill development, speed and running development.

Open registration will be conducted June 1 to July 15, and will be accepted on a first-come basis. Registration forms can be picked up at Global Soccer (formerly Soccer World) in Lake Orion, RARA Office in Rochester and the City of Auburn Hills Recreation Department on Squirrel Road across from Oakland University.

Whitt camp

Dates have been set for the annual Ernie Whitt Baseball Academy, designed to provide youngsters ages 7-18 with an opportunity to learn more about the game and to improve their baseball skills through positive reinforcement. The camp is run by Whitt, a 14-year major league veteran best remembered for his years with the Toronto Blue Jays.

The camp will provide instruction in several areas, including rotational hitting, pitching and throwing mechanics, catching, infield and outfield mechanics and baserunning and sliding.

The camp will be held in Harper Woods June 15-19 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and at Macomb Community College (South Campus) June 22-26, also from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For more information call (810) 465-1095.

In-line skating

Independence Township Parks and Recreation offers a two-hour course designed to make in-line skating easy. The course teaches stopping techniques, several turns, hazard avoidance and skate tips, and is designed for beginning through advanced courses.

Both sessions take place at Clintonwood Park. Session II takes place May 30 from 10 a.m. to noon (for 6-11-year-olds) and May 31 from 1 to 3 p.m. (12-older). Session II takes place June 13 from 10 a.m. to noon (6-11) and 1 to 3 p.m. (12-older).

Call 625-8223 for more information.

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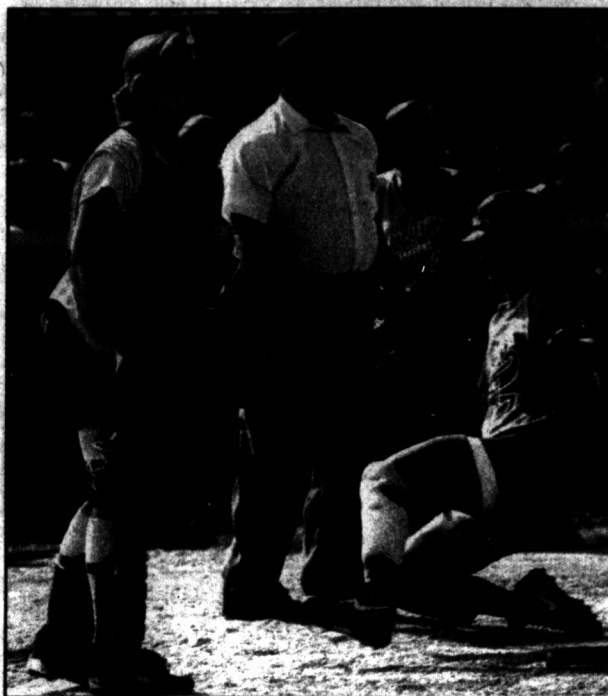
Tryouts for all boys and girls select teams for the 1998/99 fall and spring season takes place at Clintonwood soccer fields June 22-26 from 5 to 9 p.m. Tryouts will be held for U-11 through U-19 girls and U-11 through U-14 boys.

There is no cost for tryouts, but there are player fees in addition to team fees if the player makes the team. Players must be from the Clarkston school district unless there are extenuating circumstances. Participants must pre-register with parks & rec by June 1.

Soccer camps

Independence Township Parks and Recreation hosts a week of soccer instruction July 27-31 at Clintonwood Park. Mini-camp for players ages 9-11 take place from 9 to 11 a.m. Cost is \$40 for residents, \$50 for non-residents. Full-day camp from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for players 10-14 cost \$40 for residents, \$50 for non-residents (half-day) or \$70 for residents, \$80 for non-residents (full-day).

Call 625-8223 for more details.



Insurance run: Lake Orion's Mary Conner scores as Lapeer East catcher Teresa Yoder looks on during the Dragons' 5-0 pre-district win over the Eagles.

Up next for Wolves

Orion tops East, faces Clarkston in semi-final

Lake Orion pitcher Mary Conner was the last one on the field in one of the later innings of Tuesday's pre-district softball game against Lapeer East, and rumor had it she was selling concessions.

It turned out not to be true, but that's about the only thing Conner, the Dragons' senior righthander, didn't do Tuesday, and the result was an easy 5-0 win over the Eagles that propelled the Dragons into Saturday's district semifinal against Clarkston at noon. The winner gets either Lapeer West or Grand Blanc at 2 p.m.

Conner completely dominated the Eagles, striking out 16 and allowing just one disputed hit while facing just one over the minimum number of hitters. Her pitches were moving, and there was no evidence of the wrist and shoulder ailments that have plagued her over the last few months.

"It was nice to come out and feel good," Conner said. "It was nice to be able to pitch and not feel pain. My rise was working real good. My wrist is better and my speed is back."

She was also active at the plate, going 2-for-3 and scoring twice. The Dragons managed just eight hits off Lapeer East starter Erin Gleason, but it was enough.

They got Conner all the runs she'd need,

■ 'It was nice to be able to pitch and not feel pain. My rise was working real good.'

Mary Conner
—Dragon pitcher

scoring twice in the third inning. Conner led off with a single, moved to second on a wild pitch and to third on a passed ball. She scored on a grounder by Melissa Wilson. Bobbi Conner, the junior catcher, was then safe on an error. Courtesy runner Leslie Keblaitis stole second, moved to third on an infield single by Katie Lewis and scored on a wild pitch.

Orion added two more in the fourth, both runs coming with two out. Tami Ledbetter laced a two-out single and moved to second when Mary Conner was hit by a Gleason pitch. Ledbetter stole third and Libby Nelson drew a walk, and Ledbetter and Mary Conner both scored on a single by Wilson.

The Dragons scored the game's final run in the bottom of the sixth. Ledbetter had a one-out single, stole second and scored on a single by Mary Conner.

Please see **SOFTBALL, B2**

Since taking over the girls track program in 1979, Gordie Richardson has helped the Wolves evolve from doormat status to one of the most dominant teams in Oakland County, especially in league dual-meet competition, where in the past 14 seasons, Clarkston has been ...

Simply unbeatable



■ It's been so long since Clarkston lost a girls' track dual meet, the coach can't even remember the team that beat the Wolves. That's an indication of how dominant the Wolves have been in the 14 years since that last defeat.

Footloose was the movie of choice, breakdancing was in, and Denise Williams' "Let's Hear it for the Boy" was No. 1 on the airwaves. That pretty much was the scene when the Clarkston girls track team last lost a league dual meet.

"It's been a long time," recalls Gordie Richardson, the Wolves' head coach since 1979. "I'm not even sure who it was against. It might have been against Rochester, or wait, it could have been Pontiac Northern. There were a lot of changes in the leagues around here in that time period."

"That time period" was 1984. Clarkston finished 4-1 that season in the Greater Oakland Activities League and 6-1 overall. But since then, the Wolves have been unbeatable in league duals.

In its final home meet of the season, Clarkston completed its 14th consecutive season without a loss in league dual meet competition — they are an amazing 67-0-2 in this stretch — with a triumph over visiting Waterford Mott, a feat to which no other prep team in Oakland County can lay claim.

"I think the difference has been that we always seem to get really good kids," said Richardson. "We've had a lot of dedicated athletes over the years, and by winning, it makes it easier to win."

The Wolves weren't always winning. In fact, when Richardson first took over Clarkston's girls track program in 1979, the Wolves were at rock-bottom.

"A lot of the girls back there were out there because they thought track was all fun," he said. "At the end of each sea-

son, their coach would take the team to Cedar Point, and that was the reason most of them were out there."

Just one day before the dual meet season was to start in 1979, the current coach had to step down because of health problems, thus giving Richardson his start in track and field.

"My closest experience with track and field was three years of high school swimming, the workouts were similar," laughed Richardson, who attended Detroit Mackenzie. "(Administration) came to me and asked me to coach the (girls) team because the coach at the time had some strange disease and had to give (coaching) up effective immediately. I said sure, when does the season start. Their response was 'our first meet is tomorrow.'"

Well, Clarkston did not win that particular meet; in fact they finished 1-8 overall and 0-6 in the Wayne/Oakland

Conference that season. Since then, however, Richardson has been blessed with plenty of talent and the tides have most definitely changed for the Wolves.

Since that lowly '79 campaign, Clarkston has compiled an overall dual meet record of 101-26-2, including 82-20-2 in league competition. They have also won 11

league meets and 12 overall league championships, including 10 straight; two Oakland County meet titles and 10 other top ten finishes; three regional titles with 11 other top 10 finishes; and have scored points at the Lower Peninsula Class A state meet on several occasions — the most notable being a third-place finish in 1986 and a sixth-place showing in 1989. Richardson credits former



Young blood: Regional hurdles champion Brittani Brewer is one reason the Clarkston Wolves were able to maintain their girls' track mastery this season. Brewer is one of nine Clarkston girls headed to Saturday's state meet.

University of Michigan assistant coach Larry Beamer as being his mentor.

"I learned a lot from him," admits Richardson. "He taught me a lot about certain workouts, how to juggle lineups to get the most points. I owe a lot to him."

Apparently, scoring points hasn't been a problem for Clarkston over the years as their tradition-rich program has been one of the most con-

sistent and dominant programs in Oakland County. And as for the athletes themselves, there is a pride factor with putting on the Wolves' blue and gold uniform.

"It is something special," said middle-distance ace Erica Holman, one of six seniors on this year's squad, which is the second largest crop of 12th-graders under Richardson. "As seniors, we don't want to be the group that ended the

(unbeaten) league streak. We want to do whatever it takes to keep it going."

Senior sprinter/high jumper Gretchen Pitser credits an experience four years ago to the Wolves' recent success.

"As freshman, most don't realize what is going on until they go to a freshman invitational," she said. "When we were freshmen, we realized at a freshman invitational that

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we were better compared to most of the other teams there. We realized what the sport was all about. So we all wanted to keep doing better. We had nine girls on our (freshman) team four years ago and six of us stuck with it. We all wanted to work hard and we wanted to be part of something special."

"Being part of something special is what draws athletes to Clarkston's track team. This season, there are a record number 53 girls on the roster."

"In recent years, we've seemed to have really good depth," said Richardson. "Our 1986 team that placed third in the state only had about 19 girls, but we had so many standout runners that we could still score 100 points. Now, we have some standouts, but our tremendous depth is

what helps us remain successful."

The Wolves will travel to Ferndale last week for the Oakland Activities Association Division II meet as the odds-on favorite to clinch their 11th straight league championship, and did so handily.

But looking to the future, keeping the unbeaten league streak alive will become a much more difficult task.

Because Clarkston's girls' team has gone unbeaten in the OAA Division II the past four years and the Wolves' boys contingent has done the trick the past two years — a long-anticipated move to the Division I of the 28-school mega conference should occur.

There, the Wolves will compete against other county powerhouses such as Southfield, Rochester Adams, Rochester and

Pontiac Northern, and the Wolves' streak will be in sure jeopardy.

"The move will probably be unavoidable," admitted Richardson. "And to be quite honest, we should have been moved up a couple of years ago. And if that happened, we wouldn't have been undefeated for this long. That's not to say that we wouldn't have been competitive, or that we won't be competitive next year. It's just that there is so much speed and talent in the OAA Division I, that going undefeated is extremely difficult."

But for Richardson and every girl that has been a member of the Wolves' track team the past 14

years — it has been a lovely ride.

"Winning dual meets and league champi-

Through the Years

Under coach Gordie Richardson, the Clarkston girls track program has become one of the most dominant in Oakland County. Here is a year-by-year capsule of Richardson's tenure.

Year	Record	League	Overall	1st Meet	League	Oakland	Class A	Class A
1986	6-0	6-0	—	—	—	—	—	—
1987	6-0	6-0	1st	1st	6th	11th	—	—
1988	5-0	6-0	1st	1st	6th	4th	—	—
1989	5-0	5-0	2nd	T-1st	7th	6th	—	—
1990	5-0	5-1	1st	1st	14th	8th	—	—
1991	5-0	5-1	1st	1st	11th	1st	n/a	—
1992	5-0	5-0	1st	1st	9th	4th	—	—
1993	4-0-1	5-0-1	1st	1st	11th	6th	53rd	—
1994	5-0	5-0-1	1st	1st	6th	6th	—	—
1995	5-0	5-2	1st	1st	3rd	3rd	6th	—
1996	5-0	6-0	2nd	T-1st	T-7th	n/a	n/a	—
1997	3-0-1	5-0-1	2nd	2nd	7th	8th	—	—
1998	4-0	6-0	1st	1st	1st	1st	3rd	—
1999	4-0	7-0	1st	1st	1st	1st	19th	—
2000	4-1	6-1	2nd	2nd	5th	5th	—	—
2001	5-1	9-1	3rd	T-2nd	3rd	1st	—	—
2002	3-2	6-2	4th	T-3rd	n/a	7th	—	—
2003	1-4	3-5	5th	5th	—	—	—	—
2004	0-6	1-8	6th	6th	—	—	—	—
2005	0-6	1-7	6th	6th	—	—	—	—

League Dual Meet Record: 82-20-2
Overall Dual Meet Record: 101-26-2

onships has always been a goal each year, but the biggest goal is to get as many kids to qualify for the county or state meet as possible," says

Richardson. "That, to me, is the real award."

But is a long-overdue trip to Cedar Point out of the question?

Softball from page B1

The senior pitcher then struck out the side in the top of the seventh — it was the fourth time in the game she'd done that — to preserve the victory.

"(Lapeer East) obviously hasn't seen anybody with that kind of speed," said Gary Kibby, filling in for Dennis Davis, who underwent ankle surgery over the weekend and is out indefinitely. "She's healthy for the first time in a month, and things are going good for her."

Conner was never in trouble. She struck out nine of the first 10 hitters she faced and finished with a season-high 16, including one credited to her when Lori

Vizena's bunt attempt went foul for a third strike in the fourth.

That play came just before the only hit off Conner, a chopper right in front of the plate by Crystal Weber. Mary Conner's throw glanced off the glove of first baseman Samantha Miller, but the tournament's official scorer ruled Weber would have beaten it out.

The Wolves, who drew the bye in the first round, await the Dragons while trying to overcome disappointing play down the stretch.

They were contenders for the OAA II title until the last week, when they lost to Brandon.

Continued eye on safety keeps accidents down

Operators of Personal Watercraft in Michigan can help continue a two-year trend towards reduced accidents and fatalities by practicing safety every time they hit the waves, suggests AAA Michigan.

"While we commend the majority of PWC operators who follow state laws and don't engage in reckless operation, the percentage of accidents involving Wave-Runners, Jet-Skis and other PWCs is still too high," stated Jerry Basch, AAA Michigan Community Safety Services manager.

PWCs comprise less than 10 percent of all registered watercraft in the state, but preliminary figures from 1997 show more than 45 percent of the 422 Michigan boating accidents involved PWCs, compared with 40 percent in 1996," Basch pointed out.

In 1997, the number of accidents involving PWCs fell by 21 percent, from 232 in 1996 to 182. The number of fatalities also fell, from two to one. Some of the drop could be attributed to the cool summer last year, along with increased water safety education and awareness.

"Inexperience and lack of knowledge of these popular machines, however, is the leading cause of trouble," Basch said. Lack of operator skills is a major factor in 95 percent of all PWC accidents last summer.

That inexperience leads to:

- Operating PWCs at high speed. Increased speeds reduces visibility to the sides, increasing the chance for a collision with another boat or object.

- Not knowing what to do in an emergency. About half of all PWC crashes involve non-owner operators, again pointing to inexperience as a key contributor. Often, inexperienced riders are confused by how PWCs steer. They frequently release the throttle and try to steer away from an

impending collision, forgetting that PWCs will only turn under power.

"The Michigan Legislature is close to passing new regulations affecting PWC operators that call for minimum training and operator age requirements for these speedy, relatively inexpensive and highly maneuverable craft that have taken our lakes by storm," said Basch. For now, PWC operators and passengers should heed the following tips for a safe summer of fun:

- Know your craft. All passengers and operators, especially non-owners, should be instructed on operating, turning and stopping a PWC, especially in an emergency.

- Never operate a PWC or any watercraft under the influence of alcohol. About half of all fatal boating accidents are alcohol-related.

- Know and follow local boating laws and "rules of the road."

- Use the craft's safety lanyard if so-equipped. PWCs should not be started without first attaching the lanyard to the operator's wrist. In case of a fall, the lanyard will automatically stop the PWC.

- Wear a wet suit, footwear, eye protection and gloves for protection.

- Operate PWCs only during daylight. Keep away from fishermen.

- Always look for other boats before turning. Stay at least 100 feet away from other craft and 150 feet when crossing wakes.

- Never carry more than the maximum load specified.

- Operators borrowing a PWC must be of legal age (currently at least 12 years old), complete a safe boating course, know how to operate it and know the rules. Requirements for PWC safety training and operator age may change this summer, pending approval of legislation in Lansing.



Charter Township of Springfield

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Springfield has received a request for Special Land Use from L. E. Marlowe & Sons Ltd., 2375 E. Rose Center Rd., Highland, MI 48356. The request is to develop a 54-unit one-family residential development on 158 acres utilizing the Cluster Housing provisions of the Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance.

The property is located south of Woodland Trail, north of White Lake Rd., east of Ormond Rd., and west of Schmitt Lake. P.I. #07-32-300-007 and 07-32-400-001.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that oral and written comments on the Special Land Use application will be received at a PUBLIC HEARING to be held at the Regular Meeting of the Springfield Township Board on Thursday, June 11, 1998, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Hall, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, MI.

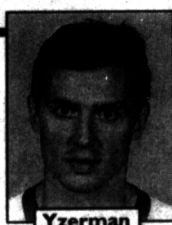
A copy of the concept plan and other information related to the application may be reviewed at the Township Clerk's Office, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, MI during regular business hours Monday through Friday. Written comments may be submitted to the Springfield Township Clerk, P.O. Box 1038, Davisburg, MI 48350 up until the time of the Public hearing. Anyone needing a special accommodation should contact the Township Clerk at least two (2) business days in advance of the Hearing.

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Charter Township of Springfield

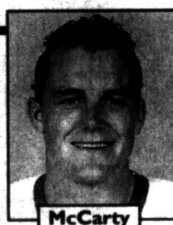
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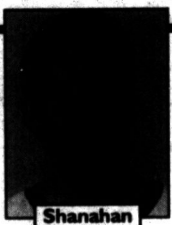
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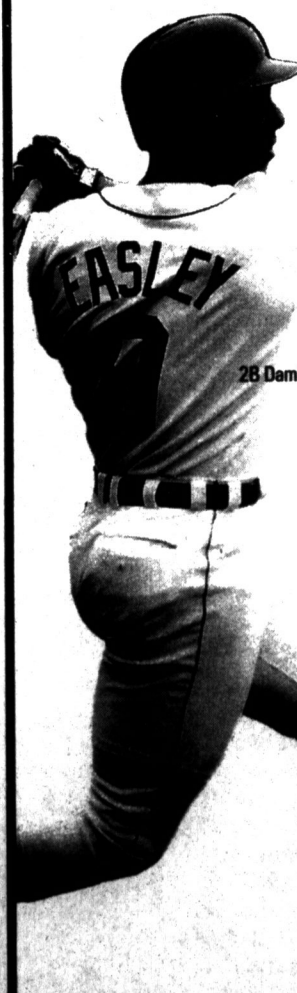
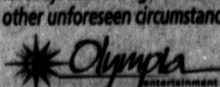
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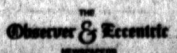
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Detroit Archers will hold a state outdoor MAA shoot on Saturday, June 6, at its facilities in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

3D SHOOT

Oakland County Sportsman Club will hold a 30-target 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, June 14, at its walk-through course in Clarkston. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

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

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A slide presentation by "Grandma" Verna Soule about hiking the Appalachian Trail begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 10, at REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for details.

CANOE DAY

Test drive one of 20 different Mad River canoes during this on-the-water clinic, which begins at 4 p.m. Wednesday, June 17, on Kent Lake at Kensington Metropark. The clinic is offered by REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for details.

FLY TYING

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

HUNTER EDUCATION

Wayne County Sportsmen's Club will hold several hunter education classes in the upcoming months at its clubhouse and grounds in Romulus. These

classes will be taught by certified instructors. Students must be present for both days of their respective class. All equipment will be provided. Classes will be offered Aug. 29-30, Oct. 3-4, Oct. 17-18 and Nov. 7-8. Cost is \$10.50 and includes lunch both days. To pre-register call (313) 532-0285.

CLUBS

SOLAR

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

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

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

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

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

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Senior Citizen's Center in the Livonia Civic Center. Call Jim Kudej at (313) 591-0843 for more information.

FISHING BUDDYS

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

CLINTON VALLEY BASS

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

BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the

Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

BASS

Bass season opens June 20 on Lake St. Clair, and the St. Clair and Detroit rivers. The season opened May 23 on all other waters.

SPEARS/BOWS

Spearing, hand netting and bow season for suckers, carp, gar and bowfin runs through May 31 on non-trout waters south of M-46.

SMELT

Smelt netting season on non-trout streams runs through May 31 south of M-72 and May 1-31 north of M-72. Bow and spear fishing on non-trout inland waters is open for gar, carp and bowfin May 1-Aug. 15. Check the 1998 Michigan Fishing Guide for exceptions and closures.

TURKEY

The spring turkey season runs through May 31 by special permit in designated areas only.

FREE FISHING WEEKEND

Michigan's annual Free Fishing Weekend, in which all fishing license fees are waived for residents and non-residents, is scheduled for June 6-7.

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN

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

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

ORTONVILLE RECREATION

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

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS

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

FREE WOOD CHIPS

Free wood chips from the Oakland County Parks Christmas tree recycling program, will be available on Saturday, June 27, at Orion Oaks at the Clarkston Road entrance. Individuals are asked to provide their own shovels and to load the chips by hand. No motorized equipment is allowed and no commercial haulers. Additional wood chip dates are scheduled for July 25, August 29, Sept. 26 and Oct. 31.

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Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks, toll free: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

1998 PERMITS

The 1998 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-477-PARKS for more information.

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An alcohol ban will be in effect

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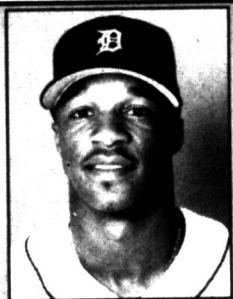
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Which current Detroit Tiger led major league baseball in stolen bases last year?

Answer:

BRIAN HUNTER

(Extra Credit: What position does he play? Answer: Centerfield)

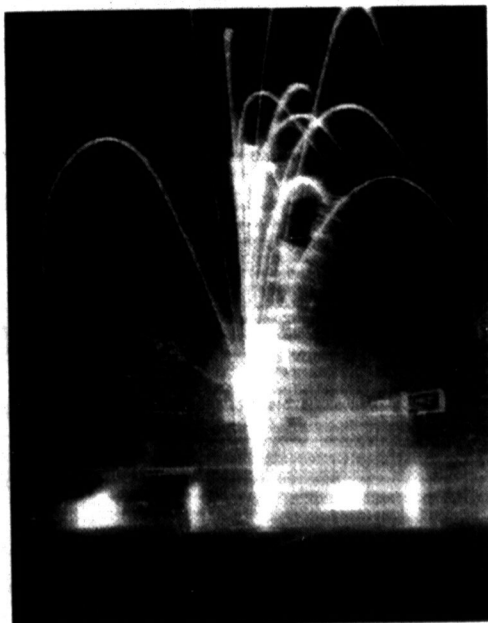


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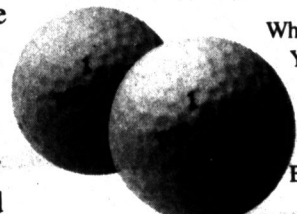
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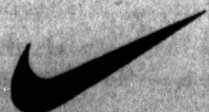
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LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT

Active, outgoing SWF, 35, 5'11", 150lbs. N/S, college-educated, financially independent, likes movies, travel, and shape, dining out, seeks SWM, 32-45, N/S, similar qualities/interests, for LTR. #8141

LEGGO, BLENDER, & STYLISH

Blue-eyed honey blonde, 5'8", active, independent, Birmingham homeowner, 40s, looks 30s, intelligent, ambitious, attractive, seeks tall, fit, professional, witty, fit, handsome, uncumbered male counterpart for extreme fun, romance, adventure. #8146

RECIPE FOR 98:

Take intelligent, kind, caring, religious 49 year-old woman, mix with successful, tall, 90s-type, 45-55 year-old man. Result will be great conversation, fun one night loving couple. #8140

SHORT AND SWEET

Cute, classy DW, 40ish, 5'2", medium build, very personable and romantic, seeks SWM, 36+, N/S, attractive, smart, fun, no games guy who's available for an intense LTR. #8142

GORGEOUS GREGARIOUS

Fit 35, 5'7", 130lbs, MA degree, into biking, reading, antiquing, giggling, Seeking SWM, N/S, degree, fit, out-going. #8143

LOVING TRADITIONAL VALUES

Educated SWF, 57, blonde/blue, curvaceous, not heavy, in need of a hero, pleasant, tall, nice-looking, honest, brave, monogamous SWM, 35-50, an individual, who wants an LTR. #8055

GLAMOROUS BABE

SWF, 32, 5'8", blonde, no dependents, slender yet curvaceous, outgoing, great cook, educated, well-dressed, likes fine dining, cultural events, travel, stimulating conversation. Seeking SWM, 35-47, handsome, fit, professional, similar qualities/interests, for LTR. #8142

TICK TACK

SWF, 35, strawberry-blonde/green, enjoys golfing, traveling, and quiet romantic evenings. Seeking SWM, 35-45, with similar interests, for possible lasting relationship. #8277

DAMEL IN DISTRESS

Attractive SWF, 36, 5'11", blonde/green, seeks tall, heroic SWM, 30-42, to rescue me from having too much time on my hands, for possible LTR. #4239

PRESCRIPTION FOR ROMANCE

Beautiful, successful doctor SWF, 30s, 5'5", slim, sincere, honest, accomplished, well-traveled, loves sports, golf, theater, and traveling. Seeking educated, successful, mature gentleman, 35-43, for relationship, to start family. #7644

BEAUTIFUL, BLUE EYES

SWF, 28, enjoys music, dancing, romance, seeks SWM, teddy bear type, 27-32, for LTR only serious replies please. #7194

STILL LOOKING

SWF, 28, 5'3", brown/hazel, enjoys dining, dancing, Red Wings. Seeking commitment-minded SWM, 25-35, for possible relationship. #7914

LOOKING FOR LOVE

Pretty, romantic, intelligent SWF loves family, enjoys movies, dancing, concerts, theater, looking for smart, handsome, sincere, romantic, LTR. No games, no players. #7922

SUMMER ROMANCE

SWF, 27, seeks SWM, 27-32, good personality, sense of humor, who enjoys sports, outdoors, concerts, sports, romance, to have fun with this summer and a LTR with right person. #7973

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

SBF, 24, 5'4", dark-skinned, athletic, outgoing, seeks SWM, 30-40, financially secure, W/M, 30+, for friendship. #7737

LOOKING FOR JOHN MALKOVICH

Fun, outgoing, educated, single, non-smoking, 35-45, for possible LTR. Kids are great. #4091

INDEPENDENT MOM

DWPF, 32, 5'4", 100lbs, mom of two, homeowner, with healthy 5'11", 150lbs, seeks PM for dating, sports, travel, etc. Plymouth area. #4039

SEEKING LIFE PARTNER

Honest, caring, college-educated down-to-earth SWF, 27, brown/blond, seeks SWM, 27, brown/blond, who enjoys movies, concerts, theater, golf. Seeking honest, caring, sincere SWF, 26-32, N/S, #4095

LAST CHANCE

Pretty SWF, long hair, brown eyes, enjoys hockey, baseball. Seeking nice, physically fit SM for monogamous LTR, leading to marriage. No games. No players. #4186

HAWAIIAN HEART

Attractive, sincere, kind-hearted, humorous Hawaiian DW, 36, 5'5", dark/brown, part-time college student, mom, enjoys bowling, billiards, dancing, sunbathing. Seeking sincere, fun-loving SWM. #4220

WE'VE BEEN HIDING...

now seek a Born-again Middle Eastern-looking, Godly SW, 33, 5'3", body-build, athletic, born-again SWM, 35-40, for lasting relationship. #4281

LOOKING FOR SMART MAN

SF, seeks very hip, active, open-minded, caring, rugged-looking SWM, 45-50, 5'8"-5'11", in shape, Mickey Rourke type, no dependents under 18, financially independent, stable, willing to work on a relationship. No blonds. #7587

GREEN-EYED LADY

Outgoing, college-educated SWF, 26, medium build, N/S, enjoys sports, movies, being, dancing. Seeking SWM, 25-32, who has similar interests, and a good sense of humor. #7689

OLD-FASHIONED

Divorced mother of one, 30, very shy, blonde/brown, blue eyes, 5'7", 110lbs, enjoys dancing, older mills, all winter activities. Seeking caring, true romantic, sensitive, old-fashioned guy. #7646

LET'S ENJOY SPRING

Attractive, affectionate, down-to-earth DW, 36, 5'7", 120lbs, blonde/green, N/S, one child, enjoys running, warm weather, concerts, dancing. Seeking nice, fun, secure SWM, 35-49, N/S, to enjoy life. #7804

BEAUTIFUL SMILE

Attractive, athletic SWF, 49, 5'7", slender, college graduate, enjoys sports, movies, concerts, dining, and laughter. Seeking tall, healthy, honest, sincere, spontaneous SWPM, 50-55, N/S, social driver, college graduate, for LTR. #8054

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Beautiful SF, blonde/blue, building a fine structure, needs an attractive SM construction babe, 30-42, to help finish the plans. If we'll be worth the call. #7735

Educated DW, 60, 5'7", long blonde/blue, enjoys simple things in life, movies, gardening. Seeking caring, honest, down-to-earth, large guy, #4087

ALL ORIGINAL

DW, one of a kind, long sleek body lines, blonde rag top, low mileage, puffs like a kitten. Seeking comparable model, 6'-6", 50-58, to go for a test drive. #7797

JILL SEEKS TIM

This medium-build, 48, 5'3", single again; N/S, no kids, from Royal Oak, has the tools but needs the right guy to teach her how to use them; maybe we can build an LTR. #7905

PREFERRED STOCK

Attractive, slender, intelligent, affectionate, outgoing, energetic SWPF, 48, 5'8", independent, seeks tall, fit, attractive, honest, humorous SWM, 42-52, 6'-6", N/S, degree, for friendship first. #7909

LOTS TO OFFER

Attractive, slim, educated, fit SWF, 50+, enjoys arts, travel, fitness, education, and fun. Seeking secure, educated, open, caring SM, for partner. #7782

SECRET GARDEN

DWPF, 40s, 5'8", blonde, seeks large, very ladylike, 5'8" plus, who enjoys music, theater, concerts, motorcycling, slow dancing, and just being together. #7778

ROMANTIC

Pretty, petite, trim DW, 57, 5'4", blonde/green, enjoys dining, dancing, theater, and more, seeks tall, handsome, fit, romantic gentleman, to share life's pleasures. #7724

LOOKING FOR MY SOULMATE

SF, 48, petite, long blonde/green, seeks down-to-earth, honest, sincere, decent man, financially secure, who will treat me well. No heavyweights, or baldies. #4090

GENTLEMAN

I'm tall, slender, pretty, very intelligent, refined, humorous, fun, affectionate, smoker, 51, and interested in being romantically wired and dined by gent. Seeking a sincere, classy, confident, marriage-minded. #9633

GREAT COOK

terrible housekeeper SWF, 46, attractive, tall, slim, outgoing, brown/blue, enjoys fishing, gardening, dining out. Seeking well-groomed, emotionally stable, easygoing, sensitive SWM, 43-55, for monogamous LTR. No kids. #4137

A ROMANTIC AT HEART

Very attractive SF, 38, blonde/green, 5'8", 130lbs, likes movies, dining out, horseback riding, etc. Seeking attractive, caring PM, who likes children, for possible LTR. #4218

SEEKING SOULMATE

Attractive DW, young, 49, 5'4", brown/blue, N/S, financially/emotionally secure, enjoys movies, dining, sports, travel, and romance. Seeking attractive, honest, caring, compassionate SWM, 40-55, with similar interests, for friendship, leading to LTR. #8152

SPARKLING, EXPRESSIVE

Pretty DW, 55, enjoys dining out, dancing, casinos. Seeking sincere, neat SM, 55+, race oriented, who has similar interests, no baggage, friendship first. Must have own transportation. #7994

WESTLAND AREA

Sincere, honest, friendly outgoing DW, 43, 5'6", 155lbs, long brown/hazel, smoker, social drinker, N/Drgs. Enjoys good conversation, movies, dining out, quality time. Seeking gentleman, 40-50, with similar interests, for LTR. #7998

A-Z THIS IS ME

Affectionate, bubbly, Creative, Down-to-earth, Extroverted, Friendly-something, Giving, Hard-working, Intelligent, Joyous, Kind-hearted, Lively, Melifluous, N/S, Optimistic, Pretty, Quick-minded, Romantic, Spicy! Thoughtful, Understanding, Versatile, Witty, X-tending, Youthful, Festive! #7992

JUST LISTED

Traditional taller, charming, with much potential, lots of character and very low maintenance, updated and in mint condition. 1940s era, hurry this one will not be on the market for long. #7798

SUNSETS & MOONLIGHT

SWF, 44, 5'7", brown/hazel, N/S, enjoys sports, jazz, C&W, quiet times at home. Seeking romantic, honest, family-oriented SWM, 38-44, 5'7"-5'8", N/S. All calls will be answered. #7813

HEY, GUYS!

Anybody out there looking for SWF, 53, attractive, open-minded, intelligent, humorous, who enjoys weekend get-aways, good conversation, camping, indoors and outdoors, and much more. #7917

FOXY LADY

I'm very attractive, foxy lady 50s, 5'7", sparkling, brown eyes, enjoys sports, walking in the woods and the simple things in life. Seeking spiritually-minded DW, 50-62, #7919

LOOKING FOR SIMILAR

Degraded DW, 32, 5'8", student, seeks Godly, faithful, sincere, professional, homeowner SWF for concerts, theater, adventure and to share life. Troy area. #7916

SINCERE

Protestant, easygoing, overweight DW, 42, 5'10", N/S, from South Lyon, enjoys swimming, walking, bowling, cards, pets, traveling. Seeking honest, loyal SWM, 35-45, #7820

SHY BUT SEXY

SWF, 35, 5'5", 110lbs, professional, very classy and attractive, seeks similar, between 39-50, I'm adventurous, optimistic, and romantic. You must be kind, on a relationship, No blonds. #7757

PRETTY NATURE LOVER

SF, 43, 5'7", 127lbs, studying alternative medicine, into self growth, woods, singing, natural healing, laughing, speaking truth, like I'm spooky, unique, loving, Seeking N/S soul connection SWM, 38-48, #7813

OLD SCHOOL WAYS

Humorous, SF, 41, 5'8", 130lbs, brown/hazel, no kids, never married, enjoys comedy clubs, drag racing. Seeking commitment-minded SM, 39-49, race unimportant, for a mutually fulfilling relationship. Ypsilanti area. #7816

LADY IN WAITING

Foxy professional DW, 45, 5'5", 145lbs, hopeless romantic, enjoys traveling, cooking, theater, and quiet evenings at home. Seeking SCM, 40-55, N/S, with similar interests, for friendship, possibly more. #7730

YOUR DREAM WOMAN

SF, 20, 5'5", long dark/hazel green, beautiful smile, open to new experiences, enjoys music, cooking, children, long walks, dining, movies, laughter. Seeking SPM, 23-32, for friendship first, romance. Tired of guys. #7779

OUTDOORSY, YOUNG GUY

Physically fit DW, looks 30, proper values, enjoys outdoors, biking, water, beach, boats. Seeking honest, sincere SM, N/S, financially/emotionally/physically secure, for monogamous relationship, for all the right reasons. #7890

HONEST AND LOVING

Full-figured, hard-working, blue-collar DW, 46, 5'3", traditional values, N/S, N/D, seeks same type of man to live, love, laugh, and build a future with. #7724

STIMULATE MY MIND

College-educated, giving, honest, secure, humorous, intelligent SBF, 21, seeks strong SM with similar qualities, for when it's summer in the Motor City and cold outside. #7735

51 YEAR-OLD ENTREPRENEUR

Pretty, successful, giving, loving, looking for her knight in shining armor. Fun, exciting, charismatic. Any sincere, successful white gentleman, 45-70, please reply. #7722

CLASSY LADY

Attractive DW, 41, 5'3", medium build, classy and vivacious personality, business owner/home owner, seeks professional man to date. #4033

KIND-HEARTED

DW, 40, down/homeowner, 5'5", 120lbs, N/S, no dependents, attractive, caring, enjoys movies, old cars, nature, antiques, art fairs. Seeking tall, fit WPM, 36-43, N/Drgs. #4041

ATTRACTIVE AND OUTGOING

DW, 51, year young, N/S, enjoys dining, movies, antiques, long walks, travel. Seeking honest, sincere SM, good sense of humor, for friendship, possible LTR. #4187

LOG CABIN DREAMING

SUV owner wanted: Spontaneous, college-educated SWPM, 30-50, 5'10"+, N/S, no dependents, with old-fashioned values, town/country style, who enjoys nature, outdoors, up North, log cabins, dogs, blue jeans. Serious about settling down. #4131

FUN-LOVING, UPEAT LADY

Attractive DW, 39, 5'8", brown/brown, N/S, enjoys summer activities, golf, dancing, travel, and more. Seeking attractive SWPM, 36-44, 5'11"+, with similar qualities, interests, for LTR. #4134

BIRMINGHAM AREA RN

Attractive DW, 46, years young, caring and sensitive, enjoys life and all it has to offer, seeking caring, educated man, with a sense of humor, for friendship, leading to LTR. #4138

BELIEVE IN MAGIC?

Shapely, fit, pretty, petite 5'4", 110lbs, SWF, 41, professional, N/S, a tall, 50lbs, blonde, enjoys dining out, professional, 40-60, to share in life's treasures and active lifestyle. #4225

LIGHT MY FIRE

Passionate, pretty DW, 40, with medium build, Seeking SWM, 38-50, N/S, N/D, for dating, mating, and relating. Will you spark my interest? #4235

CUTE, CARING, CHARACTER

Full-figured, sensitive SWPF, 40, 5', no dependents, N/D, enjoys writing, long talks, seeks kind, witty, Protestant SM, 40+, who values honesty. No games. Oakland County area. #4195

SWEET, NEAT, PETITE

Widowed, DW, 67, likes hiking, walking, dining, intelligence, dancing, concerts, seeks male, N/S, N/D, for tender loving care. #4226

LOOKING FOR MY KINDRED

Beautif, intelligent, strong, sexy, passionate, humorous, creative SWF, 24, loves movies, music, adventure, and romance. Seeking SWM, 25-35, to share life, love, and dreams with. #4279

WALLED LAKE/NOVI

I'd love to be perfect. Young, thin, rich. I'm not. Can you appreciate a DW, 58, 5'10", plus, large build, N/S, good handy, for social/private weekend, a little love, gentle? Imperfect people get lonely too. #4244

I'M THE ONE

SF, good cook, SWF, 39-50, 5'10", 110lbs, blonde, with a beautiful smile, seeks a handsome, successful, N/D, who enjoys writing, long talks, seeks kind, witty, Protestant SM, 40+, who values honesty. No games. Oakland County area. #4195

ARE YOU MY SOULMATE?

SWPF, 62, years young, 5'6", medium build, interested in traveling, good conversation, fine dining, barbecues. Seeking SWPM, 30-50, long hair, beard, humor, seeks similar interests. Kids ok. #7501

JUST LISTED

Fun-loving DWPF, 49, great figure, warm heart, seeks fit, energetic, witty SWPM, with obvious presence to share special times. #7451

LOVES PINK FLAMINGOS

Romantic, intelligent, strong, sexy, passionate, humorous, creative SWF, 24, loves movies, music, adventure, and romance. Seeking SWM, 25-35, to share life, love, and dreams with. #4279

PERKY BROWN-EYED GIRL

DWF, 38, 5'11", brown/brown, romantic, caring, kind, seeks SWM, 35-43, for friendship, leading to LTR. #7919

REAL LOVE

Attractive DW, 40, 5'2", full-figured, no children at home, enjoys music, movies, travel, plays, concerts. Seeking SM, 35-60, with no children at home for relationship. Race unimportant. #7500

GENTLEMAN ONLY PLEASE

Little lady, 45, likes dancing, blues, hockey, classic cars, weekend trips, 40-50, under 6', N/S, moderate drinker, easy to laugh and talk with. #7532

LOOKING FOR LOVE

Vivacious, lovely SWF, 48, N/S, enjoys movies, plays, music, dining out, sports, quiet times. Seeking loving SWM, 44-58, with sense of humor, with similar interests, for LTR. #7531

WIDE VARIETY OF INTERESTS

Attractive SF, 40, 5'8", 147lbs, H/W proportionate, N/S, social drinker, enjoys variety of interests. Seeking SM, 44-53, who believes in romance, opening doors, for one-on-one, honest, monogamous relationship. #7992

LOOKING FOR SOULMATE

Slender DW, 50ish, 5'7", youthful red-head, enjoys exercise, spiritual growth, plays, concerts, jazz and classical music, nature, dancing, good conversation, travel, and more. Seeking DWPM, 45-60, N/S, N/D. #7728

BROWN-EYED GIRL

Outgoing, friendly Italian SF, 38, 5'5", 130lbs, single mom, with good sense of humor, enjoys dancing, theater, movies, reading, cooking. Seeking honest, down-to-earth, caring SWDM, 35-45, for friendship, possible LTR. #7949

SPIRITUAL

Spiritual, positive, secure, traditional DW, 49, seeks SM, with similar qualities, to share interesting life experiences. #7502

WESTLAND LADY

Slender DW, 40, blonde, smoker, social drinker, seeks honest SM, around same age, who enjoys movies, music, animals, and outdoors, for friendship, possible LTR. #7596

MOTORCYCLE?

Loves Harley man-it must be something in the jeans! Romantic, passionate brunette, mid-40s, works out regularly, looking for strong, silent type. North Oakland County. #8056

EXTRAORDINARY BLACK WOMAN

Intelligent, degree, professional, classy, charming SBF seeks sincere SWM, with ability to see what is so special, and can appreciate what a black woman can offer, to make happy. #7829

SEEKING YOUNGER WOMAN

Athletic young-looking DW, 55, 6'1", 195lbs, an engineer with an MBA, seeks a gorgeous, younger woman. #8199

NEW TO AREA

SWM, moved from Saginaw to Birmingham, borned and raised in Detroit area. Wish to share interests with mature woman, 38+, who's secure within herself, enjoying a healthy lifestyle. #8148

NOT YOUR ORDINARY TAURUS

Sincere, spiritual SWF, 45, fit, well-dressed and holistic health. Seeking SF, lifetime soulmate, 33-44, who enjoys movies, art fairs, beaches, Meadowbrook coffee houses, sundays. #8153

ORION-OXFORD

Attractive SWM, 37, 5'9", 175lbs, N/S, likes horseback riding, camping, antiques, movies. Seeking attractive, down-to-earth, family oriented SWF, for possible LTR. Come horseback riding with me. #8147

ABOVE AVERAGE

DW, 48, 5'10", 200lbs, home owner, Plymouth area, handy with tools, enjoys outdoors, looking for SWF, 35-50, H/W proportionate, for friendship, leading to LTR. #8149

DARK BLUE EYES

Fit, slim, attractive, educated DW, 46, 6'3", 190lbs, brown/blue, fannel shirt type, enjoys travel, outdoors and more. Seeking future minded, sincere, cute counterpart, SF, 38-44, for possible LTR. West side. #8157

SMALL PACKAGE, GREAT GIFT

DW, 29, 5'2", with a big heart, outgoing personality, and old-fashioned qualities, enjoys outdoors, sports, dining out, movies, plays, concerts. If you're a similar lady who likes being treated like a lady, call. #8201

ABOUT THAT VACANCY

Why battle challenges of life by yourself? If you're a decent-looking, fun-loving, pleasant lady, I'm a handsome, successful SWM, 44, looking to connect. #8158

VERY ATTRACTIVE!

SWM, race fan, N/S, 30s, fit, tan, for attending Grand Prix Wild Banzans, Albanians, Canadians, French ok. #8142

SEEKING SPECIAL ROMANCE

Down-to-earth, financially/emotionally stable, college-educated, nice-looking SWM, 47, 5'11", 195lbs, brown/blue, no dependents, N/S, with nice smile, a worldly, outgoing, seeks sincere person to share summer romance, maybe lifetime romance. #8203

THE PERFECT RELATIONSHIP

Would consist of honesty, friendship, trust, communication, romance, passion, adventure, fun. Handsome, articulate, confident, athletic SWM, 25, 5'11", enjoys music, people watching, walking, cars, etc. seeks intelligent, caring SWF, 18-34, #8154

HERE'S LOOKING AT YOU!

Attractive, outgoing, very caring, giving SWM, 46, with a variety of interests, ready to be romantic and cook. Seeking same in petite SWF for friendship, maybe more. #8151

WHY BE ALONE?

Urgent Notice



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CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

Important Deadline Information For All Classified Advertisers

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Thursday, May 28th Edition	Real Estate Automotive Ads Recruitment Ads	3:00 pm Friday, May 22nd Noon Tuesday, May 26th 5:00 pm Tuesday, May 26th
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Q. We have a provision in our documents that prohibits children, but we aren't a senior-citizen community. We would like to pass an amendment that will eliminate this restriction. But we will have difficulty in getting an amendment passed by the co-owners. What can we do to protect ourselves?

All condominium associations that have illegal restrictions in their basic documents should attempt to amend them to eliminate any claim that they have an enforcement policy in connection with these provisions.

However, to the extent that the amendments cannot be effectuated or, in the interim, the association should record a provision indicating that it doesn't intend to enforce any restriction that is deemed illegal.

Q. Would we be entitled to compensation because of the noise, dust, vibrations and fumes emanating from a freeway adjacent to our property because of the construction of a highway?

The issue seems to be whether noise, dust, vibration and fumes experienced by you would constitute the taking of a recognized property interest.

The Michigan Supreme Court, under similar facts, ruled that these problems do not.

A plaintiff must establish that his damages are in some way different from those incurred by all other property owners who live next to freeways or other busy highways.

You should consult with an attorney experienced in condemnation law.

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Avoid the deal-busters

They're the deal busters — anything in the process that prevents a real estate transaction from closing.

They can range from the showing condition of the house to the financing falling through to a prospective buyer getting cold feet after an initial rush of excitement.

Realtors occasionally run into it. It isn't fun. It isn't pretty. But they try to learn from the experience and apply the lesson the next time the situation arises.

"One of the biggest problems you have is a buyer gets things rolling along — and they call it 'buyer's remorse' — they're just not psychologically committed to buy. They'll walk away," said Robert Conklin, manager of the Prudential Chamberlain-Stiehl Troy office.

"It's most apt to happen with a first-timer or younger person rather than someone who's done it before," he said. "Generally, they back out before people get around to accepting their offer or the inspection."

"You say, 'I understand it's a major decision and hope when you're ready to come back in the market, you come back and work with me,'" Conklin said.

Judy Palko, a Realtor with Century 21 Gold House in Canton, believes that keeping the momentum going with quick decisions is the best way to ward off buyer remorse and ruminations from the seller who may be wondering, "Am I getting a good price?"

"You can't let a seller think about it a couple days ... meanwhile, the buyer's going into remorse thinking, 'Did I make a mistake?'" Palko said. "The seller can counter or reject right away, but don't sit on it a couple of days."

Getting buyers knowledgeable and comfortable with the entire process, especially the financing, is the best way to keep deals from blowing up in process, said Helen Harper, a Realtor with Real Estate One in Southfield.

"It's like cooking a dinner," she said. "You don't just jump in and start doing it. It takes time. You put some thought in it. You prepare. You find a recipe, shop for the ingredients."

Well-meaning parents of younger buyers sometimes plug the pipeline, Palko said, especially when it comes to inspection reports.

"They haven't bought a house for 25 years themselves. For the price, it still may be a good buy," she said of an older structure.

A lot of times, folks forget that inspections reveal potential problems, Conklin said.

But "could be's" and "may be's" don't have to kill a sale, Palko said. "They're not terrible things. It's something that can be taken care of. We go back to the negotiating table and solve this."

Mark Franchi, a Realtor with the Michigan Group in Livonia, finds that financing problems can torpedo a deal. Lenders may have different standards for prequalifications.

"It really takes a lot of work to make sure financing is in order and the mortgage is being processed accordingly," Franchi said.

"Make sure buyers are truly financially solvent. The only way to do that is interview the lender. On some purchase offers, I counter subject to verification of funds by lender. Then I call and check," he said.

"Qualifying them is the biggest thing from beginning to end," Harper concurred.



HELEN FURCEAN/STAFF ARTIST

The appearance of the house — inside and out — can scuttle a transaction. It's happened to many Realtors including Linda Nuzzo, affiliated with Snyder, Kinney, Bennett and Keating in Birmingham.

"If you drive up to a house and it doesn't have a charm they are looking for, they refuse to go in," Nuzzo said.

Which brings up two other potential scuttlers — assumptions and lack of dialogue between Realtor and client.

"Some people have a picture about what they want, but they don't communicate with the Realtor," Nuzzo said. "As time goes on, they're better able to focus on what they're looking for. That comes with relationship building with a Realtor."

But back to the condition of the house.

"It's the listing agent's responsibility to make recommendations — maybe paint the front door, wash some windows, take some furniture out to the

garage, basement or storage locker," Nuzzo said.

"If you walk in and can barely turn around in a room, people tend to think that their furniture won't fit, that it's too small even though the rooms may be bigger than the house they're coming from," she said.

"We try to get the buyer to look a second time, measure some of the rooms, especially if they like the house from the outside," Nuzzo said.

But better to reduce the clutter.

"I had a house listed last year that had so much furniture in it ... when people walked in the door, they immediately had to dodge," Nuzzo said. "It had wonderful curb appeal and many strong features. But when you went inside, it was very tight because of so much furniture."

The house sold after some of the antiques and regular furniture were moved first.

State activity

Here's the number of residential units — houses, condos and apartments — projected for regions of Michigan this year:

Ann Arbor	4,600
Metro Detroit	17,600
Flint	1,900
Metro Grand Rapids	7,500
Kalamazoo	
Battle Creek	2,200
Lansing	1,900
Saginaw-Bay City	1,400

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Less-common mortgages

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In recent years, mortgage lenders have developed a third type of mortgage that combines features of fixed-rate and adjustable mortgages, offering some of the advantages of both.

Called convertible or hybrid mortgages, they're a little less common than the other two types — but you may find they're worth looking for.

A convertible Adjustable Rate Mortgage is an ARM that allows you to convert it to a fixed-rate mortgage, usually after a set period of time. It offers the lower initial interest rate of a standard ARM, along with the possibility of locking in to predictable payments at a later time. If interest rates are high at conversion time, your mortgage acts like a regular ARM.

You can think of a Two-Step Mortgage as an ARM with just one adjustment. It offers a fixed interest rate and fixed payments for a set time, usually seven to ten years. At the end of that period, the interest rate is adjusted at that time, then remains fixed for the remainder of the loan.

It combines the advantages of stable, predictable payments along with a lower initial interest rate (although not as much lower as a standard ARM). But the rate on a two-step mortgage can rise substantially at the end of the term — as much as 6 percent. That makes this mortgage a good choice if you're not planning to be in your home too long.

A Balloon Mortgage is a fixed-rate mortgage that begins with relatively low, fixed payments — just like a standard 20-year fixed-rate mortgage. But after a few years, usually five to seven, the mortgage ends with a single large payment (the "balloon") for all the remaining principal.

Because the term of the mortgage is short, the total interest you pay is significantly less than a conventional mortgage, making it a good choice if you don't plan to stay in the home you're buying for very long. If you sell before the loan comes due, the "balloon" payment will not be a problem. If you do stay in your home, you'll generally refinance the balloon mortgage to a conventional fixed-rate loan.

Some homebuyers can qualify for special mortgage programs backed by federal, state and local government agencies. These mortgage loans — examples include FHA mortgages (Federal Housing Administration) and VA mortgages (Department of Veterans Affairs) — offer benefits such as significantly lower down payments or more flexible qualification requirements.

Other mortgages may be available through your lender that offer a combination of features that could be perfect for you, so be sure to ask.

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Firms take on building golf courses

An area landscaper and a golf course architect will collaborate on selected projects in the Midwest under the name Golf Course Architects.

John N. Grissim, FASLA, president of Grissim/ Metz Associates of Farmington Hills, and Lorrie A. Viola, president of L.A. Links of West Bloomfield, announced the association.

Golf Course Architects will provide comprehensive planning and design services for golf course, golf-related facilities and residential developments.

Both firms will continue to maintain their independent practices in landscape architecture and golf course design.

"We are working together on select projects to bring beauty and a new level of design to golf courses," Grissim said.

"With our firm's strong background in landscape architecture and Lorrie's experience with the country's top professional golf course architects, we are able to go beyond typical golf course design to blend technical challenge with the beauty of nature," he said.

"By offering owners and developers



Golf collaboration: John N. Grissim, a landscaper, and Lorrie A. Viola, a golf course designer, will work together on select projects as Golf Course Architects.

total services, Grissim/ Metz and L.A. Links will look at a project holistically, best utilizing the site and maximizing the investment in a property," Viola said.

"Through good planning, we are able to capture the beauty of a site and integrate all of the elements — golf course, clubhouses, parking, residential flowing together rather than separate entities competing for the best land," Grissim said.

Grissim, a Fellow of the American Society of Landscape Architects, established his award-winning firm 35 years ago as a diverse company that continues to offer complete landscape architecture services.

His firm recently completed the Golden Hawk Golf Course in Casco Township, Mich.

Viola created her firm in 1991 after eight years of experience with golf's best-known architects and players including Jack Nicklaus, George and Jim Fazio, Gary Player and Karl Litten.

Her firm has been responsible for the Timbers in Frankenmuth and the new nine at Pine Knob in Clarkston.

MOVERS AND SHAKERS

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Barton Malow, a construction services firm based in Southfield, announces several promotions and an appointment.

James Lloyd Dome, AIA, has been promoted to vice president of the Argos Group, Architects/Engineers, a Barton Malow subsidiary.



Dome

Dome holds a bachelor of science and a Master of Architecture degree from the University of Michigan. He has 20 years experience as an architectural professional.

Mark Yutzy has been promoted to Chief Estimator of the Competitive Estimating Group.



Yutzy

Yutzy was the project estimator for Oakland University's Student Recreation and Athletic Center currently under construction in Rochester and has more than 17 years experience in the construction industry.

Marvin Booth has been promoted to the newly-created position of Chief Estimator, Design/Build and Special Projects.



Booth

the lead estimator for GM's model design/build Thermal Wind Tunnels project in Warren and has more than 27 years experience in the field.

Lynn Elgie was appointed as the Argos Group's Director of Business Development, where she will be responsible for marketing the firm's services.

Elgie has a bachelor of arts degree from Penn State University.

Janet Frenkel, Christine Patrick, Marie Riley and Marge Tack, affiliated with Century 21 Town & Country in Plymouth, have received Master Awards for top sales production.

The Metropolitan Detroit Chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute has elected officers and directors to take leadership roles in July.

Tom Boersma, CSI, CCS, of Albert Kahn Associates in Detroit, is president.

Tim Kelly, CSI, CDT, of RT Contracting in Novi, is first vice president.

Mark Michener, CSI, of Soils and materials Engineers in Plymouth, is vice president professional.

Sande Budd, CSI, of Doorman Mfg. in Auburn Hills, is vice president industry.

Tony Wolf, CCS, of Nordstrom-Samson in Dearborn, is treasurer.

Robin Chamberlain, CSI, of Genesee Ceramic Tile in Southfield is secretary.

Jerry Reed, CSI, CCPR, of Williams products in Troy is immediate past president.

Directors include Jim Demaestri, CSI, of Dor-O-matic; Fred Jeschke, CSI, of American Glass and Metals; James Weinrauch, CSI, of Gibraltar National; Timothy Ford, CSI, of Detroit Door & Hardware; and Germaine Head, CSI, of Design Finishes.

The Construction Specifications Institute is an international association of construction professionals dedicated to improving communication within the industry.

The Metro Detroit Chapter has about 300 members.

HOMES SOLD IN OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded May 4-7 at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office and compiled by Advertising That Works, a Bloomfield Township company that tracks deed and mortgage recordings in southeastern Michigan. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Auburn Hills
2731 Pontiac Rd. \$75,000
2134 Walnut Rd. \$20,000
Clarkston
5000 Algonquin Blvd. \$177,000
8720 Andersonville Rd. \$155,000
6708 Balmoral Ter. \$228,000
9591 Cornell \$101,000
6620 Deer Ridge Dr. \$370,000
8119 Ellis Creek Dr. \$104,000
6380 Havocall Dr. \$148,000
4760 Independence Dr. \$84,000
5108 O Aw Wen Sa Dr. \$173,000
7900 Pine Ridge Dr. \$232,000
7006 S Bluewater Dr. \$140,000
7270 Sagamore Dr. \$520,000
4806 Sundale Dr. \$128,000
Commerce Township
1808 Alsip St. \$304,000
1876 Ashton Dr. \$200,000

2833 Benstein Rd. \$139,000
1990 Bridge Pointe Dr. \$256,000
4051 Cherry Garden Ln. \$196,000
1548 Commerce Pines Dr. \$34,000
3492 Edgewood Park Dr. \$749,000
8508 Golfside Dr. \$300,000
1570 Knob Hl. \$188,000
1561 Larkspur St. \$134,000
8439 Pine Cove Dr. \$75,000
2080 Rob Rd. \$70,000
2085 Rob Rd. \$208,000
1640 Sallishan Ln. \$310,000

Davison
11991 Ely Rd. \$162,000
3550 Parker Rd. \$105,000
Farmington
33821 Glenview Dr. \$149,000
32070 Grand River # C. \$68,000
31959 Leelane \$127,000
22776 Lilac St. \$106,000
23128 Lilac St. \$114,000

Farmington Hills
28490 Bay Tree Rd. \$166,000
35355 Blue Spruce Dr. \$175,000
34760 Bridgeman St. \$139,000
25565 Bridgeway Ln. \$272,000
27494 Cranbrook Dr. \$242,000
29281 Fieldstone \$263,000
29299 Fieldstone \$251,000
27302 Hyston Dr. \$172,000
30247 Meadow Rdg N. \$191,000
30247 Meadow Rdg N. \$239,000
23173 Middlebelt Rd. \$104,000

23591 Paddock Dr. \$265,000
23652 Paddock Dr. \$279,000
23693 Paddock Dr. \$291,000
21282 Parklane St. \$263,000
29656 Pine Ridge Cir. \$145,000
21732 Roosevelt Ave. \$48,000
32410 Shrewsbury St. \$165,000
29041 Summerwood Rd. \$223,000
25525 Surrey Ln. \$275,000
23950 Watercrest Ct. \$238,000

Hendon Harbor
1655 Cass Lake Rd. \$90,000
2462 Pine Lake Ave. \$104,000
Lake Orion
453 Algine St. \$194,000
250 Buckhorn St. \$152,000
3833 Kaeleef Rd. \$371,000
3700 Kossuth Rd. \$75,000
85 Perry St. \$153,000
967 Wheatfield Dr. \$230,000

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Window films will block sunlight

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Few structural features make a house more attractive and livable than windows.

In fact, for most of us, the more windows the better. Yet window glass is not a very good energy barrier. And, it's paradoxical that for all we invest in windows, most of us rush to draw the blinds to block out the summer sun. Not only is direct sunlight often too bright and too hot, it carries too much ultraviolet radiation and produces glare.

In fact, single-pane window glass blocks less than 25 percent of the UV rays that damage skin and fade drapes, carpets and furnishings. It reflects less than 8 percent of the light and heat that strikes it and absorbs only 5 percent, while allowing roughly 87 percent to pass through.

The year-round numbers for double-glazed windows are only slightly better. What we really need is a window that's a little more discriminating - one that lets in as much visible light as we want, while excluding some of sunlight's less desirable characteristics.

Since the advent of window films, we now have a range of products that address this need. However, they're all not alike and the usefulness of any one film is directly related to your personal requirements. Windows may give us the best of both worlds, but not always in the best proportions.

Window films were introduced in 1969 to address problems surrounding the control of sunlight in homes and businesses. Although they were fairly effective, they often played to mixed

reviews.

The failings were identified quickly: fading film dyes and highly mirrored and easily scratched surfaces. Poor installations also caused blisters, cracks and edge peel. Within certain limits, most of the problems of older films have been fixed.

Today's offerings are more attractive (some are virtually invisible), come in great variety, with excellent performance and better durability. These gains are largely a product of improved technology, nudged along by the market pressures of consumer demand.

With a reasonable compromise of performance and appearance, window films can now block up to 98 percent of UV radiation and up to 80 percent of the normal heat gain.

They can also provide a degree of privacy - thicker films can turn regular glass into safety glass by increasing strength up to 300 percent.

In winter, films can decrease emissivity, allowing us to keep more of the heat we pay for. Moreover, they do it all fairly reasonably.

Allowing for the odd exception, window films sell for between \$3.00 and \$7.50 per square foot, installed. Where utility companies subsidize installations, through rebates and allowances, costs may be even less. And finally, home centers sell DIY films that range between \$1 and \$2 per square foot.

If these prices sound a bit steep, they're really not. Industry studies and Department of Energy models predict a payback in energy savings of 3-5 years.



In fact, site studies show that every 100 square feet of window film can reduce the air-conditioning load of a building by as much as 12,000 BTUs, or 1 ton of heat. Curiously, window films are seldom installed on factory glass, unless you include the sputtered coatings used in making Low-E

glass. Tinted films are almost exclusively aftermarket products, probably because the selection process relies so heavily on consumer tastes, home sites and climate. Then, too, builders are reluctant to darken show homes when buyers prefer bright spaces.

Air conditioning

(NAPS) - Here are a few questions many people have asked, answered by Bryant Heating & Cooling Systems dealers.

Q: How often should my home air conditioner be inspected?

A: At least once each season by a local cooling dealer.

Q: Is there anything I should do before I call a dealer for service?

A: First, check the "disconnect" switches on both the indoor and outdoor units of your system. Make sure the circuit breakers are "ON" or that the fuses have not blown.

Make sure the furnace air filters are clean and that supply-air and return-air grilles inside your home aren't blocked by furniture or drapes.

Check the settings on your thermostat. For cooling, make sure the temperature is set below room temperature and the "System" switch is on the "COOL" or "AUTO" position.

Q: What simple steps can I take to keep my air conditioner in good shape during the cooling season?

A: Clean or replace the furnace's air filters once a month. When changing a filter, be sure to replace it with one that is the same size as the original.

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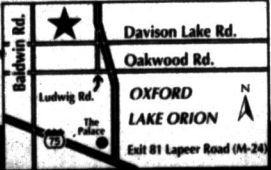
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• This charming home is tucked away in back of sub
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CLARKSTON
• This better than new colonial has plenty of space
• Neutral & immaculate throughout w/ hardwood & ceramic floors, arch ceilings & lower level walk-out
• Gorgeous deck & paver patio. Corner lot w/ trees.
\$259,900 625-5700 CE600



BLOOMFIELD HILLS CONDO
• You'll have privacy and upgrades in this upper unit
• Vaulted ceilings and open floor plan for versatility
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• Perfect home for indoor and outdoor entertaining
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ROCHESTER CONDO - LOCATION, LOCATION
• This sharp townhouse in the heart of downtown Rochester has been freshly painted throughout
• Clean and neutral. Deck overlooks private yard
• Basement, attached garage. Walk to everything.
\$144,900 Ask For: Nancy Ritter 656-4420 WA109



TROY - GREAT VALUE
• Updated ranch with lots of room on very large lot
• Fire lit family room features doorwall to deck
• Finished basement w/ woodburning stove
• Sellers will consider offers between
\$140,000-160,000 (248) 689-8900 DA264



BERKLEY - UPDATED CLASSIC
• This near century old home has plenty of updates!
• Charming 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath Colonial boasts a nostalgic and beautiful brand new kitchen
• First floor freshly painted, roof replaced in 1995.
\$108,900 (248) 641-1660 BU262



TROY - BEAUTIFUL VIEWS
• All the extras for this colonial backing to commons
• Almost 3,400 sq. ft. with private den, four seasons sun room and finished lower level with walkout
• Sits on quiet, cul-de-sac street. Troy School District
\$399,000 (248) 689-8900 RE240



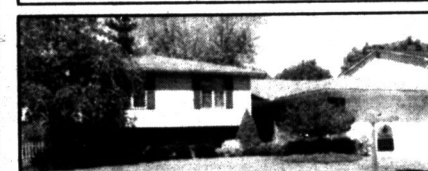
BLOOMFIELD HILLS
• Charming 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath Cape Cod
• Beautifully finished lower level with wet bar
• Lovely backyard with creek, deck, gazebo, brick pavers and much more. Built in 1991.
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UPPER STRAITS - CANAL FRONT
• Enjoy panoramic view of private all-sports lake
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• Private and public golf course nearby
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FARMINGTON HILLS - EYE CATCHER
• Updated Colonial just minutes away from everything
• 2,930 sq. ft. with fire lit family room & dining room
• Newer roof, exterior paint, water heater & more
• Swim club is just around the corner! Call for details.
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TROY - LIGHT AND BRIGHT
• Spotless & superbly maintained this gem of a home offers 4 bedrooms & large open floor plan
• Newer Andersen windows & carpet throughout
• White ceramic foyer and kitchen. Landscaped!
\$201,100 647-6400 GR535



BRIGHTON AREA
• Very sharp two story home on lovely 2/3 acre
• Hardwood floor entry & soaring 2 story great room
• Off white dream kitchen w/ bay window, breakfast rm.
• Gorgeous master suite, 3 car garage. Custom deck
\$189,950 (248) 851-4400 OL834



KEEGO HARBOR - LAKE PRIVILEGES
• Large corner lot in quiet area right near Cass Lake
• Duplex offering modern kitchens & many updates
• One side professionally painted with new carpet
• Great investment. Priced to sell and won't last long!
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SOUTHFIELD
• Newer Colonial boasts large bright kitchen with breakfast nook and doorwall to wood deck
• Master bedroom has direct access to bath
• Treed lot. Close to schools and express ways
\$139,900 (248) 647-6400 DU252



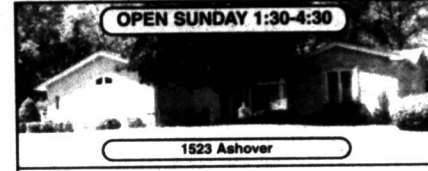
BLOOMFIELD LAKEFRONT CONDO
• This magnificent end unit lakefront condo has it all
• Summer's spectacular sunsets can be viewed from your great room, balcony or master bedroom
• Great floor plan w/ laundry in unit. Neutral decor
\$111,000 (248) 646-6000 KL196



PONTIAC - GREAT SUB
• Hardwood floors, oriental rugs & open floor plan
• This Pontiac Colonial has been freshly painted and boasts a new roof, dining room & three bedrooms
• Ready for you to move in! Call for details.
\$45,000 (248) 625-5700 EV20



FARMINGTON HILLS - LUXURIOUS LIVING
• This spectacular contemporary w/3,674 sq. ft. features dramatic ceiling lines and marble foyer.
• Sunlit kitchen & nook w/center island and built-ins
• Private first floor master w/jetted tub & extra shower
\$389,900 (248) 626-9100 EM369



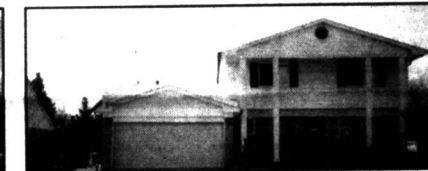
FABULOUS FOREST SETTING
• Sparkling & immaculate ranch backs to wooded ravine
• 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, open kitchen-family room areas
• Light, airy & neutral thru-out w/ Berber style carpet
• New roof, several windows, doorwall, vinyl trim & A/C
\$279,900 646-6000 AS152



HOLLY - 8 ACRES - NEW TO MARKET
• Nature lovers will delight in this five bedroom ranch home on 8 acre hilltop setting with pond and stream
• Floor plan is ideal for family activities & entertaining
• Screened room off fire lit family room. (RA344)
\$234,900 Ask For: Edie Brewer (810)606-0104



FENTON
• Move right in! Gorgeous split ranch in premier sub.
• Many fine amenities include master with whirlpool, White Bay kitchen with hardwood floor, ceramic bath
• Firelit great room w/ cathedral ceilings.
\$199,900 629-0680 SP409



TROY
• Beautiful Colonial located in popular Stoneridge sub
• Features 4 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, formal dining
• Newer carpeting, updates kitchen, Thermo windows
• Attached 2 car garage. Sprinklers. Home warranty
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TROY
• Tremendous deep site provides privacy & room w/ all the convenience of a mid-town location
• Updated ranch w/ new windows & updated kitchen
• Full, finished basement. Huge 4 car garage
\$143,900 (248) 641-1660 IO274



SOUTHFIELD - CAMBRIDGE VILLAGE
• Fabulous ranch in popular sub with lots of space!
• Completely updated inside and out w/ newer roof
• Elegant fire lit living room, stunning family room
• Remodeled kitchen, profess. waterproofed basement
\$129,900 547-2000 SH276



STERLING HEIGHTS
• Easy to enjoy
• Low maintenance three bedroom 2 bath ranch
• Florida room with hot tub & wood burning stove
• Terrific N. Sterling Heights location
\$128,500 689-8900 LE350



SOUTHFIELD - OVER AN ACRE
• Very unique reversed Colonial on wooded cul-de-sac
• Each of four bedrooms leads to deck, terrace & pool
• Many custom amenities: marble floors, fireplace in great room, breakfast room and finished basement
\$349,000 547-2000 LA232



ROCHESTER HILLS - PARK-LIKE SETTING
• This Traditional colonial offers extensive crown moldings, beautiful decor & hardwood floors
• Marble bath off master, newer roof, windows, trim and gutters, 2 brick patios and perennial garden
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TROY - WONDERFULLY UPDATED
• Spacious floor plan and great location in Sylvan Glen
• New oak kitchen w/ lots of cabinets, family room
• Master bedroom with walk-in closets and bath
• New windows, doorwall, roof. Full basement, deck and 2 car garage.
\$229,900 641-1660 SH517



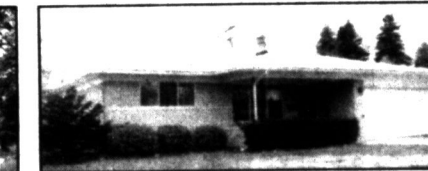
WONDERFUL WIXOM HOME
• This home has it all! Convenient location, professional landscaping with pond view & skylights
• Loft over great room, fireplace, hardwood floor in kitchen, deck and 2 car garage.
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NOVI - CONDO
• End unit condo on cul-de-sac offers 3 bedrooms, 3 baths
• Vaulted ceilings in living & dining room
• First floor laundry, immaculate condition, deck
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\$159,900 (248) 851-4400 BL416

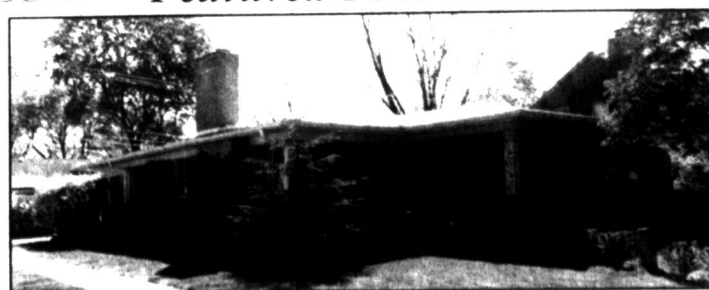


CANTON - AFFORDABLE HOUSING
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• Hardwood floors, newer furnace with A/C
• Three bedrooms. Andersen doorwall
• Great house! Great location! A must see!
\$142,500 (248) 851-4400 AL835



STERLING HEIGHTS
• Easy to enjoy
• Low maintenance three bedroom 2 bath ranch
• Florida room with hot tub & wood burning stove
• Terrific N. Sterling Heights location
\$128,500 689-8900 LE350

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Birmingham - Sparkling Brick Ranch

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331 Dearborn
 3 BEDROOM RANCH - Finished basement, 2 car garage, driveway to large lot, large lot. \$134,900 (734) 459-8268

332 Livonia
 3 BEDROOM, 2 1/2 baths, colonial, finished walk out basement, large ravine lot, many updates, 15583 Fairlane, \$239,900. (734) 464-3999

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David Mully's MORTGAGE SEARCH UPDATE

For more information call the lenders at the phone numbers provided or access their website or E-mail addresses

	30yr	15yr	1yr	30yr	15yr	1yr	30yr	15yr	1yr
Ability Mortgage	1-800-731-0001	7.25	0	7.25	6.75	0	6.875	6.25	0
Ability Mortgage	1-248-945-1500	6.75	2	7.153	6.50	2	6.897	6.75	2
Aqueduct Mortgage Corp.	1-248-269-8888	6.75	2	7.010	6.375	2	6.792	6.375	2
American Home Finance	1-248-740-2323	7.00	0.375	7.09	6.75	0	6.84	6.25	0
Amplius Mortgage Corp.	1-248-740-2323	7.00	0.375	7.09	6.75	0	6.84	6.25	0
Barclay Mortgage Funding Group	1-248-569-9425	6.625	2	N/A	6.25	2	N/A	6.375	0
BFG Bancorp. Mortgage	1-248-569-9425	6.625	2	N/A	6.25	2	N/A	6.375	0
Buckner & Associates	1-248-423-8230	6.875	1	7.13	6.625	1	7.03	6.50	1
Capital Mortgage Funding	1-800-Low-Rate	6.625	3	6.89	6.42	2	6.744	6.125	2
Cascade Financial	1-800-695-6610	6.75	2	6.897	6.375	2	6.744	6.125	2
Chase Manhattan	1-212-455-0400	6.75	2	7.11	6.375	2	6.89	6.625	2
Comerica	1-800-292-1300	7.00	1.75	7.26	6.75	1.75	6.98	6.00	1.875
Community Federal Credit Union	1-724-351-3414	6.875	2	7.088	6.50	2	6.898	6.25	1
Consumer One Financial	1-888-944-HOME	7.25	2	7.528	7.125	2	7.555	6.875	2
Dearborn Federal Savings Bank	1-313-565-3100	7.25	0	7.280	7.00	0	7.046	5.00	2
Fidelity National Mortgage	1-800-251-5104	6.875	1	7.221	6.625	1	6.877	6.125	0
First Alliance Mortgage Co.	1-800-822-FFM	7.00	2	7.237	6.50	2	6.876	4.75	2
First Federal of Michigan	1-800-421-FFM	7.00	2	7.237	6.50	2	6.876	4.75	2
First Financial Services	1-248-920-9111	7.125	0	7.235	6.75	0	6.875	6.25	0
First International Mortgage Corp.	1-248-540-1065	7.125	0	7.129	6.75	0	6.750	6.25	0
First International, Inc.	1-248-540-7878	7.125	0	7.129	6.75	0	6.750	6.25	0
First National Financial	1-800-261-0202	7.125	0	N/A	7.00	0	N/A	6.75	0
First of America Mortgage Co.	1-248-521-7808	6.75	1.75	6.897	6.375	1.625	6.892	5.50	1.25
Franklin Mortgage Group	1-313-383-6000	6.625	2	6.850	6.25	2	6.610	5.375	2
Futures Financial Services Inc.	1-248-540-8181	6.625	2	6.850	6.25	2	6.610	5.00	2
GMAC Mortgage Corp.	1-800-964-4622	6.625	3	6.951	6.25	3	6.778	5.125	3
Great American Mortgage	1-800-246-8848	6.625	1	6.89	6.50	1	6.677	6.00	0
Great Northern Funding	1-248-608-LOAN	7.125	0	7.223	6.875	0	7.032	6.00	0
Guardian Mortgage	1-248-942-7500	6.625	2	6.89	6.125	2	6.61	5.00	1
JMC Mortgage Corp.	1-248-488-4020	6.375	3.50	6.803	5.875	3.75	6.610	5.00	3.125
John Adams Mortgage Co.	1-800-228-9108	6.875	2	7.248	6.825	2	6.898	6.00	1
Kellum Mortgage Financial	1-888-4KELLUM	6.875	2	7.184	6.50	2	6.922	5.75	2
Mainstreet Mortgage	1-800-900-1313	7.125	0	7.15	6.875	0	6.89	6.375	0
North American Mortgage	1-800-880-8990	6.875	2	7.102	6.50	2	6.885	5.375	2
North American Mortgage	1-800-792-8830	6.875	2	7.10	6.50	2	6.89	5.50	2
Old Kent Mortgage Co.	1-800-792-8830	6.875	2	7.10	6.50	2	6.89	5.50	2
Qualify Mortgage Corp.	1-810-254-8160	6.625	2	6.89	6.25	2	6.61	5.00	2.00
Realiti Funding Mortgage Corp.	1-888-355-FUND	6.50	2.25	6.73	6.25	2.00	6.58	5.00	2.00
Rock Financial	1-800-731-ROCK	6.75	3	7.073	6.625	2	6.898	6.00	1.5
Security National Mortgage	1-800-887-7662	7.00	0	7.11	6.75	0	6.84	6.125	0
Shore Mortgage	1-800-875-8883	6.625	3	6.893	6.25	3	6.789	5.125	3
Source One Mortgage	1-800-859-HOME	7.375	0	7.375	7.0	0	7.0	6.25	2
St. Clair Mortgage Corp.	1-248-260-0388	6.375	0	N/A	7.125	0	N/A	6.5	0
St. James Servicing Corp.	1-248-258-9800	7.25	0	7.25	7.00	0	7.00	6.50	0
Standard Federal Bank	1-800-643-6800	6.625	2	6.893	6.375	2	6.780	5.00	2
UFT Mortgage Banker	1-800-838-6505	6.375	2.875	6.857	5.75	3.00	6.454	4.75	0
World Wide Financial	1-800-937-9377	6.75	2	N/A	6.375	2	N/A	5.25	2
York Financial Inc.	1-888-839-YORK	7.125	0	7.25	6.875	0	6.91	5.875	0



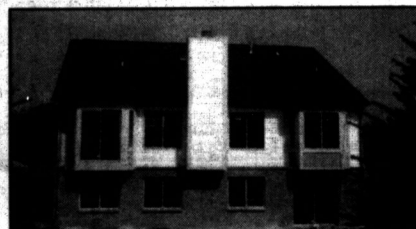
75' ON UNION LAKE. Featuring southern exposure & awesome panoramic views. 3 story contemporary with 3 to 5 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, over 3,000 sq. ft., 3 car garage & decking galore. \$429,900 (53LOC) 363-1200



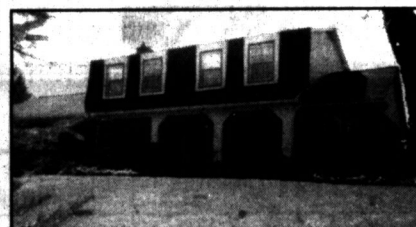
TRANQUIL, SCENIC 10 ACRES. Bright contemporary on wooded panel, 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths, ceramic tile, oak cabs & trim, walkout to basement, 3+ garage with workshop. \$375,000 (20BUN) 363-1200



LARGE CONTEMPORARY. West Bloomfield. Very clean & well maintained 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, 2 story contemporary. Large rooms & full basement. 2,300 sq. ft., 2 decks, central air, all appliances. \$244,900 (63KIE) 363-1200



BRAND NEW CONTEMPORARY. Ranch detached condo with 2 to 3 bedrooms, walkout lower level, vaulted ceilings, wonderful amenities inside & out in Harbour Point on The Lake. \$215,000 (39HER) 363-1200



YOUR FIRST IMPRESSION will be "wow" when you see this updated 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath colonial on large landscaped wooded lot in Oak Twp. Finished basement, 3 season porch, sprinklers, in-ground gunite pool. Neutral decor & carpet, central air, Rochester schools. \$229,900 (70GLE) 652-8000



UNIQUELY designed 1 1/2 story in a superb location. Your family will enjoy this 4 bedroom layout with a spacious 1st floor master suite, main level features a large great room with dramatic fireplace, formal & informal dining rooms, gourmet kitchen, den & separate laundry. \$399,500 (90GRA) 652-8000



YOU'LL LOVE IT! This sharp colonial was built in 1989 with loads of amenities! Master suite has natural fireplace, dressing area and huge walk-in, family room with 2-way fireplace to den. Crown moldings, cathedral ceilings, 2 tier deck, butler's pantry plus more. \$294,900 (95HIL) 652-8000



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SEARCHING for an affordable home? See this great ranch with formal & informal rooms. On a large lot in one of Rochester's most popular subs with parks & trails. Amenities include sprinklers, alarm system, central air, basement with finished family room & full bath. Call us! \$154,900 (98HAD) 652-8000



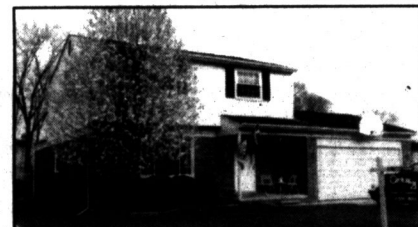
FULL 1,900 SQ. FT. of family living. Low maintenance corner lot with attached garage & workshop. Rochester schools. Possible 4th bedroom or office. Air-condition & many updates. Attractive price. \$153,000 (46HES) 652-8000



TROY. 3 bedroom bungalow located on quiet country sized lot. New windows, carpet, blinds & furnace within last year. Large 3 season enclosed breezeway. Open living room and dining room areas. Troy schools. Home warranty! \$129,900 (03HAR) 524-1600



TROY. 4 or 5 bedroom tri-level with 2 full baths. Central air. Screened porch. Newer roof shingles. Fenced yard. A very spacious home. Call today! \$167,900 (27HIL) 524-1600



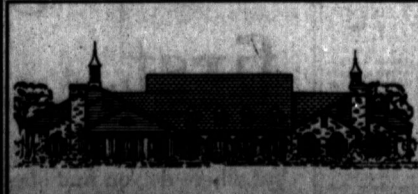
TROY SCHOOLS. 3 bedroom colonial with a new kitchen, family room fireplace. Finished basement. New windows. 2 car attached garage. \$177,900 (58WOL) 524-1600



QUALITY HOME. 3 bedroom colonial located in Troy offers a 1st floor master suite, whirlpool tub, ceramic foyer. Hardwood floors in library. Wood windows. Neutral and bright decor. \$279,900 (55PIC) 524-1600



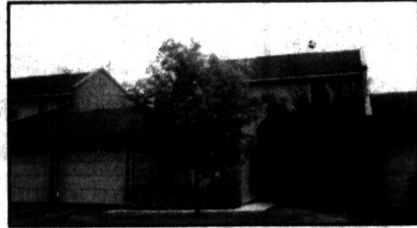
ATTRACTIVE. 4 bedroom 2 1/2 bath Tudor colonial on interior of sub. Large bedroom suite. First floor laundry. Ceramic foyer. Finished basement with full bath and kitchen. Side entry garage. \$255,900 (27TAR) 524-1600



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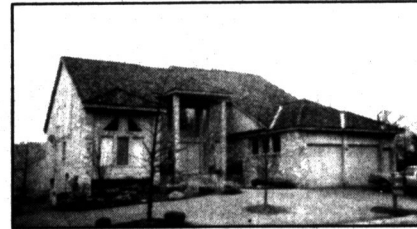
STOP! MUST SEE! Quality custom executive home, 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, dream kitchen with new cabinets, Corian counters, appliances plus ceramic floor, master suite with marble bath, MUCH MORE!! \$379,900 (30TUR) 626-8800



STOP! and call this home. Cute updated 3 bedroom, 2 bath Moon Lake resort condo, private patio, doorwalls, new hardwood floors, carpet, ceramic tile, kitchen, baths, windows, shingles. Fireplace in living room open to dining room with vaulted ceiling and much more! \$179,900 (248) 626-8800 (29MOQ) *



Magnificent contemporary completely remodeled top to bottom, new kitchen, bathrooms, and carpet. Custom drapery. Beautiful finished basement with rec room, bath room, wet bar, cedar closet. \$329,900 (248) 626-8800 (72SIL)



CHARMING 4 bedroom, 4 bath, contemporary. Great room, fireplace, library, finished lower level with kitchen, bath, office, 2 master suites, Birmingham schools, 1st floor laundry, 2 car attached garage & more. Built 1993, HARD TO FIND. MUST SEE! \$499,900 (29OAK) (248) 626-8800



WEST BLOOMFIELD. Lakefront, estate with breathtaking views! Plantation home built in '95, hardwood floors throughout, formal living and dining rooms, master bedroom suite with sitting room and walk-in closet. Walkout lower level with many extras and lots of room for entertaining! \$1,999,900 (85MID) 642-8100



ROYAL OAK. Lovely charm loaded 4 bedroom craftsman style home! Newer kitchen with Corian counters and Shaker style cabinets, formal dining room, excellent neighborhood location. Enclosed porch, hardwood floors & garage included. \$164,500 (12PAR) 642-8100



ROYAL OAK. 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Cape Cod in Royal Oak. Basement, garage, move-in condition, immediate occupancy and home warranty. \$149,900 (33GAI) 642-8100



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MAGNIFICENT home in Hills of Oakland. Gourmet island kitchen + butler's pantry. Living & dining rooms - both w/bay windows. 1st floor library. Decorated w/wood trim throughout. 4 fireplaces. Master bath w/Jacuzzi & separate shower. Walk-out, in-ground pool. \$774,900 (81WEL) 652-8000



UPPER STRAITS LAKEFRONT. Unique contemporary multi-level house on secluded heavily wooded 3+ acre site, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, living & family rooms with 2 story drift stone fireplace, unfinished walk-out, large deck. \$625,000 (94PON) 363-1200



99 FT. OF MAIN LAKE FUN! Ranch with hardwood floors on main lake needs you to complete this great picture. Cul-de-sac setting, Lakewood village, 2 car garage. Great shape! (21CAP) \$189,900 363-1200



BLOOMFIELD. Contemporary 2 story with finished walk-out, living room, family room, lounge, huge Formica kitchen with island on private cul-de-sac. Bloomfield location on over 4,300 sq. ft. \$479,900 (43WAL) 642-8100



BLOOMFIELD HILLS. Classic colonial in Bloomfield Village. Grace and charm add to this well-appointed home with 4 fireplaces, hardwood floors, private yard, great kitchen, library, crown moldings...and the list goes on! \$925,000 (33BRA) 642-8100



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BLOOMFIELD HILLS. Ultimate contemporary home on a prime lot has access to 2 lakes! Open plan, state of the art home! 6 bedrooms each with private bath. Lower level walk-out with indoor pool, home theater, exercise room, dance floor and bar. Views of lake & nature! \$2,700,000 (08HID) 642-8100



POOL LOVERS. House in excellent condition. 1st floor master. Marble floor & bath room, custom kitchen cabinets w/Corian counters. Finished look-out basement with bedroom, bath. Landscaping surrounding the pool and Jacuzzi. \$549,900 248-626-8800 (53WIN)



COUNTRY CLUB atmosphere overlooking Indianwood Golf Club. Marina Pointe Estates. Gourmet kitchen with White Bay cabinets, sunny garden breakfast area, large master suite designer bath. 2-way fireplace, great room with 2nd floor bridge and curved oak staircase. \$348,900 (82LAK) 652-8000



PRIVATE TREED lot in Harwathorn Hills. Great room/library/island kitchen with walk in pantry. Open master suite with jet tub and separate sitting room. \$405,000 (80MER) 652-8000



ONE OF a kind-4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath rambling home. Updated with total quality-skylights, 2 tiered deck, cathedral ceiling, wet bar plus a 30x50 heated bonus room and 0.47 acres. \$369,900 (34NEW) 652-8000.



STately COLONIAL located in popular Great Oaks sub. 2500 sq. ft. plus 14x18 heated sunroom. Full basement, newer roof, central air. Den and patio. Great curb appeal. \$228,900 (08ASP) 652-8000



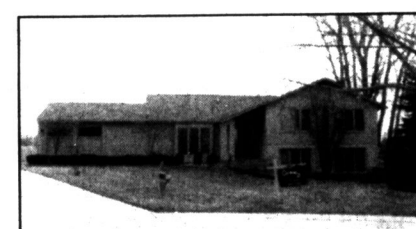
WEST BLOOMFIELD 5 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath Canal front ranch leading into Cass Lake. 80' dock, over 3000 sq. ft. fabulous master bedroom suite, family room with fireplace, newer kitchen and 4 car garage. \$349,900 (38AUB) 642-8100



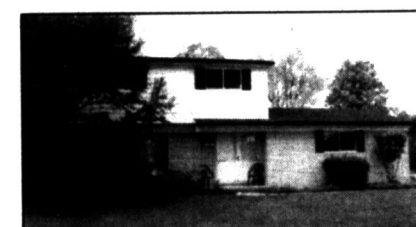
FRANKLIN 1750 sq. ft. Ranch on 2/3 acre lot in Franklin. 2 bedrooms, 1 1/2 bath, living room with fireplace and cathedral ceiling, family room with fireplace, dining room, library, newer kitchen, gas forced air, central air and updated roof. \$218,900 (66GRE) 642-8100



WEST BLOOMFIELD. Sharp walkout ranch with open floor plan, hardwood floors, 2 fireplaces, updated to a tee! Family room, super setting, wrap-around deck, lake privileges. Great area! \$179,900 (62DAR) 642-8100



BLOOMFIELD 3100 sq. ft. Quad in South Wabek. 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath, living room, family room, 2 fireplaces, redecorated, updated roof, newer gas forced air, deck, and located on private cul-de-sac. \$359,000 (61LAK) 642-8100



TROY 3 bedroom colonial neutrally decorated. family room with fireplace. One year home warranty. Immediate occupancy. \$169,000 (93SLA) 524-1600



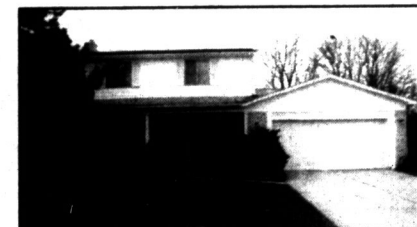
TROY 4 bedroom brick colonial. First floor laundry and den. Family room with natural fireplace. Basement with new furnace. 2 car attached garage. \$229,000 (56STO) 524-1600.



TROY 4 bedroom Colonial with 2 1/2 baths. Family room with wood stove. Newer windows thru-out. Great gardens, 2nd floor laundry, 2 car attached side entry garage. (56BER) 524-1600



TROY 4 bedroom Colonial with 2 1/2 baths. first floor laundry, finished basement, heated four seasons Florida room, hardwood floor under carpeting. One Year Home Warranty! \$209,900 (20CHA) 524-1600.



TROY 3 bedroom colonial. Family room with fireplace, central air, updated kitchen, lawn sprinklers, Troy schools. Immediate Occupancy! \$179,900 (54GAT) 524-1600



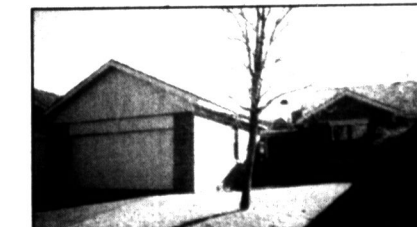
TROY 4 bedroom 2 1/2 bath Colonial. Kitchen totally updated, all appliances stay, formal dining room, first floor laundry, family room with natural fireplace, large deck. Immediate possession. \$165,000 (51MIL) 524-1600



LOVELY 3 bedroom Colonial on deep treed lot, 4 years new, basement, 2 car attached garage, spacious kitchen with oak cabinet & eating area, master bedroom with walk-in closet, easy care exterior with stone accents. \$165,000 (23ELM) 626-8800.



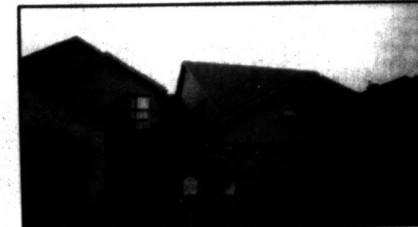
CHARMING Cape Cdd in popular area of Huntington Woods. Three bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, updated kitchen, all season porch, extra large lot, 1 1/2 garage and some newer features. Call today! \$187,900 (13BAL) (248) 626-8800.



TREED commons area, Greenpointe Condo with 3,700 sq. ft., boasts vaulted ceilings, neutral decor, ceramic floor and open floor plan, 2 fireplaces, and spacious rooms, closets & 3 baths. See It! \$237,900 (72HUN) (248) 626-8800.



UPDATED 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths on over 1/2 acre lot. Family room with fireplace in walk-out lower level, sauna room, large kitchen, formal dining area, newer furnace, shingles, updated baths. \$194,500 (20SOU) (248) 626-8800.



SHARP CONTEMPORARY. 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Townhouse, 1st floor den, 2 story great room with fireplace, loft, master with walk-in-closet, dressing area, alarm, low association fee great condition. \$189,000 (29SIE) (248) 626-8800.



WATERFRONT TO WHITE LAKE. Chestnut oak floors in livingroom, kitchen and dining room sets off this house from the rest! Must see this 3 bedroom, 2 bath on water to 540 acre lake! \$157,700 (69OAK) 363-1200



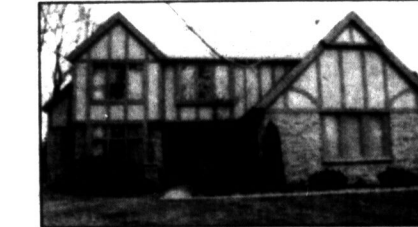
PROFESSIONALLY LANDSCAPED with brick paver walkway, new cement drive, updated kitchen with maple cabinets, extensive hardwood floors. Spacious deck with gazebo. \$139,900 (87HAW) 363-1200



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PERFECT CASS CANAL FRONT. Updated and remodeled ranch on a crawl, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, can easily take your boat to all sports Cass Lake. This is nice! \$129,900 (24CHE) 363-1200



TROY 4 bedroom Tudor home located on Cul-de-sac offers 2 1/2 baths, great room with fireplace, wet bar, study, first floor laundry, kitchen with oak cabinets, intercom with security system and TV cameras. One Year Home Warranty. \$289,900 (26MOU) 524-1600.



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Coy averages 30 full-time employees working year-round, highly unusual for construction companies which see the majority of their work in the spring and summer months.

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Thirty percent of the company's business is done for home builders and landscaping contractors.

Pulte Homes of Michigan, Robertson Brothers, Ivanhoe Huntley, Herman Frankel and Great Oaks Landscaping are some of McCoy's biggest clients.

A graduate of Central Michigan University with a business degree, McCoy went on to obtain his MBA from Wayne State University.

McCoy started the company after he, with no previous experience, added a screened in porch and deck to his home.

"I just asked a lot of questions," he said. "I really enjoyed doing it, and I had enough confidence that I thought I could learn enough to become a builder."

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Republic Bancorp Mortgage presents a free, no-obligation class on how to sell a house by owner, 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, June 9,

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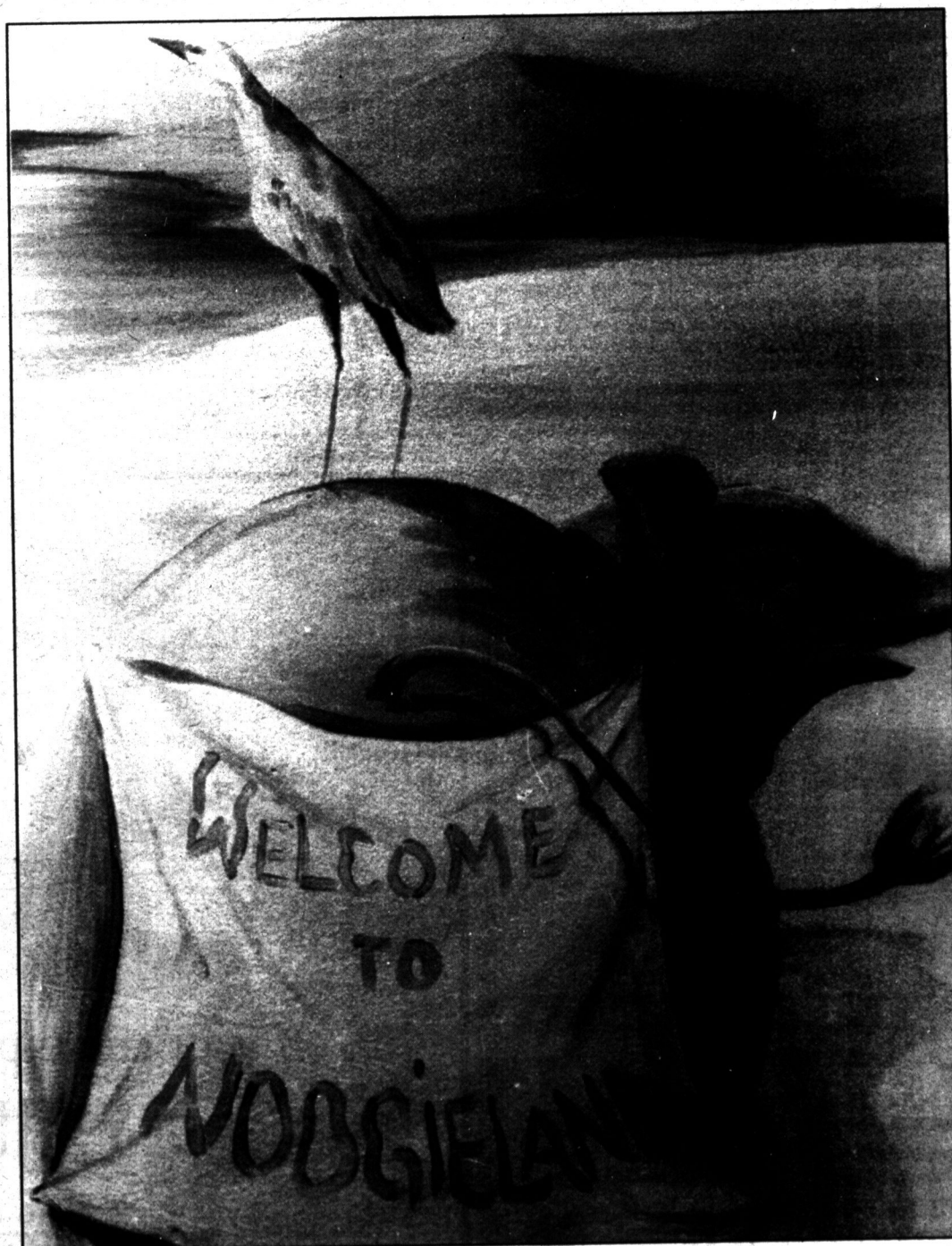
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appliance doctor

Advocate for little guy retires post



JOE GAGNON

There is a lady by the name of Ms. Esther Shapiro who had been a leader in this country in the field of consumer affairs and she has just recently retired from the city of Detroit. As the director of Detroit Consumer Affairs for some 25 years

she has become well known throughout this metro area and very instrumental in making millions of consumers aware of many constant frauds that go on.

I could write pages about the awards and national recognition that Ms. Shapiro has received across this country but let me simply say that it will be a long time before anyone even comes close to this grand "Victorian" first-class lady. I had the privilege of working for her as an investigator and I will always feel a great sense of gratitude for what she has done for me. I will miss her and

so will the world of consumers who knew her voice, her face and, especially, those who recognized her genuine feelings for the little guy.

A few weeks ago I introduced the new director of consumer affairs, John Roy Castillo, to the airwaves of WJR. He, along with Jack Chase, will be doing a monthly hour show on consumer questions similar to what Esther has done for years. Castillo is an attorney who has worked for the Attorney General's office and has spent several years with the city of Detroit as the head of human relations. He is very adept in taking over his new position, and I'm sure that we will all continue to learn about the world of consumerism through his office and publicity that they provide.

When you stop and think about the importance of education in the world, I remind you that we never stop learning, especially in the field of consumer habits and shopping. In the 1960s, people began to become rebellious toward those in business who took advantage of

them. Then President Kennedy signed the Consumer Bill of Rights, newspapers jumped on the band wagon and the word "consumerism" was invented.

Today, as we approach the year 2000, Washington no longer has a consumer affairs department, only a few cities like Detroit have a consumer affairs department, the state office has closed except for one person who handles consumer education. You don't have to be rocket scientist to know that rip-off businesses are alive and still strong.

I'll make you a little prediction for the future and explain why. There's a new revolution coming in just the next few years and it all has to do with the public being fed up with the constant fraud that goes on every day without any sense of recourse by the little guy. As long as we have politicians who care so much about their political futures that they linger in good common sense decisions performed in a reasonable time, we will continue to build this consumer revolt.

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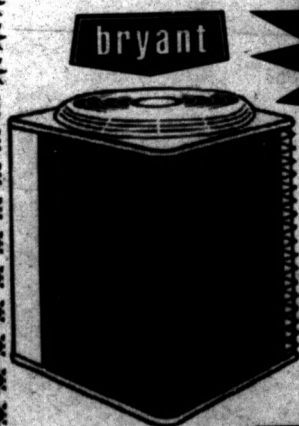
vide facts and we could come up with the best possible decision in a matter of hours. We live in the best country there is and yet it is so hard to create change that is badly needed in the world of consumerism.

That, folks, is the biggest reason why offices like the one Esther Shapiro headed for so many years are important. We constantly need to be made aware of who is ripping us off and it seems, after the fact.

Stay tuned to next week's column when I will give you more information on how you can become a smarter consumer. Common Sense that you can receive by mail.

Joe Gagnon, the Appliance Doctor, will answer your questions about maintaining and repairing large appliances. Gagnon is president of Carmack Appliances in Garden City and does a weekly radio program on WJR-AM. He is author of "First Aid from the Appliance Doctor" and can be reached at (313) 873-9789.

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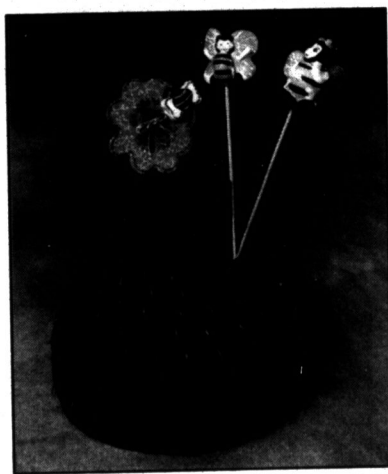
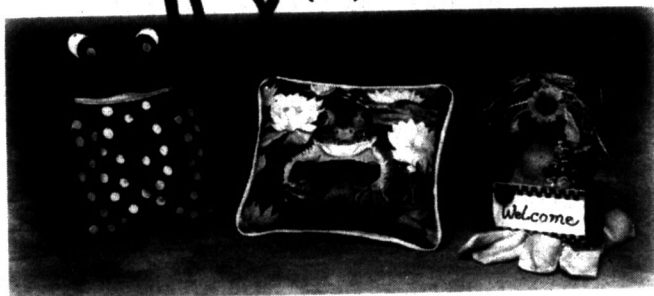
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Frog wild

Ribbiting attention: English Gardens offers a variety of frog-themed, indoor decorative accents. They include a brightly colored frog-shaped birdhouse, \$24.98; a petite pillow by Toland featuring a frog in a lily pond, \$12.98; and a garden glove with frog in tote, accented by a welcome sign, dried flowers, ladybug and straw wreath, \$9.98. The frog in this brass candleholder - available at English Gardens for \$69.98 - may never turn into Prince Charming, but is guaranteed to add charm to any setting. The lily pads are great for holding trinkets or bath beads. One of English Gardens' four stores is in West Bloomfield; call (248) 851-7506.

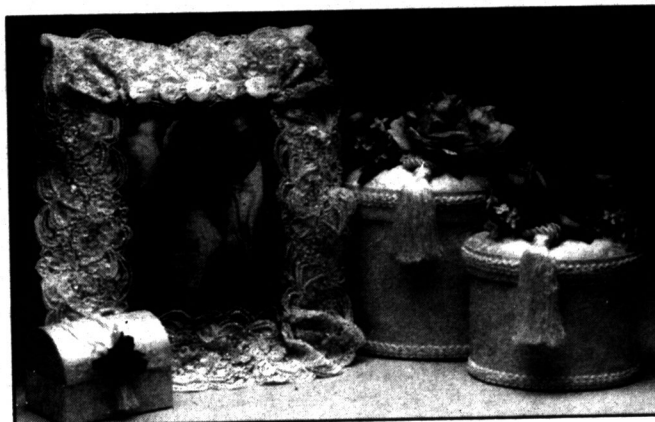


What's the buzz?

State of bee-ing: This beehive shaped woven basket, with a lid that clasps, is great for storing trinkets. It retails for \$12.98. The bees buzzing about the "hive" are actually garden stakes. The wood garden stake, \$6.98, features a bumblebee on a flower in a pot; the other garden

stakes, \$1.49 each, have ceramic bee "people" in various poses. Available at English Gardens stores, including the one in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 851-7506.

AT HOME, Mary Klemic, editor (248) 901-2569
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Marriage of style

Special accessories: Paige Stanton features custom items for the bride and groom at her store at 32751 Franklin Road in Franklin. The photo pillows average \$85. The fabric-covered boxes can be ordered in colors to match the wedding party colors and make great bridesmaid gifts. Mementos from the wedding could be stored in the larger boxes. Prices range from \$12 to \$38. A large jewelry trunk is also available. Call (248) 855-3286.

Tabletop art

Dining companions: Ann Klevgard's designs prove you don't have to sacrifice functionality for originality. Her works are displayed through July 17 in the Elements Gallery at Detroit Artists Market, in Stroh River Place at 300 River Place in Detroit. Shown

here are the artist's graceful, sterling silver oil and vinegar vessels, 7 and 5-1/2 inches tall respectively, suspended from a curved center bar and base; spoons styled from maple and sterling silver; and a "Table of Elements II" constructed from slate, maple, sterling silver, copper and mokume-gane. Klevgard will make a personal appearance at the gallery 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 2. Call (313) 393-1770.





garden spot

Books help with planning, planting



MARTY FIGLEY

Jeff Cox, host of HGTV's "Grow It," has written a well-designed book, "Perennial All-Stars" (\$29.95, Rodale Press), in which he gives the lowdown on "the 150 best perennials for great-looking, trouble-free gardens."

The following attributes are necessary for each choice to make the list: beautiful, fragrant, long-blooming, pest- and disease-resistant, and easy to care for.

In addition to all the pertinent information to help make the right selection for any site, Cox features other cultivars to consider. Suitable plants to grow with each all-star, as well as excellent tips, make the book very user-friendly. If you're looking for a plant for a particu-

lar site, the information is here and includes mail-order sources.

"The Naturalist's Handbook," Lynn Kuntz (\$14.95, Gibbs Smith), is a small, colorful hard-cover book that entices children to get involved with activities such as exploring the outdoors and keeping records of what they find and observe.

They'll learn interesting facts about plants, seeds, little critters such as beetles, flies and ants as well as larger ones - what they eat, where they live and much more. One chapter is devoted to water and all its ramifications in the universe. There are plenty of activities to help the summer months skip by.

"Gourds In Your Garden," Ginger Summit (\$19.95, Hillway Press), is a comprehensive book the author wrote when she couldn't find all she wanted to know about the plants.

Her excellent account includes history, growing, crafting and other uses of this ancient plant. Ideas for forming



MARTY FIGLEY

Dig in: Books provide sound advice to gardeners.

gourds on the vine, to drying them and cooking them, are featured. Proper growing instructions for all areas of the country will help to assure a successful crop. This would be an excellent summer-into-winter project for the whole family.

"Great Garden Companions," Sally

Jean Cunningham (\$27.95, Rodale Press), gives excellent advice about companion-planting a chemical-free vegetable garden.

Cunningham is a master gardener with Cornell Cooperative Extension and shares what has worked in her personal

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landscape. Suitable for beginning gardeners as well as those who have experience, the book covers soil, crop rotation, insects and the latest organic methods.

Cunningham's easy style evokes confidence so that anyone can follow her suggestions, taking just what is relevant to their situation and making a successful chemical-free garden. She throws in some tips and gardening facts to make the reading lively as well as educational.

"Trees In the Landscape," Graham Stuart Thomas (\$35, Sagapress), deals with large vistas on the most part, but when studied, can help those with smaller properties as well understand the importance of choosing the right tree or shrub for the right place. Sound familiar? He also explains how the use of color and foliage size affects smaller scale gardens.

Thomas, the prolific English author and outstanding plantsman, shares his expertise for using trees and shrubs as screening, to draw the eye to a particular scene, as specimens and more. He critiques the drawings and photographs to explain what worked or didn't work, and why.

Originally published in 1983, the new material includes a perspective by Douglas Chambers on North America's influence on the esthetic revolution of

the 17th and 18th centuries. He also shares his belief that there is a need to design and plant for the future.

"Kitchen Gardens: Beyond the Vegetable Patch" (\$9.95, Brooklyn Botanic Garden) will steer you on the right path to create a kitchen garden to suit your area of the country and your individual style. Writers from across the country describe their regional gardens to help from design to harvest.

From Thomas Jefferson's garden to a simple garden using vegetables and herbs, ideas abound in this well-written booklet. You can create a garden, large or small, for the kitchen by following the advice here. Information about Plant-A-Row for the Hungry is included.

Northwest passage

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Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then her mailbox number, 1859. Her fax number is (248) 644-1314.

'Memories, Milestones and Miracles'



Special mixture: Add a distinctive splash of color to your home and garden while supporting a worthy cause. As part of the "Memories, Milestones and Miracles" campaign, English Gardens stores - including one in West Bloomfield (call (248) 851-7506) - are featuring a new mixture of impatiens, sales of which benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. The mixture is sold in two distinct containers: a 12-inch hanging basket, price \$29.98, and a 15-inch European ceramic planter box, price \$49.98. Buyers of these impatiens-filled containers will receive a free, sparkling pink, ribbon-shaped Swarovski crystal pin symbolizing breast cancer awareness. The pin is sold separately at English Gardens for \$9.98.

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Plan a foodie field trip with friends



RUTH MOSSOK JOHNSTON

If you are the self-appointed organizer of your circle of friends, plan a weekend of local "foodie delights." Call all those addict-cohorts that share those cookbook, cookware and dish compulsions. Begin on Saturday, early in the morning head by van or another vehicle that will provide enough seats for a group and start your day by going to the Eastern Market.

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After loading up on all those missing pieces of dinnerware, go have lunch on Wyandotte Street (toward the Bridge) where there are loads of Asian restaurants. Wah Court (1689 University Ave. W., Windsor, Ontario (519)256-4755), one of my favorites, has wonderful DIM SUM.

My friends from TV Food Network are returning to Michigan, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 7, for a one day event.

We have been in the planning stages of this event for months, making this a foodie extravaganza not to miss. Cooking Across America's lineup includes; host Bill Boggs, Nick Stellino, Curtis Aikens, Sissy Biggers and Nathalie Dupree. Our very own local Greg Upshur from Too Chez and Takashi Yagihashi from Tribute are going to participate in Ready Set Cook. Tickets for the day are \$35. Call: 1-800-949-CHEF for further information.

Here is a few favorite recipes from public television's Cucina Amore, hosted by Nick Stellino, to make once you return home after the Cooking Across America event:

PASTA AL SUGO DI TONNO E LIMONE

PASTA WITH TUNA AND LEMON

Serves 4

- 3 quart water
- 1 pound penne pasta
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 3 garlic cloves, thickly sliced
- 1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 1 (61/2-ounce) can water packed tuna, drained and flaked
- 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
- Zest of 1 lemon, grated
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh Italian parsley
- 1/4 cup pasta cooking water
- 1/4 cup freshly grated Parmigiano Reggiano (optional)

Bring the water for the pasta to a boil in a large pot. Add the pasta and cook until just tender.

While the pasta is cooking, heat the oil, garlic and red pepper flakes in a large saute pan set on medium heat until sizzling, about 3 minutes. Remove the pan from the heat and carefully add the tuna (if it hasn't been well-drained, you will get excessive spattering from the oil), lemon juice, lemon zest, salt, pepper, 2 tablespoons of the chopped parsley and the pasta cooking water. Return the pan to low heat and stir well. Cook for 2-3 minutes and remove from the heat.

Drain the cooked pasta and return it to the pot. Pour the sauce over the pasta, add the remaining parsley and cook on medium heat for 3 minutes, tossing until well coated. Remove from the heat and stir in the cheese. The pasta is now ready to serve.

Cook's Tip: After you've added pasta to boiling water, always stir gently with a wooden spoon to prevent the pasta from sticking to the bottom of the pan and from clumping together. Stir again when the water comes back to the boil.

For more information about Cucina Amore cookbooks, please call 1-800-6GALIC (1-800-642-7542).

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Alleviate your child's stress level



LISA LUCKOW-HEALY

Believe it or not, your child experiences stress just as you do.

It may start as early as infancy when a crying, colicky infant isn't soothed. Older children are subject to the stress associated with daily overscheduling, including being shipped off to child care, scheduled into too many after-school activities or overcommitting themselves to difficult class schedules.

The preschool years bring on stress associated with your child's responses to overstimulation from his first taste of independence. He is beginning to establish an identity amongst his peers while, at the same time, forging friendships that are new to him.

By the time your child enters school, he experiences the stress of getting out the door to school in the morning just as much as you do trying to pack lunch, look for school books and dig through the dirty clothes pile when you realize the clean laundry was never thrown into the dryer. He may have anxieties over not being able to find his backpack or favorite shoes, or missing the school bus.

Children experience two different types of stress, said Bettie Youngs, author of "Stress and Your Child: Helping Kids Cope With the Strains and Pressures of Life" (Fawcett Columbine, 1995).

The first type is normative stress. This occurs when your child is learning to walk, toilet train, and make new friends.

The second cause is lifechange stress – the kind experienced from parental behaviors such as fighting or actions leading to divorce, moving, the death of a loved one, activity overload, and peer pressure.

Behavior can regress in the form of an infant crying, a preschooler reverting to wetting his pants, or a schoolage child developing a headache, stomachache or introverted behavior.

Pushing a child from school to gymnastics or karate to dinner out to homework without a break promotes anxiety in the child. The youngster may start to cry or rebel if he doesn't get his way about the simplest demand. Some quiet time alone or one-on-one with a parent reading a book, playing a game or talk-

ing can actually help the child cope with his stress.

When your child's schedule becomes so busy that he actually needs his own day planner, you may consider simplifying your child's life.

"Sure, there are places we have to be and appointments we have to keep," said David Elkind, child psychologist and author of "The Hurried Child" (Addison Wesley Longman, 1988). "But in the hustle and bustle, kids can miss out on two very important things – family time and solo playtime."

Consider the following strategies to help simplify your child's life – and your own.

Move out structured time to make room for unstructured activity. Set aside time for your child that doesn't require structured activity. Stop punching a "time clock" and allow your child to use his imagination.

Think about what activities are really important. Does your 5-year-old really need to take soccer and piano lessons? If you and your child feel it is something you must do, can you cut back on the number of days he participates in these activities? If they fall on the same day, can one be moved to another day of the week? Perhaps he can wait to take soccer lessons during the next session offering.

Allow your child to give you his opinion of what activities he chooses. Listening to your child tell you what he does and doesn't want to do sends specific messages to you. He may actually be telling you he doesn't like the three classes you have enrolled him in and would rather be with his best friend in one activity.

Give daily schedules room to maneuver. Scheduling time into daily routines to leisurely get ready for your day cuts down on family stress and anxiety. When too much is going on in your child's day, you may find that he doesn't take the time to talk to you and tell you about his day, including what happened in school or how he felt about something that took place with a friend.

Cut back on your child's stress by keeping your family life organized. Keep schedules and calendars current and put them in a place where your child can look at them on a daily basis. Knowing what is going on in a particular day rather than being told by a parent at the last minute will help your child feel like he is in control of his day.

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cover story

Designers help Gilda's Club open doors

Cancer is about the most unfunny thing in the world," comedian Gilda Radner said in her autobiography, "It's Always Something."

Thanks in no small part to a group of area designers and artists, people who have cancer or know someone who does won't find the disease a laughing matter

Sensitivity, artistry merge in Noogieland decor

Kate Paul of Redford, whose Graeme Faux Finishes does commissioned specialty painting, created a glorious mural at Gilda's Club that seems to envelop Noogieland and the viewers in a visual hug.

She incorporated trompe l'oeil and other elements in the work in what used to be the basement of the former farmhouse. The painting for the children's room is a beautiful scene of animals and nature that is painted over vents and light switches. The colors pick up the variety of speckled hues in the green carpeting.

There's a huge, leafy tree in the corner that reaches up into the ceiling; a balloon, a rainbow, birds and butterflies in a soft blue sky; a magnificent menagerie of almost every creature imaginable, some of them painting, playing instruments or riding in a gondola; a small underwater scene (including a fish looking straight at the viewer).

Paul thought the painting might inspire children to make up stories about it.

"I wanted to make it fun, not too whimsical," she said.

"I'm happy to be asked."

The artist was sensitive to possible conditions of youngsters who would play in the room. As some of them may be bald from treatments or using a

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but may be able to smile in spite of it.

The 25 interior designers and artists have donated their time and talents to Gilda's Club@ Metro Detroit.

Gilda's Club - named for the Detroit native and "Saturday Night Live" comic, who died of cancer in 1989 - is a free meeting place where adults and children with cancer, and their families and friends, can join with others for social and emotional support.

It offers group sessions, lectures, a library with Internet access, a play room for children, workshops and social events in a homelike setting.

"Everybody loved it, how homelike it felt," Joyce Bichler, executive director, said of the reaction to the place.

"It really helps them feel nurtured, welcomed and relaxed."

Retaining while renovating

The Detroit area Gilda's Club is in a former farmhouse at 3517 Rochester Road, north of 13 Mile in Royal Oak. The renovation, including the addition of 700 square feet to the original 5,300 square feet, began in 1996, near the date that Radner would have celebrated her 50th birthday.

Gilda's Club had its open house earlier this month. The other two open Gilda's Clubs are in New York City and Hollywood, Fla. Eight others are being formed around the United States and in Canada and England (Princess Diana had been interested in one planned for London).

Sensitivity as well as talent and hard work went into the project. Corporate, private and individual donations helped; neighbors in the area brought food for the kitchen. And the designers and artists applied care with their creativity, giving a fresh, friendly look to the house.

"It's a warm and welcoming place," said Suzanne Aberly of Bloomfield Hills, publicist.

While installing such contemporary features as elevators and bringing the house up to code, the designers and builders worked hard to stay true to the style of the



In Noogieland: Redford artist Kate Paul painted a beautiful mural in one of the rooms at Gilda's Club, a meeting place offering social and emotional support for adults and youngsters with cancer. The colorful greeting shown on the cover guides the way to this lower level play room.

structure, which was built in 1913. The rich oak throughout the house was retained or replicated, and the addition smoothly fits with the original building.

"I felt really good when it was over because it came out so beautifully," said Bonnie Meyer of Meyer Interiors Inc. of West Bloomfield, project manager who also worked on the exterior painting, lighting and living rooms. "It's amazing how it all came together."

The exterior has been painted dove gray with white trim and a new front porch installed.

Twelve gardens with different themes - among them children's, shaded, vegetable and flowering gardens - and including water features, pathways and a group meeting area are planned for the surrounding grounds by Ralph Nunez of Design Team Ltd. of Southfield. (The gardens will be financed by donations; call development director Tonia Victor at Gilda's Club for information.)

The signature red front door bears a stained glass image of Radner donated by Cutter's Art Glass of Royal Oak.

Welcome

In the elegant but inviting reception area, decorated by P.K. Fields of P.K. Fields Interiors of Plymouth, visitors see a wide, grand staircase and one of several quilts throughout the house contributed by the Great Lakes Heritage Quilters. Many of the interior walls have been painted coral sand.

The living room, now a wellness meeting room, features the original built-in oak bookcases, and oak mantel and archway. A red Oriental area rug lays on the wood floor. A portrait of Radner in colors including purple, yellow and red - as it turned out, the same bright hues in a bouquet placed in the room for the open house - is over the mantel.

Dividers can provide privacy for separate group meetings in the larger room and a smaller area to the side.

Also on the first floor, the It's Always Something Room offers space for intimate discussions.

It is a gentle, nurturing room, with green wallpaper, floral drapery over the

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Wellness room: A meeting room has the original built-in oak bookcases and other oak features - including the mantel, over and on which portraits of Gilda Radner have been placed. Area designers donated their talents to renovating and decorating the 85-year-old structure.

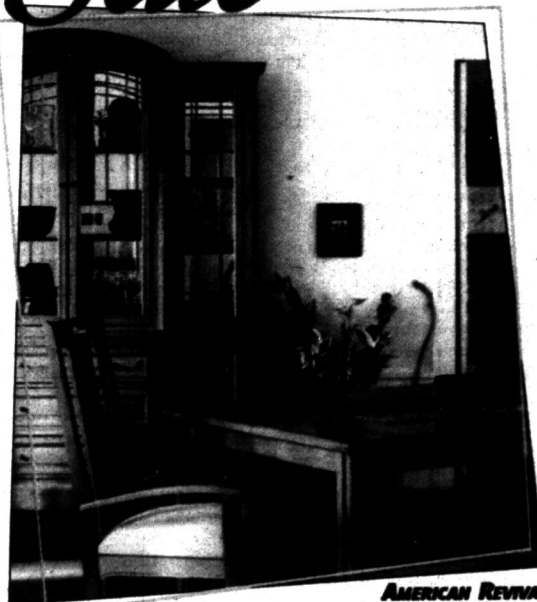


It's Always Something Room: Intimate discussions may take place in this first floor room, bright and nurturing in tone from the large windows and decor.

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between Kodacolor 1000, Fujicolor 1600 and even Konica 3200. If you prefer slides, there's Ektachrome 800/1600, Fujichrome 1600 or 3M Colorslide 1000. For black and white fanciers, Kodak recently introduced T-Max 3200, which can be "pushed" to an astonishingly high ASA of 25,000!

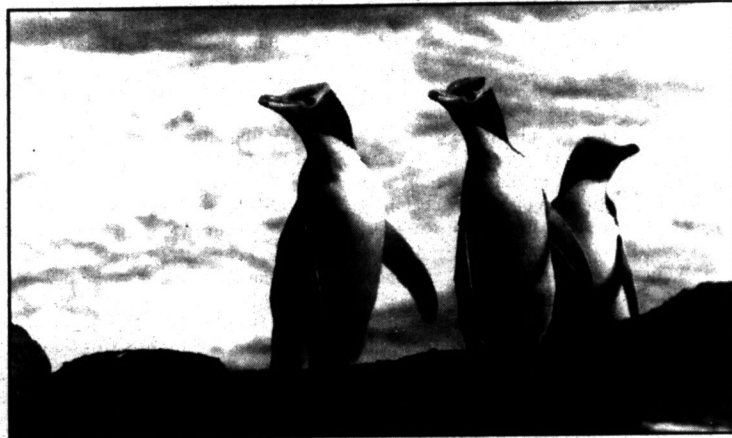
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Say, for example, that ASA 100 film gives you a meter reading of f-4 at 1/8 second - too slow to hand hold. Changing to 1600 speed film will enable you to gain four f-stops (100 to 200 is one, 200 to 400 is two, 400 to 800 is three, and 800 to 1600 is four) and you can now hand hold easily at 1/125 at the same f-4 aperture.

Conversely, remaining at the 1/8 second shutter speed will allow you to stop down the lens to f-16 for a tremendous increase in depth-of-field.

Be sure not to use fast film for all your photo taking. When the light is bright, stick to the slower emulsions. Your pictures will be less grainy with richer, more saturated color values.

The same holds true for black and white. Use fast films only when you need them. Slower films will be finer



Penguin pals: Here's a situation for fast film: I was scrambling up some rocks to get to these Yellow-eyed Penguins (on New Zealand's Otago Coast) that could move away quickly at any time. Only a fast film would work.

grain and will produce sharper enlargements.

But, as you can see, faster films certainly have their place. So "speed" on down to your film supplier for a few rolls - just don't drive too "fast."

Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave him a message by dialing (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then his mailbox number, 1873. His fax number is (248) 644-1314.

Gilda

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valance and a flowery rug. The space is bright from the large windows and the recessed lighting. The room was designed by Margie Cockle of Interiors by Margie Cockle Inc. of Birmingham and Diane Fishman of Diane Fishman Interiors of Farmington Hills.

A similar upbeat feeling is conveyed in the roomy bathrooms, such as one on the first floor with walls covered with floral paper and large tiles on the floor.

The kitchen, which features a nook, is decorated with colorful wallpaper bearing thin vertical stripes with a tiny floral pattern and a wide border of fruits near the high ceiling. This is a cheery place where people can learn nutrition tips or just come to have a cup of coffee on a first visit.

The former basement has been transformed into the enchanting Noogieland, designed by Sandra Johnstone of Sandra Johnstone Design Associates of Birmingham and Julie Baba of Julie Baba Interiors of Troy and decorated by Kate Paul of Redford.

This children's room features games, child-size furniture, and padded struc-

'Everybody loved ... how homelike it felt.'

Joyce Bichler
executive director

tural poles. (See related story for more about Noogieland and the names of others who contributed to the Gilda's Club project.)

Nearby is a kitchen, and a bathroom to help with cleanups. Sears donated the appliances and Toys R Us the playthings. A youngster who becomes attached to a toy may take it home and Toys R Us will replace it free.

Offices and a library are upstairs. The library, with books and computer, was decorated with a truly personal touch. Some of the items came from Southfield resident Michael Radner, Gilda's brother. Among the objects are photos from the family album, an oar from Gilda's camp and a postcard she sent to a fan in response.

Call Gilda's Club at (248) 577-0800.

Noogieland

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wheelchair, Paul didn't depict long-haired children running.

The delightful images fill two walls; toddlers are at eye level with the illustrations close to the floor. Visitors getting off the elevator are greeted by a painted elephant with a sign proclaiming "Welcome to Noogieland."

Paul also adapted from "It's Always Something."

Radner's book featured photos of the young Gilda on a horse, and of Radner's Yorkshire terrier, Sparkle. Paul painted a little girl on a horse, and a portrait of Sparkle. Radner spent time on a farm when she was a child, and went to the University of Michigan. Paul's lush landscape includes farmland and a little wolverine.

Other areas on the lower level of Gilda's Club, and exterior porches, were

'I wanted to make it fun, not too whimsical.'

Kate Paul
artist

by Jean Lang of JLD of Bloomfield Hills, Cynthia Hensie of Design Network of Troy, and William Castile and Janet Henke of William Castile Interiors of Bloomfield Hills.

Other first floor rooms and areas were by Roy Hankis of Roy Allen Hankis Interiors of Troy, Diane Offer of Interiors Unlimited of Oxford, Wanda Brown of Hudson's Studio of Interior Design of Southfield, Tim Holton of Royal Oak Kitchens, Charles Bonmarito of National Interiors of Eastpointe and Linda Thomas of Scott Shuptrine of Novi.

Second floor rooms were by Harrell Scarcello of Scarcello Associates of Birmingham Farms, Ilene McClure and Jeana Doyle of Solutions at Work of Southfield, Barbara Wauldron of Wauldron Design Associates of Beverly Hills, Linda Charfoos of Design Group of West Bloomfield and Robert Lount of Robert Lount Designs of Clawson.

Among the businesses that donated services and merchandise were Kaleidoscope (window treatments) and Beaver Tile.

at home calendar

■ The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham, offers a variety of classes and events related to hobbies and to the home and garden, including a presentation Thursday, May 28, in which Gary Kohs of Birmingham, the owner of Fine Art Models, shares his excitement in creating museum quality scale model ships, trains, automobiles and aircraft that are enjoyed around the world, showing actual models, photos and slides of plans and models in progress. Students under age 18 admitted free to Kohs' presentation. Call the program department at (248) 644-5832 for registration and information.

■ The Frank H. Boos Gallery, 420 Enterprise Court in Bloomfield Hills, will have an auction of property belonging to numerous estates and private collectors 6 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, June 2-4. A three-day preview will take place noon to 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, May 28-29, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, June 1. Call (248) 332-1500. Included will be Hollywood memorabilia, paintings, graphics, a Tiffany Studios lamp, jewelry, American art pottery, Oriental rugs, art glass, a collection of signed documents (among them piece signed by Abraham Lincoln, William Seward, Albert Einstein and John Kennedy), and sports and fishing collectibles.

■ The Redford Township Beautification Commission will have its perennial exchange 9-11 a.m. Saturday, May 30, at Capitol Park, 26590 Capitol in Redford. Master gardeners and master composers will be present to answer questions. Capitol is off Beech Daly, between I-96 and Plymouth Road.

■ The Beverly Hills Garden Club will have a plant sale 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 30, rain or shine, at the Beverly Hills Park pavilion on Beverly (13-1/2 Mile), two blocks west of Southfield Road. Perennials, house plants, hanging baskets and more will be featured. Proceeds will go toward maintenance of the club's Memorial Garden in Beverly Park, Federated Garden Club objectives and other community projects.

■ "The Functional Vase Project: 1998," an exhibit of functional vases by American metalsmiths, continues to Saturday, May 30, at the Yaw Gallery, 550 N. Old Woodward in Birmingham. Each vase, available in an edition of 10, is made primarily out of metal. Call (248) 647-5470.

■ The Hardy Plant Society will meet 7 p.m. Monday, June 1, at Congregational Church of Birmingham, 1000 Cranbrook at Woodward in Bloomfield Hills. Damian Zawacki of Century Rain Aid will speak on "Hardy Plant Irrigation."

Guest fee \$3. For information, call Maryann Whitman at (248) 652-4004.

■ The Home Tour XVI for the benefit of Clarkston SCAMP will take place noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 7, featuring five houses. Reservations are \$25 per person and may be bought by calling Geri Batt at (248) 625-3330 or by sending a check to Clarkston SCAMP, 6590 Middle Lake Road, Clarkston, 48346. A patron's evening preview will take place Saturday, June 6, with registration beginning 6 p.m. A reception will immediately follow at Tina and George Milidrag's Chateau du Lac. The patron's evening is \$65 per person; call Batt for more information. SCAMP is a summer day camp for children with special needs.

■ Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club is sponsoring a bus tour Friday, July 24, to Michigan State University's Hidden Lake Gardens near Tipton, Mich. Price is \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members and includes a box lunch. Final sign-up date is Thursday, June 25. For reservations and more information, call (248) 656-2187.

■ The Troy Garden Club will present its 24th annual garden walk, "Today's Seeds are the Beauty of Tomorrow," Wednesday, July 8. Six Troy gardens, a craft boutique, refreshments and a raffle

will be featured. Tickets are \$7 in advance, \$10 the day of the walk. For advance ticket sales June 1-30, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope with a check made payable to Troy Garden Club to 1898 Lyster Lane, Troy 48098. For more information, call Dorothy at (248) 879-9160.

■ The Four Seasons Bonsai Club of Michigan will meet 2-4:30 p.m. Sunday, May 31, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 814 N. Campbell in Royal Oak. A tag team of three resident bonsai masters will each create a different design starting from similar trees. Guests may attend. The event is free. Call (248) 545-3879 or (248) 354-6119.

■ A free seminar on butterflies and hummingbirds will take place 1-2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 31, at gardenviews, 202 W. Main in Northville. Space is limited; call early to reserve a seat. Speaker is Janet Macunovich, columnist and co-host of a radio show. Call (248) 380-8881.

■ The Center for Creative Studies Student Exhibition, displaying more than 2,500 works by art and design students, is open to the public now to Sunday, May 31, at 201 E. Kirby in Detroit. Admission is free. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekends. Works for sale are marked with a price sticker and will be throughout the show. Call CCS at (313) 664-7464.

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Offensive body odors occur in canines for many of the same reasons they do in people. Although dogs don't perspire like we do, skin oils and bacteria can build up on the animal's body surface, unleashing an unpleasant aroma that becomes even more pungent in the sweltering heat.

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Blossoms opens second store

Blossoms Floral Design Studio has opened at 33866 Woodward Ave. at Adams in Birmingham.

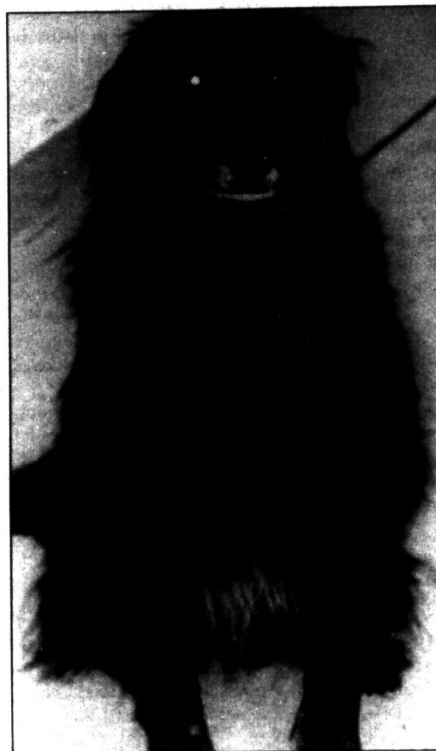
The former site of Birmingham Cleaners for more than 40 years has "blossomed" with new colors and a fresh look.

Blossoms is a full-service florist offering flowers for all occasions. Any staff

member will be able to offer suggestions for made-to-order arrangements, or you may choose from a collection designed for immediate selection. Delivery service is available and orders may be placed by phone and charged.

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Follow power washer rules to help avoid damage to decks

Spring is here, and many homeowners are thinking about buying or renting a power washer to clean up their deck and make it look better.

Following a few rules can help homeowners clean their deck properly and avoid problems when using a power washer, said Keith Paul, president of Home Advantage Referral Service of Plymouth.

The first thing homeowners need to consider when either renting or buying a power washer is to make sure it has enough water pressure to do the job properly, Paul said.

Most contractors use between 1,800 and 2,500 pounds per square inch (PSI)

water pressure for their power washers. If the deck is made of soft woods, such as cedar, 1,000 to 1,500 PSI pressure is recommended.

If a homeowner is unsure of the type of wood, a good rule of thumb is that less pressure is always better, Paul said.

"Too much pressure can leave washing scars on the deck," Paul said. "If the scars are too deep, it can ruin the wood and may necessitate replacing any scarred boards."

The type of tip used on the end of the power washing "wand" is also important and can ruin your deck if the wrong one is selected, Paul said.

Generally, moderately dirty to very dirty decks need a 25 degree tip on the wand to do the job correctly. A 40 degree tip should be used for lightly grayed decks with minimal dirt. Many contractors who specialize in power washing decks only use a 40 degree tip to ensure they don't damage a customer's deck.

Power washing a deck can really improve its look, but taking these few precautions can help the homeowner avoid damaging the deck.

If you still want to power wash your deck but don't want to buy a machine, or don't feel comfortable doing it yourself, there are many contractors available in the area who specialize in this

service. The average cost of a power washing can run anywhere from \$90 for a small deck to \$400 for a larger deck or a deck that is extremely dirty.

Home Advantage Referral Service is a free service that refers quality contractors to metro Detroit homeowners.

The service has developed a network of local contractors and screens and checks their references, licenses and insurance, and continually monitors the contractors' workmanship to ensure they maintain quality, reliable service. Home Advantage's toll-free number is (800) 733-3778.

Modern Floors business moves to larger store in Walled Lake

The Walled Lake Downtown Development Authority announces the new expanded location of Modern Floors, an independent one-stop shop for floorcovering and interior design.

The facility at 1145 N. Pontiac Trail in Walled Lake is 8,000 square feet, twice the size of the former store on east West Maple.

Owners Pat and Tom Wlodarczyk of White Lake founded Modern Floors in a

900-square foot store 22 years ago in the shopping center across the street from the now state-of-the-art showroom.

Modern Floors carries a complete selection of Carpet One carpets in all styles, hardwood, laminate and no-wax vinyl floors, as well as ceramic and commercial tile.

The store features a complete interior design center staffed by designers Donna McBride and Linda Lyke. Custom

draperies and window treatments are also available.

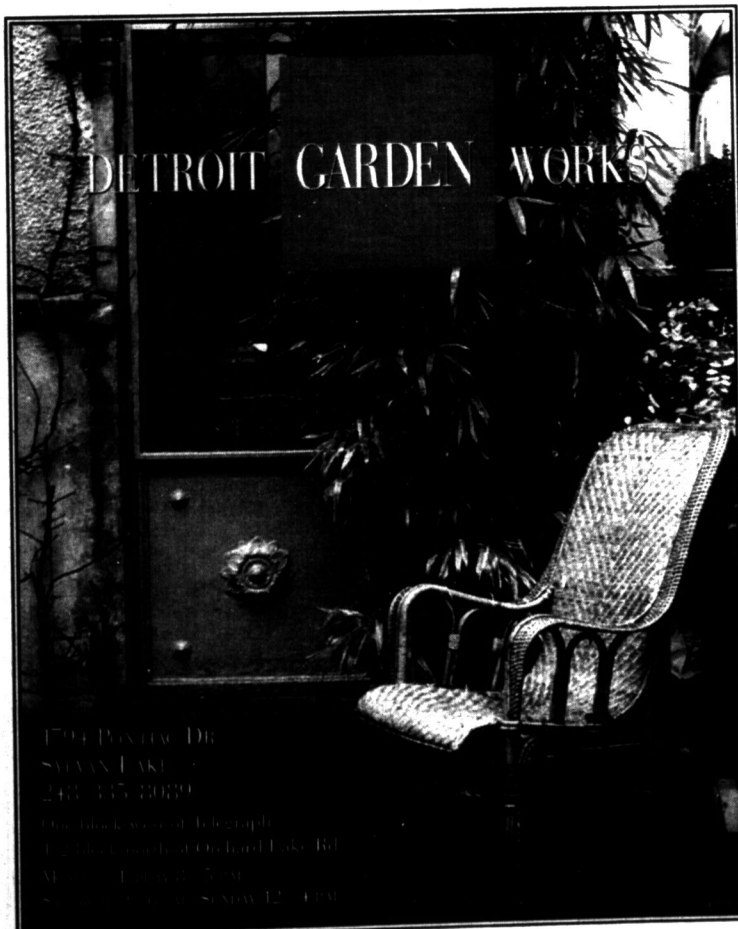
"As a family-owned business, along with associates Brent Taylor, Pam Woodgate, Terri Anstett and Doug Fitzgerald, we specialize in personalized service," Pat Wlodarczyk said.

"We chose to stay in Walled Lake because of the residential growth and we are pleased with the direction the

city is taking to maintain a small town atmosphere."

"Independent businesses are what makes a downtown unique. Modern Floors is a quality business and an asset to downtown. We're glad they chose to expand their business here," DDA chairman Casey Ambrose said.

The DDA, created in 1990, is responsible for business recruitment, retention and marketing of the downtown.



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Canine pouches send pooches packing in style

This summer, Fido can tote his own refreshments and toys to the beach, thanks to a special doggie backpack from Lazy Pet Products.

The Pooch Pack fits comfortably around a dog's midsection, allowing him to carry food, treats, bottled water, bowls and other items anywhere his human companions go.

Made of rugged Magnum weather-proof fabric, the Pooch Pack has two roomy storage pouches that rest on a dog's sides and are connected by a durable nylon mesh strip that runs across the back.

As a result of the backpack's ergonomic design features, the weight inside the pouches is distributed evenly over a pet's frame to ensure comfort and safety.

The storage pouches have depend-

able rustproof nylon zippers, as well as storm flaps that help keep their contents safe and dry in all kinds of weather.

The Pooch Pack is available in three sizes to fit most pets: small (up to 25 pounds), medium (25 to 50 pounds) and large (more than 50 pounds).

Adjustable straps allow pet owners to custom-fit the backpack to their four-footed friend. A quick-release feature on the buckles makes it easy to put the Pooch Pack on and take it off.

"Dogs seem to enjoy wearing the Pooch Pack," said Dennis Curley, president of Lazy Pet Products. "Aside from feeling comfortable when it's on, the Pooch Pack draws attention to the dog, which is something that most pets really appreciate."



Canine carrier: The Pooch Pack fits comfortably around a dog's midsection, allowing the dog to carry food, bowls and other items anywhere humans go.

The attractively designed Pooch Pack is available in bright red or royal blue. It is handcrafted to be both durable and weatherproof. In addition to being the perfect beach tote, the Pooch Pack is ideal for camping, hiking and picnicking with your pet.

The suggested retail price of the Pooch Pack ranges from \$33.99 to \$55.99, depending on the size.

For more information, call Lazy Pet Products at (800) 738-2335 or (714) 529-0400; or fax (714) 529-5500.

Cool Kong helps dogs hit the beach with fun this summer

It may not be beach volleyball, but dogs now have their own sport to play when they visit the lake or ocean this summer. Cool canines are beating the heat by playing "swim 'n fetch" with the Cool Kong, the first water sports toy for

dogs.

A ridged cone-shaped toy made of natural rubber, the Cool Kong floats when tossed into the water. An attached braided rope makes it easy for humans to throw the toy long distances into the

lake or sea, where Bowser can swim out and retrieve it.

Because the rubber has a springy texture, the dog can comfortably carry the toy between its jaws as it swims back to shore, and then the retrieving game can start all over again.

"Dogs love to swim and they love to fetch, so why not have a toy that combines both?" said Joe Markham, president of The Kong Co., which is based in Golden, Colo., and which manufactures the Cool Kong.

"Swimming-and-retrieving is a great way for dogs to cool off in hot weather, and it's a lot of fun for them."

The Cool Kong is modeled after another well-known dog toy made by The Kong Co., the Kong Toy.

Recently voted one of the three best-selling dog toys in a survey of pet store operators conducted by Pet Age magazine, the original Kong Toy has won numerous endorsements from canine behavior experts as a stress-relieving chew toy that can help dogs cope with separation anxiety.

The Kong Toy's ridged conical shape makes it bounce in unpredictable directions, providing endless hours of entertainment for canines, and its hollow center can be stuffed with dog biscuits and treats for the animal to "lick out." It's the only dog toy ever to receive a patent for its shape.

The new Cool Kong has the same distinctive cone shape as the Kong Toy. But unlike the hollow-centered original, it is filled with a soft rubber so it will float.

Another special feature of the Cool Kong is its bright color scheme: sky blue and white with an attached yellow rope. This gives it a "nautical" appearance that fits in well with summer beach activities.

The Cool Kong isn't limited to water sports. With its attached throw rope, it makes a super retriever toy for field use, since it can be flung long distances. As with the original Kong, its erratically bouncing shape and chewy texture will keep dogs happily occupied.

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Proper care can extend life of quilt

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Whether a quilt dates from 1850, 1950 or today, wrote Marie Proeller in an article in the June issue of Country Living, proper care can help extend its life span.

Collectors are often warned: "Never clean an antique quilt." But this advice isn't always realistic. Sometimes a flea market find is truly filthy. Spills and other household accidents might stain a quilt that's on display. And some people just prefer crisp, clean colors to the yellowed patina that many feel is intrinsic to a vintage quilt's charm.

When cleaning a quilt, always proceed with caution.

First of all, determine whether the quilt in question is sturdy enough to withstand cleaning. Look for secure stitches, batting that is firmly enclosed

by the quilt's top and backing, and fabric that is neither torn nor deteriorating. If your quilt meets these criteria, and it is fashioned of cotton or linen, you may be able to undertake a gentle cleaning in your home.

Sturdy wool or silk quilts can be dry-cleaned if the cleaner is willing to do it by hand. Ask in advance if the firm has experience with this process, with large pieces, and with delicate, vintage fabrics. If your quilt is fragile, it is advisable to have a person trained in textile conservation carry out the cleaning.

Before you begin cleaning a sturdy cotton or linen quilt, perform a test to determine if the dyes are fast. Choose an unobtrusive corner of the quilt and place a few drops of water on the fabric. Press firmly with a white blotter. If color appears on the blotter, don't try to clean the quilt yourself. If no color appears,

try again on other spots to be sure all the fabrics are stable. Repeat the process using drops of water mixed with mild detergent.

Fill a bathtub about halfway with lukewarm water. Lay the quilt in the water and let it soak for about 30 minutes. Drain without removing the quilt, then refill. Add a 1/2-cup of mild liquid dish detergent like Ivory. Harsh detergents and chlorine bleach should never be used. Gently agitate from time to time for about 30 minutes. Drain and refill the tub with cool water several times until all evidence of soap is rinsed away.

For all-white quilts, diluted solutions of oxygen bleach (like Clorox 2) can be used for mild bleaching. Add about a 1/2-cup per 1/2-tub of water. Soak for about 15 to 20 minutes, then repeat the detergent bath and rinse.

Don't be overzealous about stain removal. Old stains may have set for good, and excessive cleaning in one area may result in a lightened ring around the stain.

Gently squeeze out excess water - don't wring it. Lay the quilt out flat on absorbent towels and lightly press out as much water as you can. On bright, dry days, you may dry the quilt outdoors. Place it face-down on a sheet or a cotton mattress pad on the grass and out of direct sunlight. Cover with another cotton sheet to block bugs, acorns, passing birds, and other threats from nature.

If drying the quilt indoors, lay it flat on towels and train an electric fan over the surface. Never line-dry a quilt, as uneven distribution of weight can weaken both the fabric and the stitching.

'Rose by any other name' story contest seeks rosy prose

A contest for writing short, short stories using names of patented roses is being sponsored by Brickscape Gardens.

Brickscape is providing a list of 115 registered rose names, any of which may be used to "write a captivating short short story of 100 words or less, capitalizing the rose names." Lists may be picked up at Brickscape Gardens during regular store hours.

For contest information, call Brickscape at (248) 348-2500.

Entries are to be turned in on or before Sunday, May 31, at Brickscape Gardens, on Brickscape Drive just north of Eight Mile and just east of Novi Road on the limit between Northville and Novi.

Writers may use as many names as they like, making the story exciting, romantic, funny, sad, whatever they think will capture the judges' fancy. Only one entry per person will be eligible for awards.

The stories will be judged by profes-

sional writers on creativity and entertainment value. Judges' decision will be final.

Prizes are: first prize - Rose trellis and a Jackson & Perkins climbing rose, combined value \$100, or a gift certificate for \$100; second prize - Corona pruning shears, \$35; third prize - thorn-resistant rose gloves, \$20.

The first 25 entrants will receive a \$5 gift certificate toward the purchase of a Jackson & Perkins rose of their selection.

The following short, short story using climber rose names is provided by Brickscape as an example:

"An AUTUMN SUNSET hung lazily over DUBLIN BAY when BLAZE ALTISSIMO first saw him. Framed against the ROYAL GOLD sun, the athletic figure of DON JUAN was DYNAMITE as he vaulted a wall and landed at her feet. 'I've watched you from afar, BLAZE, darling. Your BERRIES 'N CREAM complexion dazzles my eyes.' 'Aw, you're a real DREAM WEAVER,

Mr. Juan, they're just freckles.' 'Non-sense, my love,' said Don, wrapping his JOSEPH'S COAT of many colors tightly around them both, shielding her from

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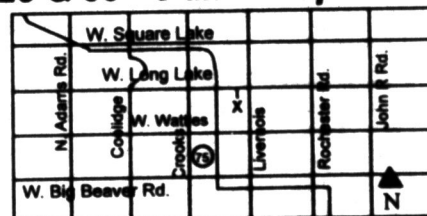
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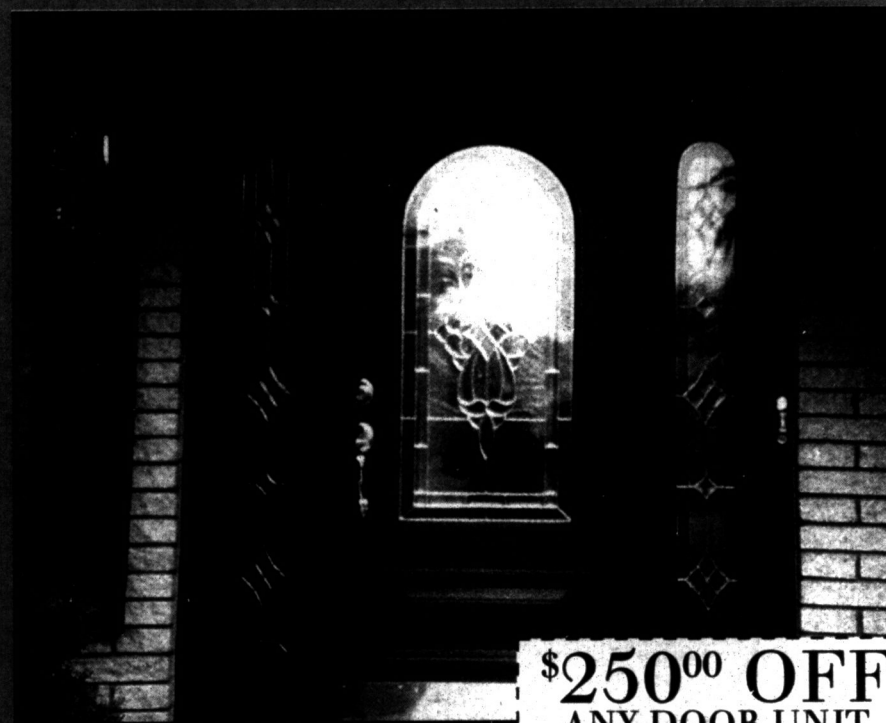
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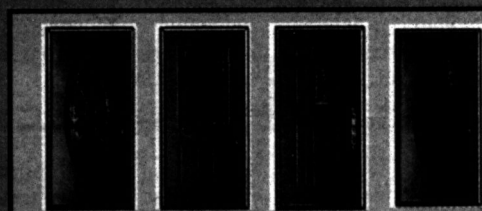
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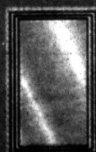


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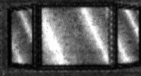


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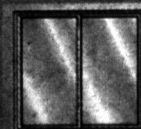


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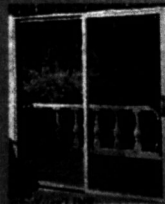


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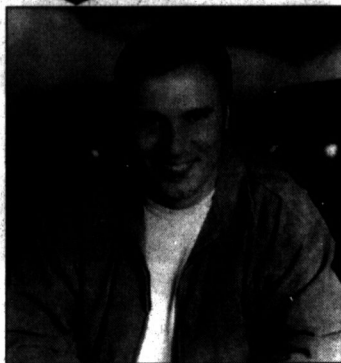
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Kids Konkert Series features the comedy ventriloquism of David Steward 1:30 p.m. at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road. Tickets \$2.50 per person, (248) 424-9022.

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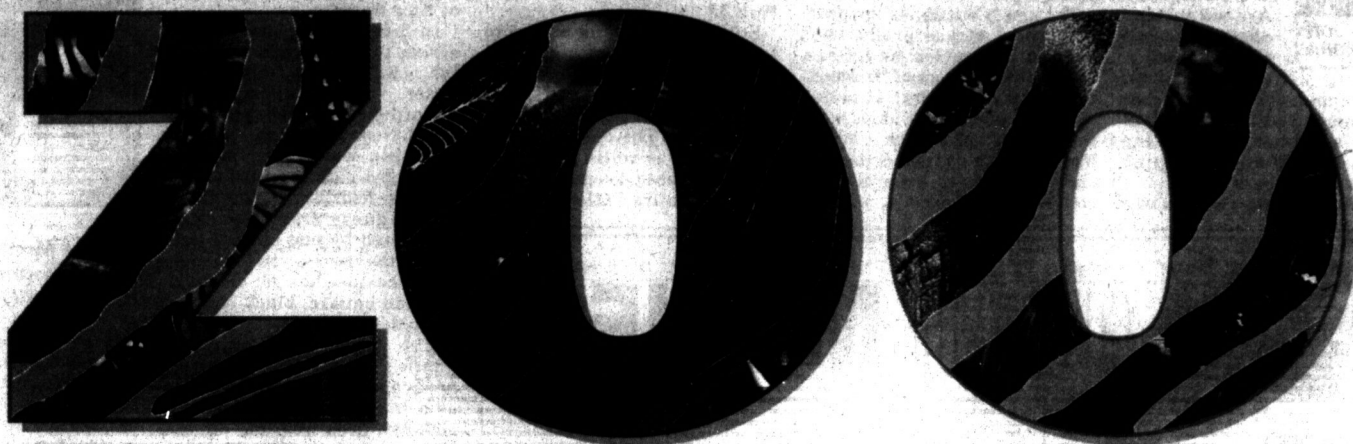
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HOT



Hot Tix: Return to Rydell High School for a class reunion with the cast of "Grease" through Sunday, May 31, at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$42.50 to \$11.25, call (248) 433-1515.

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AT 70 PARK HEADS FULL SPEED INTO 21ST CENTURY

Pat Smyth is excited about his new baby at the Detroit Zoo. Born in April, the chimpanzee will join 15 others in the Great Apes of Harambee house where Smyth is the principal keeper of primates.

This chimp will have a far different life from Jo Mendi who gave his first performance in chimp shows at the zoo in 1932. The shows ended in 1982 when attitudes began changing about animal treatment. The Detroit Zoo established new standards for animal welfare and in 1989 opened the Great Apes of Harambee exhibit designed with a naturalistic habitat to meet the social needs of chimps.

Today, the new chimp along with the gorillas, dine on fresh pineapple, grapefruit, cantaloupe, carrots and cooked sweet potatoes and onions. Behind-the-scenes visitors must run the soles of their shoes through a foot bath

before entering to prevent contamination.

An exhibit in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery, "A Celebration of Memories: 70 Years at the Detroit Zoo," takes visitors through the chimp shows and the years 1928 to 1940 when Pauline the zoo's first elephant, gave rides to visitors. An abstract cedar forest 14-feet high is the centerpiece of the historic photographs featuring Jo Mendi and Pauline, who helped build the zoo by doing heavy labor where machinery found it difficult to maneuver.

"We wanted to find a way to give back to the community for their support and to show how the zoo's changed over the years," said Darrel McFadden, deputy director of the zoo. "The chimp shows and elephant back riding are gone forever. Over the years, facilities have really changed but also how we view animals. We try to affect people's attitudes. We're more action now. We as humans have a tremendous

impact on conservation and animal welfare."

McFadden takes pride in the fact the zoo not only owns but exhibits a bronze Persian fallow deer more than 4,000 years old and a contemporary sculpture of an elephant made from bullets in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery. Opened in 1995 in the old Bird House, the gallery is one example of the renovation and growth as the zoo heads into the 21st century. The 10,000 square foot gallery's interactive computer stations, theater, and fine art offer an unequalled multi-media experience for visitors.

"We're the only zoo that exhibits its art collection," said McFadden. "It's important to show how we impact nature through art. The elephant sculpture symbolizes the elephant-poaching going on in southern Africa. We have a tremendous impact on the environment but we also have

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A Celebration of Memories: 70 Years at the Detroit Zoo

WHAT: An exhibit of historic photographs tracing the park since its opening in 1928.

WHEN: Through Sunday, Sept. 13. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily through Monday, Sept. 7. On Wednesdays, from June 17 to Sept. 2. Zoo stays open until 8 p.m. After Sept. 7, the zoo will close daily at 5 p.m.

WHERE: The Detroit Zoo, 8450 West 10 Mile at Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. For more information, call (248) 398-0900.

COST: Admission \$7.50 adults, \$5.50 students/seniors age 62 and older, \$4.50 children ages 2-12.

Through Labor Day, visitors celebrating their birthday the same day they attend the zoo are admitted free of charge. Also, 70-year-olds celebrating birthdays during the month receive free admission. Monday-Monday, July 6 to Aug. 24 children admitted to Zoo free.

RELATED ACTIVITIES

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■ Wednesday, July 1 to Aug. 26 Concerts in the Park and docent storytelling.

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■ Wednesday, Sept. 9 Senior Citizens Day.

■ Saturday, Sept. 12 - Zoo Ball: Blacktie Gala Fundraiser.

Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival

WHERE: Sunday, May 31-Saturday, June 20
WHERE: St. Hugo of the Hills Church, 2215 Opdyke, at Hickory Grove Road, Bloomfield Hills; Temple Beth El, 14 Mile Road at Telegraph, Birmingham; Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Road, (one mile west of Telegraph), the Detroit Zoo, 8450 West 10 Mile at Woodward Ave., Royal Oak.; Cranbrook Institute of Science, 500 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills.

TICKETS: Call (248) 362-6171 for more information, and to order tickets. Tickets also available at Ticketmaster, (248) 645-6666.

■ Single concert tickets - \$26, seniors and students \$21

■ Family concert tickets - \$7 per person

Subscription concert prices:

■ Five concert package - \$100, seniors and students \$85

■ Seven concert package - \$120, seniors and students \$105

Family Concerts:

■ 3 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, May 31 - Wildlife Interpretive Gallery, The Detroit Zoo.

Features: Ruth Laredo, Stephen Dubov, Detroit Chamber Winds
Program: "Animal Ditties," Plog: "Peter and the Wolf," Prokofiev

■ 4 p.m. Sunday, June 7 -

Cranbrook Institute of Science
Features: James Tocco, Detroit Chamber Winds
Program: "The Letter 'B'"

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■ 8 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, June 9-10 -

Temple Beth El Chapel

■ 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, June 11-12 -

St. Hugo's Chapel

■ 8 p.m. Saturday, June 13 -

Kirk in the Hills Sanctuary. Prelude, Joan Tower and James Tocco in conversation.

■ 8 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, June 16-17 -

Temple Beth El Chapel

■ 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, June 18-19 -

Kirk in the Hills Chapel

■ 8 p.m. Saturday, June 20 -

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■ 7 p.m. Sunday, June 14 -

Temple Beth El, all Tower Concert with guest Joan Tower.

Tickets \$20, seniors and students \$15

■ 8 p.m. Monday, June 15 -

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lake Shore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms. All Mozart concert featuring Ruth Laredo, Jonathan Biss, James Tocco, St. Lawrence Quartet, and Craig Rifel (double bass). Tickets \$20, seniors and students \$15

■ 11 a.m. Sunday, June 14 -

Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. (Brunch with Bach), call (313) 833-4005 for ticket information.



At the zoo: Detroit Chamber Winds members Bryan Kennedy (left to right), Breda Anderson and Maury Okun will perform in a family concert at the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery at the Detroit Zoo on May 31.

Finding the key to success

Sitting behind a desk in his crowded office in a Troy high-rise tower, Maury Okun looks more like a terminally busy stockbroker than an insatiable musician who happens to be executive director of one of the fastest-growing chamber music festivals in the country.

The office sounds are disharmonious: beepers, the irritating crackle of the fax line and the annoying call-waiting reminder that someone is on the "other" line.

It's a long way from blowing trombone with the Michigan Opera Theatre and the Detroit Chamber Winds.

But it's all music, just a different key to Okun.

In the days before the opening of the fifth annual Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival on May 31, Okun searches for a rhythm among budgets, itineraries of 17 musicians, and

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ALBUM DEBUT

Hip-hop drives Getaway Cruiser's debut album

Recording a debut album in a big-name studio with well-known producers can be intimidating. For Dina Harrison, vocalist for the Ann Arbor-based rock band Getaway Cruiser, it drove her right out of the studio.

Getaway Cruiser recorded its self-titled debut in Philadelphia with the Butcher Brothers, best known for their work with Urge Overkill and Cypress Hill. Occasionally friends of the Butcher Brothers, also known as Joe and Phil Nicolo, would stop by and visit - Grammy winners the Fugees, funk rockers Urban Dance Squad and metal bands Cinderella and Skid Row.

"The scariest was when Lauryn Hill walked into the studio while I was singing," Harrison said of the Fugees' singer. "I just about fell over as soon as I looked over and saw her. I stopped singing and ran

out of the studio."

To calm her nerves, Harrison struck up a conversation with Hill about her bonnet-wearing baby. Cooing over the baby and telling Hill how cute she was, Hill quickly informed Harrison that the baby was not a girl but a boy.

Visits with other performers cruised right along, however. Kool Keith of Ultramagnetic MCs, now recording under the name Dr. Octagon, agreed to lend his vocals to "Wasting Away," a song about the hopeless feeling that drives young adults to suicide.

Playing off of Harrison's lyrics, Kool Keith, accompanied by a haunting bass line, ends his rap with "a lonely woman alone in a room with a burning candle/sitting there/looking at four walls coming in close."

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Releasing debut: The Ann Arbor-based rock band Getaway Cruiser - which includes brothers Chris and Drew Peters, who graduated from Brother Rice High School in Birmingham in 1990 and 1992, respectively - will perform songs from its self-titled debut Sunday, June 7, at The Shelter in Detroit when it opens for Suervedriver. "Getaway Cruiser" drives into stores Tuesday, June 2.

Hollywood 'Godzilla' just another trip to Jurassic Park

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JOHN MONAGHAN

Size doesn't mean squat. Sure, Hollywood spent \$120 million to make Godzilla look more realistic, but he's also lost his soul.

Soul? you ask incredulously. Are we talking about the same Godzilla, who, since his first screen appearance in 1954, has been comprised of a Japanese guy in a rubber suit kicking Tonka trucks and stomping model kit versions of Tokyo?

For all his faults, Godzilla was

dedicated and unapologetic when it came to his dubious exploits. And I was right there with him. Like most kids, I watched Godzilla (in the pre-cable days, when Channel 7 really was Channel 7) battle that giant lobster on the 4:30 p.m. movie. Unlike most adults, I still think these movies have a kind of kookie merit.

The new "Godzilla" is the product (and I stress product) of Roland Emmerich and Dean Devlin, the creators of "Independence Day." In that summer mega-hit, alien space ships were the villains and, though it looked like the script as well as the special effects were generated by computer, it paid a decent

homage.

After all the hype about what Godzilla looks like, our man is nothing more than a cross between a Kimodo dragon and a T-Rex. Heck, he's not even a man anymore, but a new breed of asexual reptile who lays eggs from which spring a whole nest of hungry baby dinosaurs. It might as well be called "Jurassic Park 8."

Still, expect a wink or two to loyal fans. An early scene with the Japanese fishing boat that becomes the lizard king's first on-screen meal has the proper atmosphere. The one surviving seaman, eyes rolling into the back of his head, keeps repeating "Gojira, Gojira," (the original

movie's Japanese title), which the American media butchers as Godzilla.

New York's skyscrapers and labyrinth streets provide a fitting home for Godzilla to roam (what other city is so big that a dinosaur could get lost in it?). These scenes are the movie's best, as a battalion of helicopters engage in dogfights reminiscent of "Star Wars."

In fact, several movies will spring to mind when watching the new "Godzilla," all of them better.

Matthew Broderick plays scientist Nick Tatopolous, plucked from his work with mutant Chernobyl nightcrawlers to join the Stop Godzilla mission. If you didn't guess from his name (butchered by just about everyone in the movie), you know he's Greek because he's got an ethnic cap and square, black-rimmed Nina Mouskouri glasses.

His "college sweetheart" (Maria Pitillo) is now an aspiring newspaper reporter who snatches a top secret videotape and gets him fired from the project. He joins up instead with a team of French secret service agents trying to clean up the mess their country made by launching more nuclear bombs.

Even when Godzilla appears, he's drenched in shadows and rain. Most of the movie takes



CENTROPOLIS EFFECTS

King of Monsters: The giant creature, Godzilla continues his unmerciful march through the steets of Manhattan in "Godzilla."

place at night, and in a downpour, presumably to make the creature look less computer generated. (There hasn't been this much effort to hide an actor's flaws since, well, "The Horse Whisperer.")

It doesn't work. This impostor Godzilla isn't fooling anyone. Our only solace is that renewed interest in the green guy may force some video re-releases of

the original Toho series, when Godzilla really was, as the original movie's extended title suggests, "King of Monsters."

John Monaghan welcomes your calls and comments. You can listen to him WYUR-1310 AM 6:50 a.m. Fridays. To leave John a voice mail message, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1866.

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STREET SCENE

Can anything top a Bacharach bash for Ben Folds Five?

Riding high on the success of the ballad "Brick," Ben Folds is already letting stardom get to him.

"You'd think I'm happy, but I'm not. It's isolating me. People don't understand me. I can't get my deli tray right. I'm having thoughts about jumping out windows," said Folds, the pianist and singer of his namesake trio Ben Folds Five.

Calling from his home in Chapel Hill, N.C., he reveals his facetiousness.

"No," he said with a laugh. "I'm kidding. Everything's fine. I've just barely had time to get that way. I've been like a machine, which is OK. But when you come down from being a machine, you have two years of personal life to deal with."

To longtime Ben Folds Five

fans, it's surprising that "Brick" from the album "Whatever and Ever Amen" (Sony 550 Music) was the single that broke through to mainstream radio fans. Ben Folds Five is best known for punchy, cynical piano-pop songs. Radio listeners passed right by the first two singles, "Battle of Who Could Care Less" and "One Angry Dwarf and 200 Solemn Faces," which showcase that trait.

"I think with our real fans, that's the acid test. If you're surprised it was 'Brick' (that was successful) then you're really happy with what we did before," Folds said.

But "Brick," an autobiographical tale Folds and drummer Darren Jessee wrote about Folds taking his girlfriend to an abortion clinic, has allowed the band

to do "a lot of neat things."

"We played the other night on the Burt Bacharach special," he said of the TNT show "Burt Bacharach: One Amazing Night." Ben Folds Five, which is rounded out by bassist Robert Sledge, performed "Rain Drops Keep Falling on My Head."

"That was one of the neatest things that we've ever done. To do something like that, we could quit after that. I can't think of much that we haven't done that would rank up there. We could go play Giants Stadium, that's another one on the list. Madison Square Garden? Oh, we never got to be on 'The Muppet Show.' That's a bummer," he added.

Folds, whose band is opening for Dave Matthews Band at Giant Stadium on June 7, is pleasantly surprised that "The

Muppet Show" was recently resurrected.

"Maybe that's something to conquer," Folds said enthusiastically.

One thing that Folds isn't too thrilled about is Caroline Records' release earlier this year of "Naked Baby Photos," a collection of b-sides, demos, and live tracks.

"I'm glad it's documented, but I can't say I'm proud of it as an album. If I were a true fan of someone I would like to have that album. But if I was marginal about the band I'd be pretty (ticked) off that I bought it."

He is proud of "Emaline," a song, which according to the liner notes, was cut off its self-titled debut (Caroline Records) because the label wasn't comfort-

able with marketing an album with 15 songs.

"I would have been really happy for 'Emaline' to be a single, but it's kind of hard to compete for a single with Sony. Caroline would get squashed like a grape."

To further promote its proper release "Whatever and Ever Amen," Ben Folds Five along with Sean Lennon is opening for Beck on Tuesday, June 2, at Pine Knob Music Theatre in Clarkston. The band's previous shows in the area haven't been as cushy.

Ben Folds Five, on its tour supporting its 1995 self-titled debut, had a memorable show at The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit.

"I remember that because of the trip down the stairs with

that piano. (The punk band) Pennywise was playing upstairs and it was really loud. These two kids were following me all around town, too," Folds said.

"I wouldn't have thought that it would be so bad for us so early. It's the fanatics that get to you anyway. If your fan base is not that big it's made up of all fanatics. It gets better when the mainstream comes and washes away the fanatics. They're on to something else. The worst it gets now is someone knocks on my door, takes my picture and runs."

Tickets, \$20 pavilion and \$15 lawn, are still available for the 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 2, show at Pine Knob Music Theatre, 1-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. For more information, call (248) 377-0100 or visit <http://www.palacenet.com>.

Semisonic pitches its seductive sound to the bedroom

Dan Wilson wanted his band's sophomore effort to be "a bedroom record."

"I imagine singing to one person, that I'm whispering in one ear," Wilson explained.

His intimate love letter is "Feeling Strangely Fine," Semisonic's second release for MCA Records.

In the addictive "Singing in My Sleep" tells of how Wilson was charmed by gift he received.

"The main inspiration of that was I got a real amazing compilation tape from a woman who was trying to seduce me. I think it's nothing that I do very well but I've gotten compilation tapes from friends and when they're done, they're so powerful," Wilson said.

"There's a line in the song, 'I've been living in your cassette/It's the modern equivalent/Singing up to a Capulet/On a balcony in your mind.' Now people serenade each other with cassettes rather than going to somebody's balcony, taking an acoustic guitar and singing up to them," he added.

So, did it seduce him? He won't

say.

In the piano-driven "Made to Last," Wilson sings adoringly "Beautiful one/Asleep in the sun/Secret, sweet and sublime/I hope you last a long, long time."

His favorite song on "Feeling Strangely Fine," however is the coy "DND" in which he sings "DND/Hang the sing on the door/DND/Don't disturb us no more."

"It has the perfect combination of passion and groove. To me it has lots of emotion, a great melody which is an amazing combination. Everything is perfect for my taste," Wilson said.

He and bandmates bassist John Munson and drummer Jacob Slichter, alumni of WPLT's "Planetfest," went into Minneapolis's Seedy Underbelly studios to record "Feeling Strangely Fine" with no plan in mind.

"We didn't plan on how to play them (the songs) or how to record them. I'd spring something on the guys, turn on the tape and respond to it then and there," Wilson explained.

"We wanted to try to create a process in making the album. We

wanted as many first tries as possible. Like for 'Secret Smile,' we did a disco version of that song. We threw it away and tried something else."

The final version of "Secret Smile" is a laid-back, organ-led ballad.

Semisonic also treated each song as an individual entity as opposed to taking the record as a

whole.

"Every song was a separate project from the last. On the 'Great Divide' (Semisonic's stunning debut) we probably included every idea we had on every song. In the end, we had to take some things off," Wilson explained.

"This time we were lavishing attention on each individual

song. We recorded more tracks than we needed by quite a bit."

Whatever the process, "Feeling Strangely Fine" is a pop gem. Semisonic and Athenaeum perform Wednesday, June 3, at the 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac.

Doors open at 8 p.m. for the 18 and older show. Tickets are \$10 in advance. For more information, <http://www.99music.com> or call (248) 335-8100. Semisonic's e-mail address is semisonic@aol.com.



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THEATER

CAPITOL THEATRE

"Beatlemania," 8 p.m. Thursday, June 4, in the theater's Pentastar Playhouse, 121 University Ave. W., Windsor, Ontario. \$18 (Canadian). (519) 253-8065 or <http://www.mnsi.net/~capitol> or capitol@mnsi.net

FISHER THEATRE

"Rent" continues through June 13 at the Fisher Theatre, 3011 W. Grand Boulevard, Detroit. \$26-\$60. Seats in the front two rows of the orchestra will be made available for every performance for \$20, available at Fisher Theatre box office on the day of performance only, two hours before the show, and are available to anyone, cash only, with a limit of two tickets per person. Line ups begin no earlier than 6 a.m. and no line jumping or space saving. Enter the Fisher Building at the south entrance on West Grand Boulevard. (248) 645-6666

OPERA

MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE

"Porgy and Bess," with Peabo Bryson making his operatic debut as "Sportin' Life," 8 p.m. Saturday, May 30, 2 p.m. Sunday, May 31, 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, June 3-6, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, June 7, 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, June 10-13, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, June 14, at the opera house, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. (313) 874-SING/(248) 645-6666

COMMUNITY THEATER

FARMINGTON PLAYERS

Encore performance of "Sylvia," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 5-6; 2 p.m. Sunday, June 7 and 8 p.m. Friday, June 12 at the playhouse, 32332 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Tickets \$10, call (248) 553-2955. An added benefit performance, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 13 is being organized by former Farmington Mayor Shirley Richardson and her husband, John, a local veterinarian. Tickets \$30 each, call (248) 623-4662. An afterglow with hors d'oeuvres and refreshments is included in the benefit ticket price.

R.A.L.Y.- REDFORD ASSISTING LOCAL YOUTH

"Speak No Evil," original script written by Mary Koerchner about the devastating effects of alcoholism on the family, 7 p.m. Saturday, May 30, at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway, next to Capital Park, Redford. \$5, \$3 students. (313) 387-2775

SRO PRODUCTIONS

"Crossing Delancey" Fridays-Sundays, through May 31, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays, at the Burgh, Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, east of Telegraph, Southfield. \$8, \$7 seniors/children. (248) 827-0701

STAGECRAFTERS

"Kismet: A Musical Arabian Night," Thursday-Sunday, May 28-31, and Friday-Sunday, June 5-7, at the theater, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. \$12-\$14. (248) 541-6430

ST. DUNSTAN'S THEATRE GUILD OF CRANBROOK

"Into the Woods" music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, in the Cranbrook Greek Theatre, adjacent to the St. Dunstan's Pavilion, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 5-6; 2 p.m. Sunday, June 7; 8:30 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, June 11-13. Tickets, \$15 adults, \$12 students and seniors. (248) 644-0527.

DINNER THEATER

GENETTI'S HOLE-IN-THE-WALL

"Trial By Error," live interactive comedy dinner theater, through June at the restaurant, 108 E. Main St., Northville. \$39.95 includes seven-course dinner, dessert, the show, tax and tip. (248) 349-0522

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

MARQUIS THEATRE

"Hansel and Gretel," 2:30 p.m. Saturday, June 6, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. \$5.50. Children younger than 3 will not be admitted. (248) 349-8110

MOSAIC YOUTH THEATRE OF DETROIT

"heartBEAT," a new musical play about love, hate, and rhythm, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 29-30, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 31, youth matinees 10 a.m. Thursday-Friday, May 28-29, at the Music Hall Center, Detroit. \$15, \$7 student/seniors. (313) 963-2366/(248) 645-6666, for group rates (313) 554-1422

SPECIAL EVENTS

BEANIE BABY SHOW AND SALE



Class reunion: Flashback to the first day of senior year, September 1958 at Rydell High School. Meet the Burger Palace Boys and the Pink Ladies in "Grease!" with Erik Estrada and Sandra Dee, through Sunday, May 31, at the theater, 2111 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Performances 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 28-30; with additional shows noon and 4 p.m. Saturday, May 30; 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 31. Tickets \$42.50 to \$11.25 at the box office, and all Ticketmaster outlets. Call (248) 433-1515 or (313) 983-6611

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 7, Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth. \$4, \$2 for children ages 4-12. (734) 455-2110

COMPUTER AND TECHNOLOGY SHOW

Noon to 9 p.m. Friday, May 29, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, May 20, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, May 31, Gibraltar Trade Center, 15525 Rancho Road, Taylor. (734) 287-2000

DOWNRIVER FAIR AND EXPO

Featuring 40 amusement rides, games and attractions, and circus acts, Thursday-Sunday, May 28-June 7, Gibraltar Trade Center, 15525 Rancho Road, Taylor. 3-11 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 3 p.m. to midnight Friday, noon to midnight Saturday-Sunday. (734) 287-2000

NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN DANCE AND EXPOSITION

Featuring traditional dancers, basket weavers, fancy dancers, beadwork, grass dancers and jingle dress dancers, and authentic Indian items for sale, noon to 9 p.m. Friday, May 29, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, May 30, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, May 31, Gibraltar Trade Center, 15525 Rancho Road, Taylor. (734) 287-2000

YPSILANTI ORPHAN CAR SHOW

With more than 300 "orphan cars" - Austin, Crosley, Frazer, Graham, Hudson, Kaiser, Nash, Packard, Rambler, Studebaker, and Tucker - Sunday, May 31, Riverside Park in Historic Depot Town, Ypsilanti. \$2, benefits Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum. (734) 483-4444, info@ypsilanti.org or <http://www.ypsilanti.org>

BENEFITS

"FATHER'S DAY GOURMET JAZZ BRUNCH"

With Matt Michaels Trio and special guests George Benson and Johnny Trudell, noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 21, The Waterman Center, Schoolcraft College, Livonia. \$22.50 by Friday, June 12. Send check payable to Michigan Jazz Festival to Midleg Ellis, 20457 Maplewood Road, Livonia, Mich., 48152-2022. Benefits the Michigan Jazz Festival. (248) 474-2720/(248) 437-9468

SIP, SWIRL, SAVOR FINE WINES

Third annual Great Lakes-Great Wine Walk Around Tasting, 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 3, Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus, Farmington Hills. Tickets \$40 per person, call (248) 471-6340. Proceeds benefit scholarships for culinary arts and management students.

THE GARDEN PARTY, LA FETE AU JARDIN

Presented by The St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center featuring more than 60 chefs preparing delicacies from metro Detroit restaurants, a wine tasting, live auction and musical entertainment, 1-6 p.m. Sunday, June 7, in the gardens of the center, 27400 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Tickets \$125 per person, \$300 patron tickets includes two tickets and complimentary valet parking, \$600 benefactor tickets includes four tickets and complimentary valet

parking. Call for information. (248) 626-7527, ext. 3115

FAMILY EVENTS

KIDS CONCERT SERIES

Featuring the comedy ventriloquism of David Stewart along with his puppet friends, 1:30-2:15 p.m. Saturday, May 30, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road. \$3.25, groups of 10 or more \$2.50 and may use a party room at no additional cost (based on availability). (248) 424-9022

CLASSICAL

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

With conductor Neeme Jarvi performs Rimsky-Korsakov's "Scheherazade," 8 p.m. Thursday, May 28, 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, May 29, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, May 30; With violinist Leila Josefowicz and conductor Leslie B. Dunner, 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, June 5, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, June 6, Orchestra Hall, 3663 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$17-\$60. (313) 576-5100 or <http://www.detroitssymphony.com>

LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

"Mountains, Valleys & Steppes" concert in recognition of great Ukrainian music, with guest artists Volodymyr Vynnytsky, pianist, Christina Lybecky, mezzo-soprano, Jerome Cisaruk, baritone, and narrator Marko Farion, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 30, at Churchill High School auditorium, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy Road, Livonia. \$12.50, (248) 645-6666/(734) 421-1111

OWAIN PHYFE

As part of "garb night" 7 p.m. Thursday, May 28, O'Mara's, 2555 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley. Free. 21 and older. (renaissance night) (248) 399-6750

POPS/SWING

ORIGINAL MOON

6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, June 5, Kellogg Park, Ann Arbor Trail and Main Street, downtown Plymouth. Free. All ages. (pops) (734) 453-1234

BILLY ROSE ORCHESTRA

9 p.m. Saturday, May 30, O'Mara's, 2555 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley. Free. 21 and older. (248) 399-6750

ORGAN

MOTOR CITY THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

Movies and concerts series continues with "This Time for Keeps" starring Esther Williams, Xavier Cugat and his orchestra and Jimmy Durante, 7:30 p.m. Friday May 29, and 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 30, the Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser at Grand River, Detroit. Organ overture precedes film, guest organist Gus Borman. \$2.50, (313) 531-4407

AUDITIONS/WORKSHOPS

HENRY FORD COMMUNITY

COLLEGE

Auditions for 15 roles plus crew positions for contemporary staging of the "Comedy of Errors," 7 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, June 2-3, in the Mackenzie Fine Arts Building, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn. Course fee required after casting. (313) 845-9817

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE

Oakland University's professional theater company is holding auditions for Equity actor for the 1998-1999 season by appointment only, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 29-30, non-Equity actors may sign in on the audition days and may be seen in between the Equity appointments, at the theater in Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester.

Auditions also for child actors for 1998-99 season to include "The Merry Wives of Windsor," "The Miracle Worker" and "A Christmas Carol," 1 p.m. Sunday, May 31. (248) 370-3310.

THEATER GUILD OF REDFORD-LIVONIA

Offers acting classes for youth in grades K-9 beginning Saturday, June 20 to July 25, classes for grades K-2 are 9 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., grades 3-6 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., and grades 7-9 noon to 1:15 p.m. at the playhouse, 15138 Beech Daly, Redford. \$45, students must register before June 13. (313) 537-4145

SECOND CITY KIDS' CAMP

Two-week day camp for kids ages 10-16 that helps children develop teamwork skills, by learning how to improvise in group situations, 9 a.m. to noon or 1-4 p.m. July 6-16 or Aug. 3-13, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$120. (313) 964-5821

CHORAL

SPIRIT OF DETROIT CHORUS OF SWEET ADELINES INTERNATIONAL

Perform songs ranging from Broadway to Motown, big band and jazz at the annual St. Aidan Women's Guild Leadership Recognition Dinner, 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 3, at the St. Aidan Activity Center, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. \$10 donation for dinner/entertainment. Reservations requested. (734) 591-1941/(734) 453-8736

JAZZ

SEAN BLACKMAN AND JOHN ARNOLD

10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 29-30, Jimmy's Double A, 314 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (gypsy jazz) (734) 332-0800

SANDRA BOMAR TRIO

8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, May 28, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (vocal/piano/bass trio) (248) 645-2150

RAY BROWN TRIO

9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 28-30, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$20. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

CANDY DULFER AND FUNKY STUFF

8 p.m. Thursday, June 4, Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St.,

Royal Oak. \$25 in advance. 21 and older. (funk) (248) 546-7610

JACK DRYDEN TRIO

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, June 5, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (bass/piano/guitar trio) (248) 645-2150

CHARLES GREENE

7-11 p.m. Friday, May 29, O'Mara's, 2555 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley. Free. 21 and older. (248) 399-6750

DALE GRISA TRIO

8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, June 4, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (piano/bass/drums trio) (248) 645-2150

GROOVE COLLECTIVE

With Jazodity, 8 p.m. Thursday, May 28, The Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (acid jazz) (313) 833-9700

WENDELL HARRISON TRIO

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, May 29, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (sax/piano/bass trio) (248) 645-2150

BILL HEID TRIO

8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, May 30, Agape Caffe, 205 Fifth Ave. (at Center Street), Royal Oak. Free. 25-cent surcharge on drinks during live entertainment. All ages. (248) 546-1400

HEIDI HEPLER & MICHELE RAMO

8:30-10:30 p.m. Thursdays, at Java Master, 33214 W. 14 Mile Road (east of Farmington Road), West Bloomfield; 7-10 p.m. Fridays, at Cafe Cortina, 30715 W. 10 Mile Road, Farmington Hills; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's Market, 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi. (248) 626-7393/(248) 474-3033/(248) 305-7333

JAZODITY

With Funktelligence and Mr. Freedom X, 9:30 p.m. Friday, June 5, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (jazz/funk/rock) (734) 996-8555

JAZZ MANDOLIN PROJECT

With Cindylee Berryhill, 8 p.m. Friday, May 29, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$8 in advance. 18 and older; 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 3, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$8 in advance. 19 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com/> (734) 996-8555

SHEILA LANDIS TRIO

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, May 30, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older; With Wendell Harrison, Rick Matlie, Renell Gonsalves and others, 8 p.m. to midnight Sunday, May 31, Bomac's Lounge, 281 Gratiot, Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (vocal/piano/bass trio) (248) 645-2150/(313) 961-5152

MATT MICHAELS TRIO

8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, May 28, with Barbara Ware, vocals; Thursday, June 4 with Paul Vornhagen, sax and vocals, at the Botsford Inn 28000 Grand River, Farmington Hills. \$5 cover waived with dinner. Reservations recommended. (248) 474-4800

TOLEDO

9 p.m. Saturday, May 30, Motor Lounge, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. Tickets at Ticketmaster. 21 and older. (jazzy swing/spoken word) (313) 369-0090 or <http://www.motordetroit.com>

URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON

With Dan Kolton, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays and Fridays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

NEW AGE

MICHAEL FRANKS

7:30 p.m. Friday, June 5, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$28.50 pavilion, \$15.50 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100

WORLD MUSIC

COMPANY O' STRANGERS

9 p.m. Friday, May 29, O'Grady's Irish Pub, 585 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy. Free. 21 and older. (Irish) (248) 524-4770

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JACK DRYDEN AND SOUNDS OF BRAZIL

6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, May 29, Kellogg Park, Ann Arbor Trail and Main Street, downtown Plymouth. Free. All ages. (Brazilian samba/bossa) (734) 453-1234

IMMUNITY

5-8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 28, Bakers, 2025 S. Milford Road, Milford. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday, May 29, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and

older; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday, May 30, The Deck at Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, June 5, Woody's Diner, 208 Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (reggae) (248) 685-0505/(313) 581-3650/(313) 965-2222/(248) 543-6911

THE LASH

10 p.m. Friday, June 5, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (Celtic) (734) 485-5050

PINO MARELLI

7 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, June 3-5, Luciano's, 39031 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. Free. All ages. (English, Italian, Spanish contemporary pop standards, original material and traditional Italian songs) (810) 263-6540

MICHAEL O'BRIEN AND THE DISTRACTIONS

9 p.m. Thursday, May 15, O'Grady's Irish Pub, 585 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy. Free. 21 and older. (Irish) (248) 524-4770

MAURA O'CONNELL

7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturday, May 30, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15. All ages. (Irish) (734) 761-1451

"THE SKA-JAZZ SUMMIT

With The New York Ska-Jazz Ensemble, featuring members of The Skatalites, The Toasters and The Scofflaws, and The Articles, 8 p.m. Thursday, June 4, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$8 in advance. 18 and older. (Jamaican jazz) (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com>

CHARLES TAYLOR

12:30 p.m. Sunday, May 31, O'Grady's Irish Pub, 585 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy. Free. 21 and older. (Irish) (248) 524-4770

THIRD COAST REGGAE

Formerly known as The Jah Kings, 9 p.m. Friday, May 29, The Deck above Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (reggae) (313) 965-9500

UNIVERSAL XPRESSION

9 p.m. Friday, June 5, The Deck above Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (reggae) (313) 965-9500

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

SALLY FINGERETT

8 p.m. Friday, May 29, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11, \$10 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or [http://www.a2ark](http://www.a2ark.org)

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MUSEUMS AND TOURS

CRANBROOK INSITUTE OF SCIENCE

Encounter nocturnal creatures as you hike the Cranbrook campus, 8-10 p.m. Friday, May 29, evening's activities conclude at Nature Place for Bat Salad (fruit salad) and live critter demonstrations, at 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. \$6 members, \$8 non-members. (248) 645-3230 for reservations.

DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
"Remembering Downtown Hudson's" exhibit runs through December, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER
IMAX movies showing indefinitely include: "Super Speedway," 10 a.m. and 11:10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays; and "Special Effects," 12:20 p.m. and 1:20 p.m. Mondays-Fridays; at the museum, 5020 John R (at Warren Road), Detroit. \$6.75 for adults, \$4.75 for youths 3-17, and seniors 60 and older, includes one screening of an IMAX film, a visit to the Exhibit Floor, a live science demonstration in the Discovery Theatre and a short laser presentation. \$2.50 for each additional IMAX movie. Discounts available to groups to 10 or more. Hours are: 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. (313) 577-8400 or <http://www.sciencedetroit.org>

GREENFIELD VILLAGE
American Girls Museum Program, based on the character of Samantha Parkington, 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, May 30-31 and June 6-7, Friday-Tuesday, June 12-16, Friday-Tuesday, July 10-14, 17-21, and 24-28, Saturday-Tuesday, Aug. 1-11, and Friday-Tuesday, Aug. 21-25, Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 5-6, 19-20, and Oct. 17-18, and Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 7-8 and 14-15, at the village, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn. \$40 includes light refreshments and the 2 hour and 45 minute-hour program. (313) 982-6180

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

"A Communion of the Spirits: African-American Quilters, Preservers and Their Stories" exhibits featuring 175 photographs of varying sizes, through Sunday, June 7; "The Life and Times of Paul Robeson" exhibition featuring records, photographs and paintings on loan from private citizens and from the collection of the MAAH, runs through Tuesday, June 30, at the museum, 315 E. Warren Ave. (at Brush Street), Detroit. Museum hours 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays-Sundays. \$3 for adults and \$2 for children aged 12 and younger. (313) 494-5800

"SUNDAY STROLLS"

The Detroit Historical Museum series features Elmwood Cemetery, 2 p.m. Sunday, June 7. \$5 members, \$10 non-members. Meeting place and parking instructions will be on tickets mailed in advance of event. (313) 833-1405

POPULAR MUSIC

A DEUCE

With Vietnam Prom and Trauma Coil, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, June 4, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (rock) (734) 996-8555

THE ALLIGATORS

10 p.m. Friday, May 29, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Saturday, May 30, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (734) 421-2250/(248) 349-9110

ALMIGHTY GROOVE

With Sensitive Clown, 10 p.m. Saturday, May 30, Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. Cover charge. 21 and older. (pop) (313) 875-6555

AMAZING ROYAL CROWNS
With The Intoxicants and The Migraines, 8 p.m. Thursday, May 28, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$6. All ages. (punk/rockabilly) (313) 833-POOL

APPLEPOP

With Vehicles Invisible, 6 p.m. Friday, May 29, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$5. All ages. (rock) (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>

BECK

With Ben Folds Five and Sean Lennon, 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 2, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$20 pavilion, \$15 lawn. All ages. (pop) (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>

BUGS BEDDOW BAND

9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, May 29-30, Sinbad's, 100 St. Clair, Detroit. Free. 21 and older; 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, June 5-6, Bachelor's, 1967 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (trombone-driven party blues) (313) 822-7817/(248) 682-2295 or <http://www.bugsbeddow.com>

NORMA JEAN BELL AND THE ALL STARS

9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays through June 27, Bacci Abbracci, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. Free. All ages. (variety) (248) 253-1300

MATT BESEY

10 p.m. Friday, May 29, Kodiak Grill, 45660 Mound Road, Utica. Free. 21 and older. (R&B) (810) 731-1750

BIG DAVE AND THE ULTRASONICS

9 p.m. Friday, May 29, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older; 9:30 p.m. Thursday, June 4, Karl's Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (jump blues) (734) 485-5050/(734) 455-8450

THE BIZER BROTHERS

8 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday, May 29-30, The Rattlesnake Club, 300 River Place, Detroit. Free. All ages. (pop) (313) 567-4400

CLINT BLACK

With Trace Adkins and The Kinleys, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 30, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$27.50 and \$22.50 pavilion, \$15.50 lawn. All ages. (country) (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>

BLACK BEAUTY

9 p.m. Friday, May 29, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rockabilly) (734) 451-1213

"BLIND PIG SHOWCASE"
With 60 Cycle Hum, Face, Diner Junkies and Dakota Falls, 9 p.m. Tuesday, June 2, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Free. 18 and older. (rock) (734) 996-8555

BLUE CAT

10 p.m. Saturday, May 30, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (734) 421-2250

BLUE EYED SOUL

With PsyFunk, 9 p.m. Friday, June 5, Rivertown Saloon, 1977 Woodbridge, Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 567-6020

BOND

8 p.m. Tuesday, June 2, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6. All ages. (Brit pop) (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>

BONNE TEMPS ROULLE

9 p.m. Friday, May 29, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older; 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 5-6, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (R&B) (248) 644-4800/(248) 652-1600

BROADZILLA

With Stun Gun and DJ Special K, as part of "Estrogenerator '98," 10 p.m. Saturday, May 30, The Viper Room, 17320 Harper Road, Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (313) 884-9441 or <http://www.detroitmusic.com/broadzilla>

BRIDE

With One Bad Apple, Against the Enemy and Red Letter, 7 p.m. Friday, May 29, as part of "Cage" night at Knights of Columbus hall, 35100 Van Born (east of Wayne Road), Wayne. \$10. All ages. (punk/metal) (734) 729-5879 or <http://www.bandinfo.com>

BRILLIANT

11 p.m. Friday, May 29, Sardine Bar, 1548 Franklin St., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (pop) (800) 700-2437 or brilliantm@aol.com

JUNIOR BROWN

Star of commercials for The Gap, 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 5, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$20 in advance. All ages (steel guitar star) (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

BURROS

10 p.m. Wednesday, June 3, Mount Chalet, 32955 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Friday, June 5, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (country rock) (248) 549-2929/(734)

421-2250

BUSTER'S BLUES BAND

10 p.m. Saturday, May 30, Mount Chalet, 32955 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 549-2929

CHIMNEYFISH

With Mirror Image, 10 p.m. Saturday, May 30, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 334-9292

CITY LIMITS BLUES BAND

9 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, June 5-6, 12-13 and 19-20, Hennessey's Pub, 49110 Grand River Ave., Wixom. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 349-4404

THE CIVILIANS

9:30 p.m. Saturday, May 30, Bo's Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 338-6200

SHEMEXIA COPELAND

10 p.m. Friday, June 5, Sisko's, 5855 Monroe Boulevard, Taylor. \$10. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 386-3452

DANNY COX

8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 28, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 544-1141

CYBER TRYBE

With Glitch, 9 p.m. Saturday, May 30, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (industrial) (810) 465-5154

OLU DARA

Guitarist and the father of multi-platinum rapper Nas performs 8 p.m. Monday, June 1, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (world beat-influenced blues) (248) 335-8100 or <http://www.99music.com>

GUY DAVIS

8 p.m. Thursday, May 28, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 18 and older. (roots rock) (248) 335-8100

ROY DAVIS JR.

9 p.m. Friday, May 29, Motor Lounge, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. Cover charge. 21 and older. (house) (313) 396-0090 or <http://www.motordetroit.com>

RONNIE DAWSON

9 p.m. Friday, June 5, Mill Street Entry below Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (rockabilly) (248) 333-2362 or <http://www.961melt.com>

MORRIS DAY AND THE TIME

10 p.m. Friday, May 29, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10. 21 and older. (funk) (313) 961-5451

DELTA 88'S

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 29-30, Hennessey's Pub, 49110 Grand River Ave., Wixom. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 348-4404

DETROIT BLUES BAND

9 p.m. Saturday, May 30, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (734) 451-1213

DISCIPLINE

With Present, 10 p.m. Friday, May 29, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (prog rock) (248) 334-9292 or <http://members.aol.com/strngout>

D.O.A.

With Moloko Plus, 6 p.m. Friday, June 5, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$10 in advance. All ages. (rock) (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>

DOMESTIC PROBLEMS

With Plum Loco and The Jawas, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, May 28, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4. 19 and older. (rock) (734) 996-8555

ELIZA

8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 3, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (pop) (248) 544-1141

SCOTT FAB

With Fat Amy and Nailing Betty, 8 p.m. Friday, June 5, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6. 18 and older. (pop/rock) (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com>

"FAT POSSUM MISSISSIPPI JUKE JOINT CARAVAN II"

With T-Model Ford, Elmo Williams and Hezekiah Early, Robert Cage, and Hasil Adkins, 9 p.m. Friday, June 5, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (blues) (313) 833-POOL

FIELDTREE

With Vehicles Invisible, 10 p.m. Saturday, May 30, Burns Room of St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (pop) (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>

FIREWATER

Featuring members of Cop Shoot Cop, Jesus Lizard and Soul Coughing, 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 3, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$6 in advance. All ages. (rock) (313) 833-POOL

FOOLISH MORTALS

10 p.m. Saturday, May 30, Woody's,

208 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 543-6911

FOUR DEGREES

9 p.m. Saturday, May 30, New Way Bar, 23130 N. Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 358-9811 or <http://www.fourdegrees.com>

FRIENDS OF BOB

With All Hall Me, Solid Frog and I Hate Mars, 9 p.m. Friday, June 5, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (810) 465-5154

THE GANDHARVAS

8 p.m. Thursday, May 28, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$89. All ages. (pop) (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>

SILVER GOODMAN AND THE ROCKETPOPS

9 p.m. Thursday, May 28, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (rock) (734) 485-5050

GRR

9 p.m. Sunday, May 31, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Thursday, June 4, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 543-4300/(734) 421-2250

GYPSEY TRIBE

10 p.m. Thursday, May 28, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 349-9110

HARVEY DANGER

6 p.m. Saturday, May 30, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6. All ages. (Brit pop) (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>

HOLY COWS

With Dean Fertita, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, May 30, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (roots rock) (734) 996-8555

JILL JACK

9 p.m. Friday, May 29, Captain Tony's, 30919 N. Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Saturday, May 30, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (roots rock) (248) 288-6388/(313) 861-8101

JIMMIE JACKSON AND THE BLUES CONNECTION

9 p.m. Thursday, May 28, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

RENEE KING JACKSON

As part of the "Urban Moods Concert Series," 6-9 p.m. Friday, June 5, Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren Ave., Detroit. Free. All ages. (blues) (313) 494-5800

NIKKI JAMES AND THE FLAMETHROWERS

10 p.m. Friday, May 29, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Saturday, May 30, The Lodge, 2442 Orchard Lake Road, Sylvan Lake. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 349-9110/(248) 683-5458

KIERAN KANE

With Kevin Welch, 8 p.m. Thursday, June 4, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11. \$10 members, students and seniors. All ages. (alternative country) (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

MIKE KING

8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 4, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (acoustic rock) (248) 544-1141

JOHN D. LAMB

9:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, June 4-5, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (acoustic pop) (248) 349-9110

LIGHTNIN' CREOLE

10 p.m. Friday, May 29, The Lodge, 2442 Orchard Lake Road, Sylvan Lake. Cover charge. 21 and older; 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 30, Hazel Park Raceway, 1650 E. 10 Mile Road, Hazel Park. (blues) (248) 683-5458/(248) 398-1000

STONE MAZAR AND THE WEST SIDERS

9 p.m. Saturday, May 30, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

MARY MCGUIRE

9 p.m. Thursday, June 4, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (singer/song-writer) (248) 543-0917

NIGHT AS WELL

10 p.m. Thursday, June 4, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (rock) (734) 485-5050

MOJO RATTLE

10 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, May 29-30, and June 5-6, Shield's Pizzeria, 25101 Telegraph Road, Southfield. Free. All ages. (soulful blues) (248) 356-2720

STEVIE NICKS

With Boz Skaggs, 8 p.m. Friday, May 29, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence

Township. \$45.25 and \$35.25 pavilion, \$22.75 lawn. 25 cents from each ticket goes to the Arizona Heart Institute and Foundation. All ages. (rock) (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>

Zoo from page E1

the responsibility to do something about it."

Over the years, the zoo played a role in the community by growing truck gardens to help alleviate food shortages during the Depression and providing jobs such as building the animal hospital and administrative buildings via the Federal Works Project Administration from 1935-39. Today, the community is giving back.

If you haven't visited the zoo lately, you'll be surprised by the changing landscape. The Detroit Zoological Society and its contributors play a major role in the park's new lease on life. The community-supported Society contributed \$1.6 million to the \$6.6 million raised by the City of

Detroit through bond sales for the renovation of the Bird House built in 1926. The Wildlife Interpretive Gallery offers visitors the chance to learn more about animals and the zoo by viewing art, attending a film, or exploring the butterfly/hummingbird garden and coral reef aquarium. But the gallery is just one part of a master plan according to Detroit Zoological Society president Randall Stubbs.

A new River Otter Exhibit opened in 1997. They're building a home for red panda bears that's scheduled to open in about four weeks. They're sure to attract visitors just as the California sea lions and harbor seals frolicking in the pool do now.

"The zoo is becoming a big part

of the community," said Stubbs. "When asked why people come here, why people donate, they say what the zoo means to them and their families. Proof of the zoo's importance to the community is our volunteers. Our education program couldn't run without volunteers. We had more than 700 volunteers last year donating 42,000 hours."

The world's first amphibian conservation center scheduled for groundbreaking in June will house nearly all of the zoo's 450 amphibians including the tiny golden mantella frog that sounds like a cricket. The Amphibian Conservation House will cost approximately \$3 million and be completed by summer of 1999. The frogs and salamanders are

now located in the Holden Museum of Living Reptiles and Amphibians.

"We decided to focus on amphibians because very few zoos do," said Andy Snider, curator of herpetology. "Amphibians are generally considered second class citizens."

At the end of this year, ground will also be broken for the Arctic Ring of Life polar bear exhibit, scheduled for completion in December of 1999.

"It's probably the largest polar bear exhibit in the world and will have an underground tunnel where polar bears will swim around visitors," said Stubbs. "No one's ever done it before for marine animals."

In the next five years, the zoo

will build a new animal hospital. Chief veterinarian Dr. Dalen Agnew said the design will combine elements from state-of-the-art animal hospitals across the country. Already the hospital has acquired a teaching microscope and ultrasound machine thanks to the generosity of the Southeast Michigan Veterinary Association. On the ultrasound screen, the bladder of a Maine wolf helps diagnose an obstruction. From Siberian tigers to waxy tree frogs, the staff performs surgery and runs diagnostic tests frequently after sedating the animals with a blow dart gun.

In the meantime, there's a two to three year plan to refurbish the Penguinarium, the first facil-

ity in the country devoted to the tuxedoed birds. According to Tom Schneider, curator of birds, the Penguinarium will receive an updating of the ventilation and cooling system for the public and a new floor. Originally opened as an Icescape in 1968, the Penguinarium was renovated in 1985. Today, the Rockhopper, Macaroni, King, and blue penguin waddle around a Stonescape resembling an Australian shoreline much like their natural habitat. Buckets of mackerel and smelt are supplemented with vitamins and minerals.

"We're trying to find more and more ways to bring people in and not compromise the animals," said zoo director Ron Kagan.

Success from page E1

making sure eight performance venues are properly prepared with grand pianos and makeshift stages.

And, of course, that's not even mentioning a publicity schedule, which Okun described as based on the principle "if it can go wrong it will."

With a big-name artistic director, James Tocco, an impressive list of internationally known musicians, an acclaimed composer-in-residence program and a growing list of corporate sponsors, not much is going wrong.

Not a far stretch

Despite likely competing on some days with Red Wings play-

off games, Okun expects an unprecedented response to this year's festival.

Attendance is expected to surpass last year's where about 5,000 tickets were sold.

Considering that many of the performances are in venues that seat less than 300, that would be an impressive turnout.

"Chamber music is a flexible medium. You don't need 100 people on stage," said Okun. "Our goal has been to stretch further into the community."

The strategy to perform at community venues, including Protestant and Catholic churches, chapels, synagogues, museums and the Detroit Zoo makes good marketing sense.

"We plug into the different constituencies of the religious and cultural communities," said Okun. "Collaboration is central to attracting an audience."

International stature

This year, the festival has expanded from two to three weeks. In just five years, the festival has grown from six musicians playing five concerts to 17 international musicians collaborating on 20 performances.

The result has been heightened international stature for the festival. These days, the Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival is often mentioned along with other top festivals in Seat-

tle, Santa Fe, Norfolk and Sarasota.

"Our stars are James Tocco and Ruth Laredo," said Okun, referring to the world-acclaimed pianists from Detroit.

"Having James works on so many levels. Many musicians come here for an opportunity to play with him."

Tocco will make his festival debut next Saturday, June 6, in a program of Debussy and Rachmaninoff at St. Hugo's Sanctuary in Bloomfield Hills. Over the subsequent two weeks, he'll be scheduled to play in nearly all the concerts.

In addition to a repertoire filled with the works of Russian composers, the festival's compos-

er-in-residence program has attracted top American composers. Last year, John Corigliano, who had just won three Grammys, was the guest composer.

This year, the music of Joan Tower, considered one of the leading international composers, will be featured in a June 14 concert at Temple Beth El Chapel.

Taming influence

The festival's opening performance on Sunday will be held at the Detroit Zoo's Wildlife Interpretive Gallery. It is one of the two family concerts in the festival lineup.

In the rotunda at the restored

neo-classical building where an exhibit of butterflies and hummingbirds flutter, pianist Laredo, Stephen Dubov and the Detroit Chamber Winds will perform a concert with a decidedly zoo-like appeal, including "Animal Ditties" by Plog and "Peter and the Wolf" by Prokofiev.

At the only zoo in the world with a permanent art collection, the concert is a way to further diversify the type of cultural events at the zoo, said Gerry Craig, curator of the zoo's interpretive gallery.

Likewise, at many of the other venues, the festival provides an opportunity for people to explore a music no longer relegated to the chambers of the aristocracy.

Debut from page E1

"It was incredible to have Kool Keith on the record. Working with him blew the song up," Chris Peters said.

"Having a guest rapper on a song, it's sometimes difficult to make it work. He worked really hard to make it cohesive," Drew Peters added.

For the first single, "I'm Fine (I Find)" Chris and Drew Peters went to New York where Hill's bandmate Pras agreed to freestyle rap during a break in the song.

"Ironically, that song was not supposed to be on the record. Drew and I (produced) that one by ourselves one weekend," Chris Peters said.

The normally collective, self-assured Chris Peters admitted that he was awestruck when Pras walked in the room.

"It's like, he's a star," he said with a smile.

Switching gears

* Growing up in West Bloomfield, the Peters brothers found themselves inspired by the diversity of Detroit radio. The duo flipped between the urban sounds of Run-D.M.C. and rock.

"Our generation is the first generation of white kids to grow up surrounded by those heavy urban sounds. Where the generation before us might still cite the Beatles as the most influential band of their time, for us it's more like Run-D.M.C.,"

Who: Getaway Cruiser

What: Opens for Swervedriver

When: Sunday, June 7. Doors open at 8 p.m.

Where: The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit.

Why: In support of its self-titled debut for Sony 550 Music which hits stores Tuesday, June 2.

How: Tickets are \$10 in advance for the all-ages show. For more information, call (313) 961-MELT or visit <http://www.961melt.com> or <http://www.getawaycruiser.com>.

Other related events:

Getaway Cruiser will appear on "The Ralph Valdez Program" from 10 p.m. to midnight Monday, June 1, on WDET 101.9 FM. The band will perform songs from the album and give away copies to listeners.

explained Chris Peters.

"We're kind of like the Electrifying Mojo meets Arthur Penhalow," Drew Peters added with a laugh, referring the former WJLB and current WRIF DJs.

A fan of jazz and showtunes, Harrison was studying opera at the University of Michigan when she met the Peters' brothers,

along with drummer Dan Carroll and bassist Mark Dundon.

"At the time I joined the band, I was really unhappy in school. I was going to the University of Michigan music school in a classical conservatory that looked down on pop and rock music and anything that isn't taught in a classroom," Harrison explained via telephone from her mother's home in Saginaw where she retreated to sleep in a "real bed."

"I was having a lot of problems like not wanting to be in school and wanting to be in a band."

That desperation is captured in the words of Harrison, who had never written lyrics until joining Getaway Cruiser. In many of the songs including "I'm Fine (I Find)" and "Not Yet Gone," Harrison is trying to persuade listener to believe that she's OK.

"It came from a number of things. I was constantly reassuring myself that everything I was doing was good. And partially it came from relationships. Anytime you lose someone you care about, you reassure yourself that you're a valid person."

Driven by rock

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Chris Peters
Getaway Cruiser

All those musical influences are wrapped into the vehicle known as "Getaway Cruiser." Lead by Chris Peters' sultry guitar, "Something About You" is topped off with a bluesy harmonica solo. "Come to Stay" carries the feel of an early 1980s synth-pop song. "Bad Time" teases the listener with a simple beat and an accordion.

"Getaway Cruiser" also includes a cover of Tony Toni Tone's "Let's Get Down," which infuses drum loops, turntable scratching and, of all things, an accordion. One cover song that didn't make the cut was a version of Depeche Mode's "Stripped" with Getaway Cruiser joining rapper Schooly D.

"We couldn't figure out where it fit in. It was really cool. It wasn't goofy at all," Chris Peters explained.

The band's version of Aaliyah's

"If Your Girl Only Knew" and a remix of its own "Taking Away" by Livonia's Warren Defever pops up on a four-track self-titled EP that will be sold at per-

formances.

Despite its guest stars and hip-hop influences, "Getaway Cruiser" is a rock record.

"A lot of people focus on the fact that we use turntables, loops, a porta-studio, and things like that in our record, but we really see ourselves as an American rock band. Rock 'n' roll has always been an amalgam of a lot of things, and we're building on that tradition," explained Chris Peters.