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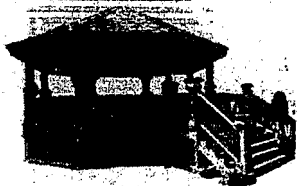
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Michigan has been home to some of the nation's greatest inventors and entrepreneurs, and it is always interesting to note how these men and women got their start.

Thomas Edison, one of the world's most prolific inventors, was raised in Michigan. As a boy growing up in Port Huron, he sold newspapers and peanuts to passengers on the train that ran from Port Huron to Detroit.

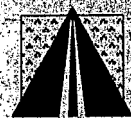
While waiting in Detroit for the return train, Edison spent his time at the Detroit Public Library. He pored over the science books he found there, and was so interested that he set up his own "laboratory" in a corner of one of the train's baggage cars.

But the turning point in his career came a few years later in Mt. Clemens as Edison waited for his train. He noticed a small boy playing on the gravel between the tracks as a freight car came right at him. Edison grabbed the boy and jumped off the tracks, saving them both. The boy's father, a station agent, was so grateful that he taught Edison all about the telegraph and how to use Morse code. This led to Edison's job as a telegraph agent, and his first marketable invention, an improved type of telegraph device. With the \$40,000 that came from this invention, Edison was able to quit his other job and become a full-time inventor.

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



Turns banned on 2nd cut-thru



Police will ban turns onto Robertson Court in Clarkston after residents, the second group to come forward in a month, sought help in alleviating an expected increase in traffic when the new Clarkston High School opens.

An open discussion between residents living on Robertson Court and Clarkston city officials Monday night resulted in a possible solution to an ongoing problem — drivers who use the street as a short-cut through the city.

To deter those drivers, police will install and enforce a sign indicating "no right turns during designated hours."

"Traffic is using Robertson Court as

a bypass on Clarkston Road," said Clarkston Police Chief Paul Ormiston. "The general feeling, I believe, is that the situation is only going to get worse with the opening of the new high school on Clarkston Road."

Robertson Court is located off Main Street, near Independence Township Hall. Fifteen families live on the street, which runs from Main Street to Clarkston Road. When northbound traffic

backs up at the intersection at Main and Clarkston Road, drivers cut through Robertson Court to bypass the traffic signal.

"The hope is that we can come to some sort of a resolution," Ormiston said. "There is a real potential for a problem here."

Residents on Robertson Court are the second group of homeowners to publicly air concerns about an increase in cut-through traffic from the new high school. Just last month, more than 40 residents of Snow Apple in Independence Township turned out for a community meeting, saying traffic on their street is already too heavy and

fast and will only get worse with the high school's opening. The Road Commission of Oakland County has since agreed to install signs restricting left turns onto Snow Apple during school hours.

To alleviate traffic on Robertson Court, Ormiston mentioned several options which could discourage drivers from using the alternate route. Among them, he suggested that a break-away gate be placed at the Main Street intersection. He said Robertson Court could become a dead-end or one-way street. In a letter to the residents, Ormiston

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Boys of summer An ageless tradition

It's the bottom of the second inning on the home field of the Clarkston Tomcats, who have already taken a dramatic lead, 7-1, against their opponents from Rochester.

Two outs, batter on first. Clarkston seeks to preserve its lead. Tomcats pitcher Vic Dimon steps back on the mound. The pitch is good, but the batter puts a rolling ground ball in play near second. The Tomcats are slow to move, and Rochester has a man on first.

"What was that?" calls out Tomcats manager Earl Mudge, breaking the game's progression.

"Are we going to have to have a class?" he asks with a sly smile, mocking his players.

Response on the field is laughter, feigned innocence and an array of "gee, gosh" shoulder shrugs — quite a contrast to the Tomcat's first inning display of flowing teamwork and quick relays.

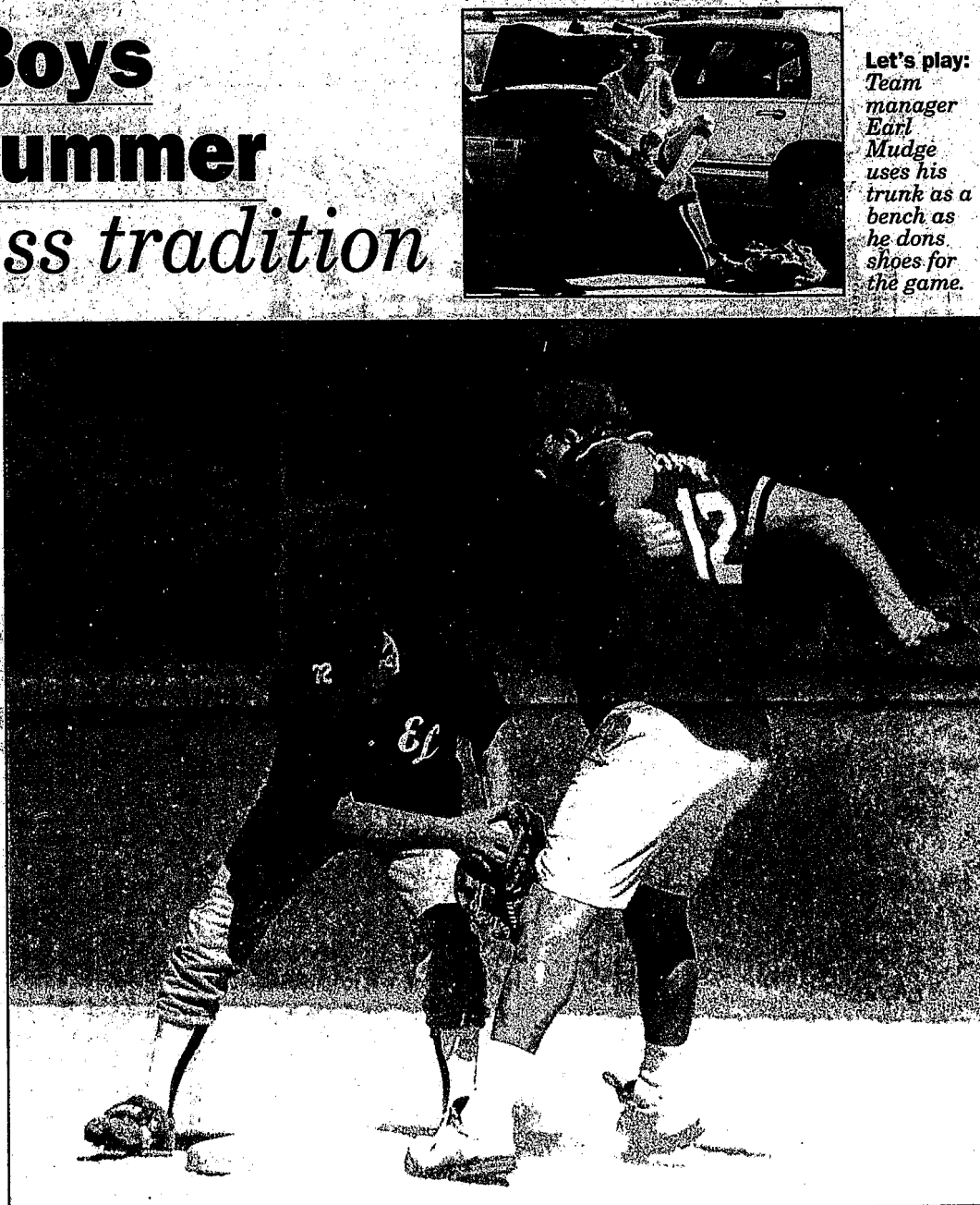
Veterans in the outfield, the Tomcats know blunders are simply part of the game, so they shake their heads and return to their respective posts.

But while such mishaps are defensible in this classic American game that teaches its players — as in life — to make mistakes and move on, bad knees and aching backs, apparently are not.

And the body's ails are no minor matter for the Tomcats and the five other senior softball teams that represent Clarkston. The Tomcats' youngest player is in his 60s. The oldest is 76, and the minimum age for all players who participate in the Oakland County senior softball league is 55.

Clarkston's teams, which are com-

Please see SENIOR SOFTBALL, A4



He's out! John Sawyer of Clarkston attempts to sneak his foot into second base as Ben Traxler of Rochester tags him out.

Let's play:
Team manager
Earl Mudge
uses his
trunk as a
bench as
he dons
shoes for
the game.



Double play? Second baseman Ray DeFiore throws to first base, trying for a double play after getting a runner out.



Slugger at bat: Jim Brown prepares to let one fly during his turn at bat.



Cooling down: Vic Dimon cools off near the end of the game.

Early-morning house fire kills woman, 85

An 85-year-old Independence Township woman, Doris Gould, lost her life during a blaze at her home on Deer Lake Road about 10 a.m. Tuesday morning.

That her house was nestled along a quiet street among heavy trees, out of the view of passersby and neighbors, may have played a role in the fact that the fire was well under way before firefighters were notified by a neighbor who called 9-1-1.

"There were flames through the roof. Evidently, it had been burning a while," said engineer Larry Wormnest, who helped fight the fire with other Independence firefighters. "A fire can burn an awful long

time before it finally breaks through when it's nestled in trees."

According to fire Chief Gar Wilson, the fire began in an electrical outlet in the kitchen. He estimated that firefighters took 45 minutes to get the blaze under control.

Gould was found in a bedroom at the opposite end of the house, Wilson said, adding that her son, with whom she lived, had called her at about 8:30 a.m. to remind her that she had an appointment that morning.

Wilson, like Wormnest, said the fire had been

burning for a period of time before emergency personnel were notified. There were no other injuries caused by the blaze, he said. A family dog was located at a neighbor's home after the incident.

"There was a lot of damage in three or four rooms so it burned for a while without being detected," Wilson said. He said the extreme heat of the summer day, coupled with that of the blaze, took a toll on firefighters, though none required medical attention.

"We just had to get them out of there and get them cooled down and get some liquids in them," Wilson

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noted that snow and trash removal, mail delivery and moving trucks would all be affected by any modification.

But residents expressed support for the idea of placing a "no right turn" sign at the intersection. It will specify hours that coincide with the beginning and end of the school day.

Ormiston said those hours are yet to be determined, but he anticipates the problem will occur more often in the morning as students drive to the school. The high school distributes 600 parking passes to students.

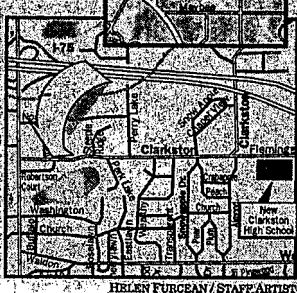
Robertson Court resident Robert Jones offered his observations about the traffic near his home.

"Everyday I see the same cars," he said. "I don't want a one-way street, and I don't want any fences. Put some good signs up. Maybe a warning ticket would stop them for a while."

Councilman David Savage said that it wouldn't take very many tickets before "word got around" the new school.

The key to any action in this matter is police enforcement,

No right turn sign to keep school traffic off Robertson Court



HELEN FURZEAN/STAFF ARTIST

said Frank Muscat, another Robertson Court homeowner.

"I have yet to see a ticket being issued on Robertson Court," he said. "I'd like to see visible enforcement now."

Ormiston said the sign will be placed at the intersection and enforced within the next two weeks. After 90 days, the city

council must pass a resolution to make the sign a permanent fixture.

In other business Monday:

■ Council members are waiting for more information regarding a proposed inspection ordinance, which is designed to protect the historic buildings in downtown Clarkston from fire. A subcommittee is researching the costs and benefits of additional inspections.

"We should be concerned with anything that's going to threaten the existence of downtown," said Councilwoman Anne Clifton.

■ Bob Pursley, supervisor for the department of public works, suggested that a pathway to the gazebo in Depot Park would be beneficial for musicians who perform there. Band members who perform concerts in the park have asked that a service drive be created so they may drive their equipment closer to the space, rather than carry it from Depot Street. The council allowed Pursley to get estimates on how much the path would cost.

Township board OKs site plan for new industrial building

A light manufacturing building that will total some 45,700 square feet in size — and produce 276-gallon plastic storage containers — received site plan approval from the Springfield Township Board last Thursday.

Called IBC North America Inc., the facility is a new subsidiary of Clawson Container Co., itself a subdivision of Clawson Tank Co. Clawson Tank Co. was founded in 1946 and came to Springfield Township as Clawson Container in 1990, said Don Andersen, a marketing manager with the organization.

The proposed building is

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scheduled to be built in two phases off Clawson Tank Drive north of Andersonville Road and developers hope to begin construction within weeks once they have obtained their final permits, Andersen said.

The motion to grant the site plan received unanimous approval from the board, following a written recommendation from the township's planner, Carlisle/Wortman Associates Inc., as well as a unanimous recommendation from the town-

ship's planning commission.

The board granted approval on the condition that the developers extend a water line and hydrant along Clawson Tank Drive.

The building is to be constructed on 5.03 acres in an industrial park zoned for light industrial use. It will comprise the third building in the park, Andersen said.

"Obviously, a new plant is going to need additional people," Andersen added, agreeing with written material that said the facility will create 26 new permanent jobs within the community.

Church hosts community day

Sashabaw United Presbyterian Church is sponsoring a Community Awareness Day 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday, July 18, on the church grounds at 6300 Maybee Road, Independence Township.

Everything will be free except for the vendors' wares. There will be a moon walk, demonstrations of fire and bike

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safety, a children's bike parade at 12:30 p.m., classic cars and community information. Vendors will include crafts, face painting and a bake sale.

There will be guest speakers

from the Clarkston Community Historical Society and Lighthouse of Clarkston. The Oakland County Health Division will give free cholesterol and blood pressure tests for anyone interested.

Funds raised will be donated to Lighthouse. Also, non-perishable food will be collected.

House fire from page A1

On Wednesday morning, Arline Moore, the Christian services coordinator for St. Daniel Catholic Church, where Gould was an active member and a participant in the 50 and Up Club, recalled Gould as an extroverted, friendly woman, who loved life and who divided her time between Michigan in the summer and Florida in the winter.

"She was well-known and well-liked and a very outgoing lady. A

very fine lady. She was just an active lady that liked people," Moore said, adding that members of the 50 and Up Club were deeply saddened by Gould's death.

Funeral services for Gould are being handled by the Lewis E. Wint Funeral Home. She is survived by her daughters, Sharron (Max) Markovitz of Florida, Terry (William) Clissold of Rochester and sons William (Deborah) of Ortonville and Kevin of Clarkston.

She is also survived by a brother, James, of Royal Oak, and brothers Bernard and Gerald Bryson; and a sister, Ruth Robinson, all of Canada.

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Arline Moore

Speaking of fire victim Doris Gould

16 and great-grandmother to 24. She was preceded in death by her husband, John C., and daughter, Judith Saad.

A funeral mass is scheduled for Friday at 10 a.m. at St. Daniel Catholic Church with the Rev. Msgr. Robert Humitz officiating.

A rosary is planned for 4:30 p.m. at the Lewis E. Wint Funeral Home, where friends may visit between 3-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Thursday.

Memorials may be made to Clarkston SCAMP.

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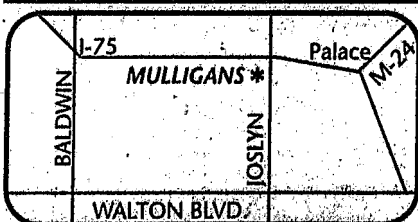
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Web site business thrives for Clarkston man

Three years ago skeptics considered World Wide Web sites to be just the latest fad in modern technology.

But Tony Bittick recognized the sites as a new form of communication and marketing, as well as a useful tool for many businesses.

"It's not a fad," he said. "It's a way of life."

That certainly proved to be true for Bittick, a Clarkston resident who now builds Web sites for a living. A Web site is an electronic page or location, specified by an address, which can carry text, photographs, sounds, and links to other places on the World Wide Web electronic network. Businesses, government agencies, private organizations and individuals can build a site for their own needs and interests.

After 11 years as a journalist, Bittick took a chance and turned down an offer from the Detroit News to start a Web site development company — Pathway Productions — in his basement. Four years later, the self-taught Web page developer is confident he made a wise decision.

His wife, Renee Bittick, supported that choice from the beginning. She worked as an accountant, but wanted to stay at home with the couple's children. The decision to start the business allowed her to do that. She and her husband work together. They have two children and are expecting a third baby in February.

"I believe in him, and I knew he could do it," she said. "He was a natural at it."

Tony Bittick's first project grew out of his job as a reporter writing about Oakland County government for a weekly newspaper. He began training 30 Oakland County officials on how to use E-mail and how to navi-

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Tony Bittick

—Pathway Productions

gate around the Internet. He later began building a site for Oakland County.

After becoming more established in the business, he joined forces last November with his mentor, John Thawley of Creative Communications Group. Thawley has built sites for high-profile clients like The Detroit Lions and Penske Motors.

As an independent contractor for the company, Bittick creates sites that can enhance communication between businesses and their computer-savvy clientele.

"I enjoy the creativity," he said. "When a Web site is built properly, it's very much like an artist with a canvas."

Bittick said that a Web site is useful as a marketing tool for companies.

"It's not about technology," he said. "It's about communication. This is just one more way for you to tell clients 'here's who we are, here's what we do and, as an added incentive, here's a way to get in touch with us.'"

The most difficult aspect of his line of work, said Bittick, occurs when he encounters businesses that rely on inexperienced individuals to build their sites.

"We run into the situation, almost on a weekly basis, where the president or a CEO of the company, somebody's son is in college and builds Web sites," he said. "This is the frustrating part of the job. If you own a business that does \$2 million in



Online success: Tony Bittick of Clarkston gave up a career in journalism to start his own Web-site development business, Pathway Productions. After three years in the booming new industry, Bittick's company is prospering.

sales, you would not allow someone's son to devise your marketing strategy."

Creative Communications Group may charge between \$10,000 and \$140,000 to build Web sites. The sites include simple ways to update and change the information. The average cost ranges between \$18,000 and \$30,000.

"I like building Web sites for people who are forward thinkers and who know what they want

to do on the Internet," he said. "There are too many businesses who are there because they think they should be there, but they're not willing to do what it takes to really have a presence."

Bittick advises business owners who are interested in building and operating a Web site to do their homework. He said it's best to avoid hurried decisions when choosing an individual or organization to create the site.

And people are beginning to

realize that building the site is only the beginning. Executives within the company need to know how to use and maintain it as the company grows and changes, he said.

The average Internet user is between 18 and 45 years old, said Bittick. They are looking for new information and are aware of sites that remain stagnant.

"The key to a successful Web site is not the new faces, it's the returning people," he said. "If

you're not going to offer something new, why should they come back?"

It's his job to create a site that will bring users back. Bittick relaxes in his chair and declares that he loves what he does for a living.

"It's all been worth it," agreed Renee Bittick.

For more information, check out <http://www.c2group.com> or <http://www.path-way.com>.

Board of education elects new officers for 1998-99

Shanks gets nod as president in split vote

BY JAN BAKER
SPECIAL WRITER

Gearing up for another school year, Clarkston's Board of Education elected new officers and set its monthly meeting calendar at an organizational meeting Monday night.

School board officers for the 1998-99 fiscal year are:

- President — Kurt Shanks
- Vice-President — Karen Foyteck

■ Treasurer — Ron Sullivan

■ Secretary — Janet Thomas

While the seven-member board voted on the four leadership positions quickly and amiably, elected officials unanimously agreed only on Sullivan for treasurer. Shanks clinched the board presidency by garnering four votes from Mary Ellen McLean, Rick Crigger, Sullivan and himself, but three other trustees — Sheila Hughes, Thomas and Foyteck — supported Foyteck for the top spot.

The vice-presidency resulted in another 4-3 vote. Hughes, Sullivan, Foyteck and Thomas gave their nod to Foyteck. Crigger, McLean and Shanks backed McLean.

Five trustees — Foyteck, McLean, Crigger, Sullivan and Thomas — supported Thomas for board secretary. Hughes and Shanks voted for Hughes.

In a first-time move, the board decided to eliminate the appointment of individual board members as liaisons to Clarkston's elementary and middle school buildings. President Kurt Shanks suggested that the seven members act as a collective link to all Clarkston school buildings during the 1998-99 school year, because of the extensive construction and renovation work which will soon occur in the district.

Trustees also set these tentative monthly board meeting

dates for the upcoming school year. All sessions will begin at 7 p.m.:

- Aug. 10, 1998
- Sept. 14, 1998

- Oct. 12, 1998
- Nov. 9, 1998
- Dec. 14, 1998
- Jan. 11, 1999
- Feb. 8, 1999

- March 8, 1999
- April 19, 1999
- May 10, 1999
- June 14, 1999
- July 12, 1999

POLICE NEWS

The following incidents were reported to police and fire agencies in Independence and Springfield townships and the city of Clarkston July 9-13.

Independence Police

Motorcycle Accident

A Waterford Township man was released from Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital on Monday after he suffered injuries in an unusual motorcycle accident in Independence Township on Friday.

Gary Newton Moore, 42, was injured when his 1985 Honda motorcycle hit a curb as it was being towed, water ski-style, by a 1993 GM pickup truck being driven by a Pontiac man. The accident occurred when the towing device broke, unexpectedly freeing the motorcycle, according to a police report.

The accident occurred on Clintonville Road near Easton Road.

Thefts

On July 9, a cell phone was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on **Hadley Hill Court**.

On July 9, a cell phone was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on **Oakhill Road**.

On July 10, a tool box, cell phone and sunglasses were among the items reported stolen from a vehicle parked on **Reed**.

On July 11, a pager and money were reported stolen from a residence on **Laurelton**.

On July 12, a cellular phone and pager were reported stolen from a person on **Pine Knob Road**.

Vandalism

On July 9, a bumper was reported damaged on a vehicle while it was parked on **Lancaster Hill**.

On July 11, the windows of a barn and home on **Clarkston Road** were reported shot out.

Attempted Stolen Auto

On July 11, it was reported that unknown persons attempted to illegally take a Plymouth Voyager while it was parked on **Waldon Road**.

Springfield Police

Vandalism

On July 10, a planter and mailbox were reported damaged by a car on **Autumnglo**.

On July 11, a vehicle was reported scratched while parked on **Norman Road**.

Thefts

On July 9, an air compressor was reported stolen from a

garage on **Rachael**.

On July 11, a boat motor was reported stolen from a residence on **Susin**.

Independence Fire

Between July 9-12, firefighters responded to 21 incidents. They included 12 medical runs, four personal-injury accidents and one vehicle fire. Among them were:

On July 9, firefighters assisted a 10-year-old boy who was struck in the side of the head with a hardball. He was released to his mother for transportation to a doctor's office. The incident occurred at **Deer Lake Beach on White Lake Road**.

Clarkston Police

On July 13, officers stopped a vehicle near **Waldon Road and Buffalo Street** on a traffic violation. The Lake Orion driver was found to have a valid warrant out of the Rochester City police department. He was placed under arrest and transferred to the Rochester City Police.

On July 14, officers found a vehicle on **Washington Street** near **Buffalo** that had a window smashed out. The window had been broken with a small sledge hammer, which was found inside the vehicle. There was nothing taken.

DESTINATION: CRANBROOK

Summer Fun at Cranbrook Institute of Science

The Robot Zoo

June 13 through September 7, 1998

Most zoos only allow you to look at the animals. This exhibit allows you to interact with eight larger-than-life robotic beasts through computer interactive and hands-on displays. In addition to learning how real animals function, you can even see live animals at Cranbrook's Nature Place. This exhibit is sponsored by TIME, Silicon Graphics and FANUC Robotics.



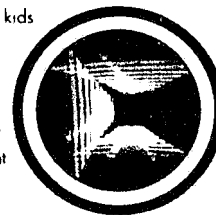
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Senior softball *from page A1*

prised of players from both the community and other areas, are organized through Independence Township's senior center and parks and recreation department and were formed in the late '80s.

Weekly games are held on Mondays and Wednesdays at Clintonwood Park, and team practices are held there on Friday. The league's season starts in May and closes in August.

League tournaments also go on at the park near season's end. This year, the event is slated for Aug. 24, 26 and 28.

"We play hard. We play to

win," said one Tomcat, Independence Township resident Ray De Fiore of his team's "no-excuses" mentality.

"We just hope not to get injured," he said.

Fiore, 71, has been playing with the Tomcats since retiring from General Motors in 1989. And like most of the senior softball players based in Clarkston, he plans to keep playing until he simply cannot.

"I had played when I was youngster and when I was in high school," De Fiore said. "I can only speak for myself, but I

think all guys want to be ball players."

"But I ended up being an engineer and an executive at GM," De Fiore said. "I was too busy pursuing a career to play ball."

Given the opportunity — the engineer retired in 1989 — the boy who once dreamed of playing professional ball jumped at the chance to take to the field.

"I said 'Oh, yeah!' and I've been playing ever since," De Fiore said.

The players' "ironman" discipline seems to pay off, too.

So far, the Tomcats' winning record is 12 and 3. And practices and games haven't yanked any of the team's players off the field and onto the dreaded disabled list.

Members of the Tomcats team have also played in the Senior World Series, an annual softball tournament that draws senior teams from all over the country, said John Thomas, the 74-year-old, Independence Township resident who serves as president of the community's senior softball organization and acts as manager during World Series tournaments.

Although the group won't be sending a team to the event this year, players representing Clarkston came home third in the nation in 1994 and placed fifth in 1995, Thomas said.

Back on the field, the Tomcats' opponents from Rochester don't seem to be making any waves in the local team's current steam.



Team photo: The Tomcats of Clarkston had a 13-3 record as of Monday's game.

"We've beaten Rochester's team twice already this season," said Dimon, the Tomcats' 72-year-old pitcher.

A hearing aid in one ear, plastic shin supports concealing red and white knee socks, Dimon retrieves a water-soaked, hand towel from the depths of a picnic cooler on a nearby bench and wipes his forehead.

Dimon, who lives in Port Huron, not only is a consummate professional on the mound, but a true lover of the game. Even a back operation — performed just over a year ago — doesn't deter him from playing.

Dimon also underwent eye surgery last year after a line drive hit him in the face during league play.

"They had to put a small, metal plate under my eyeball,"

explained Dimon, who went on the disabled list for the rest of the season, but never doubted he'd be back the following summer.

"You just never tire of it," Dimon said, again searching the contents of his picnic cooler.

This time, he pulls out a hot water bottle. Dimon uncaps the cold compress, which serves dual purposes, and guzzles down the icy water.

"It's because it's part of you," said Dimon, who has played the game every year of his life since childhood and once dreamed of playing professional ball.

"The closest I got was a tryout with the St. Louis Cardinals."

While Dimon's daughters often protest their father's continued involvement in the game — Dimon even has a pitching mound at home for throwing practice — he said he won't stop playing "till I can't even walk at all."

Likewise, 73-year-old Mudge, who lives in Bloomfield Hills and has been managing the Tomcats since 1989, asserts he won't turn in his uniform until the time

comes, either.

"Not 'till I have to," Mudge said. "Not 'till it's necessary. I love the game that much."

Back on the outfield at the top of the fifth inning, a bases-loaded situation prompts Dimon to call a conference on the pitching mound to mull over strategy despite the Tomcats' healthy lead over Rochester.

Just like the professionals, Dimon uses his glove, which is 40 years old, to shield the discussion from his opponents. After a few words, the Tomcats' third baseman gives Dimon an encouraging pat on the rear and mouths what appears to be, "You still got it, old man. Just don't let the legs give out."

Their strategy is successful and the Tomcats force the out. Dimon walks off the mound and heads to the sidelines, but only some of his teammates follow. The hesitation turns to confusion, as it becomes apparent the players aren't sure whether their opponents have two or three outs.

"I thought Charlie had two," Dimon calls out, heading back to the pitcher's mound with a dramatic look of innocence.

"Ah, they're always trying that," the game's umpire warns Rochester.

"We forget easy," says Dimon. "We're old."

Final score after eight innings: Tomcats, 25-5.

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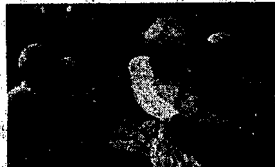
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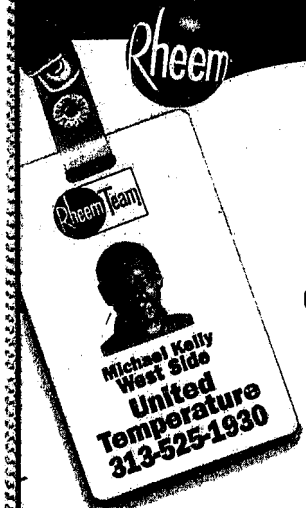
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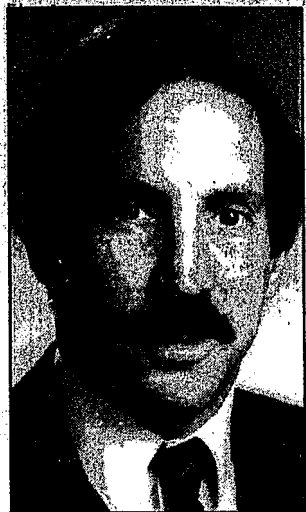
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The only contested race for the Oakland Circuit Court on the Aug. 4 primary ballot is to pick a successor to Judge Robert C. Anderson, who under state law is ineligible to seek re-election after his 70th birthday. Candidates, Steven Kaplan, Richard Kuhn, Jr. and Colleen O'Brien seek the seat. The top two will advance to the fall general election.

Judicial primary features fresh faces, familiar names



Name: Steven Kaplan
Age: 45
Residence: West Bloomfield
Profession: Macomb County assistant prosecutor since 1986.
Education: Graduated from Oakland University, 1975; Detroit College of Law, 1981.
Family: He and wife Lisa have two daughters.



Name: Richard D. Kuhn
Age: 38
Residence: Waterford
Profession: Member, Adkison Need law firm since 1995.
Education: Graduated from Oakland University, 1985; Detroit College of Law, 1989.
Family: He and wife Kristine have two children.



Name: Colleen A. O'Brien
Age: 42
Residence: Rochester Hills
Profession: Member, Cummings, McClorey, Davis & Aho law firm.
Education: Graduated from the University of Michigan, 1978; Detroit College of Law, 1981.
Family: She and husband Tom Cory have three children.

No primaries for other county judicial seats

Oakland voters will elect a total of eight circuit and probate judges this year but candidates in most races will run unopposed in the fall.

Seeking re-election in the circuit court contests are: Jessica R. Cooper of Beverly Hills; Richard D. Kuhn of Waterford; John J. McDonald of Farmington Hills; and Joan E. Young of Bloomfield Hills. All are unopposed for six year terms.

Judge Wendy Potts of Birmingham is also seeking election to the circuit court. She was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Oakland Circuit Court last year. Thus, she is seeking election to fill the remainder of the term that expires in the year 2001.

In the elections for probate court, the two incumbents are unopposed. They are judges Eugene Arthur Moore of Oxford and Sandra G. Silver of Bloomfield Hills.

For individual profiles of each of the above candidates and a look at their campaigns, see A8.

Cancer Society plans fall information campaign

The American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division is launching a statewide education campaign designed to reach women in Michigan with potentially lifesaving breast cancer early detection information.

The program, "Tell-A-Friend Tuesday," will take place Oct. 6 when an anticipated 20,000 volunteers will each make phone calls to at least five friends and family members encouraging them to get their annual mammograms in accordance with American Cancer Society breast cancer screening guidelines.

More than 100,000 women will be reached with important breast health information in a single 24-hour period, making this the largest initiative of its kind ever conducted.

The "Tell-A-Friend Tuesday" program is based on research that shows that roughly 25 percent of

all women who get mammograms do so because a friend encouraged them.

The American Cancer Society is now recruiting women and men to serve as callers.

American Cancer Society guidelines call for annual mammography, annual clinical exam and monthly breast self-exam for all women age 40 and older.

Statistics show that compliance to American Cancer Society breast cancer screening guidelines in the state is nowhere near where it needs to be. In Michigan, 65.2 percent of age-qualified women received mammograms in 1996.

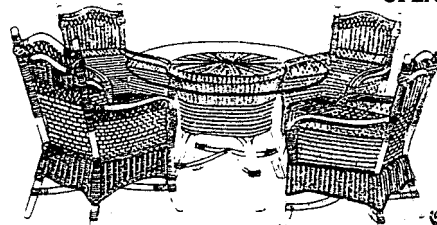
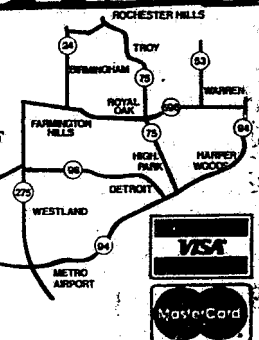
The American Cancer Society provides the information and caller kits to all participants.

More information can be obtained by calling any local American Cancer Society office, or 800-ACS-2345.

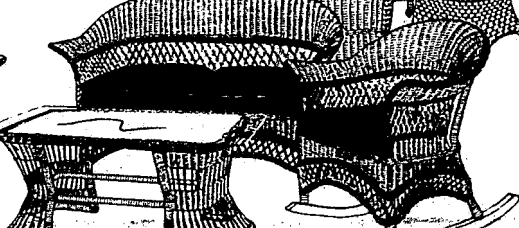
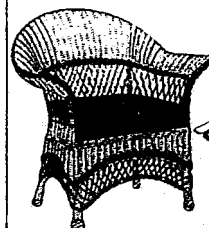
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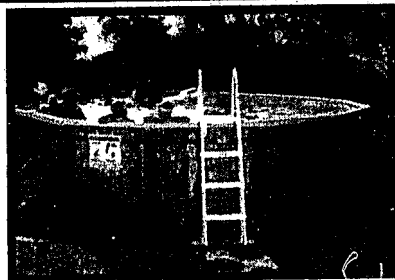
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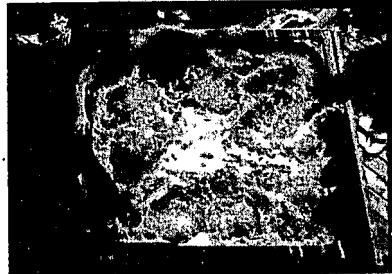
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Stay tuned Local races to be covered here

The ignorance of one voter in a democracy impairs the security of all.
— John F. Kennedy

One of the roles of a newspaper is to inform readers of an upcoming election and educate them about the issues and candidates on the ballot so that they can make informed choices.

With the Aug. 4 primary election just weeks away, the Clarkston Eccentric is doing its job of interviewing candidates and researching issues for pre-election stories. We will begin publishing these stories this Sunday.

Our goal is to provide Clarkston-area residents with the background they need to make intelligent choices when it comes to local races and local ballot proposals.

So that you know what to expect, we will detail here what races and ballot proposals we'll be covering:

Local issues

We plan to do a three-part series starting this Sunday on the three local ballot proposals — one in Springfield Township and two in Independence Township. The city of the Village of Clarkston has no proposal on the primary ballot.

The series, which will run on Sundays, will begin this week with a story on Springfield's proposal for renewal of police millage. The stories that follow will be about Independence's proposals for a library millage renewal and a safety path millage renewal and increase.

Local races

We will cover contested local races only. In Independence, Springfield and Clarkston, most of the contested local races are between Republicans vying for the Republican nomination for the

general election. That means you won't be seeing much coverage this month of Democratic candidates. It also means — because the Clarkston-area is strong Republican territory — that most of the elections will be decided in the primary. For that reason, it's especially important for us to do a thorough, accurate and fair job of presenting the candidates and their viewpoints. It's equally important for Clarkston-area residents to vote in the primary.

The races we will cover are:

■ the 16th District State Senate race, where term-limited state Rep. Tom Middleton of Clarkston is taking on incumbent Mat Dunaskiss of Lake Orion for the Republican nomination and David Lillis, a hospital food services manager from Orion Township, and Michael Odette, a Springfield Township attorney, are vying for the Democratic nomination.

■ the 46th District State Representative race, where four candidates — attorney Jeff Gallant of Clarkston, Oakland County Commissioner Ruth Johnson of Holly, GM engineer John Lauve of Holly and Highland Township Treasurer Pat Woods — are vying for the GOP nomination.

■ the 2nd Oakland County Commission District, where state Rep. David N. Galloway of White Lake and incumbent Donna Huntoon of Clarkston are vying for the Republican nomination.

■ the 3rd Oakland County Commission District, where former Orion Township supervisor Doug Brown of Orion Township is challenging incumbent Larry Obrecht of Lake Orion for the Republican nomination.

■ the Springfield Township trustee race, where Richard Miller and Wanda Rothermel are vying for a partial term ending in two years.

Don't flush tax plan for drain

When it comes to the 12 Towns Drain, there was a problem and a good solution proposed. Now, that solution may be in jeopardy.

After a long battle with the federal government over Oakland County's role in the pollution of Lake St. Clair, the 12 communities to be served by the drain are being required to clean up their act.

The 12 Towns Drain will serve Birmingham, Beverly Hills, Southfield and Troy, among other southeast Oakland County communities.

County Executive L. Brooks Patterson proposed having the 12 Towns pay for the drain by lowering the county tax rate for all Oakland communities. Patterson has proposed cutting the county tax rate from 4.35 mills to 4.19 mills. While all would get the tax break, only the 12 Towns would raise taxes under their local tax limit ceiling to pay for the drain.

That proposal is under fire from county commission chairman John McCulloch, R-Royal Oak, who is looking for a bigger solution.

Some county commissioners, led by McCulloch, have proposed leaving the county tax rate at its current level. They would use the difference to create a special infrastructure fund that communities can draw on to address certain projects — with the 12 Towns Drain as a top priority.

The drain is necessary. During heavy rainfalls, storm water overflows the drainage systems of the 12 Towns communities, mixes with raw sewage that would normally be sent to the sewerage treatment plant in Detroit, and spills into the Red Run Drain after a shock treatment of chlorine.

Eventually, this roughly treated drainage makes its way into Lake St. Clair, where it is surmised that it contributes to the water pollution problems there. These overflows, which occur less than a half dozen times each year, at current estimates will cost between \$90 and \$140 million to address through improvements to the south Oakland County drainage system.

We liked the simplicity and fairness of Patterson's solution, and supported the plan earlier this year. At the time, we wondered if the leaders of 12 Towns communities would have the political will to support the county tax cut and then reassign the tax rate at the local level, generating money to fix the drain.

Seeing an opportunity, 12 Towns communities want to capture the tax cut money for themselves through the infrastructure fund. That means no tax cut for the rest of the county.

While we can certainly sympathize with the plight of the 12 Towns communities, who are facing a hefty bill, we question whether all of Oakland County ought to foot the bill to address the problem.

In the long term, Patterson's plan not only helps 12 Towns communities fund their problem, but also paves the way for addressing future problems elsewhere with little additional tax burden on county residents.

Patterson has a good plan and, as such, we would probably dismiss these last minute machinations to subvert it. But this is an election year and funny things happen.

Let's not allow Patterson's well-thought out plan to be next.

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

Do you have any childhood memories of Roy Rogers?



'We used to always watch him on TV with our brothers and sisters.'

Mary Ann Carlson
Independence Township



'I know I used to watch it with Dale Evans and the horse. I remember Soupy Sales better.'

Tina Monkaba
Independence Township



'I went to all his movies. Loved 'em. Him and Gene.'

John Perry
Independence Township



'He was back before my time.'

Noland Morrow
Independence Township

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My vote's for Gallant

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I was impressed that Jeff has specific ideas of how we can make government more open and make it accessible to everyday people like me. Mr. Gallant's visit was both refreshing and informative. He is obviously interested in addressing the questions, problems and concerns of his constituents. I'm voting for Jeff because he not only asks the questions, but he listens to the answers and I believe he will be tireless in his quest for better government.

Karen Guida
Clarkston

Fishwrap journalism

When I saw the picture of Nancy Strole on the front page of your Sunday (July 5) edition, somehow I thought paragraphs of informative import would caption the photo. Upon reading the text, I only felt embarrassed for the interviewer and the interviewee. Surely a better job can be done of personality profiling than this fishwrap journalism. Serious issues confront our community. Serious newspapers can play a role in detailing them. Step up to the plate, thinking people read and need newspapers. If a publication is relevant, readers will even pay for the newspaper.

Good luck getting my 50 cents.

Robert Namowicz
Clarkston

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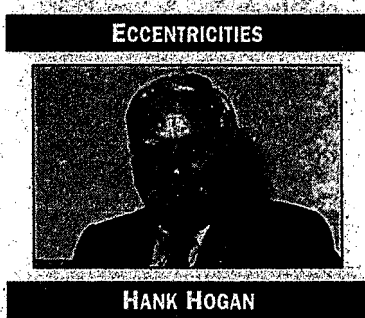
publishers.

There are also the Pulitzer prizes selected by Columbia University that are funded by the family of that name who published papers in St. Louis.

The purpose of trade association recognition is to promote better publications, and these organizations are not trying to push a point of view.

The other side of the coin is that certain organizations give out awards to media who have done the best job in promoting their particular special interest.

Beauty is in the eyes of the beholder, and many special interest organizations have wonderful goals and aspirations, like curing diseases or helping the less fortunate, but they are still using the



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recognition tool to get better press.

Some of the examples I watch are reporters who take pride in winning a School Bell award from the Michigan Education Association for doing the best

job in helping the teachers union explain the process of education.

The State Bar of Michigan gives out an award to the media for doing the best job of explaining the legal system to the public.

The Automobile Club of Michigan gives out a "Steering Wheel" award for the best stories about roads and cars.

There are many others. Look at the plaques on the wall of any newspaper or broadcast facility.

The problem with these awards is that they encourage people to write or broadcast stories about things that normally wouldn't be newsworthy enough to appear in print or on the air.

The world seems to be run by special interests, and as wonderful as the goals

of these special interest groups may be, by their very nature they may not be in the best interest of the general populous.

Government is influenced by special interest contributions from political action committees.

The press should be careful that it is not used by people using award devices to get a better opportunity to tell their story. The newsworthiness of the project should determine its importance.

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

LETTERS

Johnson a proven leader

Term limits in the Michigan House of Representatives will be the cause of many new faces in Lansing next year. North Oakland County's new face will need leadership experience along with a record of success. Someone with that type of background will get a jump start, putting the values and interests of north Oakland County residents at the top of the agenda in Lansing.

Ruth Johnson has a proven record of being a hard worker. Four times she has fought to cut taxes and four times she has succeeded in cutting property tax rates. She led the fight to stop trash dumps from being put in Brandon, Holly, Highland, and Rose. She stopped a planned prison for Oakland County. She also helped to stop the implementation of "Camp Holly," a youth detention camp for young out-of-county criminals. One of Ruth's key accomplishments was to make criminals pay by putting Oakland County prisoners to work growing their own food and cleaning roadways. She did this while serving as chairwoman of the task force.

Ruth Johnson has been instrumental in improving our roads. When the

Tri-Party funding program was threatened, Ruth, recognizing that program to be of greatest importance to north Oakland roads, led the fight to keep it going, thus continuing improvements and construction projects. Ruth will continue to assure that north Oakland County receives its fair share of tax dollars back from Lansing to keep our roads in working order.

As a former teacher in Clarkston, Ruth has firsthand experience in the field of education. This is a critical issue for her and she will be putting her time and effort into improving Michigan's educational system.

Ruth Johnson is a proven champion, with a record of getting things done. For nearly a decade she has dedicated herself to serving our community as a county commissioner and a past vice chair. Her honesty and integrity are extraordinary. Her many years of experience as a hard-working member of our community will serve to make her a very effective leader in Lansing.

I would like to encourage voters to support Ruth Johnson for Michigan House of Representatives by voting for her in the Aug. 4 primary election.

Holly Hansz-Ax

Johnson is motivated

Occasionally you have the opportunity to know someone that is special; honest, caring, dedicated and very motivated. Ruth Johnson is that person.

We personally know she worked in the best interest of Oakland County residents as long as 20 years ago when she helped stop the implementation of our state's first toxic waste facility in Groveland Township. She showed unselfishness, initiative, and the ability to work long and hard with great leadership abilities. She continues to show that she is not self-serving. In fact, she has taken it on the chin, because she is not afraid to do what is right for everyone.

Ruth's background in owning, with husband Don, their own business plus her extensive educational background, means that she has all the tools necessary to make a great state representative. She has done so much for all of us, worked on too many committees to mention, and has been given both state and national awards for her environmental concerns. She has the ability to get into the very

heart of a project and follow it through without wearing out or becoming too discouraged to quit, a word not in her vocabulary.

Ruth is respected both locally and in Lansing, where she is well known. She is a credit to all of us. We would like to encourage everyone to vote for Ruth Johnson, Tuesday, Aug. 4 for the Republican nomination for state representative, 46th District. She has never failed us in Groveland Township, and we know she will never fail you.

David and Beth Steele
Holly

Choose Pat Woods

Dear Voters of the 46th District: Please send Patricia L. Woods to represent you in Lansing as your state representative.

Pat is a long-time friend and associate and I am confident she will be an excellent Representative. Pat will bring far more than her 15 years experience as Highland Township treasurer and trustee to Lansing. Pat will bring a lifetime of community ser-

vice - service to young and old alike.

Take it from me. When Pat Woods "pledges that she will represent you, your families, and our communities as if they were her own," that is a pledge you can count on.

Vote Patricia L. Woods, state representative on Tuesday, Aug. 4.

Susan L. Gross, Treasurer
Charter Township of
Commerce

Gallant listens to voters

Jeff Gallant has been on foot going door to door to personally meet residents in his 46th District of the Michigan House of Representatives.

He explains his views and always asks for your concerns.

I feel that a candidate that extends himself to personally meet the people in his district will always be available to listen to our concerns and to act on them to the best of our interest.

Mari Ann Staley
Independence Township

Sports fan falls just short in his quest to be the best

You could look it up. That's what legendary baseball manager Casey Stengel used to say. When it comes to sports, he was right. There's no record, champion or event so obscure it isn't recorded somewhere.

I bring this up because last weekend I was involved in the Detroit's No. 1 Fan Contest held at the Pontiac Silverdome. The sports trivia competition was sponsored by WDFN-AM and hosted by the sports talk radio station's on air personalities.

Skeptics can hardly see the purpose in memorizing sports trivia. They have a point, of course. But sociologists tell us sports is the secret language of men, the bond that holds many male friendships together. Further, Detroit is one sports-crazy town. Just a few weeks ago, "The Sporting News" named Detroit the nation's No. 1 sports city, based in part on the loyalty and knowledge of its fans.

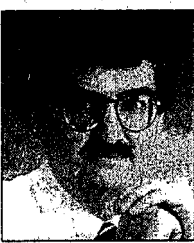
So here was my chance to be acknowledged as the No. 1 sports fan in the nation's No. 1 sports city. Not to mention the chance to win season tickets to all Tigers and Lions home games, select tickets to Red Wings and Pistons games, a new set of golf clubs and, for the home, a deck and an outdoor grill the size of a Volkswagen. Not too shabby.

Eight of us had advanced from preliminary contests to Friday night's finals at the dome's Main Event restaurant. Not surprisingly, the question-and-answer session carried the air of a genuine sporting contest. Each of us brought a rooting section, though I have to say mine probably stole the show.

My 15 or so fans and friends were decked out in black-and-white T-shirts with this column photo and the word "Waynapalooza" on the front and my summer itinerary on the back. (Including the date of my initial contest at a Troy sports bar, the date of the finals and the dates of my upcoming wedding and - ahem - bachelor party.)

Believe it or not, complete strangers went up to some of my guys and offered as much as \$15 to buy a shirt. About 25 years ago I saw Elvis at the Silverdome. Now, for about 25 minutes I was Elvis. And nervous.

I'm not ashamed to say my hands were damp



WAYNE PEAL

long before the first question was asked.

Ever watch Jeopardy! and say, "Hey, I could do that?" Well, believe me, it's not as easy on a stage in front of about 250 or so wildly cheering folks as it is in the privacy of your own living room.

The thing about sports trivia, too, is that the subject is so broad. I could tell you that Hooks Dauss (who?) is the Tigers' all-time leader in pitching victories, or that goalie

Chris Osgood is second on the Red Wings' list for playoff victories, or that Uruguay captured soccer's first World Cup. None of those questions came up.

But I held my own on those questions that were asked, coming from behind in the tough, Jeopardy!-style opening round to advance to the Hollywood Squares-style semifinals. There, I stumbled on a relatively easy question involving basketball star Shaquille O'Neal. And that was it. I lost 3-2.

A word about my fellow competitors. To a man (and it was an all-male contest) they were gentlemen. Mark, the guy who knocked me out and the evening's eventual runner up, begged the questioners to give me at least a chance to tie him before ending the semifinal round. But, really, he won fair and square.

Young Bo from Bloomfield, another semifinalist, was among the first to greet me afterward. The champion, Bob, graciously accepted my congratulations after plowing through the finals, machine-like, to this third straight victory in the four-year-old contest's history.

Back at our table, the Waynapalooza crowd showed no signs of disappointment. My fiancée, Melissa, seeing a side of me she'd rarely glimpsed before, gave me an excited hug and kiss. A longtime friend grabbed my hand and told me, "You're the best, man. The best."

I wasn't. Not that night. But they made me feel like I was.

Besides, even Michael Jordan didn't win the championship on his first try.

And you could look that up.

Wayne Peal is Oakland County editor for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. A limited number of Waynapalooza T-shirts remain available.

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Kuhn. Endorsements prove he's qualified



Kuhn

Richard Kuhn, Jr. is the son of incumbent Circuit Judge Richard D. Kuhn, who is seeking reelection in an uncontested race.

The younger Kuhn practices law with the Addison Need law firm in Bloomfield Hills and is an assistant township attorney and municipal prosecutor in Commerce, White Lake and Springfield townships.

He was a research attorney to Oakland Circuit Judge Rudy J. Nichols from January, 1991, until April, 1995, and he was an Oakland County Commissioner for eight years, including a stint as chair of the Public Services Committee.

"Right now my campaign is right on track," he said. In a primary campaign, he said, "the goal is to reach an identifiable group of voters, namely those identifying themselves as Republicans and Democrats." In that respect, "I'm happy to have endorsements from some key people such as (county executive and former county prosecutor) L.

Brooks Patterson and (current) prosecutor David Gorcyca.

One of those endorsing the younger Kuhn is Oakland Circuit Judge Steven N. Andrews, who said, "I've seen Richard Kuhn in my courtroom, and I'm impressed with his ability and temperament."

Kuhn said his message is fundamental. "If you support tough, fair justice, the choice is clear," he said.

Equally fundamental, he continued, is the role a judge should play within a system with the separation of powers. "The legislature makes the law," he said, "and judges should interpret and apply the law."

To illustrate, Kuhn cited Michigan's drug lifer law. Some people are critical of the law, he noted. "But the judge's function is not to impose his or her views," he said. "Judges interpret and apply laws as written by the legislature."

The same applies to laws pertaining to assisted suicide, Kuhn said.

The advisory committee on judicial candidates, an independent committee of the Oakland County Bar Association, ranked Kuhn as "Not Recommended — Insufficient Experience."

Kuhn strongly disagrees with that evaluation.

O'Brien believes board work gives her edge



O'Brien

Colleen O'Brien has been a practicing attorney for 17 years — time spent "in the trenches," according to campaign literature, "aggressively representing her clients in a wide array of litigation."

Her campaign, thus far, has included door-to-door campaigning and talking to voters at public gatherings like Founder's Day in Farmington Hills Saturday and the Royal Oak art fair Sunday.

"I go anywhere I can get my message to the voters," she said.

That message, O'Brien said, is that her experience and background as a practicing attorney and someone involved in her community have equipped her to be an outstanding circuit judge. "I talk to people about the duties and responsibilities of being a judge," she said, "and then I explain why I am highly qualified as a judicial candidate."

"I've handled a wide variety of civil and criminal cases," she said, "and I've served on a number of quasi-judicial agencies requiring a knowledge of the law

and the ability to apply the law and make decisions."

For nine years, for example, O'Brien has been a member of the hearing panel of the Attorney Discipline Board that hears and evaluates allegations of misconduct against attorneys.

"Sometimes I had to vote on disbarring other attorneys," she said. "That's a hard decision to make, but one that has to be made."

O'Brien has also been a neutral arbitrator for the Wayne, Oakland and Macomb circuit courts.

Oakland Probate Judge Barry M. Grant, who is supporting O'Brien, said she has the work

ethic and judicial temperament to be "an outstanding judge."

O'Brien is a past president of the Oakland County Women's Bar Association, and she served on the Board of Directors of the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan. In 1994, she was appointed to the Task Force to Improve the Justice System in Oakland County.

Since 1982, she is also a member of the Rochester Hills Economic Development Committee.

The advisory committee on judicial candidates rated O'Brien as "Outstanding" — a ranking with which she was obviously pleased.

Kaplan highlights his experience as prosecutor



Kaplan

Steven Kaplan, who has been actively campaigning for Oakland Circuit Judge since February, said positive name recognition is vital in judicial races. "People want to know who your are," he said.

Kaplan had considerable name recognition going into the race, having been involved in two hotly contested races for Oakland County prosecutor. In 1992 he narrowly lost to Republican incumbent Richard Thompson, and in 1996, the narrowly lost to the current Republican prosecutor David G. Gorcyca.

But a judicial race is different than running for prosecutor, he said.

Kaplan has been talking to service clubs — like the Birmingham Rotary Club, where Monday spoke about assisted suicide — and community organizations.

Trial experience is fundamental, insisted Kaplan. Just as the chief surgeon at a hospital would be expected to have extensive experience in the operating room, Kaplan said, a circuit judge — who oversees a trial

court — should have extensive trial experience.

"As an assistant prosecutor, I've tried hundreds of cases," Kaplan said. "And I've written 40 articles for legal journals."

As an Oakland Circuit judge, Kaplan said he would be tough on crime. He supports capital punishment, for example. "Not as a deterrent, but because it's appropriate punishment for somebody convicted of first degree murder." He would have zero tolerance for people convicted of domestic abuse or drunk driving.

He teaches trial advocacy at his alma mater, the Detroit College of Law, and teaches law enforcement at the Criminal Justice Institute.

Kaplan, a West Bloomfield resident, is a former member of the Southfield School Board and is currently active in the Haven Domestic Violence Shelter and Common Ground. He has been endorsed by a number of organizations — including the Michigan Chapter of the National Organization for Women — numerous attorneys and about 50 active or retired judges.

He was rated "Outstanding" by the Public Advisory Committee on Judicial Candidates, an independent committee of the Oakland County Bar.

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Thursday, July 16, 1998



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Rochelle from page A9

next morning, he explained that she wasn't happy with her annual review and pay increase. My first thought was, "There has to be more." Since his secretary and I have been friends for eight years, I know her well enough to know that she wouldn't leave over money. After listening to his side of the story, I called her at home and asked what had happened. While the facts of the story were the same, the viewpoint was drastically different.

His side of the story: He's a busy attorney struggling to stay on top of the work. It's time for his secretary's annual review, so he delegates the task to the office manager (as he has for several years) and when asked what percentage of pay increase the secretary should be given, he replies, "Whatever the average is." He appreciates the great job his secretary has been doing and assumes that everything is fine. Suddenly, he is approached by this person who he considers a friend of eight years and told that she is quitting, today without giving two weeks notice because she is upset by her annual pay increase. He tells her money is no problem, name the price. Whatever it takes, he wants her to stay. She refuses to stay even though he feels he has done everything right. He is hurt and feels betrayed.

Her side of the story: She has been working her tail off because of his hectic schedule. Because he is so busy, he has been delegating more of the work to her.

But, if you are an employee, tell your boss if you are doing the best job you can and want recognition. If you are the boss, take a minute or two to tell your employees if they are valued.

In addition to the late hours and missed lunches, she has been expected to handle a phone that never stops ringing, take care of his personal appointments and finances, schedule and reschedule airline reservations for his many trips, both personal and business, and keep the clients happy when he is constantly running from one meeting to the next and can't return their calls as quickly as they would like. In addition to all this, she had recently juggled the additional task of finding him a flight, at the last minute, and driving him to the airport when he unexpectedly got tickets to the final Red Wings game. After knocking herself out for another year (in addition to the prior seven similar years), when it came time for her annual review, he didn't even take the time to sit down and tell her that he appreciated it. She considered the delegation of the annual review to the office manager to be a slap in the face. Then receiving the "average" instead of the "top" pay increase was the final blow. "It was like

he reached in and pulled my heart out and threw it down on Woodward." It wasn't the money, it was the message. She thought they were friends in addition to work associates. What was he trying to tell her by giving her an "average" increase? Once she decided to leave, she couldn't stand the thought of being there for two weeks with him trying to get her to stay. It would have been too painful.

These two stories have the same facts, and ultimately the same outcome. Both sides of the story are being told by someone who feels betrayed and wounded. The attorney didn't see it coming and feels he did nothing wrong. The secretary feels like a doormat that is unappreciated. How could this have been avoided? Communication? I say that with a question mark because I know it is difficult to tell someone who is very busy that you aren't feeling appreciated. But, if you are an employee, tell your boss if you are doing the best job you can, and want recognition. If you are the boss, take a minute or two to tell your employees if they are valued. Personally, I will be communicating in loud clear, tones prior to my next annual evaluation. Since my boss's secretary quit, I've been getting dumped on, but, I have to admit, he really does seem to appreciate me. Some lessons are learned hard.

Rochelle Smith, who lives in Clarkston, is a freelance columnist.

OBITUARY

BARBARA H. HETHERINGTON

Barbara H. Hetherington of Clarkston died July 11, 1998, at age 64.

Mrs. Hetherington was a charter member of Mt. Hope Lutheran Church in Pontiac and was active in the Women's Auxiliary. She was formerly employed at General Motors and Abstract &

Title Co. She enjoyed ceramics, crocheting and painting.

She is survived by two sons, Mark (Diane) of Waterford and Mike (Vicky) of Florida; mother, Helen Butler of Pontiac; and three grandchildren. She is also survived by a brother, Charles Butler of Clarkston, and many

nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home in Clarkston. Funeral services were held at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church. Memorial envelopes are available at the church, 517 W. Walton, Pontiac (248) 335-9881.

Birth announcement



Happy Birthday, Matthew: Matthew Timothy Hart and his family gather for a picture in the hospital room on the day of his birth. Matthew is the son of Tim and Susette Hart. He was born at 6:13 a.m. Sunday, June 7, 1998. He weighed 8 pounds 14 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long. He is pictured here with (left to right) brother Michael, sister Anne Marie, mom Susette, and brother David.

Ordination ceremony planned for new pastor

Terri Engel Peterson will be ordained as a pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America at Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass, Clarkston at 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 24.

Southern Ohio Synod Bishop Callon W. Holloway Jr. will ordain, Pastor Robert Walters of Calvary will preach, and Calvary's choir led by Inger Nelson will sing.

Peterson grew up at Calvary, graduated from Clarkston High School, and graduated cum laude from the University of

Detroit-Mercy. While at U of D-M, she tutored for the Detroit Council on Literacy and worked in the school's Language Continuing Education Department.

In 1997 she graduated from the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, S.C., having served a year's internship at two congregations in Minnewauken, N.D.

Peterson will be ordained upon her call to serve Triumphant Cross Lutheran Church, Trotwood, and St. John Lutheran Church, West Alexandria, Ohio. Her husband, Brian, will be

ordained the following day at his home church where his father serves as pastor in South Bend, Ind. He will serve St. Peter Lutheran Church in Trenton, Ohio.

They will live in Miamisburg. In a whirlwind weekend, Terri will be installed as pastor of the congregations she will serve on Sunday, July 26.

She and Brian have a daughter, Rachael. Her parents, Bill and Sandy Engel, and her grandparents, Fred and Esther Engel, are residents of Clarkston.

Writing camp from page A9

Students must submit portfolios of their work and they are selected for admission by Wright, who said he would like to add a high school program next year.

Wright became director of the camp after volunteering for the position, he said, noting that information learned through the Oakland Writing Project can be taken directly into classrooms and quickly implemented.

"My involvement with this whole business started with things we are doing in school

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Howard Wright
director of children's writing camp

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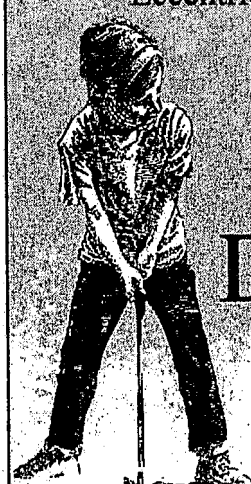
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SATURDAY, JULY 18

MICHIGAN BIRD OF PREY

1 p.m., Indian Springs Metropark. An indoor slide presentation followed by a hike on the trails to further study these fascinating creatures. Ages 8 and up. Registration required. Call 625-7280.

SUNDAY, JULY 19

GARDEN TEA PARTY-A FAMILY FESTIVAL

1:30-4 p.m., Cohn Amphitheater. Independence Oaks County Park. Have "tea" in the garden and enjoy stories, make and take crafts, herbal treats, garden tours, games, puppet shows and more. This festival highlights the Jean Rubach Sensory Garden adjacent to the Nature Center, home to more than 60 varieties of herbal plants. Round out the afternoon with a concert of Irish music at the Cohn Amphitheater. To register, purchase tickets in advance at the Nature Center. Cost \$3/person. Call 625-6473.

IRISH MUSIC

3:30 p.m. Cohn Amphitheater. Independence Oaks County Park. Irish music has grown in popularity due to the influence of "River Dance." Celebrate a rich culture at this performance of traditional Irish music by the Irish Wakes and Weddings Band. Admission to "Garden Tea Party" described above is included with ticket. To register, purchase tickets in advance at the Nature Center. Cost \$3/person. Call 625-6473.

FRIDAY, JULY 24

HOMESCHOOLERS' SUMMER STARS

11 a.m., Indian Springs Metropark. Bring a white or light colored T-shirt to the nature center and get ready to "blast off" for an exciting indoor program. Siblings are welcome but must remain quiet. \$1/per child. Registration required. Call 625-7280.

STEAK ROAST

6 p.m., Independence Township Senior Center. Cooked-to-order ribeye steak with a buffet-style dinner to compliment it. To register call the center at 625-8231 by Wednesday, July 22. Seating limited. Cost: \$7 per person.

SATURDAY, JULY 25

CAMPFIRE PRIMER

7-9 p.m. Lewis E. Wint Nature Center, Independence Oaks County Park. What better way to celebrate the long days of summer than gathering around a crackling campfire for fun and fellowship? Learn the proper way to build a fire, how to enjoy a campfire safely and cook tasty campfire treats plus sing campfire songs. Cost: \$1.50 per person. Registration required. Call 625-6473.

NIGHT SKY OF SUMMER

9 p.m. Indian Springs Metropark. General basic astronomy program around the campfire. Constellations, legends, science facts and most important...toasted marshmallows. Registration required. Call 625-7280.

MONDAY, JULY 27

CLARKSTON CHIEFS

6 p.m. American Legion Hall, 8041 Ortonville Road, Clarkston. Come see what we're all about. Practice field at the old high school. Play in the Silverdome Oct. 3. Sign up for football, cheerleading and pom-pom. For more information, call 620-6427.

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY
JULY 27, 29, AUG. 3 & 5

SIDEWALK GAMES

1-2 p.m. Mill Pond Park, Davisburg Road, Davisburg. Sponsored by Springfield Township Parks and Recreation. We will be playing games from Hopscotch to Jacks. Parents if you have any favorite childhood sidewalk games, please bring them to share with us. Ages 6 and up. Free. For more information, call 634-0412.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

MT. PLEASANT GAMBLING

8 a.m. - 7 p.m. Independence Township Senior Center. Fun-filled day of gambling or people watching at the Soaring Eagle Casino. Included is a buffet lunch at the casino plus a fun book filled with many casino incentives and coupons. Transportation will be via deluxe motorcoach for your comfort. Registrations are now being taken on a first come/first serve basis. Call 625-8231.

PREHISTORIC PICNIC

Noon - 1 p.m. Hart Community Center, Davisburg Road, Davisburg. In co-operation with Springfield Township Library's "Dino Babies" reading program, Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting a "dino"-mite picnic. Picnic lunch, beverage, games and prizes provided. Ages 6 and under. Cost: \$6 per parent/child couple, \$3 for each additional child. Call 634-0413 or 634-3382. Registration deadline is July 22.

SATURDAY, AUG. 1

MICHIGAN AMPHIBIANS & REPTILES

7:30 p.m. Cohn Amphitheater, Independence Oaks County Park. Randy Baker, naturalist extraordinaire, shares the stage with live lizards, snakes and turtles. Cost \$2.50 person. Park is on Sashabaw Road 2 1/2 miles north of I-75, near Clarkston. For more information, call 625-6473 or TDD (248) 858-1684.

VEGAS NIGHT

7 p.m. - midnight, American Legion Post No. 377. Dice games, black jack, roulette wheel. Cost of \$5 per person includes \$3 in chips. Post is at the end of Mary Sue Street off Maybee Road.

SUNDAY, AUG. 2

POT LUCK LUNCHEON

1 p.m., Independence Township Senior Center. Bring your favorite dish to pass. Socialization and great food are the primary activities of the day. Table games or cards can be played following lunch. To register, call the center at 625-8231 by July 31.

SUNDAY, AUG. 9

ANIMATION CELEBRATION

3 p.m. Cohn Amphitheater, Independence Oaks County Park. The Oakland County Parks Traveling Musical Review sings and dances, celebrating some of your favorite animated films. Cost: \$2.50 per person. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the nature center. Call 625-6473.

MONDAY, AUG. 10

BAY COURT PICNIC

Noon, Independence Township Senior Center. Take a break from the dog days of summer and spend a relaxing afternoon with the Independence Township Seniors. Great menu in store. Great place to relax. Special entertainment. Limited space so register early. Call 625-8231.

WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH AUG. 5

PRESCHOOLERS

PREHISTORYTIME

10 a.m. (repeat at 11 a.m.) Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Tickets, take-homes, dinosaur stories and fun are waiting for all 3- to 5-year-olds. New kindergartners are included. Stories, games, songs and puppets are featured. Call 625-2212 to register.

THURSDAYS, THROUGH

AUG. 6

READING IS DINO-MITE

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THURSDAY, AUG. 6

WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP

7 p.m. Informal sharing meeting. Facilitator: Christine Spencer, M.A., L.P.C., director of Bereavement Services at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home. Walk-In, no registration. Free of charge. For men and women of all ages recently widowed. Refreshments served. All area residents welcome. Any questions or if anyone would like to be on their mailing list, call the funeral home at 625-5231. Meeting is held at Independence Township Senior Center located in Clintonwood Park on Clarkston Road in Clarkston.

SUNDAY, AUG. 9

ANIMATION CELEBRATION

3 p.m. Cohn Amphitheater, Independence Oaks County Park. The singing and dancing revue highlights animated film favorites. Cost is \$2.50 person. Park is on Sashabaw Road 2 1/2 miles north of I-75, near Clarkston. For more information call 625-6473 or TDD (248) 858-1684.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 12

SENIOR APPRECIATION DAY

10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Kensington Metropark. Free park admission, boxed picnic lunch, wood carving demos, blood pressure screening, Island Queen ride, musical entertainment, historical performances, exercise/nutrition tips, hayrides, arts and crafts, prizes, casting contest. If you need transportation, call 625-8231.

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TEEN SUMMER

PROGRAM

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

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at the library, 625-2212, for more information.

SUNDAY, AUG. 9

THURSDAY, AUG. 13

SONLIGHT ISLAND VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

6-8:30 p.m. Children aged preschool to 6th grade are invited to attend a tropical adventure at First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road, Clarkston. Children will learn Bible stories and verses, create fun crafts, see funny skits, play exciting games and sing songs. To make it convenient for parents, the church provides a light supper for the children promptly at 6 p.m. For more information call 394-0200.

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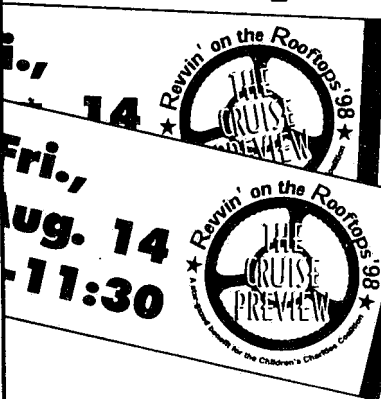
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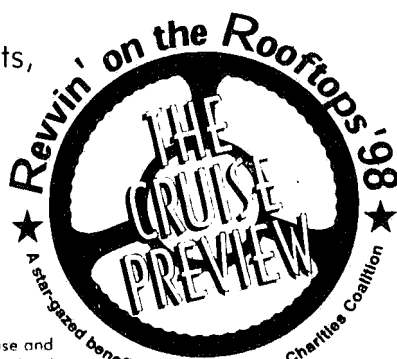
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Liability bill leaves firefighters hot under collar

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Firefighters will "barbecue" legislators who voted against a bill allowing more lawsuits, predicted a senator who lost the fight.

"Treat firemen and policemen exactly the same," said Sen. Chris Dingell, D-Trenton, during debate on a bill to repeal the so-called "firefighter's rule" against allowing suits by police and firefighters injured on the job.

"How dare you boil it down to that!" replied an angry Sen. Mike Bouchard, R-Birmingham, a former police officer. "I feel very strongly that, because men and women wear a uniform, it should not preclude them from having the same rights as other people," Bouchard said.

But Bouchard added that idea lacks votes in both the House and Senate and wouldn't be signed by the governor.

The sharp exchange occurred June 10 as the Senate passed House Bill 4044 modifying the "firefighter's rule" as it applies to police officers.

Based on court cases, the rule bars firefighters and police officers from bringing lawsuits against civilians for injuries suffered in the course of official duty as the result of the civilian's negligence.

"For example, suppose a police

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officer transporting a prisoner is hit from behind by a drunk driver. The prisoner could sue the drunk driver, but the officer couldn't.

Or suppose a firefighter is injured fighting a blaze set by an arsonist, or even a by a person who negligently leaves something on a stove. The firefighter couldn't sue.

The theory is that risks are part of the job.

This year, police and fire unions and lobbies are seeking statutory repeal of the court-made rule. In the Senate, they got half a loaf - police only. Dingell was on the short end of a 35-1 vote as the Senate passed its version.

The House had included both fire and police. Dingell attempted to include firefighters but lost on a 15-21 nearly party line vote. Here is how senators voted on the Dingell amendment.

YES - 14 Democrats and one Republican, John Schwarz of Battle Creek.

NO - 21 Republicans.

EXCUSED - Democrat Gary Peters of Bloomfield Township.

HB 4044 goes back to the House for concurrence in Senate amendments. If the House does

n't concur, the bill will go to a conference committee.

Opponents included the Michigan Insurance Federation and National Federation of Independent Business. They argued:

Public safety officers already are covered by worker's compensation.

The bill would have a "chilling effect" on citizens' willingness to call a public safety agency for fear of liability.

Police and firefighters aren't invited guests to a property, and the owner can't be held to the same standard of care for safe premises.

The bill, supported by the Michigan Trial Lawyers Association, could unleash a flood of lawsuits, as well as push up insurance rates.

The public safety groups argued that worker's comp offers only a percentage of an officer's salary and doesn't offer equivalent pay if the officer suffers permanent disability.

Moreover, they asked, if insurance rate will rise once HB 4044 is passed, why didn't rates go down after the court decisions of 1987 and 1992?

Dingell charged that "one of the police unions sold out everybody else - the firemen - in order to solve just the problems of the police face."

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Road commissioners call for needs study, funding formula extension

The Board of Road Commissioners of the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) on June 25, unanimously passed a resolution urging state legislators to authorize an independent, comprehensive, statewide transportation needs study and extend the current state roads funding formula for five years.

The action was taken at the board's regular meeting. It was spurred by the fact that the state's legislation regulating the distribution of state road funds - Public Act 51 - expires on Oct. 1.

The legislation includes a mandate that if state legislators have not enacted new road funding legislation, state funds allocated for roads will automatically be cut by 20 percent, with that 20 percent being placed in escrow.

"Reducing our revenues from the state fuel taxes and vehicle registration fees by 20 percent would be devastating," said RCOC board Chairman Richard G. Skarritt. "But we're not the only ones who would suffer. This cut would hit the state highway department as well as cities and

villages. There would be a very noticeable impact on roads across the state."

Board Vice Chairman Rudy D. Lozano pointed out that the state has not conducted a comprehensive road needs study since 1983 -- despite the fact that Public Act 51 calls for regular studies. "The problem is that, without a recent, objective needs study, we don't know if the state's road monies are really being used where they are most needed," Lozano said.



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SHARE LIFE WITH ME

Pretty, petite, trim, DWCF, 57, 5'4", 118lbs., blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys soft music, dining out, dancing, the theatre and being outdoors, seeking a tall, handsome, romantic, fit SWCM, 48-54. Ad# 5554

SPECIAL REQUEST

Here is a professional Catholic DWCF, 50, 5'8", who is seeking a Catholic SWM, 48-60, to spend quality time with. She loves walks on the beach, dining out and antiques. Ad# 3788

SIMPLY PUT

SWCF, 18, 5'4", 115lbs., long brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys playing violin, music, dancing, horseback riding and animals, in search of an attractive SWCM, 18-25, with a sense of humor. Ad# 2121

HONESTY COUNTS

She's an attractive SW mom, 49, 5'7", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys sports, traveling and quiet evenings, in search of a tall, athletic SWM, 49-56, for a long-term relationship. Ad# 1148

BE KIND TO MY HEART

Shy and reserved SWCF, 31, 5'6", full-figured, seeks an understanding, kind, dependable SWCM, 50's, to share moonlit walks, movies, traveling and meaningful conversation. Ad# 3567

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Here is a sincere, employed SB mom, 25, 5'4", who enjoys going to church, traveling and reading. In search of a hardworking, professional SM, 28-40, for companionship, possible long-term relationship. Ad# 9273

THE TIME IS RIGHT

She's a outgoing, hardworking SWF, 45, 5'10", whose interests are antiques, flea markets and picnics, in search of a SWM, 40-60, to get to know. Ad# 9652

LEAVE YOUR NAME

A professional, educated SWCF, 45, enjoys reading, long walks, the theatre and dining out, is seeking a SWCM, with similar interests. Ad# 7646

FAMILY-ORIENTED

She is a quiet, reserved SW mom, 28, who enjoys picnics, long walks, coaching sports and is seeking an employed, caring SWM, who likes children. Ad# 8369

SPECIAL REQUEST

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She's an outgoing DW mom, 42, 5'2", with red hair, brown eyes, who enjoys outdoor activities, rollerblading and quiet evenings, in search of a SWM, 37-49. Ad# 7623

MAKE THE CONNECTION

Youthful SWF, 38, 5'6", brown hair/eyes, is seeking a handsome, sincere, honest SWM, over 35, to share mutual interests and friendship. Ad# 2356

WITH HOPE

Catholic SWF, 37, 5'8", is looking for a friendly, sincere, Catholic SWM, 28+, with a great sense of humor and similar interests. She's a Red Wings fan and animal lover. Her hobbies are biking, tennis and walks. Ad# 1211

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Childless SWF, 37, 5'8", is a positive, sensitive, compassionate nature lover. She enjoys reading, good conversation and dancing and is looking for a Catholic SWM, 32-42. Ad# 1403

EASYGOING

Protestant DWCF, 60, 5'8", with a great personality, enjoys dining out and dancing. She is seeking a tall WWWCM, 65, with similar interests. Ad# 1305

MISSING YOU

Are you looking for a bright Catholic DWCF, with a beautiful heart? She is 44, 5'1", with brown hair, who enjoys outdoor sports, dining out and walks in the park. She is looking for a Catholic SWM, 34-51, to share life. Ad# 3804

REFLECTIVE AT TIMES

Discover this flexible, DWCF, 52, 5'6". She is employed and has many interests such as the theater, reading, art, music and walking. She's looking for a spiritual, DWM, 47+, with positive attitude. Ad# 8081

FEEL AT EASE...

She's a sweet, active, fun-loving SWF, 60, petite, who enjoys dancing, reading and the theatre, wishes to share interests and companionship with an easy-going SWM, 55-68. Ad# 9972

LOOK NO FURTHER

This Catholic DW mom of one, 26, 5'2", who is shy and reserved at first, enjoys dining out, walks, amusement parks and quiet evenings at home, is looking for a Catholic WM, 25-35, for a possible relationship. Ad# 6969

MAYBE YOU & ME

She's a shy, never-married SWF, 34, 5'7", who enjoys baseball games, the outdoors and movies, in search of a athletic SWM, 28-39, for friendship first. Ad# 4211

WAITING TO HEAR FROM YOU

I'm a Catholic DW mom, 37, 5'5", professionally employed, pretty and have a great sense of humor. I'm looking to meet a Catholic SWM, 35-44, who enjoys gardening, the theater, dining out and dancing. Ad# 6644

MOVE QUICKLY

SWCF, 56, 5'2", 122lbs, blonde hair, green eyes, seeking a SWCM, 50-60, who is respectful and appreciates a good woman. Ad# 6258

MAKE THE CONNECTION

SWF, 34, 5'6", full-figured, who is a blue-eyed blonde, enjoys a wide variety of interests, is searching a SWM, 35-45, who has a positive outlook in life. Ad# 3064

SO HOW ARE YOU?

Attractive, outgoing SWCF, 41, 5'7", a professional, enjoys outdoor activities, dining out, the theatre and more, seeks a SWCM, 30-45, who is serious about life. Ad# 5656

GET TO KNOW ME

Easygoing SWF, 45, 5'7", blonde hair, employed, enjoys being around family and friends, barbecues, working out, bowling and more, seeks a SWM, over 44. Ad# 1952

WELL-EDUCATED

Outgoing SWF, 62, 5'6", employed, enjoys singing, shopping, reading, traveling and flea markets, seeks an intelligent, active SWM, 55-65, who is a gentleman, for companionship. Ad# 2000

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Catholic DWCF, 51, 5'5", N/S, enjoys long walks, movies, antiques and travel, would like to meet a sincere, humorous DWM, 50-60, without children at home. Ad# 1106

GOD COMES FIRST

Outgoing WWWCF, 44, 5'6", employed, enjoys traveling, walking, reading and exercising, seeks a SWJM, 44-58, who loves God, for friendship first. Ad# 7788

THIS IS IT

Outgoing and friendly SWC mom, 38, 5'0", enjoys dining out, movies, casinos, Bible study, seeks SWCM, 38-46, with similar interests. Ad# 1959

MAKE A WISH FOR ME

SWCF, 50, 5'7", brunette, enjoys church and long walks, seeks a SWM, 38+, with good communication skills, for friendship first. Ad# 7454

ACTIVE LIFESTYLE

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LOOKING FOR A FRIEND

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Catholic, DWCF, 50, 5'1", outgoing, educated, enjoys sports, reading, traveling, gardening, seeks Catholic, SWM, 46-54, with similar interests. Ad# 1895

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Catholic DWCF, 44, professional, active in volunteer work, enjoys music, the theatre, concerts, fireside discussions, learning to golf and dining out, in search of a hospitable SWCM, 45-52. Ad# 8411

BE REAL

SBF, 45, 5'9", enjoys traveling, sports, movies and dining out, seeking an honest, sincere SBM, 40-55, without children, for friendship first. Ad# 1945

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TELL ME ABOUT YOURSELF

Never-married SWM, 31, 5'10", medium build, a Catholic, enjoys biking, rollerblading, going to movies, seeking and playing tennis, seeking a SWF, 24-35, for friendship first, maybe more. Ad# 7777

ATTRACTIVE

Athletic, attentive, sincere SWM, 43, 6'1", seeks outgoing, big-hearted SWF, 28+, who has direction in life. Ad# 1111

LISTEN CLOSELY

SWM, 37, 6'4", 190lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who likes music, movies, dining out and church activities, is seeking a SWF, 30-40, with similar interests. Ad# 3968

LIGHT UP MY LIFE

Get together with this Catholic SWM, 39, 6'1". He's looking for a family-oriented, petite, romantic, sincere DW mom, 18-38. Ad# 4111

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I'M LOOKING

SWM, 40, seeks a slender, athletic SWF, age unimportant, who enjoys golf, tennis, the outdoors, taking walks, the theatre and romantic times, to share a long-term relationship. Ad# 8025

TO THE POINT

This athletic SWM, 42, 6', enjoys working out and is seeking a slim DW Catholic F, of any age, to spend time with. Ad# 7287

SMILE WITH ME

I'm an outgoing Born-Again SWCM, 35, 6'3", who enjoys outdoor activities, sports, boating and am in search of a SCF, 24-40, for a possible relationship. Ad# 3061

FAMILY-ORIENTED?

This athletic, sincere, professional, fun-loving Catholic SWM, 43, 6'1", has a wide variety of interests, seeks a spontaneous, slender, attractive, romantic SWF, race and age unimportant. Ad# 2613

MUTUAL RESPECT

He's a catholic SWM, 30, 5'9", 180lbs., who is athletic, N/S, non-drinker, physically fit and shy at first, seeking a slender, attractive, N/S SWF, 24-33, who likes the outdoors, motocross, mountain biking and basketball. Ad# 1239

SMILE WITH ME

I'm a SBM, 26, 6'2", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys playing basketball, movies and more, in search of a SWF, 21-29. Ad# 8222

THE ANSWER IS HERE

Professional, outgoing SBCM, 33, 6', 185lbs., never-married, enjoys music, concerts, dining out, the park and traveling. He is seeking a SCF, 21+, with similar interests. Ad# 8262

EASY TO PLEASE

He's an outgoing, friendly SBM, 25, an employed student, who likes barbecues, spending time with family and friends, outdoor sports and is looking to meet a sincere, honest SBF, for good times. Ad# 7000

DEEP BELIEFS

He's a trim, muscular, professional SWM, 26, who is involved in church activities. His hobbies are working around his home, riding his motorcycle, going to church and is looking for a SWF, 22-27, who likes a good conversation. Ad# 1234

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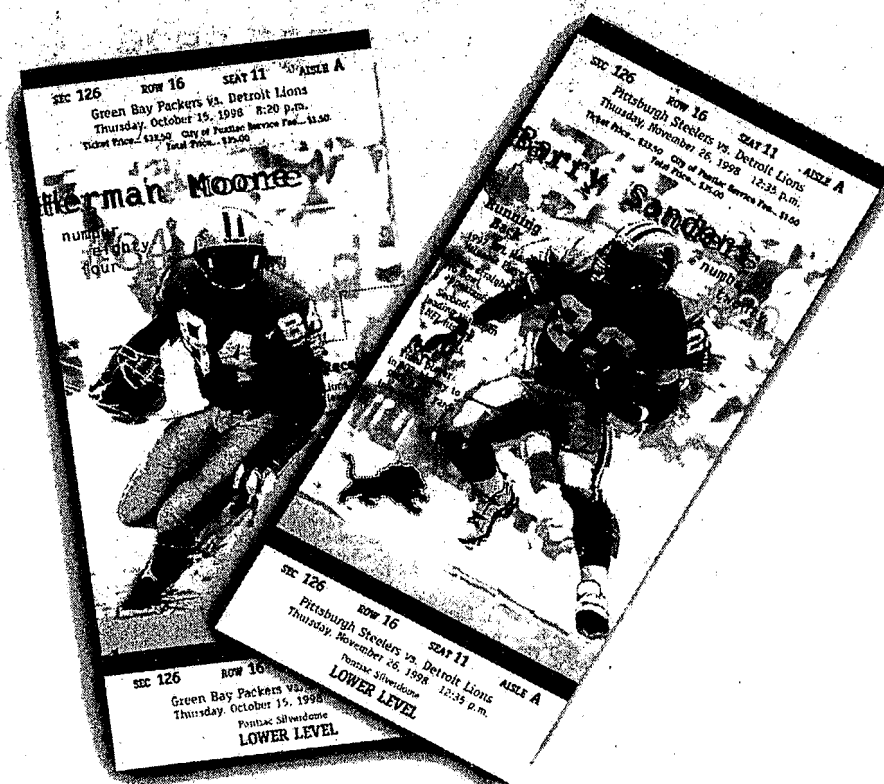
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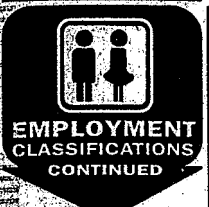
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Medical Equipment Company based in Livonia seeking full-time applicants for delivery technicians/drivers. Will train. Benefits package available. Self-motivated, responsible individuals with positive attitudes. Apply in person. Mon-Fri. or send resume to: Metro Medical Equipment, Inc. 23855 Livonia, MI 48150 Fax: 734-522-9380

DIRECT CARE AIDE
Group home openings for aides, afternoons, midnights. Valid driver's license, paid training. Competitive wage & benefits. Call 313-752-0538 or 313-685-5637

DIRECT CARE AIDE
No experience required. Assist handicapped citizens with home activities. Exceptional home. Splendid clients & great staff. Full/part-time, midnight shift. Up to \$7.25 an hr. to start. Includes training, personal time, health & dental plan. Near Romeo. 810-758-2517

Direct Care Staff
Attractive group homes need caring staff. For midnights in Dearborn, call Stephanie: (313) 274-1890 For midnights in Grosse Pointe, call: (313) 459-5178 For PM midnights in Plymouth, call: (313) 420-0678 For PM in Livonia, call: (734) 432-9732

DIRECT CARE STAFF - needed for afternoon shift. Call between 10am & 2pm. (734) 454-9182

DIRECT CARE STAFF - Novi area. Full & part time. Must be flexible. Start at \$8.00/hr. for trained. \$7.25/hr. for untrained. Call 248-348-7440

DIRECT CARE STAFF
Support personnel needed for group homes. 2347 Industrial Park, Farmington Hills, MI 48335 Attn: Sales Coordinator Fax 248-477-2583

Direct Care Workers
Afternoon shifts in respite home for handicapped children. 401K, medical, paid vacations/holidays. Benefits. Full and part time. Great environment. Full benefits. Call Mon-Fri, 10-4pm. (734) 453-8555

DISPATCHER
for Plymouth OTR carrier. Previous dispatch experience. 401K, medical, paid vacations/holidays. Benefits. Full and part time. Great environment. Full benefits. Call Mon-Fri, 10-4pm. (734) 453-8555

DOORS - COMMERCIAL INSTALLER/TECHNICIAN
MUST have 6 years experience. Starting salary \$16 per hr., depending on experience. Livonia area. Call Dave Rice at Performance Doors. (734) 464-1150

DOZER OPERATOR
for full service grading & excavating. 401K, medical, paid vacations/holidays. Benefits. Full and part time. Great environment. Full benefits. Call Mon-Fri, 10-4pm. (734) 453-8555

TRUCK DRIVER
Gravel Train. Good pay, benefits. 120550. Call 248-347-6290. Grand River, Wixom. 248-347-6290 or fax resume to 248-347-6299

DRIVER/DELIVERY PERSON
Needed by local retail chain for metro Detroit area. Lifting required, clean driving record, great work environment, competitive wages. Call 734-591-1717

DRIVER
Driving and some maintenance required. Must have excellent driving record. We offer an excellent benefit package. Please apply in person at: 46301 Port St., Plymouth, MI 48170. Fax 734-459-3900 or fax resume 734-459-6147

DRIVER, FULL TIME w/benefits, for auto part store will train. Apply at: Parts Supply, 1054 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth

GM Dealer needs full time parts delivery person-benefits apply in person to Mr. Ballester, Gordon Chevrolet, 31850 Ford Rd., Garden City

DRIVER/MAINTENANCE
Must be DOT certified. Must be clean driver with good driving record, also clean shop & do related tasks. wages. Call 734-416-5944

DRIVER
Part time. Local deliveries. Retirees welcome. 313-937-6430

DRIVER
RAPIDLY growing manufacturer of specialty concrete products needs a top notch driver for delivery of their products to Metro Detroit & Northern Ohio areas. Boom and/or flatbed experience helpful but not necessary. CDL license, excellent benefits and a good driving record a must. Excellent wages and benefit program. Applications taken Mon-Fri 8am-4pm.

UNILOCK MICHIGAN, INC.
12591 EMERSON DR (248) 437-7037 1 mile S of Grand River off of Kensington Rd.

DRIVER/SAW PERSON
For machine shop in Waterford. Benefits, 401K. Call 248-674-2201

DRIVER
Must be DOT certified. Must be clean driver with good driving record, also clean shop & do related tasks. wages. Call 734-416-5944

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500 Help Wanted General

TRANSFER DRIVERS

We need Mature Transfer Drivers to help position our equipment within the Company boundaries. Must have Valid Michigan Drivers and able to drive standard transmission. Apply in person to: U-HAUL Repair Facility 28600 Michigan Ave. (Rear of Building) Inkster, MI 48141 Mon. thru Friday, 9am to noon. No Phone Calls.

DRIVERS
Dynamic and expanding Hi-Tech transportation Co. has excellent opportunity for enthusiastic and motivated individuals. This position involves daily pickups and deliveries of our customers products. You must be able to lift 100lbs., have a Class CDL license, technical aptitude and great customer service skills. Individuals should be self-motivated team players who are interested in long term career growth. We offer a competitive wage and excellent benefit package. Please apply in person or send resume to:

COMPUTER VAN LINES
15118 Waco Court Livonia, MI 48150 Near 98 & Newburgh

DRIVERS NEEDED TO transport vehicles to auto auction. 21 yrs. & over, seniors & retirees welcome. Leave message 248-557-2800

ZUP Detroit DRIVERS NEEDED
ZUP DETROIT HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS FOR CDL-A DELIVERY DRIVERS

If you have a good driving record, 11.65/hour to start. Experience helpful, but not train. Local routes, full time, flexible hours, some Saturday work available. Excellent benefits including 401K, EOE. Send resume:

12201 BEECH DALE REDFORD, MI 48239

DRIVERS-WAREHOUSE POSITIONS
We desire self motivated and service oriented people. Great opportunity for men, women, retirees or students. Fulltime/Part time. All shifts open. Second shift 4 p.m. - Midnight. Progressive wage package. Benefit package available. Apply in person: SPT-11 Glass, 11950 Globe Rd., Livonia, MI 48150. 1-86-1 block E. of John R.

DRIVERS
Well established company seeks self-motivated, dependable Truck Drivers. Applicants must possess a CDL-B with Air brake endorsement with clean driving record. Must be neat in appearance with good communication skills. Heavy lifting and glass handling with 401K retirement plan, Dental, Medical, Competitive wages. Must be able to pass DOT physical and drug screen. Apply in person at: 300 Dunn Street, Plymouth. Come work with a great team! PDC Glass of Michigan

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DRIVER/WAREHOUSE
Must have CDL-B license & current driving record. Apply in person at 51740 Grand River, Wixom. 248-347-6290 or fax resume to 248-347-6299

DRIVER/WAREHOUSE
Must have CDL-B license & current Med-Card. Apply in person at 51740 Grand River, Wixom. 248-347-6290 or fax resume to 248-347-6299

DRIVER/WAREHOUSE
Full time. Earn up to \$8.75/hr. benefits. Must be DOT certified. Apply at: Coolidge Glass, 2348 E. Franklin St., Troy. (248) 585-0900

EXCITING OPPORTUNITY
Fast growing company has open positions for: • YARD HELP • TRUCK DRIVER • SALARY REQUIRMENTS: Call ask for Matt in Service. (248) 348-7270

Experience Plastics injection molding for new product. Excellent wages & benefits including health, dental & 401K. Minimum 5 years experience as foreman. Please send resumes to: Heraldo, 101 N. Lafayette, South Livonia, MI 48178

FABRICATOR, STRUCTURAL STEEL & LAYOUT PERSON
Salary negotiable. Apply at: Smede-Son Steel, 12584 Inkster Rd., Redford, MI 48239

FIELD SERVICE TECH
Seeking person who is interested in the electronic field. Manufacturer of industrial scales seeks field service person. Shows good mechanical aptitude. This is a full time position. No points on your driving record a must. Full benefits, long term employment. Call (248) 357-8401 or send resume to: 20950 Boening Drive, Southfield, MI 48075

EDUCATION - Plymouth Canton Community Schools seeking SUPERVISORS & ASSISTANTS for before & after school system for the 98-99 school year. Supervisors must have a minimum of 60 college credits, 12 being in education. Please send resume to: Extended Day, PO Box 5519, Plymouth, MI 48170

ELECTRICAL/MECHANICAL TECHNICIAN
Property Management Firm is seeking candidates for Building System technician to be responsible for operation, maintenance, repair and replacement of functional systems. To include: electrical, mechanical, plumbing and routine preventative maintenance. Mail resumes to: Property Manager, P.O. Box 115, Bellev

500 Help Wanted General

HAIR DRESSER
Looking for a great salon? Exciting career in hair dressing. Continue to build your skills and clientele at our busy Bloomfield Hills salon. Flexible hours, great pay, and benefits. Call 248-442-2682.

HAIR DRESSER'S ASSISTANT
Licensed. Weekly wage \$350. Opportunity for growth. Farmington Hills area. Call 248-551-9043.

HAIRSTYLIST/EXPERIENCED
Full or part-time. Clientele: wedding, Northville/Plymouth area. Call Ruth (734)420-3540.

HAIRSTYLISTS
Needed for Plymouth salon. Excellent wage for motivated professional. Call Michelle 734-459-3330.

HANDYMAN (M/F)
Experienced. Part-time/full-time for apartment shopping centers & homes. 734-961-3050. Fax: 734-961-3253.

HEATING/AIR CONDITIONING
Needed for construction company. Must have experience in refrigerant recovery. Send resume to: A/C, P.O. Box 308, Southfield, MI 48037. Fax: 248-348-5323.

Heating, Air Conditioning, Sheet Metal
Person. Driver's License. Counter Sales, experience only. (313) 832-2222 or (606) 682-1537.

HEATING & COOLING
Company looking for person to train in service & installation. Full-time. 248-558-8828.

HEAT TREATING Furnace Operator
For continuous and batch-type furnaces for Southfield base company. Also, seeking qualified inspectors & general labor type personnel. Good wages & benefits. Fax resume to: 248-333-8883. On call for application 248-333-4229.

HELP WANTED making between \$200-\$300 per week replacing basement windows. Call Ben 6, Mon-Fri. (734) 595-7146.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE
will train to sell cars. Guarantee + commission. (734) 485-5556.

HIGH-TECH ENGINEERING firm in Plymouth is looking for team players to fill the following full-time positions. We offer an excellent benefits package including a 401(k) plan, pension plan including 401(k), life insurance and bonuses.

500 Help Wanted General

RECEPTIONIST
Individual must be responsible, dependable and professional. Computer skills a must. German language a plus but not required. Starting salary \$11.50 per hour. Call Kristin Seymour (734) 482-4201 EEO/DFW.

JANITORIAL
Individual must be responsible, dependable and self-motivated. Full janitorial duties will be expected. Salary \$10.50 per hour. Send your employment history and references to: Personal Director PO Box 70343 Plymouth, MI

HONE - Set up & operate Sunbeam Model 1800. Must be willing & able to model other machines. Day shift. A/C shop, BCBS, dental, optical, 14 paid holidays. Send resume to: HR Manager, P.O. Box 681, Novi, 48076.

HOTEL
Are you aggressively friendly with a service frame of mind? Opening soon. RESIDENCE INN LIVONIA is accepting applications for all positions. Come build your career with Marriott. Kristin Seymour (734) 482-4201 EEO/DFW.

HOUSECLEANERS FULL MEDICAL INSURANCE
\$6.50-\$8.50 to start including paid drive time, uniforms, paid holidays, vacations + bonuses. Full & part-time, Mon-Fri. days, company car. Call to find out why... WE ARE THE HIGHEST PAYING MAID SERVICE AMERICAN FREEDOM CLEANERS (248) 478-9007.

HOUSECLEANERS
Starting wage is \$7.66 per hr. 1-800-840-7707

HOUSECLEANERS
Wanted. Good conditions. Flexible hours. Call (313) 425-6296 for info.

HOUSECLEANERS
\$6.50-\$9.00/HR WEEKLY Pay Mon-Fri Days/Supplied Uniforms Paid drive time/meal/autobus Full medical/dental/prescription ins Paid 2 weeks vacation/holidays Classic Touch Maid Service 23223 Orchard Lake, Bldg 62 Call 9-3pm (248) 473-0705

Housekeeping/Maintenance
Oakland Athletic Club in Birmingham. Full-time, Mon-Fri. Contact Charles (248) 540-9596.

500 Help Wanted General

HOUSEKEEPER
Wanted for a beautiful corporate headquarters office in Farmington Hills. Part-time (30 hours/week) Monday - Friday. Responsibilities include: setting up meeting rooms, stocking pantry supplies and light cleaning. If interested, please call today (248) 553-8555, ext. 310 or fax resume to (248) 553-7106. EOE.

HUDSON'S
Hearing Aid Centers. Will train for a position working 3 days per week in Hearing Health Care. Person selected will rotate between our Oakdale Mall & Summit Place offices. No evenings or weekends. Excellent opportunity. Call Mr. Mph. 248-474-2915.

HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR
Buy 40 person Southfield CPA firm seeks experienced person for full time position. Send resume with salary requirements to: Mr. Zelenko, Zelenko & Associates, P.O. Box 2211, Central Park Blvd., Suite 220, Southfield, MI 48076. Fax: 248-343-5323.

HVAC INSTALLER
Growing Wincon company. Good benefits & growth opportunity. Must have valid drivers license. 248-699-0660.

INSTALLERS for accessories, window tint & alarm installer. Experience necessary. Will train. Over time wages, paid vacation, & insurance. Call: (313) 251-6226.

INSTALLERS
GARAGE DOORS & OPENERS. Premium pay. Experience. 1-800-714-9867.

INSULATION/INSTALLERS
Experience footage rate or will train. Starting 49. Jones Insurance, 22811 Heipie, E. of Novi Rd. N. off 9 Mile. Novi (248) 483-9400.

500 Help Wanted General

INSULATION
INSTALLER. No experience necessary. Must be a hard working individual with a good driving record. Good with people & mechanically inclined. Will supply training, vehicle, benefits, year-round work. Apply today. Immediate Opening. Call Tony Wilson or Dan at (734) 813-9400.

INSURANCE CLAIMS
A Credit Life and Disability Claims processing office is looking for experienced individuals to join our team in providing excellent claims service to our clients. All candidates must have excellent organizational skills, be a self starter, team oriented and be PC literate. Customer Service Representatives Requirements include experience in providing customers with excellent verbal/written communication skills, and analytical and problem solving abilities. We offer an excellent benefit package. Salary is commensurate with experience. Send your resume along with your salary history to: Creditor Resources, Inc. Human Resources, P.O. Box 859, Farmington, MI 48332-0859, or fax to 248-478-2478 or email to: amcmx@aigonusa.com e/o

MANAGER
For Southfield group insurance department. Must have at least 5 years group insurance experience including prep of quotes & proposals for new business, renewals and claims. Must know Window 95/Excel, be highly organized, report to management, and supervise 2 administrators. References required, non-smokers preferred. Fax resume to: Attention HR Dept. (248) 357-9513.

NORTHVILLE AGENCY
Seeking a personal lines CSR with 2+ yrs. experience. Must be computer literate & able to work in a team-oriented environment. We offer pleasant working conditions, competitive compensation & 401K. 248-345-1454

JANITORIAL COMPANY needs part time office cleaning help. Flexible evening hrs. 5 nights per wk. Farmington Hills area. 3 nights per wk. Commerce area. Single and/or partners. 248 363-8448

500 Help Wanted General

INSURANCE
Novi agency seeks full time personal lines CSR with minimum 3 years experience. Computer experience required. Wage plus benefits. (248) 348-8200 or fax resume to: (248) 348-1687.

Janitorial
Janitorial/Shop Cleanup - Farmington Hills area. Mon-Fri. 9pm-midnight. 5 people needed. \$7/hour, paid holidays. (248) 507-7578

JANITOR part time. 16hrs/wk. flexible. experience in floor cleaning, buffing & other light janitorial duties. References necessary. \$10/hr. Send resume to: St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. 9 Mile, Redford, MI 48240.

LABORERS
Full time laborer, starting \$8/hr. Call (313) 534-3238.

TREE TRIMMING, Spraying, Ground Personnel. Starting pay \$11 to \$16 per hr. for qualified applicants. A valid drivers license with a good driving record is required. Excellent benefit package available. Call Mountain Top Tree Service 248-348-1870.

LANGUAGE INSTRUCTORS
Part-time. Spanish, German, Portuguese, Chinese, French, etc. 300-0626. Fax resume to: (248) 362-0626.

500 Help Wanted General

LAW FIRM
In need of... GENERAL OFFICE HELPS with copy work & telephone DELIVERY & COURT FILING CLERK with dependable transportation. Call Pam at... (248) 948-0000 or Fax to (248) 948-9494

Lawn Care
We will train you for a new career in the growing industry of lawn care. You must have a good driving record and be able to pass a pre-employment physical/drug screening. Earning potential \$500+ weekly with excellent benefits, including medical, dental and 401(k). Apply in person at: TRUGREEN-CHEM-LAWN 13033 Fairlane Livonia, MI 48151 (734) 925-8200 An Equal Opportunity Employer M/F/V/D

LAWN MAINTENANCE
\$7-\$10/hour. Experienced preferred. Valid drivers license required. Plymouth/Telegraph. 313-611-9002

LAWN SPRINKLERS hired experienced Plumbers, Service Techs and Laborers, will train. 401K benefits. Lots of overtime. (248) 589-3600

LAWN SPRINKLERS SERVICE
people. Earn \$30-\$50 per week. Will train. Livonia. (248)694-6200

FULL TIME LEASING POSITION
available with a large Troy Apartment Property. Salaried paid position with full benefits and monthly bonus program. Must be available to work Saturdays. Prior experience helpful, but not necessary. Ability to work well with the public is a must. Mail or fax resume to: Manager, 1911 Golfview Dr., Troy, MI 48064 or call: (248) 643-6501

LEASING CONSULTANT
full time for large apt. community. Must be self motivated, enthusiastic, professional & be a team player. Experience preferred/will train individuals with strong people or office skills. Reply to Box #1088 Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 30251 Schoolcraft Rd. Livonia, MI 48150

LEASING CONSULTANT
Luxury apartment community in Dearborn seeking full time Leasing Consultant. Experience preferred. Salary plus benefits. Call: (313) 336-9935

LEASING CONSULTANT/CLERICAL
Part-time, 16 hrs/wk. (4 days) for luxury Apts. in downtown Birmingham. Call 248-645-1191

500 Help Wanted General

LIBRARIAN
Part time position in Audio-Visual Services. \$13.75-\$18/hr. Requires MLS degree at the time of appointment. Graduate students must submit transcript at time of application. Applications available now until July 27, 1998 at Human Resources, 500 W. Big Beaver Rd., Troy. An Equal Opportunity Employer

LIFE GUARDS & W/S
Needed immediately for Day Camp program with locations in Oakland County. (248) 661-3630

LIVONIA - 1/2 acre lot
(W of Newburgh, S of Five Mile) 313-432-0306

Looking for responsible, reliable person with class A CDL to drive for Bryan's Trucking & Corp. Call to make an appointment for interview. (248)985-2808

500 Help Wanted General

MACHINE CLEANERS
Wanted. Will train to use power washing equipment to clean machinery for machinery builders shop. FULL TIME with BENEFITS. 248-471-4500 NOVI

Machine Operators
We are accepting applications for the following positions:
• Surface Grinding
• Centerless Grinding
• Lathe
• Wire EDM
We offer an excellent benefit package, air conditioned facility, steady overtime, opportunity for advancement and competitive wages. Wages commensurate with experience
Call, Fax or Apply in person: Mosler Manufacturing 43938 Plymouth Oaks Blvd. Plymouth, MI 48170 Phone: 313-416-0000 Fax: 313-416-2200

MACHINE OPERATORS AND GENERAL LABOR
No experience needed. Will train. Days, full time with benefits or part time, flexible hours. Farmington Hills area. (248) 489-1999

MACHINE REPAIR person for Livingston County metal stamping plant. 1st shift. Must have 5 years experience in metal stamping environment. Please send resume to: Box #5990 c/o Livingston County Press, 323 E. Grand River, Howell, MI 48843

MACHINE SHOP HELP
Manufacturer of diamond tools in Livonia looking for machine shop help. Full time, benefits. Call Mon-Fri. 9am-5pm: (734) 591-1044

500 Help Wanted General

MAINTENANCE/GRINDERS
Full-time position in Westland apartment community. Apply in person at: Nankin Ct. or call (734) 281-3200. Mon - Fri. 9am-4pm. An Equal Opportunity Employer

MAINTENANCE
Immediate openings for: Eastside apartment complexes. Experience necessary in all phases of residential property maintenance. Send resume to: P.O. Box 308, Southfield, MI 48037.

MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT
Progressive, team-oriented. Apartment Community has immediate opening for Full-Time Maintenance Assistant. (Mon-Fri. 9am-5pm, weekends & holidays). Excellent working environment, uniforms provided, competitive salary and comprehensive benefit package, including 401K and performance incentive awards. Apply in person at: Willow Creek Apartments, 673 Fairwood, Westland. One block south of Ford on Newburgh. EHO/EOE.

MAINTENANCE
needed - full time for large apartment community in Westland. Call 734-459-9800

MAINTENANCE PERSON
wanted full time. Experience in heating & cooling. Dependable. Apply at: Westland Park Apartments, 130 E. Tami Circle, Westland.

Maintenance Person
Novi apt community seeking full time individual. Excellent benefits and competitive wages. Call: (248) 349-6812

MAINTENANCE PERSON
needed for Farmington Hills Apt. Community. Includes salary, apartment, utility allowances, Don't miss this chance to join our team! For further information Call Renee at 248-669-8880

MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL
Wanted for Clinton Twp (Shelby Twp) apartment community. Experience with plumbing, electrical, HVAC and general maintenance. Health insurance, paid vacation & 401(k) benefits. Call (810) 598-0514 Or Fax resume to (810) 598-1069 An Equal Opportunity Employer

MAINTENANCE REPAIR
Full-time, B & R Janitorial Supply seeks Repair Man to repair cleaning equipment in the field. If you have good mechanical skills & a driving record - We offer up to \$12/hr. Health care, vacation and training. Westland area. Call: 734-722-0432

MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENT
Novi construction Co. seeking individual w/ experience in Apt. maintenance for full time renovation work. Salary plus benefits. Call: (248)449-5020 or Fax: (248)449-7383

MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR
Experienced person needed for large apartment community in Bloomfield Hills. Includes salary, health insurance, paid vacation & 401K. Position includes supervision, scheduling and knowledge in all phases of property maintenance. Comprehensive pay & benefits package. Call Fox Hills Apartments. 248-332-7400

MAINTENANCE TEAM LEADER
Steel Blanking Facility requires someone with a strong electrical background and at least 2 years of supervisory experience to fill in a Mid-night position. Must have experience in Production Equipment Electrical Components Alan Bradley and Nelson subunit PLC's. Excellent Wages & Benefits offered including BCBS, Delta Dental and 401K. Fax resumes to: (517)548-9289 or mail to: Coli Center Corporation 1415 Durant Drive Howell, MI 48843 Attn: Deb Struk

MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN
Large apartment community in Southfield seeks a skilled maintenance person with excellent communication skills. Candidates should be professional and have knowledge of plumbing, electrical, carpentry and general maintenance. Must have own tools and reliable transportation. Excellent wages and benefits with national property management company. Apply in person at Franklin Park Towers, 27500 Franklin Rd. Southfield, MI or Fax resume to: (248) 488-5601. Pre-employment and drug screening required.

OFFICE MANAGER
Immediate opening. Entry level position at Southfield based business. MicroSoft/Access/Excel knowledge a plus. Competitive rates & benefits. Fax resume to: 248-353-8883

500 Help Wanted General

MANAGER/TECHNICIAN
Town Center Refrigeration heating & cooling needs experienced maintenance technician, to train as service technician on commercial HVAC equipment. Must have basic knowledge of HVAC systems. Company offers: competitive wages & dental insurance, SEEP pension plan, profit sharing option for advancement year round 40 hour/week. Send resume if you would like to join our growing team contact Jack Norwood at: (248) 383-1290

MAINTENANCE WORKER
Michigan's fastest growing office products dealer has an immediate opening for a Maintenance Worker at its Canton facility. Ability to cope with high levels of stress and working under pressure is a must. Electrical and/or plumbing experience preferred. Competitive wages and benefits package. Mail or fax resume to: (248) 383-1290

STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE
41554 Koppernick Canton, MI 48187 Attn: Norm Sophia An Affirmative Action / Equal Opportunity Employer

MANAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES
Mammoth Video is seeking to fill various management positions. If you possess solid retail/restaurant/fast food experience, a strong customer service skills, we are what you are looking for. We offer:
• Competitive compensation package
• Excellent health benefits
• Continuous career opportunities
If you're interested in becoming a key member please fax resume & salary requirements to: 734-458-2535

MANAGER AIR DUCT CLEANING COMPANY
Must have management experience & must be self-motivated. Job requires: plumbing, electrical, estimates, scheduling, training, install & service job sites & must be willing to work job sites whenever needed. Non-Sat. Very rare career opportunity for the right person. \$30,000 to start. After 6 mos. percentage of business & company car.

VENTCORP
Farmington Hills: 248-473-9300

MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS
TO \$40,000
Seeking strong individual with 5+ years experience in communications, media and/or public relations with supervision/delegation skills. Must be a sharp responsible right hand person in a media environment. Call Diversified Recruiters 248-344-6700 Fax 248-344-6704 Call For Other Openings!

MANAGER
Needed at attractive 184 unit apartment community in the beautiful City of Southfield. Manager will assume leasing & business responsibilities on a daily basis. Excellent communication & organization skills are necessary. Superb work environment. Call (248) 648-6600 ext. 322 or Fax credentials to (248) 648-0588. EOE

MANAGER
Position in group home with developmentally disabled adults. Competitive salary, full benefits. Secure & long term position. Includes personal time, retirement plan, health & dental insurance. Requires prior experience & completion of Part 1 training. Send resume to: PO Box 2822, Farmington Hills, MI 48333 or fax to: (248) 553-4621

MANAGERS ASSISTANT MANAGERS CASHIERS
Due to our expanding business, leader in gasoline - C Stores is looking for individuals with retail or C-Store experience for full time positions. Will also train suitable applicants. Excellent pay and benefits, including major medical, 401K and life insurance. Call BARR at (248) 478-3651 or Fax resume to: (248) 478-1441.

500 Help Wanted General

MANAGER/TECHNICIAN
person wanted to assist manager. Opportunity for \$500/wk to start and benefit. Call 313-525-6282EOE

Marketing-Michigan Lottery
Challenging opportunity for creative individual with organizational & communication skills. Graphic background a plus. marketing related degree required. Salary \$34,947+ benefits. Send resume & cover letter to: Personnel, PO Box 30023, Lansing, MI 48917. Please no phone calls.

MORTGAGE CASHIER
DMR is an immediate opening for a Mortgage Cashier. Entry responsibilities include payment processing and account reconciliations. Ideal candidate will have mortgage/accounting background. If interested, please send your resume to: DMR, Attn: LCP/H, 53045 Hamilton Ct. West Suite 100, Farmington Hills, MI 48334 or Fax to 248-489-2594

MORTGAGE BANKING
DMR is an expanding mortgage lender with over 50 years of experience. We have great career opportunities for the right individual in both entry level and supervisory positions. The ideal candidate must be highly motivated, have a positive attitude and a strong desire to succeed. If interested, please send your resume to: DMR, Dept. LHM, 53045 Hamilton Ct., W. Suite 100, Farmington Hills, MI 48334 or Fax to: 248-489-2594

MORTGAGE COMPANY opening new branch in Troy. Immediate positions open: Loan Originator, Processor, Trainer welcome, experienced a plus. attractive commission/benefits. Call: 248-273-0000 or Fax: 248-424-9810 ext. DD

MOVERS NEEDED for summer help. Good pay. Experience not necessary, will train. (810)291-0309.

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Secretarial support for sales and management. Good working knowledge of MS Office, 50 WPM. Ability to handle both business and personal correspondence. Excellent communication skills required. Fast-paced, team oriented environment. Mail for fax resume to: MOELLER MFG. CO., 4338 Plymouth Oaks Blvd., Plymouth, MI 48150. Fax: 734-416-2200. Attn: George Trapp.

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NORTH OAKLAND SPORTS SCENE

Legion baseball

Clarkston took a doubleheader from Chief Pontiac #2 at Waterford Kettering in American Legion Baseball Sunday. Josh Rigg and Jeff Oliver combined on a 6-1 victory in the opener, with Adam Leech coming in to get the final out. Rigg went 2-for-4 with a double and Jon Robinson had a perfect game offensively, going 3-for-3 with a double. Other hitters included Leech, Oliver, Phil Johnston, Adam Petrusis and Nic Petrenic.

Petrenic went the distance to get the win in a 9-4 victory in the nightcap. He gave up just five hits and struck out six. Leech went 3-for-4, Charlie Lang was 2-for-4 and Johnston had a perfect game, going 4-for-4, all singles. The key, however, to the pair of victories was the defense. Clarkston made just one error in the two games.

New soccer league

Open registration has been extended through Aug. 8 for the Oakland Developmental Soccer League, Oakland County's newest youth co-ed league. Registration will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. 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.

According to officials, the ODSL is "committed to small-sided soccer games...allow(ing) the reduction of team sizes therefore creating more touches on the ball, which creates more enjoyment for each player. For details call director of administration Tom Weaver, (248) 391-3117.

Dragons sweep

The Lake Orion Dragons 14-year-old federation baseball team won both ends of a doubleheader against the Troy Cardinals Saturday at Suburban Park, moving them into a tie for first place in the North Oakland Baseball Federation Sandy Koufax White Division.

In the first game, the Dragons came back from a 7-1 third-inning deficit to win 12-9. Nathan Johnson was 3-for-3 with an RBI and three runs and Ryan Dallas was 2-for-3 with four RBI. Justin McKee and Andy Paul each scored twice. Gary Geilgienthal relieved starter Ryan Skalnek and pitched three scoreless innings of relief. He struck out four and allowed just two hits.

The Dragons scored 16 runs on 20 hits to win the nightcap. Dallas got the win, combining with Heilgienthal and Skalnek (who got the save) to allow just one run on six hits. Jim Couretas was 2-for-2 with three RBI while Paul, Johanson, McKee and Taylor Seibold each chipped in two RBI.

Coaching vacancies

■ Birmingham Seaholm has a number of coaching vacancies for the upcoming season. Athletic officials are in need of a head boys soccer coach; head girls soccer coach; head boys golf coach; junior varsity girls swimming coaches; assistant varsity boys basketball coach; junior varsity boys basketball and freshman boys basketball coaches; and a girls diving coach.

Send letters and resumes to Doug Fraser, Athletic Director, Birmingham Seaholm High School, Birmingham, MI 48009, or call Fraser at (248) 203-3775.

Local athletic camps

■ Rochester baseball coach Bob Dieters will conduct the Rochester Baseball Camp for boys and girls between the ages of six and 14 July 27-30 at Borden Park. The sessions will run daily from 9 a.m.-noon and provide instructions in hitting, pitching, throwing, infield skills, outfield skills, bunting and sliding. Cost is \$100. Each participant, to be grouped by age and ability, is asked to bring a bat, glove and baseball shoes. For further information, call Dieters at (248) 651-5590 or RARA at (248) 656-8308.

■ The Jon Borovich Summer Basketball Camp is set for July 13-16 at Birmingham Seaholm High School.

Camp fee is \$60. For more information or to register, call the Community Education Department at 203-3800 or Borovich at 646-1495.

Late rally lifts Rams into 2nd

Clarkston's Rams win games with total team effort, pitching and hitting his team into second place in the Little Caesar's Premier League.

Jason Pawlak has quietly stood in the background throughout most of this summer. But on Wednesday, he took center stage on the baseball diamond and made the most of his evening in the limelight.

Pawlak, a left-hand pitcher, came on in relief for the first time this season for the Clarkston-based Michigan Rams with one out in the top of the third and his team in a six-run deficit. But Pawlak (Warren DeLaSalle) virtually closed the doors on his opponent, the Taylor-based Michigan Rams-Nestor, allowing just three walks, two hits and one run the rest of the way to improve his record to 4-2 on the mound.

And for good measure, Pawlak went 2-for-4, including a grand slam and two runs scored, in leading his teammates to a thrilling come-from-behind 13-7 triumph at Oakland University.

"We don't have a lot of stars on this team, just a lot of very good players," said George Drallos, the Rams' manager. "Everybody on this team has had their day in the spotlight and tonight it was Jason's turn."

The win by Rams-Drallos was not only their 13th in the past 14 games, but in landed them in second place in the final standings of the nine-team



Little Caesars Premier League at 10-6. The Rams are 17-6 overall.

"This team is so exciting to watch," said Drallos. "Once we get going, it's hard to stop them. This team has absolutely no quit in them, no matter what situation they are in. They just keep coming at you."

The scene looked kind of bleak for the Rams-Drallos as they surrendered one run in the first inning, four in the second and one more in the fifth.

Meanwhile, Rams-Nestor left-handed starter, Adam Smith, kept the hosts at bay during the first two innings, striking out the first four batters he faced and allowing just two hits during the

opening two frames.

Then the tides changed.

A lead-off single by Tim Clouse (Lake Orion) in the bottom of the third started a three-run rally which was capped by an RBI groundout by Chris Mitchell (Clarkston).

Rams-Drallos finally knotted things up at 6-apiece in the fourth on an RBI double by Justin Robinson (Rochester) and a two-run double by Clouse.

The floodgates remained open as the Rams went on to push three more runs across in the fifth and four more in the sixth on Pawlak's base-clearing quadrangular.

"Everything seems to be clicking for

confidence and poise."

■ Michigan Rams 5-6, Birmingham 4-7; Michigan Rams 10-12, MLAR-Arbogast 9-10 — The Michigan Rams pounded out 42 hits and came away with three wins in four tries Saturday and Sunday at Birmingham Groves. Spencer Hynes (Clarkston) had the Rams' only homer, while Steve Seargeant (Lake Orion), Chris Mitchell (Clarkston), Eric Jenks (Clarkston) and Matt Mitchell (Warren DeLaSalle) each laced triples for the Rams (16-6), who will travel to Battle Creek Thursday-through-Sunday for the annual Mayors Invitational.

Shining Stars

North Oakland overcomes adversity to finish 3rd

A good baseball team should be able to win under any circumstance — and that includes the ability to overcome adversity if any misfortunes do so happen to appear.

The North Oakland Stars did just that over the weekend. North Oakland lost star infielder/pitcher Mike Bennion to an off-field injury late last Thursday, but his teammates pulled together for their fallen friend and placed a promising third at the highly-competitive Welland Renegades Invitational in Welland, Ontario, finishing with a 5-2 overall mark against some of the finest Connie Mack teams in eastern North America.

"It's tough when you lose your lead-off hitter and one of your top pitchers, a player such as Mike who is also one of your leaders," said Stars Manager Dan LaNoue. "But we really did overcome that (adversity). This was a character builder for us. This team banded together and played some very good baseball."

Bennion was in the lineup in the Stars' first two games last Thursday — a 10-2 triumph over the Bloomington (Ind.) Blue Storm and an 8-2 drubbing of the Hamilton (Ont.) Thunderbirds — but returned home Friday morning.

"The team kind of dedicated the rest of the tournament to him," said LaNoue. "Jason Daniels did a fine job filling in for Mike at second base and the rest of the team did their part."

The Stars (23-6) advanced all the way to semifinals in Welland, which is located near Niagra Falls, before they fell to nationally-renown Brooklyn (N.Y.) Youth Service, 8-5.

North Oakland did go on to win the consolation match over Welland to claim third place.

"A hit there or a play in the outfield there, and we might have done better, too," said LaNoue. "We were in every single ball game. I think we just ran out of pitching at the end."

In the tournament opener against Bloomington, John Handley (Rochester) went the distance on the mound to pick up the victory, while Tim Frankhouse (Rochester) went yard with a grand slam and finished with five RBI total to lead the offensive barrage. Chris McQuiston (Birmingham Seaholm) also had three hits and two RBI, and Ryan Petoskey (Davison) had a two-run homer for the Stars.

Also on Thursday, Bryan Crosier (Rochester Adams) got the decision in the triumph over Hamilton as he



Slammin' Star: North Oakland's Tim Frankhouse is just one of the reasons the North Oakland Stars, which includes Clarkston pitcher Josh Clark, is riding high after a third-place finish at the prestigious Welland Renegades Invitational in Welland, Ontario.

hurled a complete game five-hitter with five strikeouts. McQuiston had two hits and two RBI, Bennion (Rochester) had two hits and an RBI, and Petoskey again cleared the fences and finished with two RBI for North Oakland.

Pool play continued on Friday for the Stars and they continued their

winning ways with a 3-2 win over Long Island (N.Y.) as Josh Clark (Clarkston) tossed a one-hitter and fanned eight from the rubber. Frankhouse had two hits, including the game-winning RBI, and McQuiston drove in the other runs for North Oakland.

Game four on Friday saw the Stars

rally from behind to clip Welland, 6-3. Domanick Squires (Rochester) was the winner on the mound as he scattered just five hits. Jeff Buelow (Rochester) laced an RBI double in the sixth and later scored on a single. Frankhouse led the charge with three more hits and a pair of RBI, Jason

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Golfers tee it up for kidney foundation

Take a perfect day from Mother Nature, add dozens of golfers out to have fun and give a little back, and mix in more than 70 celebrities hoping to pitch in, and what have you got?

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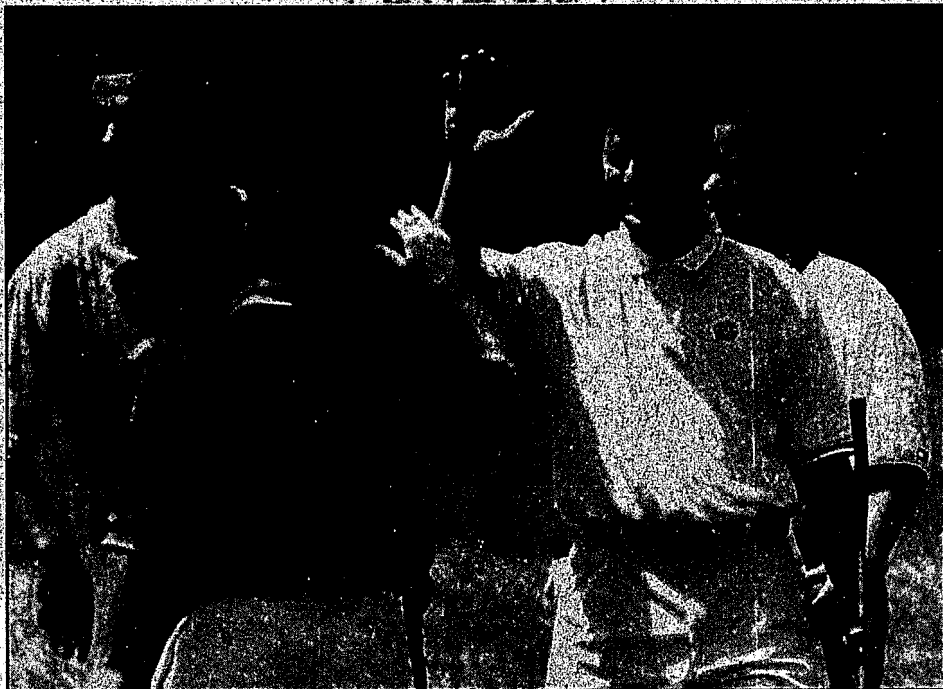
About 320 golfers joined 72 celebrities at Indianwood Golf and Country Club Monday for the 13th annual AirTouch Detroit Tigers Alumni Golf Classic to benefit the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan. The 62 foursomes paired with celebrities helped raise more than \$200,000 for the NKF.

The tournament, sponsored annually by AirTouch Cellular and the Detroit Tigers Alumni Association, is designed to attack a disease that attacks an estimated 20 million Americans. Other sponsors included Nortel, Motorola and Qualcomm.

"It was a very successful day," said Katie Spillane Knight, director of development for the NKF. "Golf tournaments typically don't make that much money, but we have some incredible sponsors who are very generous and spend a lot of money on sponsorship. We are able to do a whole lot with that money."

Among the 72 celebrities were former Tigers Al Kaline, Jim Northrup, Bill Freehan and Frank Tanana, former Detroit Lions quarterback Greg Landry, and current Detroit Red Wing Kris Draper.

The two courses at Indianwood provided the backdrop for what Spillane Knight said was a very successful day. She laid much of the credit for the tournament's success at the feet of Indianwood general manager Victor Porto.



Happy hour: Steve Campeau (foreground) gets a high five from partner Sean Stacy of Milford as former Detroit Tiger pitcher Frank Tanana (left) and teammate Dave Vogler of Lake Orion (background) look on during the 13th annual AirTouch Tiger Alumni Golf Classic at Indianwood.

"Those folks (at Indianwood) are the most incredibly organized group of people," Spillane Knight said. "I don't think we'll ever move that tournament, largely because of the fact that Victor and his staff are so great. It's one of those things where if you ask for something, you don't have to check to see if it was done. That makes our job a lot easier."

"Instead of making sure things get done, I can make sure the golfers are taken care of, that everyone's needs are met. I can spend time making sure everybody knows what the kidney foundation is all about, instead of making sure the details are getting done."

The day was also a success for the Tiger Alumni, who figure to get around \$15,000 from the

tournament.

"It was a great day," said Northrup, the former outfielder who is now the president of the Alumni Association. "The temperature was perfect, Indianwood is a good place, and a lot of the people are repeaters. I enjoy playing with the people. If we win, fine, and if we don't, we still have a great day."

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Daniels had two hits and drove in a pair of runs, Chris Crowder (Troy) ripped two hits and Brett Wattles hit a solo homer to help the cause.

The Stars concluded pool play with a 11-8 triumph over the eventual champion Toronto (Ont.) Blue Jays — a Canadian National Team — as Scot Mur-

doch (Rochester Adams) got the win with relief help from Handley and Keith Perez (Holly). Petoskey led the way with a three-run homer — his third round-tripper of the tournament — while McQuiston drove in two more runs for the Stars.

"To finish third in a tournament like this is quite an accom-

plishment," added LaNoue. "These guys have everything to be proud of."

MORE CONNIE MACK
■ North Oakland 9, St. Clair Shores 3 — Chris Crowder and Chris McQuiston both had two-run homers and Tim Frankhouse added two hits and drove in two runs as North Oak-

land won the MABF Connie Mack game Monday at Rochester Adams. Keith Perez had a triple with two RBI, Brett Wattles added a solo homer, and Bryan Crosier went five innings on the mound to pick up the win for the Stars (24-6, 17-1).



Leading the way: The Lady Riverdaws U-12 team is being led by its pitching staff (back, l-r) Courtney Bollman, Paige Pettit and Alexandra Perrino, and three of its catchers (bottom, l-r) Katie Winter, Jenna Clavette and Ashley Back.

U-12 Dawgs to NSA

The U-12 Clarkston "Lady" Riverdaws fastpitch softball team has qualified and received an invitation to the National Softball Association national tournament in Columbus, Ohio. The tournament starts Monday.

Leading the way for the Riverdaws has been three of the team's seven pitchers and three of the team's four catchers. Paige Pettit, who sports the team's best fastball, has tossed a pair of no-hitters and leads the team in strikeouts.

Courtney Bollman and Alex Perrino rely on maximum control, though both are fast enough to accumulate their share of strikeouts. Bollman leads the team in wins and Perrino leads the team in saves, though she also is the "spot" starter. Perrino also pulls double duty as the team's fourth catcher.

Behind the plate, Jenna Clavette has logged the most innings, though Ashley Back and Katie Winter are not far behind. None of the three is big, but all are quick, good

receivers. Clavette has enjoyed a fine year, picking off and throwing out runners stealing. When not catching, Back plays shortstop, second base and center field. Winter does the same, playing opposite of Back. The pitchers back each other up by alternating between the mound, shortstop and third base.

Rounding out the starters are travel veterans Jesse Schmansky, Caitlin McLean and Kelley Robinson. Highly valued backups, who are new to travel ball but have developed rapidly, include Katie Jorgenson, Emily King, Lindsay Mozer and Sarah McGinnis.

The Dawgs have gotten off to a fast start in the Northern Oakland County Fastpitch summer league. The team has seven teams, five of which are travel teams.

The Dawgs have merited all four teams they've faced so far: Ducans Propane, the Waterford Storm, Heartland and the Brandon North Stars.

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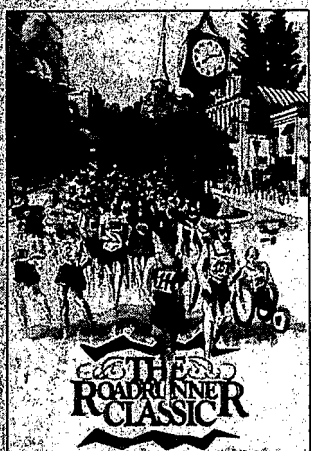
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ARCHERY

BOWHUNTERS RENDEZVOUS

The Michigan Bow Hunters Rendezvous will be held July 25-26 at the Springfield Oaks Fairgrounds in Davisburg. The show offers seminars, shooting exhibitions, MUCC's live encounters show, Yoder's Big Game Exhibit, free archery shooting and instruction for the kids, a 3D course and much more. Admission is \$5 for both days and children 15 and under will be admitted free. Springfield Oaks is located on Andersonville Road, one mile south of Davisburg.

SAFARI 3D

Detroit Archers will hold a Safari 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday, July 25-26, on its walk-through course in West Bloomfield. Call 661-9610 for more information.

BROADHEAD LEAGUES

Broadhead leagues are forming and will begin the first week of August at the Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston. There will be evening leagues on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and a morning league on Wednesdays. Call 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.

JUNIOR ARCHERS

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

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CLASSES/CLINICS

WINGSHOOTING SCHOOL

Hunters Ridge Hunt Club in Oxford will host the Fieldsport Wingshooting School in three upcoming sessions. The first session will be held Saturday and Sunday, July 18-19, the second session will be offered Tuesday and Wednesday, July 21-22, and the third session will be offered Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 12-13. Master gunfitter and certified instructor Bryan Bilinski, who is credited with bringing sporting clays to the United States, will lead the school, which will cover all aspects of proficient shooting. Call (616) 933-0767 (daytime) or (248) 637-2446 (evenings) for more information.

DNR OPEN HOUSE

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources will host a Public Listening and Outreach Open House, 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, July 28, at the Southgate Civic Center, 14700 Reaume Parkway, Southgate. The public is encouraged to attend and share their views and meet with DNR wildlife and fisheries biologists, foresters, conservation officers, and state park, recreation area and real estate division staff. For more information or to arrange for special accommodations call Denise Mogos at (734) 953-1528.

WATERFOWL CALLING

Michigan Duck Hunters Association and the Wayne Waterfowlers are offering a duck and goose calling class beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, at the Wayne Waterfowlers clubhouse in Brownstown Twp. Cost is \$10 per person. Call (734) 453-8315 or (313) 422-0583 for more information.

FLY TYING

Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly

tying classes for beginners and advanced tyers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

HUNTER EDUCATION

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

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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.

BASS ASSOCIATION

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

FISHING TOURNAMENTS

OAKLAND BASS MASTERS

Oakland Bass Masters will hold its fifth annual Tournament for Toys benefit bass tournament on Sunday, July 19, on Lake St. Clair. A portion of the proceeds from this two-man team tournament will benefit the pediatric patients at William Beaumont Hospital. Registration is \$75, and \$80 after July 15. Call (248) 542-5254 for more information.

SEASON/DATES

DEER

August 1 is the deadline to apply for an antlerless deer permit.

TURKEY

Aug. 1 is the deadline to apply for a fall wild turkey permit.

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN

Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours are 10 a.m. to 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 Greenshield Rd., which is three

miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

PONTIAC LAKE

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

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STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

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

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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, July 25, 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 August 29, Sept. 26 and Oct. 31.

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Youth benefits from Quinn Classic

Details of the ninth-annual Mike Quinn Golf Classic have been set, and one thing remains the same: Matt Anderson will again be the beneficiary.

Anderson, a 10-year-old fourth-grader, has a brain tumor and has undergone two previous brain surgeries. However, the tumor has come back for the third time, and surgery is not an option at this point. Matthew is currently in Houston receiving treatment.

The Mike Quinn classic was started in 1990 to help raise money for Mike Quinn, a Lake Orion youth who died from leukemia in 1990. Over the past nine years, funds have been raised for other area children in need of assistance.

Anderson was the choice this year. "We feel strongly about our decision to stick by Matthew and see him through this," tournament organizers said.

Golfers and potential sponsors have several ways of helping:

■ **Hole or green sponsor** — A \$500 or a \$250 donation gets a sign at the tee or green advertising the donor as a tee or green

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The tournament is being

played Saturday, Aug. 8 at Bruce Hills Golf Course in Romeo. It's a four-person Texas scramble (blind draw), with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. The party is being held at the Lake Orion Knights of Columbus and will feature the music of Justice. Tickets to the party only cost \$35.

Anyone interested in making a contribution should make the check payable to "Matthew

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FORD 1993 F-150 Pickup SLT Automatic, 302, V8, loaded, Sacrifice! \$9500, (248) 360-0798

FORD F-150 1995 - 5 speed, air, extras, Excellent condition, \$9000, (734) 397-9326

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FORD 1978 F-350, 4x4, stake dump, power steering, brakes, 390 V-8, 4 speed, free wheeling hubs, Good condition, \$4800/best, 248-348-3150

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EXPLORER, 1994 XLT - Black, 4 door, 4-wheel drive, leather, loaded, 115,000 Highway Mi. Excellent condition, \$17,700, (248) 253-9559 338-9110

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FORD EXPLORER 1993 XLT 4x4, 4.0L V-6, 4 door, black, loaded, sunroof, alarm/remote, 75,000 miles, \$12,800, (248) 644-0919

FORD EXPLORER 1992 XLT 4 door, 4x4, burgundy, loaded, 87,000 miles, \$10,000/best, (734) 454-3763

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Brownfield makes land available for limited use

REAL ESTATE QUERIES



ROBERT M. MEISNER

Q: Can you tell me what is meant by brownfield in the development of property?

A: Brownfield is a concept that has developed as a result of federal and state efforts to get contaminated industrial land back on the tax rolls. Brownfield programs offer looser, clean-up requirements in return

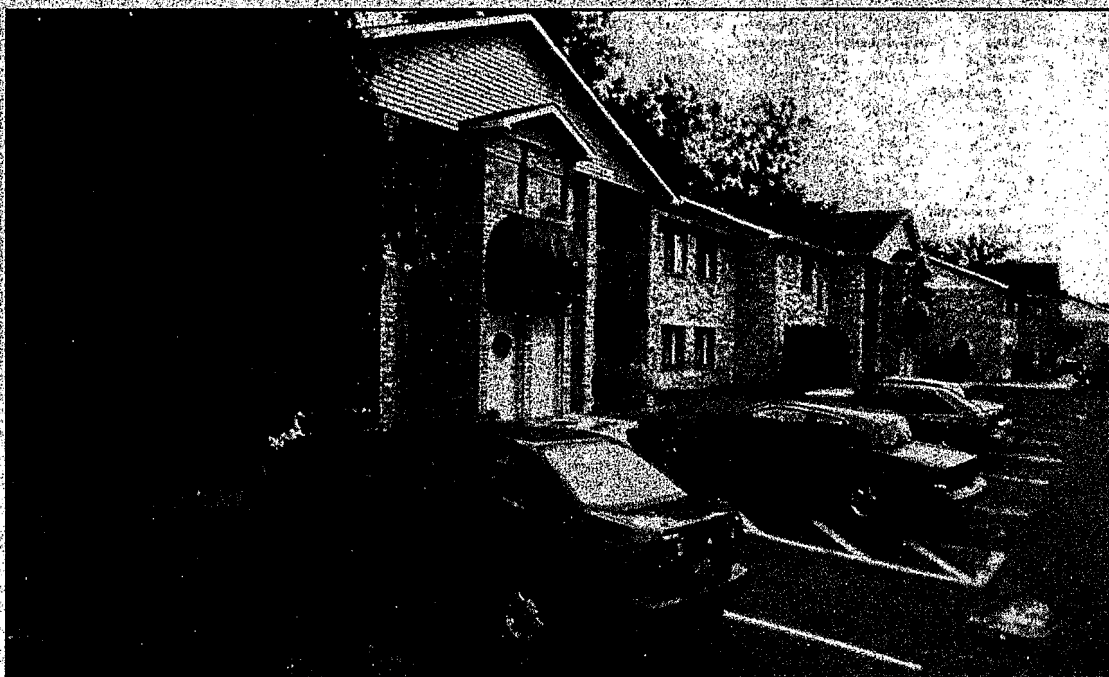
for deed restrictions that limit the use of the land.

They include new laws that limit liability for lenders, insurance policies that cap liability for developers and lenders, and tax incentives that make development of contaminated land more profitable.

There have been a number of major projects around the country which have transferred, in effect, wastelands into wealth, particularly since government regulators are willing to negotiate terms of the clean-up requirements before a developer buys the property and also to negotiate a covenant not to sue in return for relaxed site-specific clean up standards and land use restrictions.

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Home, sweet, home: Apartment living can be a highly enjoyable experience - if you find the right one.

How to find an apartment

Few folks buy a house of their own right out of the childhood nest.

The rites of passage can include dorm life in college, a military experience with housing provided by Uncle Sam and, perhaps, an apartment for that first flight of independence or marriage.

How should neophytes approach the experience of looking for an apartment? What factors should they consider? How should they focus the search? What should they ask? What expenses, including deposits, do they face? What kinds of forms will they have to deal with? How about utility activations: telephone, cable, electric?

Details, details, details. Ron Milligan, housing counselor with Oakland County Community Development Division, offers a broad overview on the rights and responsibilities of tenants.

"They have a right to decent housing, safe housing, without regard to their race, religion, etc.," he said. "They have a responsibility, number one, to live up to whatever the lease they signed says and to be good neighbors."

So we're off. "My number-one recommendation is to give yourself time," said Sally Daniels, sales manager for Apartment Search in Novi, a free locator service for tenants. "Most have models. It doesn't cost anything to check them out. Give yourself time to look."

But before you even begin to check out specific apartments, you have to know what you can afford and what you're looking for.

A general rule of thumb, apartment managers say, is that monthly rent shouldn't exceed 25-33 percent of gross (before taxes) monthly income.

That means if you earn \$15 per hour or \$31,200 annually, you should look at a range of about \$650-\$860 per month. But keep in mind that the rent is only part of your overall cost.

Most apartments will run a credit check before renting to you. The non-refundable charge is usually about \$25.

Advance-payment requirements are limited by law to the first month's rent plus a security/damage deposit not to exceed one and a half month's rent.

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That means if your rent is \$500 per month, the most a landlord can require in advance is \$1,250.

But that's not all.

If you want a telephone - and most folks do, Ameritech charges a line-activation fee of \$42. Call about a week in advance to arrange service, said Carol Madejek, customer service representative.

Some apartment managers will arrange your electric service; others leave it to you. In either case, Detroit Edison requires a deposit ranging from \$25-\$82 for first-time customers.

The deposit is refunded as a credit after 12 months, said Lew Layton, Edison spokesman.

Most cable TV companies offer specials with free or low-cost activation if you subscribe to premium channels for a month.

On with the search. "Everyone has different needs," Daniels said. "Some have pets. For others, it's image." Is a clubhouse full of exercise equipment and a pool where you can socialize and meet people important? How about an apartment unit with amenities like volume ceilings and a fireplace?

"If you have children, you'd like to know a little bit about the schools," said Sandra Zendell, manager of Country Corner Apartments in Southfield.

"They'd like to know where we're located, how convenient it is to get to their job, expressways nearby, what's around us," Zendell said. "What's included with the rent is very important. We pay heat and water. How large the rooms are; how many bathrooms."

Pets is a big, big issue for many

prospective tenants. Some apartments don't allow any kind of pets. Others allow neutered, declawed cats but no dogs. Some charge extra for pets.

A little personal reconnaissance can go a long way.

Drive through the complex. How does it look - neat, clean, well-manicured grounds? Is it easy in and easy out or is traffic a bear? Stop by on a Friday or Saturday night. Is the community quiet or noisy? Does it matter?

Walk down to the pool, clubhouse, gathering areas or knock on a couple doors to speak with tenants who already live there. Ask how quickly maintenance responds to service requests. Would tenants rent there again knowing now what they didn't know when they first signed the lease?

Speaking of leases, read yours carefully before you sign. Know that many have financial penalty clauses if you move before the lease expires. Everyone who signs the lease is responsible for all of its terms, including rent.

Your written inventory of the unit's condition at move-in also is important.

"Be serious about that," Milligan said. "If there are scratches on the counter, write it down. If there's a stain on the carpet, write it down. If something's wrong, put it down on the list."

Your damage deposit could be tapped if you overlook some flaws. And store your list of flaws where you can find it if you need it.

And one more thing - renter's insurance.

The owner probably has insurance on the building, to protect his investment. You have to insure your things from theft and fire damage, to protect your investment. Cost depends on coverage.

A decent policy that includes total property replacement protection, personal liability protection and payment of temporary lodging expenses starts at about \$150, said Cynthia Bezaire, an agent with Finlan Insurance Agency in Plymouth.

"It's always a good idea to take a video camera and take a quick picture of everything and keep the tape somewhere else," she said. Just in case you make a claim.

Employment growth

Job growth is a key indicator of an area's economy and, often, residential building activity. Here's a sampling of job growth in selected states for the period April 1997 through March 1998.

	Jobs	Growth	Percent
California	453,900	35,500	8.5
Texas	327,900	31,900	9.7
Florida	258,500	25,500	10.0
Georgia	131,300	13,300	10.1
North Carolina	105,900	10,900	10.3
Massachusetts	84,200	8,200	9.7
Arizona	90,900	9,900	10.9
Virginia	88,200	8,200	9.3
Washington	81,800	8,800	10.8
Michigan	78,000	7,800	10.0
Colorado	72,000	7,200	10.0

Source: U.S. Housing Markets

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Quiz tests your real knowledge of closings

MORTGAGE SEARCH



DAVID C. MULLY

When it comes to buying a home, it's the last step that leaves many newly minted homeowners confused and a little overwhelmed. It is called the closing, or settlement, and it involves an avalanche of legal documents and procedures.

If you know what to expect, your closing can be much less baffling, and that in turn

will make you less flustered. So read on through my quiz, and see how much you know about closing on a mortgage.

Background information for these questions was provided by Approved Mortgages, Inc. (734 455-2219).

1. The closing actually begins:

- A. When all the lawyers are present.
- B. When the closing agent starts the settlement meeting.
- C. When you make an offer to buy a home.
- D. When the big hand is on the 12 and the little hand is on the 10.

A closing is the whole process of transferring ownership of a home. The process begins when you make an offer to buy a home, so C is the right answer. If your offer is accepted, it becomes the basis for a sales contract. That sales contract specifies some of the key elements required to complete the closing, including who pays for some of the costs involved.

2. The real purpose of the closing meeting is to:

- A. Give the seller one more chance to change his or her mind.
- B. Allow attorneys for the buyer and seller to look at the documents associated with the sales contract all in one place.
- C. Burn up the better part of a morning.
- D. Confirm and receive the mortgage, and confirm agreements between buyer and seller before transferring ownership.

The closing is the final act in transferring ownership of a home. First, the arrangements between the buyer and his or her lender are confirmed, and the buyer receives the mortgage. Secondly, agreements between buyer and seller are reviewed, and any actions that were supposed to be taken are confirmed. When all these arrangements have been properly documented, ownership of the home is actually transferred. The correct answer is D.

More on the closing quiz in Part II next week.

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Debunking the myths of FHA loans

Some common myths about FHA loans stop many qualified prospective buyers from obtaining their dream homes.

In reality, says Joe Nagy, manager of the Source One Mortgage office in Farmington, FHA loans generally are more affordable and just as attainable as conventional loans.

"Unfortunately, many people have unfavorable and inaccurate perceptions about FHA financing," Nagy said. "However, FHA loans are quite similar to conventional loans and because of their less stringent lending guidelines, they help more people get into the home that they've always wanted."

Nagy debunks seven common myths about FHA loans.

Myth 1: FHA loans take six

months to close.

Reality: Mortgage companies can usually close an FHA loan in 30-45 days. When all parties cooperate, the timetable can be reduced to 21 days.

Myth 2: FHA loans have higher interest rates.

Reality: Interest rates have a very small variance. In most cases, the difference is only \$6-8 in a monthly payment.

Myth 3: FHA loans have higher property standards than conventional loans.

Reality: Because of new uniform standards, property standards are now relatively the same.

Myth 4: FHA loans require more money down for closing costs.

Reality: Closing costs can be

financed through the loan.

Myth 5: FHA loans come from the U.S. Government.

Reality: A government-approved lender is the actual lender of the money. The government simply insures the loan.

Myth 6: FHA loans require too much red tape.

Reality: Compared to a conventional loan, there are exactly four additional forms. Much of the extra work is on the lender.

Myth 7: FHA loans are only available to first-time buyers.

Reality: An FHA loan is available to anyone. There are no restrictions on who may apply or how many times a home buyer may obtain an FHA loan.

HOMES SOLD IN OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real estate closings recorded June 1-15 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
2585 Amada Dr. \$130,000
2538 Elmhurst Dr. \$130,000
3126 Caroline St. \$104,000
2124 Dexter Rd. \$115,000
963 Highland Blvd. \$185,000
4423 N. Castlewood Ct. \$332,000
2260 Darnall St. \$115,000
3407 Shimmers Dr. \$92,000
2701 Williamsburg Cir. \$123,000
Beverly Hills
17250 Beverly Rd. \$180,000
32488 Sheridan Dr. \$215,000
31488 Sleepy Hollow Ln. \$295,000
17260 W. 13 Mile Rd. \$130,000
Bloomfield Hills
30508 Oakview Way. \$320,000
23415 Shagbark Dr. \$385,000
Birmingham
850 Chapin Ave. \$335,000
585 Chester St. \$333,000
585 Davis Ave. \$150,000
1185 Denny Rd. Apt 7. \$77,000
1031 E. 14 Mile Rd. \$120,000
666 Greenfield Rd. #167. \$113,000
1222 Greenfield Rd. #83. \$110,000
1692 Hanley Ct. \$212,000
1892 Holland St. \$155,000
540 London St. \$238,000
1293 Maryland Blvd. \$280,000
1852 Melbourne St. \$377,000
1380 Northdown Blvd. \$375,000
876 Oakland Ave. \$310,000
2422 Penbrooke Rd. \$193,000
1770 Pine St. \$546,000
1773 Taunton Rd. \$120,000
1250 Wakefield St. \$340,000
1542 Washington Blvd. \$212,000
384 Westchester Way. \$250,000
Bloomfield Township
5324 Forest Way. \$415,000
4546 Kiltgate Bnd. \$830,000
2925 W. Hickory Grove. \$180,000

1499 Ashover Dr. \$285,000
308 Caribou Way. \$490,000
2885 Colonial Way. \$255,000
209 E. Highland Ave. \$200,000
3035 E. Ridge Ct. \$115,000
1550 Georgetown #3. \$190,000
3121 Karmay Dr. \$325,000
6816 Oaklawn Dr. \$83,000
122 S. Oakbrook Cross. \$233,000
2815 S. Woodway # C2. \$99,000
5777 Tally Ho Ct. \$840,000
5901 Wing Lake Dr. \$600,000
Clarkston
6880 Aspen Ct. \$95,000
9020 Bayview Way. \$138,000
8936 Big Lake Rd. \$199,000
1051 Blue Ridge Dr. \$298,000
5482 Boyne Highland Tr. \$172,000
5673 Camryn Dr. \$244,000
5741 Chestnut Hill Dr. \$179,000
6480 Chickadee Ct. \$208,000
8510 Clarinda Rd. \$117,000
5939 Cummings Dr. \$95,000
4847 Eckles St. \$150,000
8353 Ellis Creek Ct. \$237,000
105 Farris Ln. \$150,000
4620 Greenwood Cir. \$155,000
5675 Griggs Dr. \$150,000
6264 Lake Walden Dr. \$244,000
8062 Marshwood Cir. \$244,000
7779 Newport Rd. \$168,000
9737 Norman Rd. \$193,000
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9810 Norman Rd. \$222,000
7414 Oakstone Dr. \$381,000
5417 Old Cove Rd. \$164,000
6020 Paramus. \$145,000
6591 Park Valley Dr. \$350,000
2805 Park Valley Dr. \$205,000
6968 S. Bluewater Dr. \$140,000
3237 Snow Apple Dr. \$134,000
7052 Snow Apple Dr. \$188,000
8141 Staghorn Tr. \$269,000
9055 Stonehouse Ct. \$627,000
4981 Timberway Tr. \$239,000
6886 Vail Ct. \$267,000
6858 Wellesley Ter. \$164,000
8954 Woodlawn Ave. \$58,000
Commerce Township
642 Andrews St. \$127,000
2287 Forest Rd. \$104,000
1990 Blue Stone Ln. \$235,000
2180 Blue Stone Ln. \$216,000
3130 Blisbane St. \$110,000
28504 Bywater St. \$70,000
3875 Canale Dr. \$135,000
4096 Cherry Garden Ln. \$193,000
5600 Clearwood St. \$126,000

4465 Commerce Woods. \$214,000
4644 Cooley Lake Ct. \$234,000
3190 Glen Hill Dr. \$115,000
1592 Jason Dr. \$280,000
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3634 Massena St. \$127,000
3659 Westview St. \$128,000
2127 Falls Way. \$182,000
5598 Pine Grove Dr. \$720,000
1832 Point St. \$349,000
1868 Portlock St. \$30,000
1998 Tilly Cir. \$154,000
2213 W. Ridge Ct. \$255,000
1602 Wandell Ct. \$75,000
Detroit
9920 Creekwood Tr. \$395,000
11343 Oak Hill Rd. \$137,000
9247 Osprey Bay Cir. \$318,000
9670 Rachel Dr. \$258,000
11988 Scott Rd. \$454,000
12150 Shafter Rd. \$103,000
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Farmington Hills
22197 Atlantic Pointe. \$100,000
32700 Baltimore Hills. \$173,000
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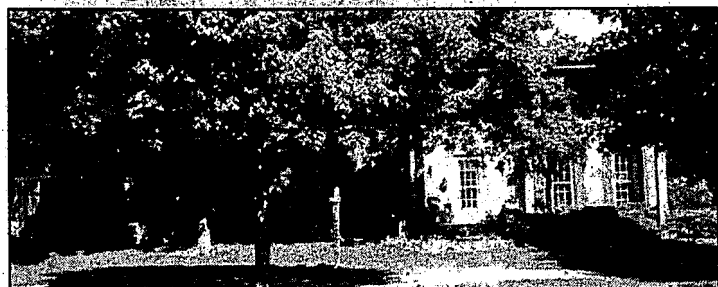
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Rochester - Bring the Family

- This is a true family home in a beautiful and quiet neighborhood
- Hardwood floors in all four bedrooms plus many updates
- Enjoy your private yard with 3 year old pool and screened porch
- All this within walking distance to town, library, shops!

\$235,000 (248) 651-8850 GR104



AUBURN HILLS - GREAT LOCATION

- You can't beat this 3 bedroom home's location!
- Hardwood floors throughout, freshly painted, all new windows plus glass block windows in basement
- Large and deep fenced yard. All appliances stay

\$99,900 (248) 647-6400 PO261



SOUTHFIELD

- Over 1,900 sq. ft. of potential in this Cape Cod
- Many newer windows, updated kitchen cabinets
- Three bedrooms plus two large rooms on 2nd floor
- Above ground pool and deck in the large backyard

\$119,900 (248) 547-2000 HE232



NEAT AS A PIN

- Terrific North Sterling Heights location for this attractive 3 bedroom ranch with cathedral ceilings
- Family room, 2 car garage, newer windows, furnace, water heater and more. A great value priced at

\$124,500 (248) 641-1660 S1114



ROYAL OAK - SUPER LOCATION

- Great in-town house with separate living quarters
- Second level has kitchen, living room and bedroom
- Lower level has living and dining rooms, kitchen and family room with doorwall to covered patio. Fenced yard

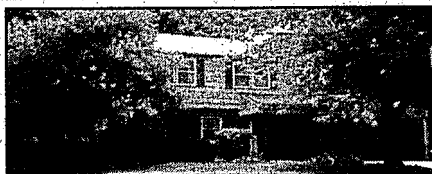
\$128,900 Ask For: Maud Granzow 646-3091 CE525



BLOOMFIELD - EXCLUSIVE GATED COMMUNITY

- Very fine waterfront French Colonial in prestigious Heron Bay, Bloomfield Hills Schools.
- Large spacious rooms overlook wildlife sanctuary
- Sellers will consider offers between

\$1,650,000-\$1,750,000 Ask For: Gwen Williamson 646-6089



TROY - INSTANTLY APPEALING

- Home filled with character and charm! This 4 bedroom Traditional Colonial is sparkling and updated
- Newer kitchen, plush carpet, roof and furnace
- Private master bath, warm and inviting fireplace

\$174,900 (248) 641-1660 BU465

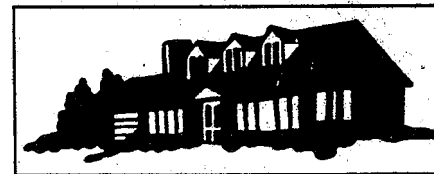


SOUTHFIELD OPEN SUN. 2-5

29561 LATHRUP, N. of 12 Mile, E. of Southfield

- Three bedroom, 2 bath ranch in mint condition!
- Maintenance free exterior, wet plaster construction
- Neutral decor, fireplace, full basement, central air
- Plenty of storage space. Approx. 1 acre. Don't miss this!

\$179,000 (248) 646-6000 LA295



LINDEN

- Beautiful split bedroom ranch in demand subdivision
- Great room with cathedral ceiling opens to Florida room
- Spacious oak kitchen features formal dining area
- Finished basement with 1/2 bath, 3 car garage (ME132)

\$189,900 Ask For: Margie Opp (810) 606-0118, 760-5989



ROCHESTER HILLS

- This home sits deep in Fairview Farms sub and backs to lovely "Stonington Park" commons area
- Popular floor plan with formal dining, firelit family room
- Finished basement, master suite with private bath

\$189,900 Ask For: Anna Peary (248) 656-4400 CE200



ADDISON TOWNSHIP

- Private country setting for this lovely Tudor home
- Country kitchen with dining area has a great view of patio and pool area with extensive decking
- Large bedrooms, master with bath and private deck

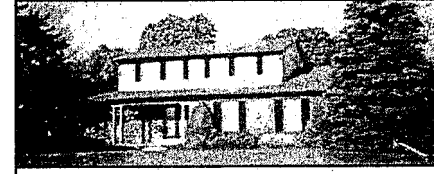
\$209,900 (248) 646-6000 GL152



TROY - LIKE NEW

- No worries with this updated tri-level on a large lot
- Newer windows, roof, cabinets, entry doors, half bath, carpeting, vinyl flooring, ceilings fans and more!
- Fireplace in family and dining rooms. Three bedrooms

\$200,000 Ask For: Juanita Mallmann 656-4405 FR692



WASHINGTON

- This outstanding Mt. Vernon Village 4 bedroom Colonial backs to Stony Creek Nature Preserve
- Freshly painted, new carpeting, fireplace
- Partially finished basement. Rochester Schools

\$222,000 653-8850 SP616



BEVERLY HILLS - BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS

- Unique and charming 3 bedroom home located on lovely double lot with trees, privacy and garden area
- Beautiful living room with fireplace, formal dining room
- Hardwood floors throughout, updated bathroom

\$232,500 (248) 647-6400 MA324



ORION - NEWLY BUILT FOR YOU!

- Impressive quality and detail can't be overlooked!
- Hardwood foyer, oak stairs and railings, 6 panel doors
- Upgraded carpeting, easy care vinyl floor in kitchen
- Four bedrooms plus den, family room, dining room

\$234,900 (248) 656-4405 BA409



BIRMINGHAM - WALK TO DOWNTOWN

- Meticulously maintained corner ranch with 3 bedrooms
- Recent updates include new driveway, newer roof
- Oak hardwood floors, fireplace in large living room
- Sunny Florida room, finished basement adds 1000 sq. ft.

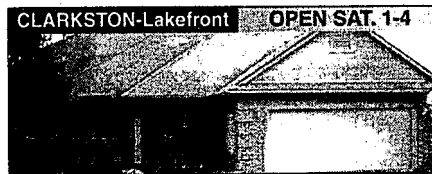
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UPPER STRAITS LAKE - CANAL FRONT

- Enjoy panoramic view of private all-sports lake
- Association beach in charming neighborhood
- Canal frontage, 2 bedroom ranch value in land
- Private and public golf course nearby

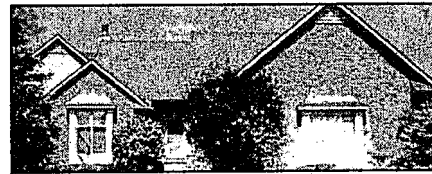
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CLARKSTON-Lakefront OPEN SAT. 1-4

- 6591 GREENE HAVEN, N. OF I-75, E. of M-15 off Amy Dr.
- Exceptional views await the discriminating buyer of this feature packed lakefront Contemporary Ranch!
- Walkout with wet bar, refrigerator and island snack bar
- Office with 3 phone lines, formal dining.

\$289,900 Ask For: Robyn Lewis 620-4373 GR659



ROCHESTER HILLS

- Charming home in pristine condition in Hawthorn Hills
- High ceilings, hardwood floors and ceiling fans
- Beautiful great room, 1st floor master with jetted tub
- Large basement, private deck, pine-treed lot

\$326,900 Ask For: Anna Peary 656-4400 IN190



BEAUTIFUL HAWTHORN HILLS COLONIAL

- Custom built, premium brick elevation
- Two story foyer, crown moldings, bay windows
- Sunny island kitchen, family room with garden fireplace
- 3,000-plus square feet. Three car garage

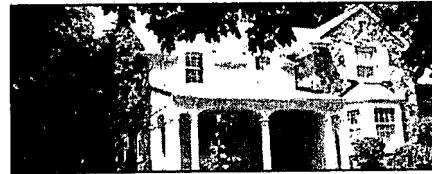
\$333,700 Ask For: Nancy Ritter 656-4420 ED175



SOUTHFIELD - OVER AN ACRE

- Very unique reversed Colonial on wooded cul-de-sac
- Each of 4 bedrooms leads to deck, terrace and pool
- Features many custom amenities: marble floors, fireplace in great room, large family kitchen & finished basement

\$339,000 (248) 547-2000 LA232



VINTAGE DETROIT COLONIAL

- Quality workmanship throughout, gorgeous landscaping and over 3,000 sq. ft. of living space
- Large master suite plus guest bedroom suite, bay window in formal living and breakfast room

\$364,900 Ask For: Edwina Luckett (248) 591-2006 AR194



EXQUISITE INDEPENDENCE TWP. RETREAT

- A celebration of European architectural elegance!
- 17,000 square feet with formal 22 seat dining room
- Magnificent grounds with carriage house and terraced pool overlooking sparkling Heather Lake

\$3,700,000 (248) 646-3534 NE442



WEST BLOOMFIELD PARADISE

- Perfect all sports lakefront home with all the amenities
- Six skylights let the sunshine in! Professional bar
- Jacuzzi, stone fireplace, plus deck, patio and dock
- Perfect home for indoor and outdoor entertaining

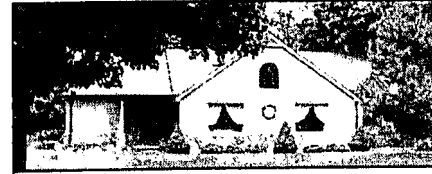
\$375,000 (248) 647-6400 CI237



WEST BLOOMFIELD

- Beautiful brick and wood 2 story offers lovely views
- Finished lower level with full bath bedroom and entertainment room with wet bar is great for entertaining
- Master suite has double closets and dressing rooms

\$377,500 (248) 547-2000 CO218



FRANKLIN - CLASSIC CUSTOM RANCH

- This home sits on the heart of Historic Franklin
- Built in 1991 on 1/2 of an acre with oak library, open living room with marble fireplace
- Three bedrooms, 2 full baths. Spacious master suite

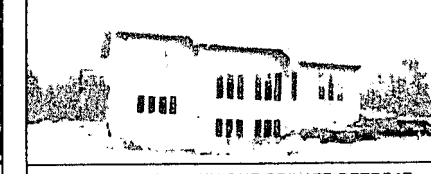
\$380,000 (248) 851-4400 EV262



BIRMINGHAM - IN TOWN

- This 3 bedroom, 2 bath Colonial in a great location has lots of character and loads of potential!
- Updated kitchen, master bedroom with walk-in closet and bath. Family room with fireplace plus exercise room

\$384,000 (248) 547-2000 WA560



WATERFORD - UNIQUE PRIVATE RETREAT

- Builder's Contemporary home on gated 10 acres
- 900 ft. frontage on Clinton River trails, wildlife
- Walk-out lower level, 3-level cedar decking, outdoor sauna, 750 sq. ft. 3 car garage

\$429,000 Ask For: Ann Greene 646-3534 EL603



FARMINGTON HILLS

- Great newer contemporary with 1st floor master
- Library, dramatic family room with 6 skylight ceiling
- Three additional bedrooms on upper level, 2 baths
- Cathedral ceilings, pickled oak floors, island kitchen

\$429,900 (248) 646-6000 TU377



WEST BLOOMFIELD

- Exquisite Wakeek home on quiet cul-de-sac street
- Plenty of updates include white center island kitchen
- Elegant entrance foyer with ceramic tile, skylights
- Finished basement with small office. Gorgeous!

\$429,900 (248) 851-4400 EX442



ROCHESTER HILLS - 1ST FLOOR MASTER

- Fabulous Robert R. Jones build with stunning decor
- Former model has tall ceilings, hardwood floors
- White island kitchen with eating nook, gathering room
- Master suite is unbelievable! Finished lower level

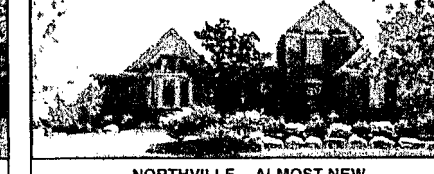
\$539,900 Ask For: Anna Peary (248) 656-4400 CH636



BLOOMFIELD - MAGNIFICENT

- All the space you've dreamed of comes along with this 7 bedroom Colonial situated on almost 1/2 acres
- Dramatic foyer with dual staircase, large guest suite
- Finished basement with mirrored bar. Bloomfield Schools

\$549,900 (248) 647-8082 BE345



NORTHVILLE - ALMOST NEW

- This custom Cambridge Cape Cod sits amidst prestigious homes and has its own extras to offer
- Features extra large rooms, spectacular lower level
- Three car garage, lush landscaping and brick pavers

\$649,900 (248) 539-8111 ST174



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CANTON COLONIAL- Open House, Sun 1-4, 4 bedroom, 2200 sq. ft., 2 1/2 baths, 1st floor laundry, central air, numerous updates, backs to woods. Joy & Sheldon, 44634 Tiltman Dr. \$190,000. (734) 455-1208

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CANTON- Open Sun, Noon-5pm. 43590 Hartford, 4 bedroom colonial, newer kitchen, finished basement, 2 1/2 baths, 1st floor laundry, central air, numerous updates, backs to woods. Joy & Sheldon, 44634 Tiltman Dr. \$190,000. (734) 455-1208

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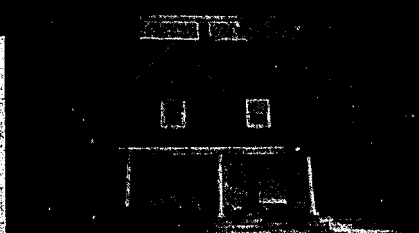
OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY
 Best Value around! West Bloomfield schools. Remodeled in last 2 years. White kitchen, all neutral, large lot, 3 bedrooms. Great for couple or small family. Owner motivated. A steal at \$119,000. (LA574)

NEAR HOSPITALS/EXPRESSWAYS FARMINGTON HILLS OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY
 Prestigious Cooperwood Sub. Perimeter decorated, 4 bedroom, walkout lower level, private corner lot backs up to woods. Incredible landscaping, perfect family home, great for in-home office, near golf course, bike trails. Price reduced only \$489,000. (LA574)

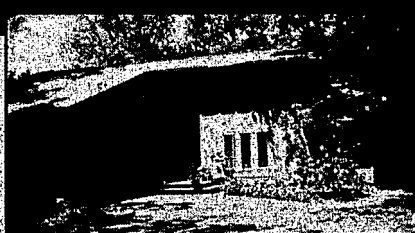
ONE OF A KIND
 Over 6,000 sq. ft. home on private 3 acre, West Bloomfield schools, terrific lot, 5 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, 1st floor laundry, central air, numerous updates, backs to woods. Price reduced only \$489,000. (LA574)

FINCH LAKEFRONT
 Completely renovated in last 2 years.

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DUPLEX - Upper unit, 3 BRS, 2 baths, updated kitchen, C/A, private entrance. Down unit, 3 BRS, 1 bath, updated kitchen, full basement. Private entrance. \$295,000 (08FOU) 652-8000



UPPER STRAITS LAKEFRONT - Unique contemporary multi-level house on secluded heavily wooded 3+ acre site, 3 BR, 2 1/2 baths, LR, FR, w/2 story drift stone FP, Unf. W/O, large deck. \$625,000 (94PON) 363-1200



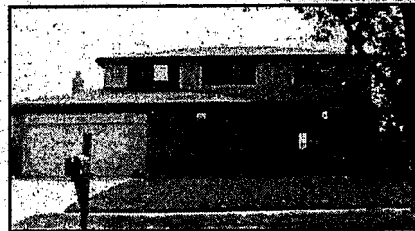
TROY, 4 bedroom, brick Colonial with den. Family room with fireplace. First floor laundry. Newer furnace, and newer roof. \$229,000 (56STO) 524-1600



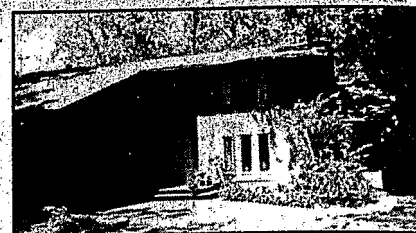
SEARCHING high & low for an affordable home? See this great room ranch w/formal & informal rooms. Situated on a large lot in one of Rochester's most popular subs w/parks & trails. Special amenities include sprinklers, alarm system, C/A, large bsmt w/fin FR & full bath. \$152,500 (98HAD) 652-8000



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TROY, 5 bedroom Colonial with 2 1/2 baths. First floor laundry and library. Newer neutral carpet. Central air. Lovely deck and inground sprinklers. Call today. \$236,900 (75DEM) 524-1600



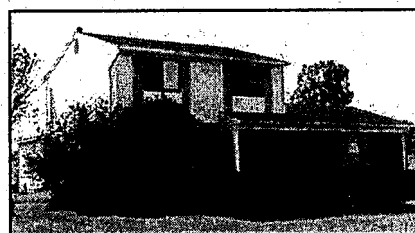
UNIQUE CONTEMPORARY multi-level house on secluded heavily wooded 3+ acre site, 3 BR, 2 1/2 baths, LR, FR, Unfinished walkout, large deck. \$625,000 (94PON) 248-626-8800



BRICK-FACED Colonial in Heatherwood sub. 3 BRS, 2 1/2 baths. Master bedroom w/WIC. Family room fireplace. Finished basement. Deck, sprinklers, professional landscaping. Cul-de-sac, backs to wooded commons. \$206,900 (40IVY) 652-8000



TRANQUIL, SCENIC 10 ACRES. Bright contemporary o wooded parcel, 3 BD, 2 1/2 baths, ceramic tile, oak cabinets & trim, w/o to basement, 3+ garage with workshop. \$375,000 (20BUN) 363-1200



ATTRACTIVE 3 bedroom Rochester Hills Colonial on premium corner lot. Roomy family room with built in bookshelves. Newer windows. Fresh paint. Side entry garage. \$172,000 (56DRE) 524-1600



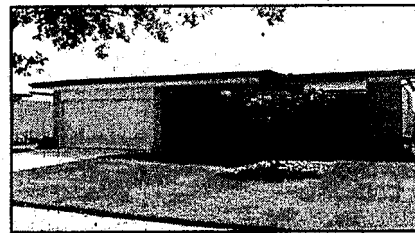
TROY, 4 bedroom Colonial with 2 1/2 baths. Living room with fireplace. Formal dining room. Family room. Master bedroom with tub and shower. Brick paver patio. Basement. 2 car attached garage. \$284,900 (84DAV) 524-1600



YOU'LL LOVE entertaining family & friends in this home. Gorgeous inside, well maintained & completely updated in/out. Newer furn, roof, windows, C/A, sprinklers, kit/baths, neutral decor/carpet. Fully excavated fin. basement. Florida room, .5 acre lot. \$227,000 (70GLE) 652-8000



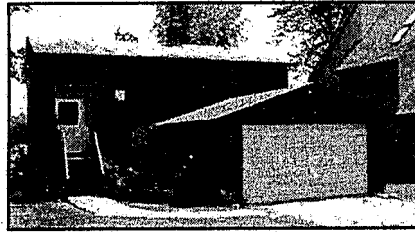
TRANSITIONAL 4 BEDROOM COLONIAL. 1/2 acre lot built in 94, many upgrades, finished basement, 2 full baths, 2 1/2 baths, extra large 2 car garage, equestrian community. \$279,900 (47CAR) 363-1200



STERLING HEIGHTS. 3 bedroom Ranch home loaded with updates. Family room with fireplace. Central air. Updated galore throughout home. Basement. 2 car attached garage. \$168,500 (98JEF) 524-1600



BLOOMFIELD - Bloomfield land value! Tear down and build a showplace on this beautiful acre-plus property in the Kirk Hills area. Not many like this one left! \$385,000 (10GRO) 642-8100



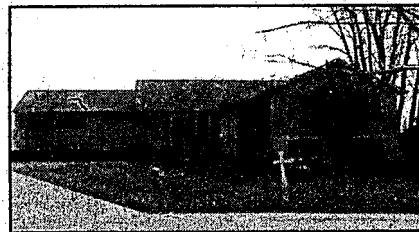
LOWER STRAITS LAKEFRONT. Large 3 bedroom, 2 full bath home on the lake, open living kitchen & dining areas, large 28x15 family room w/FP, 2 car attached garage, sauna, deck. Great Lake Views. \$289,900 (85MAP) 363-1200



LOADED with top of the line extras! Gourmet kitchen, center island, W/in pantry, 2 master walk-in closets, extra-large master bedroom bathroom suite, spa room, built-in, full basement, 2 car attached garage. Large corner lot deep in sub. \$269,900 (25HUN) 248-626-8800



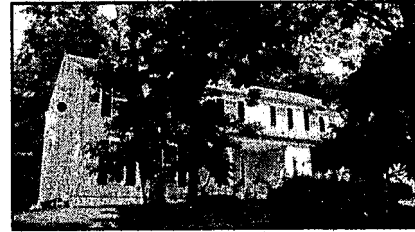
STATELY UPDATED neutral 4 bedroom Colonial in Rochester Hills. Family room with cathedral ceiling and gas log fireplace. Private library. Enjoy your finished basement. Patio looks out onto nicely landscaped large lot. \$212,900 (90DAH) 248-652-8000



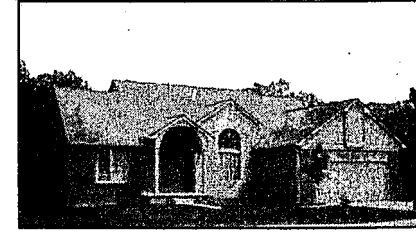
BLOOMFIELD HILLS - 3100 SQ. FT. Quad in South Wabek. 4 BR, 3 1/2 baths, living room, family room, 2 FP's, redecorated, updated roof, newer GFA, deck and located on private cul-de-sac. \$349,900 (61LAK) 642-8100



A GREAT ENTERTAINER on canal to Commerce Lake. Fabulous home has two full living quarters. 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, tons of updates. Two fireplaces, huge deck. \$289,000 (68TAH) 363-1200



IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY!! West Bloomfield Colonial. 4 large bedrooms, 2 fireplaces, deck, wooded lot. Deep in the heart of the subdivision. 2,450 sq. ft. Don't miss out! \$219,900 (59CRO) 248-626-8800



GORGEOUS detached Colonial! On premium lot backing to woods. Completely neutral throughout, great room with cathedral ceiling and 2 sided marble FP. Sunny kitchen with cathedral ceiling & nook w/drwl to deck, cozy hearth area. Large mstr ste with Jacuzzi, WIC & DR to deck. \$264,900 (71FAI) 652-8000



LAKEFRONT-LAKEFRONT - Brand new West Bloomfield Lakefront Colonial with finished walk-out basement. Just completed. White kitchen. Hardwood floors & high ceilings on 1st floor. Large living room with fireplace. Master suite with separate shower & whirlpool tub. \$415,000 (30LEY) 642-8100



LAKEFRONT LIVING. 3 bedroom Ranch home with 2 full and 2 half baths. Finished basement. Enclosed sun porch. 2 car attached garage. \$281,900 (47THR) 524-1600



SPACIOUS 4 bedroom Colonial backs to commons, extra large master suite with dressing room & WIC. Basement even under FR, all rooms are large. Great area. Immediate occupancy. \$219,900 (24WEA) 248-626-8800



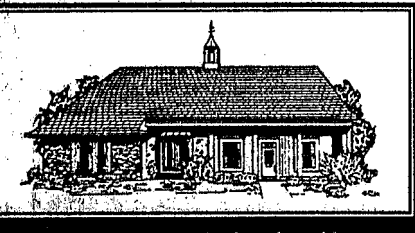
FULL 1900 sq. ft. of family living. Low maintenance corner lot w/attached garage & workshop. Rochester schools. Possible 4th bedroom or office. Air conditioned & many updates. Attractive prices. \$152,900 (46HE5) 652-8000



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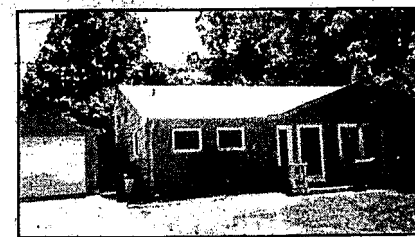


BEACH FOREST TUDOR. 5 BR, 4½ bath brick home offers 1st floor MBR suite. Marble, ceramic, custom woodwork, leaded glass doors, kitchen w/octagon brkfst nook. Fin. bsmt w/GR, FP, KIT, hot tub/jacuzzi, 3 car gar. \$799,900 (59HAV) 248-642-8100



ONE OF Country Creeks premium homes. Natural preserve setting. Dual stairways. Fabulous kitchen. Loaded with amenities including central vac. \$379,500 (90DEE) 652-8000

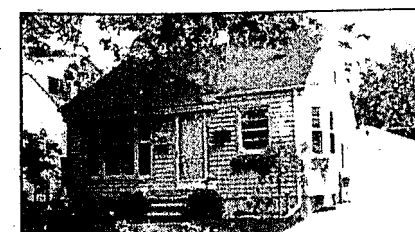
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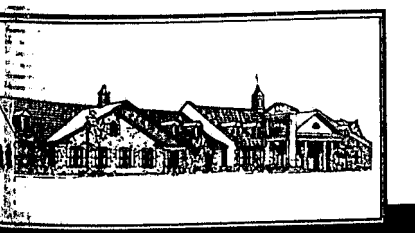
IN TOWN! Brick 3 bedroom home in city of Rochester with extra deep garage, finished lower level, all appliances, fenced backyard, oak kitchen, newer windows plus hot water tank, C/A. \$154,900 (06MAP) 652-8000



INTOWN DELIGHT - 3 bedroom brick ranch. Full basement, partially finished, 2 car garage. Hardwood floors. Fenced yard. \$149,900 (38CAS) 652-8000



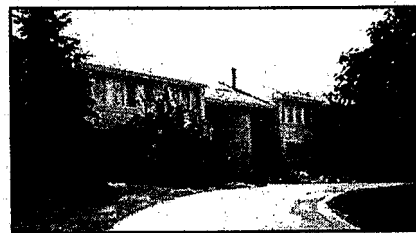
BIRMINGHAM - Fabulous 3 BR bungalow w/designer kitchen w/HW floors, oak crown moldings in LR, updated bath, large MBR with lots of closets. Finished basement, 2 car garage. Newer roof. \$179,900 (71COL) 642-8100



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BIRMINGHAM - Great home walking distance to downtown Birmingham boasts 3 bedrooms, 1½ bath, living room with fireplace, 2 car attached garage and more! \$209,000 (15DAV) 642-8100



BLOOMFIELD HILLS - 5000 sq. ft. of living space in this designer perfect Contemporary 2-story. Huge 2-story living room, family room, gorgeous white formica kitchen, terrific MBR suite, finished basement. 3 car garage. \$599,900 (14DUR) 642-8100



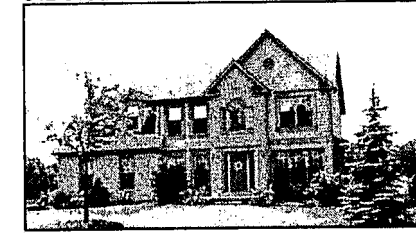
BLOOMFIELD HILLS - End unit Ranch in golf community overlooks 9th fairway Wabeek on the green. 3 BR, 3 bath, finished basement, neutral decor, immediate possession, all appliances included. \$264,900 (03GOL) 642-8100



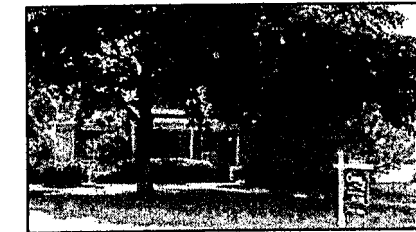
BLOOMFIELD - 1875 sq. ft. Ranch offers 3 BR, 2 bath, living room, family room, white formica kitchen on acre lot overlooking Beach and Walnut Lake. Lake privileges. \$279,900 (95LON) 248-642-8100



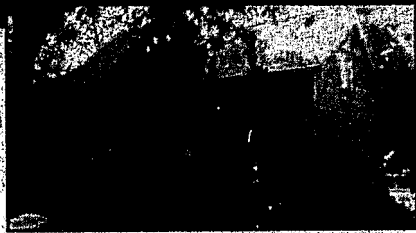
BLOOMFIELD - 3 BR, 1½ bath Cape Cod home offers family room, HW floors throughout most of house, 2 natural FP, newer white bright kitchen, newer roof, 2 car attached garage. Close to everything. Bloomfield Hills schools. \$169,900 (25RUT) 642-8100



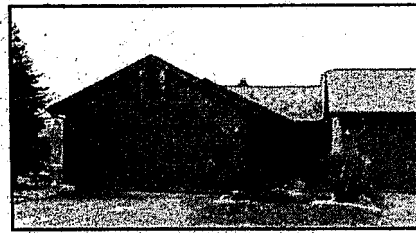
THE LAST WORD IN CONTEMPO. Two story foyer and family room, fireplace, finished walkout, huge master suite, washed oak kitchen, hardwood and ceramic floors. \$239,900 (60ROS) 363-1200



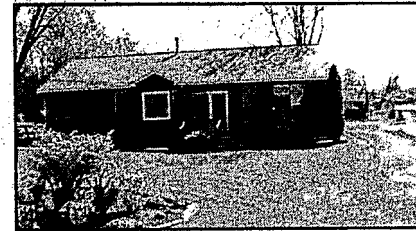
A FANTASTIC FIND! Large Colonial, 4 bedroom, 2½ bath, full basement, 2+ car garage. Fantastic all-season room. Home office/vault. Beautiful lot with lake privileges. \$194,500 (83ALL) 363-1200



HISTORICAL BEAUTY. Walk to downtown Farmington from this carefully updated centennial home. 3 bedrooms, 1½ baths, built-in bookcases, granite counters. A real delight to see. \$189,900 (25GRA) 363-1200



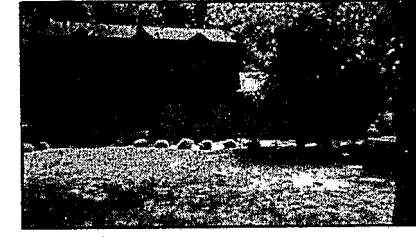
TRANQUIL, SCENIC SETTING. Canal ft. condo, views of Dixie Lake and commons. Oak cabinets and trim, FP in GR, finished walkout and full bath, 3 BD, cathedral ceilings. \$179,900 (67CED) 363-1200



110 FT. WATERFRONT RANCH. Close to main body of Cooley Lake, immaculate house, all appliances stay. 2 car garage for all the toys. Newer carpet shows pride and care of this nice ranch. \$163,900 (74HIL) 363-1200



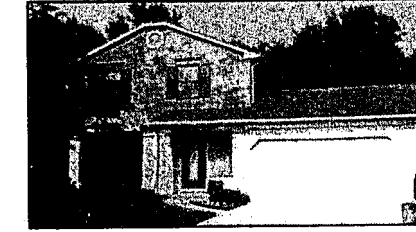
UPDATED CHARMER IN WIXOM. Over 1 acre, Walled Lake Schools, 1st floor laundry, 2 full baths, city sewer, make this older 4 bedroom a must see! \$157,900 (25MAP) 363-1200



LAKE PRIVILEGES. Spotless original owner home ready to move into. First floor laundry. Fireplace. Library. Formal dining room & master bath. Partially fin. basement. Deck, hot tub and central air. .75 acre wooded lot. Close to golf course. \$219,900 (02TIR) 524-1600



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TROY. 3 bedroom Colonial with 2½ baths. Anderson wood windows throughout. Two tiered deck. Inground pool. Finished basement and more! \$214,900 (02REI) 524-1600



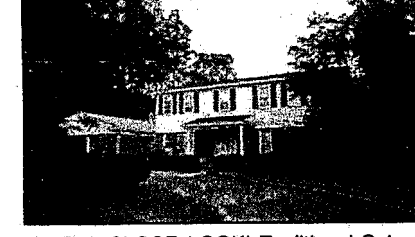
DREAM HOUSE! Totally updated all brick and stone ranch with full w/o basement to 2-3 car garage. All new and custom inside. Call for complete list of updates. Located in Farmington Hills Woodcreek Sub on over 2.2 acres. \$389,900 (28WEL) 248-626-8800



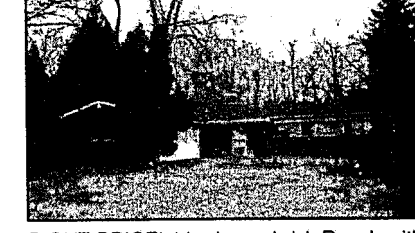
BRIGHT CONTEMPORARY home has recently been painted, has Lucite and oak railing, huge island kitchen, unique winding staircase to bridge overlooking ceramic foyer. 4 bedrooms, 2½ baths. \$329,900 (63TIM) 248-626-8800



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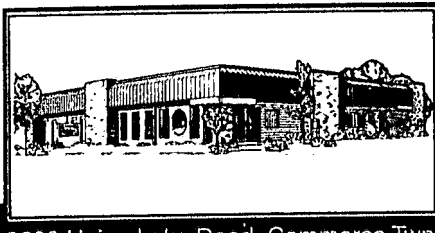
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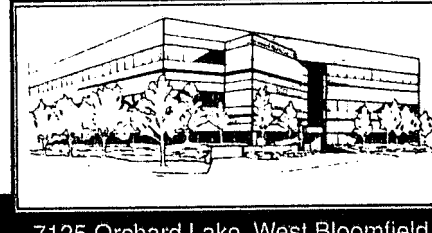
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celebrating family

Good eating helps all thrive



LISA LUCKOW-
HEALY

Feeding your family's appetite can be an overwhelming feat if you have to consider finicky eaters, food allergies or preparation time. You find yourself resorting to "la cuisine carryout," carefully planning meals only your milk-allergic child enjoys, or

throwing hamburger into a crockpot for the magical, mediocre meatloaf.

Whatever happened to the well-rounded family meal?

Planning the evening meal is difficult enough without having to worry about what your kids are eating in the school lunch line or what an ailing, aging parent is consuming in a TV dinner while home alone when you cannot deliver a hot, home-cooked meal. Maybe it is time you and your family realize you are what you eat — if you haven't crossed that bridge already — and do something about it.

Submerge yourself in health and nutrition periodicals and their messages boil down to eating a diet that is low in saturated fat for anyone in your family above age 2, that is, a diet in which fat makes up only 30 percent of your total daily calorie intake.

But what do you do with these words of wisdom? Remind yourself that it is never too late to steer your family down the road to healthy eating habits.

Don't worry about counting every fat gram from the beginning.

Concentrate on thinking about the amount of fat in what your family likes to eat, then put a creative spin on that stagnant menu by devising ways to replace foods high in fat with low-fat palate pleasers.

It is highly unlikely that your children will pass on pizza. Begin to adjust their eating habits, and yours, slowly. Select more healthy alternatives to pizza with pepperoni and cheese, such as ham with green peppers and mushrooms. Eventually your family may enjoy a more health-conscious vegetarian pizza.

Pass on fast food that is high in saturated fat as much as possible. Limit the children's meal ritual of a hamburger or deep fried chicken and french fries to once every other week. Substitute the mega-layer, high-fat, super-burger with a grilled chicken sandwich or soup and garden salad.

When you have to use oils in your foods, incorporate monounsaturated fats found in olive oil and canola oil. Avoid hydrogenated oil in your food as much as possible.

Bake, grill or microwave your lean meats instead of frying them. You can cut down on fat grams by incorporating more fish and white meat chicken or turkey into your meal plan. Use ground white meat turkey in place of ground chuck in your hamburgers or opt for the increasingly popular veggie burger varieties available in the freezer section of your local grocery store.

Chances are your children won't even notice if you substitute reduce fat hot dogs in place of their high-fat favorites. Pasta is another alternative to add to your meal list. Garnish with tomato sauce, reduce-fat shredded cheese or homemade marinara or pesto sauce.

One of the best things about serving your meals with a nice variety of fruits and vegetables is that they have a natural tendency to fill you up, eliminating your need for high-fat desserts or after dinner snacking.

Make fruits and vegetables fun for your family. Allow your family to help in meal preparation by alternating colorful vegetables on skewers you grill or broil. Let your kids layer fresh fruit in parfait glasses, alternating the fruit with vanilla or strawberry yogurt.

Investigate snacking substitutes. Replace potato chips and cheese puffs with pretzels and plain popcorn; ice cream with fruit juice popsicles, sorbet or sherbet; cookies and candy with dry cereal, yogurt, covered pretzels, and sliced apples.

Lead by example. If you, the parent, follow a healthy, low-fat diet, chances are your children and even your aging parents, will follow your lead.

Just as you teach your children certain behaviors, you can influence good eating habits. It may take time, but it's worth it when you think heart smart, and help your family to thrive.

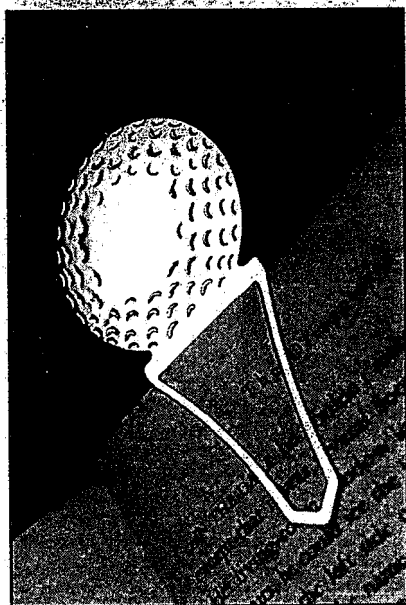
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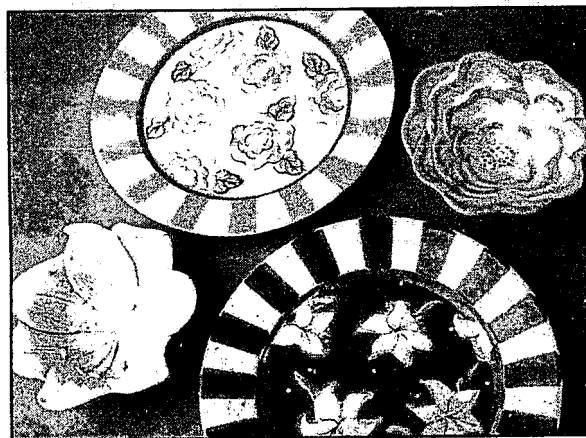
Tock on the wild side

Time outside: Beautiful clocks with wildlife scenes are available at Jacobson's. The solid wood, round clock by James Hartman with a deer scene decorates a wall or mantel; cost is \$45. The mallard scene wood mantel clock with black lacquer trim retails for \$45.

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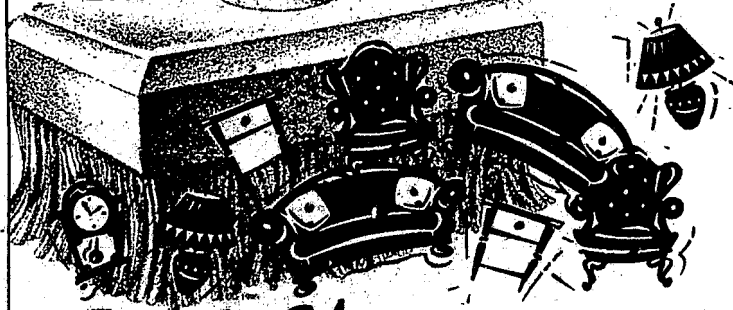
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appliance doctor

Telephone draws unusual inquiries



JOE GAGNON

Several months ago I wrote about my feelings toward the ringing machine which is so responsible for the growth of business and the world. This lightweight product allows us to travel all over the world without

■ I think it's a good idea that people who have important questions about appliances and need to make decisions about a purchase or service have someone to help them.

moving from a chair and in many ways is the lifeline of many business ventures. Since the days when I would stand on a chair and turn this little crank to talk with an operator, I have always been fascinated by the telephone. Today, I will admit that I am somewhat, if even ever so slightly, a little bit apprehensive about calling for my messages.

A few months ago my editor asked if we could place a phone number at the end of my column for consumers to reach me throughout the week. I think it's a good idea that people who have important questions about appliances and need to make decisions about a purchase or service have someone to help them. After all, I'm the guy who tells the homeowners to seek advice.

The phone number we placed at the end of this column is my direct line at the radio station and through the magic of technology, I simply call a secret number and get my messages several times throughout the day. The system is working great, I'm receiving the average 25 calls per day and I'm helping many consumers with money-saving questions and making friends along the way.

There are a few negatives I would like to mention to some individuals who think the wrong way. I am not a cure-all for problems outside of the appliance industry.

Let me give you some examples of telephone calls which consume my time and cause me to write this particular column.

"Mr. Gagnon, my next door neighbor is trying to kill me by putting chemicals in my house. The police won't help me and I know if you call him he will stop doing what he's doing."

That was a 25-minute phone call which caused a frown on my forehead.

"Mr. Gagnon, there are voices coming out of my refrigerator during the night time hours after I go to bed. I had service on it two months ago, and I know

the service technician put a tape recorder under the refrigerator. They've been out twice and won't come back again. Can you call them?"

These are just a few samples of what comes with the territory, and I don't mean to sound like I'm singing the blues. I am not a phone sex line, a doctor, a lawyer or an Indian chief. I'm just an average Joe who loves his Valorie very much and doesn't fool around on her. I love what I do and I believe the phone number listed has helped many people and will continue to do so. I simply ask that those people who need to ask a question make sure to keep it on the correct subject matter.

I had a new telephone line put into my home with a phone to be used for making outgoing calls. This phone has the ringer shut off so it can ring all night long and I won't answer it. Do you know why I had this phone installed? It's because I'm not very smart and after I get my messages from the radio station, I call people back on my regular phone. Can you believe that technology now enables consumers to have this little box attached to their phones which tell them the name and phone number of who is calling them?

I'll let your imagination take over this column from here.

Remember: The writer loves you and through you he is what he is - I'm there to help you whenever you need me and don't ever be afraid to call me.

Stay tuned.

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" available at area bookstores. He can be reached at (313) 873-9789.



garden spot

Teamwork raises food for center



MARTY FIGLEY

Many people will benefit from a well-tended vegetable garden again this year.

Teamwork is the key to this successful garden where members of The Hardy Plant Society and friends gathered 10 a.m.

on a bright, sunny day, May 30, to plant for others. There were 23 adults and three children hoeing, planting, mulching and doing all manner of necessary chores. Several local residents who have garden plots also help in this garden.

A feeling of fellowship permeated the air at Bowers School Farm in Bloomfield Hills as Lorraine Ely of Birmingham supervised.

She did just that in a manner that encouraged the gardeners to have input into the project. Her sense of humor kept things humming as she said to the volunteers, "For what you're being paid, you can all quit." Of course no one did. She called the garden "an oasis in the desert."

The produce is given to Baldwin Center in Pontiac. They help harvest and take it to the center and on the day of planting two employees, David and Pat, were hard at work. Sylvia, the director, also helps at harvest time.

Last year one ton of produce was donated and because the garden has been enlarged to approximately 2,000 square feet, Lorraine is sure there will be more this year.

"I got drafted for this project and this is the third year," she said.

Helping out

It takes a lot of coordination to pull off such a feat. All the plants are bought from Uncle Lukes in Troy; money has been donated by The Hardy Plant Society and two members of St. Hugo Church.

"If I need more, I will ask Town & Country Club of Birmingham for a donation." Lorraine is also a member of that club.

Southeastern Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority donated a large load of compost; wood chips are from the farm and local residents also donate chips. Bowers personnel also plow, disc and enrich the soil with manure, and provide a rototiller for the gardeners' use.

"We plant everything that is easy to grow, we don't do green beans because they're difficult to harvest or corn because it is too hard to grow. The center requested more cabbage and squash than we had last year because these vegetables feed a lot of people."

Don and Ann were planting zucchini. "I work here because I think the purpose of feeding the hungry is wonderful," said Sue Ivankov of Royal Oak. "I'm glad to see lots of people."

Mike Sands, a horticulturist who lives in Detroit and is in charge of the seven greenhouses and the conservatory on Belle Isle, brought a weed whacker to tidy up the surrounding area.

"This (getting out in the fresh air) is something different," he said.

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Digging in: Lorraine Ely and her "crew" plant the garden on the last Saturday of May.



MARTY FIGLEY

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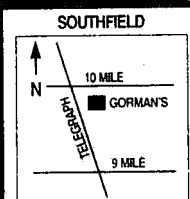
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Living color: Gardens feature dazzling palettes

It's summertime, and a good time to ease up a little and savor some local scenery: a sample of showplace gardens in the area.

An article in an At Home issue in May described what was planned for three local gardens that are surroundings of celebrity status, as they are featured on garden walks or often visited by neighbors and passersby.

Now these grounds in Birmingham, Livonia and Redford have burst into bloom, and black and white photos can now be accompanied by living colors.

Let's see what wonderful works these palettes have produced.

Hildegard the scarecrow was dressed in Red Wing regalia in honor of the Stanley Cup champions, but that wasn't the only change in June Romano's yard in Birmingham in late June.

A fountain, made out of a concave glass bowl from an old airplane, gurgled and splashed. A plant was growing in a slender, open tepee that was made from sticks and rubber bands ("It's done in a minute," Romano said of the tepee).

Lush clusters line the sidewalks and paths through the garden. Delights here include yellow evening primrose, purple delphinium, and centaurea, which are yellow

low thistle-like blooms that look like tiny explosions of fireworks.

"I like the (color) combination."

Also among the bounty are Joe Pye weed that grows 7 by 7 feet across, carpet roses, hydrangea, foxglove and creeping buttercup. Romano likes the natural look, so she gathers hollow logs for her garden.

"They make wonderful, wonderful containers for flowers."

Other containers are several types of baskets. Natural decor includes moss-covered rocks. Romano extended her growing area to the west a few feet by putting logs and rocks on the grass to form beds; she puts mulch right on the grass.

Personal preserve

A sign in Jim and Lois Hardie's back yard reads, "Forest and Wildlife Preserve ... Hunting and Trapping Prohibited." It fits, as the Livonia residents' yard looks as though it's far away from the city.

Evergreens abound in a variety of heights, birds come to drink from a fish pond; the sights and sounds make you think you're up North.

"It's nice in the morning," Jim Hardie said. "You get all the birds."

The look of the front yard is in keeping with the Victorian trim on the house. Beds of plants and flowers are arranged on islands of built-up dirt around the yard. Lois likes pinks and purples.

Roses, clematis, astilbes, snowflake or bocopa are some of the flowers. One type of impatiens resembles a rose. Jim took out some flowering dogwood trees and put in more evergreens, shaping them.

"You're always kind of manicuring," he said. "You have to change things as they grow. It's almost like being an artist."

The gracious wrought-iron fence leading to the house is by a company in Kentucky that makes fences the same way it did when the company started in 1860.

Here and in back, black diamond edging separates beds and grass, and lava rocks are ground cover. One hundred timed sprinklers in front and back water the grounds.

Paved pathways make a winding accent throughout the setting. Iron fence sections and half-barrels are among the decor.

In back, hanging baskets line a wooden gazebo that rests on a wooden deck. An antique French baby crib, with white ironwork that looks like a curling vine, holds trailing white licorice and milkflora petunias.

Proving ground

Tom and Cheryl Pomeroy's yard in Redford is "no maintenance," in Tom's words.

"This is the proving ground," he said. "If they can make it through the winter here they can make it anywhere."

Every area presents a natural tapestry filled with plants and flowers. It's as if they are right at home on this property.

Hostas, hibiscus, hydrangea, coneflowers, daylilies,



Living color: June Romano of Birmingham (above) has raised a variety of plants and flowers in her yard. Colorful clusters line the sidewalks and paths; pinks and purples are among the many hues. A fountain made out of a concave glass bowl (below) splashes in front.



'No maintenance': Flowers seem right at home in the garden of Tom and Cheryl Pomeroy of Redford (at right); blooms include hibiscus and petunias.



Gracious grounds: A wrought-iron fence offers an elegant welcome to the luxuriant yard of Jim and Lois Hardie of Livonia.



black-eyed Susans, petunias and stella d'oro are among the blooms. Hibiscus in a pot add an exotic element. Purple clematis and Russian lace adorn one side of the house.

A shady area along one side near the street contains an assortment of shade-loving plants, including a tree that Tom nurtured back to health.

Watering is the key. Tom weaves soaker hoses through the ground.

The ground cover is cocoa mulch. The decor includes stepping stones made by Cheryl featuring colorful, mosaic-like arrangements of cut glass, and ground lighting and Oriental pieces.

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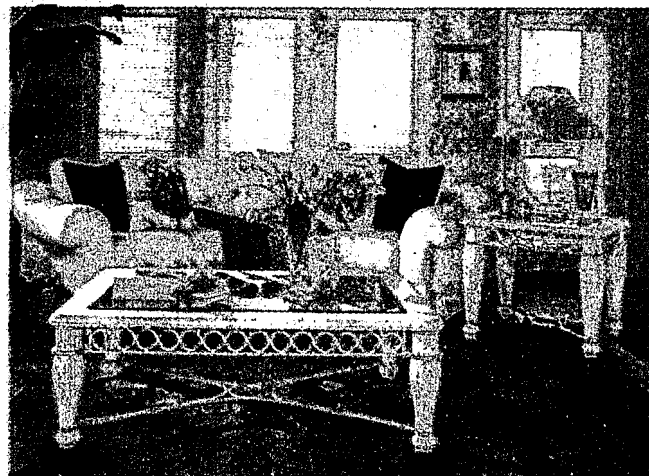
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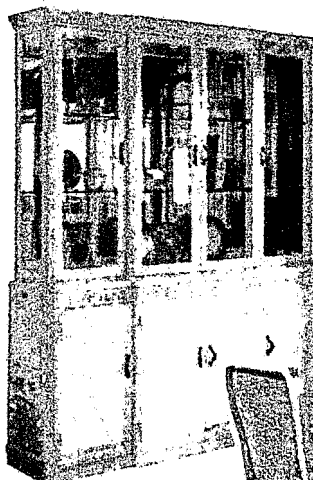
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Included in the garden are bell and jalapeno peppers, tomatoes, zucchini, butternut and acorn squash, four varieties of tomatoes, late and early cabbage, and cucumbers. Zinnias and marigolds are interspersed among the vegetables to add beauty not only to the garden but to the recipients of the produce. Volunteers share in the bounty of the flowers and produce if they wish.

On planting day the peppers and tomatoes were mulched with six sheets of newspaper that was wetted down and held in place by stones, then topped

Additional volunteers are welcome; call (248) 853-4123.

with wood chips. This composting is easy and suppresses the weeds so hand weeding isn't necessary; the newspaper and chips are plowed under in the fall to enrich the soil.

This year some of the tomatoes were mulched with red plastic because "we heard it might result in a higher yield."

The garden needs very little follow-up care and no schedule is needed.

"If people see that the garden needs water during the growing season they do it," Lorraine said. "Many of them are at the garden anyway. We have a tradition of planting the garden on the last Saturday of May."

This year these people gave 3-1/2 volunteer hours. Multiply that in dollars by the number of people and that is

some donation! Needless to say, additional volunteers are welcome; Lorraine can be reached at (248) 853-4123.

This is an excellent example of the Garden Writers Association of America's campaign to "Plant a Row for the Hungry." For further information call Jacqui Heriteau, coordinator of the program, at (860) 824-0794.

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shutter speed of at least 1/500 second so fast film is in order. Use a 400 ASA film in either color or black and white.

The key to good sports photography is to anticipate the action and capture the spontaneity of the game.

In the photograph shown here taken during a major league baseball game, I wanted to capture the peak of the action at home plate. I predetermined exposure using a 1/1000 second shutter speed and prefocused my 200mm lens on the batter. By keeping my left eye open, I could follow the action and watch when the pitcher would release the ball.

It all paid off with this action-filled shot. Only by prefocusing, determining the exposure ahead of time and anticipating the action was I rewarded with the picture.

Other sports work similarly. Get to know the game and anticipate the action. Use your concentration and be prepared to take a couple of rolls of film to get the shots that will score for you.



A full plate:
Prefocusing, predetermining exposure, a fast shutter speed and anticipation all helped Monte Nagler hit a home run with this photograph.

Remember that sports photography isn't only concerned with freezing the moment of victory or defeat, but also of capturing the spirit of the game.

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How the Cobb Salad got its name



RUTH MOSSOK JOHNSTON

The year I got lost at Disneyland and lost my brand-new red cowboy hat was the same year I ate at the famous Hollywood restaurant, The Brown Derby. I was 6 years old.

Throughout my childhood and adolescence, my parents continued to expose me to all kinds of experiences and opportunities. Being an only child, my realm of experience careened between the child-oriented and the adult world.

And while my father was anything but a gourmand, my mother pushed him to adventure out of his safe "ground-steak mentality" for the sake of my savoir-faire.

A good part of these exposures revolved around food and family food tales (I might add, not necessarily home-made foods). My Brown Derby experi-

ence was filled with just one of those food tales.

As the story goes, the owner of the famous Brown Derby, Bob Cobb, worked very long hours at the restaurant, and became tired of eating the regular menu items, especially late at night (when he finally had a moment to eat). Late one evening, he decided to make himself a salad with leftover bite size cubes of chicken and other chopped ingredients. His friends, Jack Warner (who just so happened to be married to my Uncle Carl Siegel's mother, Betty), Wilson Mizner, Sid Grauman and Gene Fowler came by the restaurant after a preview, and asked Bob about the salad he was eating. It was that chopped salad, that then became the "Cobb Salad" - a Brown Derby signature dish.

Many of you may be familiar with a Cobb Salad, and never thought about where the name originated. Chopped salads are offered at many restaurants locally and nationwide. They are easy to make at home for our families and elegant enough to serve for guests.

Some Cobb Concoctions:

- Make a traditional Cobb salad and put into a pita pocket and serve as a sandwich.

- Make a Cobb salad with Italian lunch meats (transform it into an Cobb Antipasto)

- Make a wrap sandwich and fill it with your Cobb Salad (use large Lavash rounds)

BROWN DERBY'S ORIGINAL COBB SALAD

Yield: 4 to 6 servings

2 breasts of chicken

Bacon, cooked crisp and well drained
1/2 head romaine, washed, trimmed and well dried

1/2 head iceberg lettuce, washed, trimmed and well dried

1 bunch watercress

1 bunch chicory

2 medium tomatoes, peeled and seeded

Salt and pepper

1 ripe avocado, peeled

Lemon juice

3 hard boiled eggs, cooled and peeled

2 tablespoons chives, chopped

Roquefort Cheese, finely grated (see directions)

1 cup Brown Derby Old-Fashioned French Dressing (recipe follows)

In a pan or deep skillet place rinsed chicken breasts, cover with enough cold water to just cover the chicken breasts. Bring to a simmer over medium heat and poach the breasts for approximately 10-12 minutes (tender, but cooked through). Let the chicken breasts cool completely, then chop into cubes.

While chicken is cooling, prepare the bacon. Make sure the bacon is very crisp and well drained. When drained thoroughly, rough chop.

Rough chop both romaine and iceberg lettuce and place in a large bowl.

Place the Roquefort Cheese in the freezer for approximately 15-20 minutes - then grate it (this process makes for easy grating).

Cut the tomatoes into small cubes, salt and pepper. Dice the peeled avocado, sprinkle with lemon juice.

Cut finely watercress and chicory (this can be done by hand or on pulse in a food processor).

Chop the hard boiled eggs.

In the large bowl that contains the chopped lettuce, add all the greens and toss well.

Spread the lettuce and greens evenly over the bottom of the bowl and arrange in stripes: chicken, bacon, tomato, egg, and cheese. Add the avocado around the edge of

the salad. Bring the salad and the dressing to the table, just before serving, toss the salad thoroughly with the French Dressing.

BROWN DERBY OLD-FASHIONED FRENCH DRESSING

Makes about 1-1/2 quarts - plenty extra for other meals

1 cup water

1 cup red wine Vinegar (use good quality vinegar)

1 teaspoon sugar

Juice of 1 lemon

1 tablespoon salt

1 tablespoon freshly ground black pepper

1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

1 tablespoon dry English mustard

1 clove garlic, minced

1 cup olive oil

3 cups vegetable (salad) oil

Blend together all ingredients except oils. Using a whisk or food processor, fitted with the 's' blade, combine the oils, and add them in a fine steady stream to the running processor (or continue whisking as the oil is added).

Chill well and shake before serving.

Additional spices and herbs can be added if desired, to change the flavor of this dressing.

Kids get royal treatment

Art Van Furniture has created a playful getaway for children as their guardians enjoy the new shopping environment at the company's Warren store, 6500 14 Mile.

Kids Castle is a 1,700-square foot "castle" within the location.

At the entrance, a lowered "draw-bridge" leads families safely over the surrounding "moat" into the castle. Inside are many entertainment options.

Children age 3 or older and under 60 inches are invited to activities under the supervision of the Kids Castle team. Guardians register the youngsters with the team and are then able to browse through the furniture selections in the store. The service is free.

The Kids Castle Court is introduced this month. King George, Queen Lacy, Flicker the Dragon and Jumbles the Court Jester will visit, pass out treats and read stories. Youngsters visiting Kids Castle will receive a coloring book featuring the "Story of Kids Castle" and the four new characters. The court will be present noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 18; and 1-5 p.m. Sunday, July 19.

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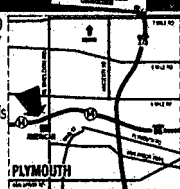
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■ The Rochester Community House, 816 Ludlow, presents a variety of summer classes, including knitting for all levels, Thursdays, July 16 to Aug. 20; and "Organize Your Paperwork," Tuesday, July 21. Call (248) 651-0622 for fees and other information.

■ Trainers Academy Behavioral Department will present an aggression seminar 7-9 p.m. Friday, July 17, at the Farmington Hills center. Fee is \$19 for two adult family members. Advance registration is required; call (248) 616-6500. Learn the origins and causes of aggressive behavior in dogs, as well as what humans unwittingly do to encourage aggression.

■ The Farmington Garden Club will host a biannual garden walk, showcasing six private gardens in the Farmington-Farmington Hills area, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 18. Garden-related items for sale will be at a special boutique in the Visitors Center in Heritage Park, west of Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile, and complimentary refreshments will be served. This year's theme, "Rhapsody of Flowers," features garden designs including floral and architectural components to enhance the landscape. Color abounds in gardens from a mid-19th century designed property to a contemporary landscape dotted with life-size bronze animals. The tour

will begin at the Visitors Center. Tickets are \$7, free for under age 12, and will be available the day of the event at the Visitors Center. Tickets may be bought in advance at McFarland's Florist (call (248) 474-0750), The Vines Flower & Garden Shop (call (248) 478-5544), Springbrook Gardens (call (248) 474-0858), Schroeter's Flowers & Gifts (call (248) 851-0222), Steinkopf Nursery (call (248) 474-2925), Farmington Florists (call (248) 474-4079) and Hearts & Flowers (call (248) 553-7699).

■ "Stroll Through The Gardens," the Garden City Garden Club's fifth annual garden walk, will take place 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 18, rain or shine. Admission is \$5. Refreshments, a craft sale and a plant sale will be featured. Call 525-7299 or 427-1526.

■ English Gardens conducts free seminars on various gardening topics during July and August at its four locations. The next topic, 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 22, at 6370 Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield, is "Arranging Garden Flowers." Learn how to bring the beauty of the outdoors indoors. English Gardens floral designers will give a step-by-step demonstration of how to use your annuals and perennials. They will provide lots of inspiration and design basics to get you started. Call (248) 851-7506.

■ Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club is sponsoring a bus tour Friday, Aug. 28, to the University of Michigan's Matthaei Botanical Gardens. Price is \$17 for members and \$22 for non-members. Final sign-up date is Thursday, July 23. For reservations and more information, call (248) 656-2187.

■ Merrittscape Inc.'s annual Daylily Dig will take place 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday-Sunday, July 17-19, at 5940 Cooley Lake Road in Waterford. Call (248) 681-7955. You pick 'em, Merrittscape digs 'em. Thousands of hybrid daylilies are now in bloom as well as a large variety of perennials. All plants are 20 percent off. Come prepared with questions as daylily lectures are scheduled noon and 3 p.m. Refreshments will be available and Tailgate the Clown will meet children.

■ The 23rd annual Royal Oak Antique and Garage Sale, featuring a variety of classic home and garden treasures from 350 vendors, will take place 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, July 18, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 19, at the Center Street Garage, on Center at Second, south of 11 Mile between S. Washington and S. Main. Admission is 50 cents per person; trolley shuttles from parking lots will be available. The sale benefits the Chamber of Commerce

activities promoting Royal Oak.

■ A teddy bear show and sale will take place 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, July 19, at Weber's Inn in Ann Arbor. Take I-94 to Exit 172 (Jackson Road exit). The event will feature 45 dealers, accessories and door prizes. Some of the bears are handmade by leading bear artists, others are manufactured by Steiff, North American, Gund and Ty.

■ The Ann Arbor Bonsai Society will meet 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 22, at the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens Auditorium, 1800 Dixboro in Ann Arbor. Visitors may attend. Call (734) 424-9979. Connie Bailie, senior horticulturist at the gardens, will present theories and practicalities of propagating plant material, both indoor as well as hardy ornamentals. Topics will include how to get started at home, when to propagate plants, and how to determine where on the plant to select material.

■ The University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens' Environmental Learning Fund continues its ELF speaker/workshop series with "The Art of Mentoring," 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 27-31. Cost is \$50. Guest coordinator is Jon Young of the Wilderness Awareness School. Call Serena Schwartz-Larson, (734) 998-7061, Ext. 31.

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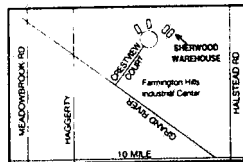
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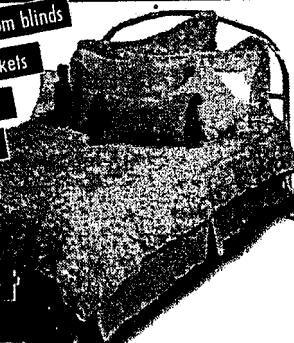
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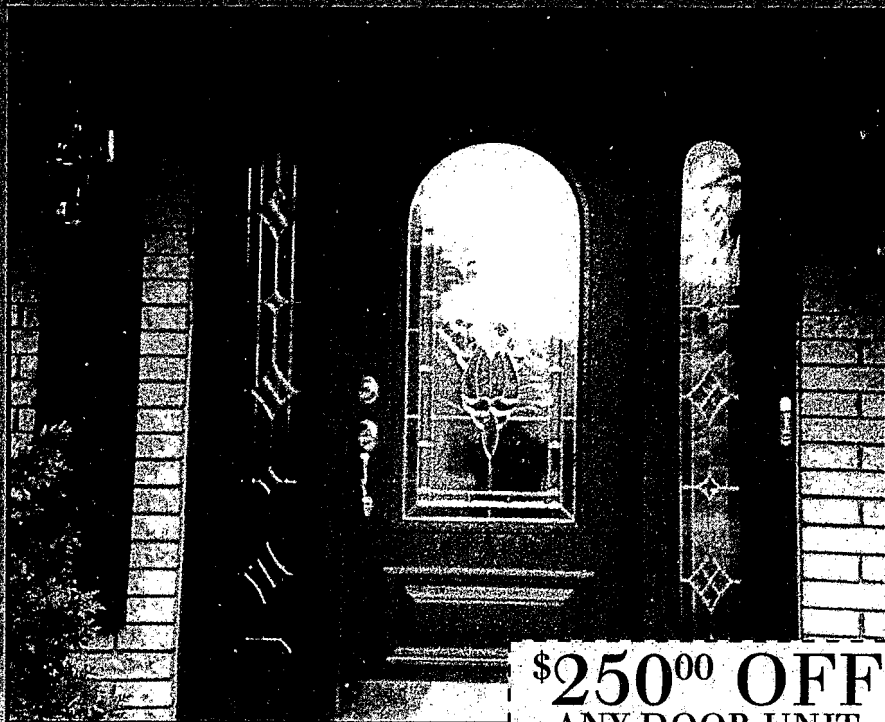
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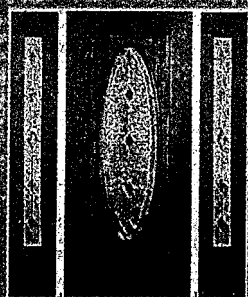
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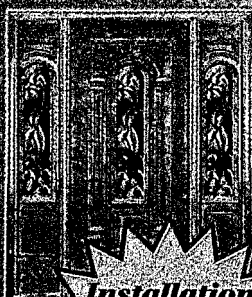
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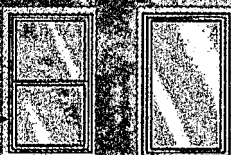


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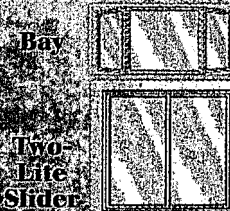


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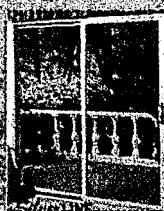


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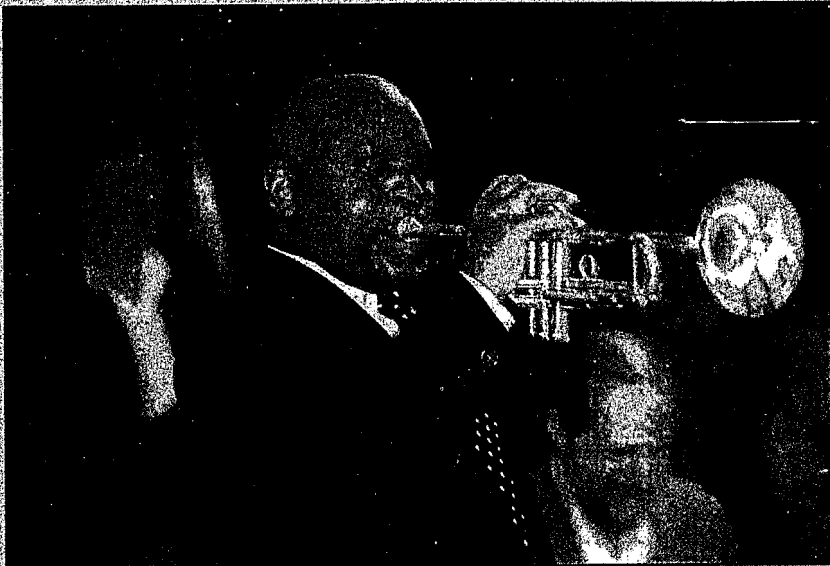


Johnny Trudell performs 9 p.m. at the Michigan Jazz Festival, noon to 10:30 p.m. at the Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River, Farmington Hills. Twenty groups perform on four different stages throughout the day. Admission, free, call (248) 474-2720 or (734) 459-2454 for information.

HOT TICKET



Hot Tix: The second annual Bluesfest International takes place Thursday-Sunday, July 16-19, at the Novi Expo Center and in the 200 block of Victoria Street in Windsor. More than 50 artists, including Mudpuppy (pictured), from six different countries perform at the world's only international blues festival. Call (888) 503-1188 or visit <http://www.bluesfestint.com> for more information.



World wind: Marcus Belgrave, considered a jazz institution by many in metro Detroit, is a featured performer, along with the R.I.K. Reunion Band at the Birmingham Jazz Fest. In background, bassist Dan Kolton and keyboardist Buddy Budson.

B'HAM JAZZFEST

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On an early July evening with a clear blue sky, a mild breeze and a sense that autumn will never arrive, there's a Hall of Fame gig going on inside an unlikely venue, the Polish Century Club on Detroit's eastside.

The R.I.K. Reunion Band features legendary trumpeter Marcus Belgrave and saxophonist George Benson.

Anyone who has mistaken the sugary sound of "smooth jazz" for the school of dissonant phrasings from Bird, Miles, Monk and Coltrane is about to get an education.

This gig, as these musicians who make up the R.I.K. Reunion Band are fond of saying, is all about straight-ahead jazz. Authentic. Spontaneous. From the soul. Not a preset channel on the melodic dial.

For the most part, it's the type of jazz that distinguishes next week's sixth annual Birmingham Jazzfest where the R.I.K. Reunion Band will perform during the second of three nights on the main stage in Shain Park.

Please see JAZZFEST, E2



Hall of fame: Marcus Belgrave, left, performs with local legendary jazz artists Ursula Walker and George Benson in the R.I.K. Reunion Band.

Birmingham Jazzfest

WHEN: Thursday-Saturday, July 23-25.

WHERE: Shain Park downtown Birmingham, south of Maple Road (between Henrietta and Bates Streets). Participating restaurants are located in or near downtown Birmingham. A trolley will be making regular rounds to each restaurant Friday and Saturday night.

FOR INFORMATION: Call (248) 433-FEST, 24 hours a day for up-to-the-minute information.

Shain Park Schedule

THURSDAY, JULY 23

■ 7:30-9 p.m. - Alexander Zonjic and Friends

FRIDAY, JULY 24

■ 7:30-8:30 p.m. - The R.I.K.'s Reunion Band featuring Marcus Belgrave, George Benson & Ursula Walker.
■ 8:45-9:45 - The Sun Messengers

SATURDAY, JULY 25

■ noon to 1 p.m. - The Paul Ventimiglia Group
■ 1:15-2:15 p.m. - Orquestra Fuego
■ 2:30-3:30 p.m. - The Wayne State University Big Band
■ 3:45-4:45 p.m. - SCool Jazz PRIME
■ 6-7 p.m. - The Judie Cochill Ensemble featuring vibraphonist Robert Pipho
■ 7:15-8:15 p.m. - Millie Scott & The Dream Band featuring Perry Hughes on guitar
■ 8:30-9:30 p.m. - Straight Ahead

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

■ 6:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, July 24 on the steps of Birmingham City Hall, 151 Martin - "Summer in the City" featuring Madcat and Kane
■ 10:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, July 25, Shain Park - Chautauqua Express

At the Restaurants - Thursday-Saturday, July 23-25

■ Alben's Restaurant, 35064 Woodward, (248) 258-5788 - Sheila Landis 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday.
■ Bad Frog Tavern, 555 Old Woodward, (248) 642-9400 - Robert Penn 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday.
■ Bates Street Cafe, 380 S. Bates, (248) 644-5832 - David Myles & Milestones 9:30-11:30 p.m. Thursday; 9 p.m. to midnight, Friday-Saturday.
■ Big Rock Chop & BrewHouse, 245 S. Eton, (248) 647-7774 - Larry Nozero 8 p.m. to midnight, Thursday-Saturday; Jazodity 6-10 p.m. Thursday-Friday, and 7-11 p.m. Saturday.
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'Polish Wedding' full of controversy

Director Theresa Connelly's suite at The Ritz-Carlton is fit for a queen. Mouth-watering tortes are displayed atop silver serving trays. The strawberries burst with color so much that you'd swear they were injected with red dye. Step back to the window, near the table boasting several flavored coffees and the Renaissance Center stands majestically beyond the war-torn Southfield Freeway.

Still, reclining on an embroidered couch, Connelly is uncomfortable.

The media have just reported that the Anti-Bigotry Committee of the Pol-

ish American Congress is unhappy with Connelly's portrayal of a Polish family in her debut film "Polish Wedding," which opens Friday, July 17. Committee chairman Frank Milewski called it blasphemous, offensive and "a deplorable depiction of the Polish-American community." Reviewers have also called it "schmaltzy and immoral."

"Polish Wedding" tells the story of Polish immigrant parents Jadzia and Bolek (Lena Olin and Gabriel Byrne) and their rebellious daughter Hala (Claire Danes), a high school dropout who becomes pregnant by a Hamtram-

ck cop Russell (Adam Trese).

"I'm still wondering if it is not one person who constitutes this organization. It's amazing that I've never been contacted," Connelly said, speaking as fast as an out-of-control speeding train.

"I'm quite chagrined about what was written in the Chicago Sun Times. The word that really bothered me was 'immoral.' I would expect to weather (a storm) of outcry if I had made an immoral movie. But since when is making love, conceiving a baby, getting mar-

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Director Theresa Connelly

MUSIC FESTIVAL

After hitting gold with 'Rock Spectacle,' Barenaked Ladies join H.O.R.D.E.

With innocent-looking crystal blue eyes, jet black goatee and affable style, Ed Robertson is ready to pick a fight.

Detroit and Windsor music listeners have long prided themselves as the biggest fans of Robertson's just-as-affable pop band Barenaked Ladies. But that may soon change.

"Detroit is certainly one of our biggest places. It was our biggest place. New Year's Eve was the biggest show we've ever done. But Boston's eclipsing you guys now," singer/guitarist Robertson said slyly awaiting a response.

Well, he got his answer when Robertson and the rest of his Toronto-based band pulled up to Harmony House in Farmington Hills on Tuesday, July 7, for an in-store performance.



Pulling a "Stunt:" The Ladies - including, from left, singer Steven Page, bassist Jim Creegan and singer/guitarist Ed Robertson - celebrated the release of its latest album "Stunt."

More than 1,500 people with umbrellas in hand were waiting in a line that snaked in front of Harmony House, around Kmart's garden area and down the side of the building. Another 500 who picked up special laminate passes were inside.

"It was great," an obviously thrilled Robertson said in the store's storage area shortly after the Barenaked Ladies set. "We're trying to get to all the places that traditionally have the biggest fan base for us."

Yes, Boston is included in that list. Barenaked Ladies fans have two more chances to show their enthusiasm for the band on Saturday-Sunday, July

Please see LADIES, E3

THE H.O.R.D.E. FESTIVAL takes place from 2:30-10 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, July 18-19, at Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. Tickets, \$33 pavilion and lawn, are still available. For more information, call (248) 377-0100 or visit <http://www.palacenet.com>

THE LINEUP (subject to change)

On the main stage:

• Surfin' Pluto 2:30-3 p.m.
• Alana Davis 3:50-4:30 p.m.
• Ben Harper and the Innocent Criminals 5-6 p.m.
• Blues Traveler 6:30-8 p.m.
• Barenaked Ladies 8:30-10 p.m.

On the second stage:

• Fighting Gravity 3:20-3:50 p.m.
• Chris Stills 4:30-5 p.m.
• Huffamoose 6-6:30 p.m.
• Gov't Mule 8-8:30 p.m.

Jazzfest from page E1

In addition to the band of legendary musicians, the Jazzfest also features the bluesy attitude of The Sun Messengers, the raw energy of the well-traveled Straight Ahead and the ethereal sound of flutist Alexander Zornig. Amid a diverse program in this year's Jazzfest, there's an unmistakable common home-grown feel. But while the musicians may have a metro Detroit address, there's no pigeonholing their music.

Accessible jazz

"It's a community event, so why not keep it in the community," said Robert Phipps, musical director of the Jazzfest.

That's an approach born from necessity as much as tradition.

In the last five years, the Jazzfest has continually reinvented itself. In 1993, the festival began with an indoor concert featuring the Johnny Trudell Band at the former Birmingham Theater.

But in recent years, the festival had looked to artists on the national jazz scene to compete for audiences in the busiest concert season of the year. Last year's show featured international recording artists Kevin Mahogany and alto saxophonist

Kenny Garrett.

This year's Jazzfest, however, is clearly on familiar and accessible jazz, said Phipps.

That's due in part to a slightly smaller budget, fewer corporate sponsorships and the desire of the participating restaurant owners to increase attendance.

"We have more mainstream and commercial music," he said. "The reasoning is that it might bring in more people."

While the emphasis is on creating more of a party atmosphere than a traditional celebration of jazz, Phipps said there will be more than a passing nod to the "straight ahead" jazz heritage of Belgrave, Benson and other longtime musicians.

"There are jazz purists who won't acknowledge any other form of jazz," said Phipps.

"But there are simply many types of jazz. We have everything from the Chicago blues sound to the music of Monk, Cole Porter and Sinatra."

Higher register

The annual Jazzfest has become much-anticipated, not only by jazz enthusiasts, but by local restaurateurs.

Over the three-day festival,

some restaurants have recorded a 25 percent increase in business, according to Bill Roberts, president of the 14-member Birmingham Restaurant Collection.

Apparently, there's a greater intangible benefit than keeping the cash registers ringing.

"This is a significant image event for us," said Roberts. "This brings folks to town who may have been to Birmingham in some time."

"Of course, (the Jazzfest) can only be so big. This isn't Montreux. We want this to be a community event."

Based on the ethnic and racial composition of the audiences in past years, the Jazzfest will be appreciated by a multicultural community.

"Jazz just lends itself to diverse audiences," said Leslie Drolet of The Community House in Birmingham, coproducers of Jazzfest.

"This makes Birmingham a destination point and adds to our image as a happening place."

Anytime Belgrave, Benson and their bandmates Buddy Budson and Ursula Walker share a stage, the gig ain't routine.

By sheer force of personalities, perseverance and longevity, Belgrave and Benson are much more than established musicians. Through their playing, teaching and inspiration, they, as much as any two jazz artists in recent history, embody the gritty spirit and never-say-die attitude of many area jazz musicians.

"It's an education every time I play with them," said Budson, a keyboardist in R.I.K. Reunion Band and a regular along with

Walker at Birmingham's Fortes. "Their quality is on the level of musicianship anywhere in the world."

Perusing the musical biographies of Belgrave and Benson is like taking a stroll through the history of American jazz over the last five decades. Belgrave has toured with Ray Charles, Ella Fitzgerald, Charles Mingus, Bud Powell, Aretha Franklin, Sammy Davis Jr. and Dizzy Gillespie. Meanwhile, Benson has played with Tommy Flanagan, Yusuf Lateef, J.C. Heard and performed on many Motown recordings.

While their contemporaries chose paths to other large cities where recording contracts were more lucrative, and opportunities to perform with headlining artists were more plentiful, Belgrave, Benson, Walker and other world-class jazz musicians chose to stay in Detroit.

And next week, the R.I.K. Reunion Band will remind audiences that world-class musicians are not only from Detroit, but live and perform in the area.

At the end of the early July concert, Benson twisted the mouthpiece from his gold-plated saxophone, and placed it in his case.

At one time, he worked seven days a week, playing gigs in halls and nightclubs. For a night, he's shown those at the Polish Club in Detroit why his sound continues to resonate.

Benson smiles as he lays his sax comfortably in its sculpted case.

"It's all in a day's work."

But he and Belgrave sure make it seem timeless.

Controversy from page E1

ried and keeping your baby immoral," she defiantly added. "Polish Wedding" has its fair share of controversy, however. Danes' character, Hala, does shots of vodka while she is pregnant.

"She doesn't drink as much as the girl in 'The Snapper,'" Connelly said of the Irish movie, a sequel to "The Commitments."

"This is life. She smokes also. I don't know what to say. What do you want me to say, 'My mother gave me vodka when I was pregnant?' Plus, it's only a little toast," she added with a smile.

The words "pierogi" and "dumplings" are used interchangeably. There is no on-screen Polish wedding. After a deep sigh, Connelly admitted that she hasn't learned to "toughen up."

Not all the reviews have been bad, Connelly added.

"I happen to have spoken to Polish people. Women practically mobbed me. They loved the portrayal of the mother. I did not make a movie about being Polish. I made a humanistic drama," she said.

Connelly was born to a Polish mother and Irish father. After briefly residing in Hamtramck, Connelly and her family moved to the Six Mile Road area of Detroit and then settled in Royal Oak where she graduated from Dondero High School.

"Glenn Frey (of The Eagles) used to mow our lawn. It was nice to see this big, hunky guy mowing our lawn. Actually back then all the guys used to mow the lawn with their shirts off," she explained.

In "Polish Wedding," Connelly shares her love of shirtless men, especially with Trese.

The idea behind "Polish Wedding" began with her mother's funeral where a stranger told her that he had been in love with her mother for most of his life.

"Everybody in my neighborhood is a butcher, baker, policeman or factory worker; people who seem to live very simple lives. But what I suddenly realized is the epic level of life that goes on behind the appearance of simplicity - lives with great loves that have gone unfulfilled, with children that have been given up, with all kinds of poignancy, ironies and truly poetic beauty. All of it so rarely captured on film," she explained.

Connelly, who lives in Vermont with her husband and children, also explained that she wanted to capture the innocence of Michigan.

"Back then you could drive into a gas station and some kid would come over with his overalls, and he would be wearing a baseball hat. Suddenly, he would pull up his visor and expose these incredible blue eyes and beautiful face. In Michigan, there's unsung beauty every-

where." In 1994, Connelly submitted the "Polish Wedding" script to Sundance Writer's Lab. She was accepted and the script made its way to producers Julia Chasman and Geoff Stier. Connelly said she was thrilled that her first choices - Olin, Byrne and Danes - agreed to do the film.

"I wanted a Polish Sophia Loren and Marcello Mastroianni. I considered a lot of American actresses. There's not many American actresses who wish to be portrayed as a mother," she said.

Connelly explained that Olin was perfect for the part because she, like most European women, isn't afraid to "let it all hang out." Therefore, it was important to find a strong male counterpart.

"If you have a lot of woman, you have to have a lot of man," she said with a chuckle.

Working on a shoestring budget, Connelly called upon her family to help with props and extras. Her aunt canned the closet-full of pickles that Olin and Danes munch on. Her sisters chose the furniture.

The cast learned to love the Detroit area as much as Connelly. Byrne, while staying at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham, frequented the eatery Toss-Ups and visited Dick O'Dow's.

According to Connelly, the cast learned to love each other, as well.

"There were plenty of affairs and secret covert things going on. That contributed to the chemistry of the movie."

It wasn't all golabki and pierogies, however. The making of "Polish Wedding," which was filmed in the summer of 1996 in Hamtramck and Detroit, was a struggle. In an effort to avoid going too far over budget, "a lot of the script was cut." Still, she said, the spirit of the movie remained.

Recently, Connelly did an interview with Entertainment Weekly and subsequently, the magazine printed that she was unhappy with the film. Connelly said she was upset with the article.

"There were some parts that I wanted to stay in but that is hardly a thumb down on my own movie," she said.

Connelly is working on two movies. She calls "Neurotica," a guide to the lost art of prolonged ecstasy, marriage and madness. Connelly explained that she is expecting her film "Days of the Dead," a love story about the relationship between a man in his 50s and a girl who is 17, to generate controversy.

But for "Polish Wedding," she said she wishes the complaints would stop.

"I resent it. It has caused unfortunate pain in my family."

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MACOMB SUMMER THEATRE

"Girl Crazy," classic 1930 musical comedy set on a dude ranch, music of George and Ira Gershwin, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, July 17-18 and 24-25, and 3 p.m. Sunday, July 26, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield, Clinton Township. \$15, \$13 seniors/students, \$11 groups of 10 or more. (810) 286-2222.

FLOWSHARES THEATRE COMPANY

New plays by African American writers, "Full Circle" by Jeffrey Chastang, a drama about a family dealing with the suicide of its youngest child, Friday-Sunday, July 17-19, 2870 E. Grand Boulevard, Detroit. 7 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, 17-18 and 24-25, and 6 p.m. Sundays, July 19 and 26. \$6 per play. (313) 872-0279.

WEST END PRODUCTIONS

"Sweet, Sassy & Durang," short plays by Christopher Durang with Sweet and Sassy, an evening of comedy relief, 9 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, July 17-18, 24-25 and July 31-Aug. 1, at the Underground Theatre, 110 S. Main St., above ACE Hardware, Royal Oak. \$12. (248) 541-1763.

THE GAMUT THEATRE GROUP

"And the Winner Is..." a musical history lesson through the last 50 years of Tony Award-winning musicals, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, July 17-19; July 24-26, Theatre Guild of Livonia, Redford, 15138 Beech Daly, just south of Five Mile Road. Tickets \$10, call (734) 274-6493, voice mail option 2. Tickets also available at the door.

YOUTH

'STAGECRAFTERS YOUTH THEATRE

"Winnie the Pooh," 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, July 18, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 South Lafayette, Royal Oak. \$5. (248) 541-6430.

SPECIAL EVENTS

ANN ARBOR ART FAIRS

More than 1,100 artists take to the streets of Ann Arbor to display their wares in three separate fairs, free children's art activities, continuous entertainment on stages throughout the fair site, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, July 16-17, and until 6 p.m. Saturday, July 18, in downtown Ann Arbor. 1-800-888-9487 or visit the web site at www.annarbor.org.

SAM BARNETT

Yiddish tunes, 1 p.m. Thursday, July 23, at the Jimmy Prentiss Morris Building, 15110 West 10 Mile, Oak Park. Free. tickets issued at front desk. (248) 967-4030.

"CRAZY CAROL REVUE"

Italian American Club of Livonia event includes the Sarasota, Fla., entertainer and dinner of rosemary chicken, Italian sausage with peppers and onions, pasta with meat sauce, pasta all'aglio, sugar snap peas, salad, rolls, coffee, tea, and Italian lemon ice, 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 28, at the club, 39200 Five Mile Road, Livonia. \$20, mail check along with names of guests, address, city, zip and phone number, to: Rose Meteyer, 16030 Meadowbrook, Redford, Mich. 48239-3942. (313) 534-5924/(734) 422-3415.

"INDEPENDENCE DAY"

Starring Will Smith and Harry Connick Jr., 9 p.m. Saturday, July 18, Marshbank Park, Hiller Road, north of Commerce Road, West Bloomfield. \$5 per car, \$1 per person walk-ins. (248) 738-2500.

RENT PARTY

For the opening of "Detroit's Black Bottom & Paradise Valley: Help Us Collect Your Past," an interactive exhibit that looks into the past of this urban, rich African American neighborhood, and "Juke Joint," a colorful exhibit that recreates a southern country nightclub in 1930s North Carolina, 6:30 p.m. Friday, July 24, Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 315 East Warren Avenue, Detroit. \$35, \$30 advance, \$25 members. (313) 494-5800.

SARAH MASEN

The singer/songwriter performs 8 p.m. Friday, July 17, at the Trinity House Theatre, 38840 West Six Mile at I-75, Livonia. \$15, \$12 students with ID, \$10 groups of eight or more. (734) 464-6302.

BENEFIT

JESSE PYE ANNUAL BENEFIT

Arts Extended Gallery presents a celebration, exhibition and reception with proceeds to benefit a scholarship program to support young artists, entertainment by Harpists, Pat Terry Ross and the Ernie Rogers Trio, 7-11 p.m. Friday, July 17, at the Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth, behind the Detroit Institute of Arts. \$50, includes signed lithograph commemorating the organization's 40 year history. (313) 961-5036.

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KEVIN DEVINE

Not on 8 p.m. Friday, July 17, as part of the Ortonville 150th anniversary celebration, on Mill Street in downtown Ortonville. Free. All ages. (248) 627-3760.



Featured performer: **Gordie Johnson and his band, Big Sugar, perform Thursday during the second annual Bluesfest International.**

Bluesfest International July 16-19

Both sides of the Detroit River play host to the second annual International Bluesfest from Thursday-Sunday, July 16-19. Call (888) 503-1188 or visit <http://www.bluesfestint.com> for more information.

Aside from blues music, The Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Dr. (I-96 and Novi Road) will host an "International Rib N' Chicken Cook Off," the Budweiser Beer School where retailers and consumers can learn through education and sampling, and Sony World of Music.

The first 1,000 people through the door in Novi and Windsor on Thursday will receive a free Bluesfest International commemorative tuxedo jacket compliments of President Tuxedo. Windsor performances are scheduled for the 200 block of Victoria Street.

Novi Expo Center Schedule:

On Thursday, July 16 doors open 5 p.m. and the \$5 admission goes to the Children's Leukemia Foundation.

Performers include Mudpuppy, Eddie "The Chief" Clearwater, Shirley King (daughter of B.B. King), Detroit All-Stars featuring Daw Abbott, Chris Campbell of the Silver Bullet Band, and Dallas Hodge. The rockabilly band and 1997 Observer & Eccentric Newspapers' Band of the Year the Twistin' Tarantulas perform on the second stage.

"British Invasion Night" is the theme for Friday,

July 17. Doors open 5 p.m. and the admission is \$15.

Performers include Michael Hill's Blues Mob, Savoy Brown, Spencer Davis, and Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame inductee Eric Burdon. Bugs Beddow performs on the second stage from 6-11 p.m.

The Great Lakes Music Conference kicks off the events of Saturday, July 18, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. for the performances and admission is \$15.

Performers include Wailin' Inc., Chisel Brothers with Thornetta Davis, Big Jack Johnson and Wild Child Butler, Jumpin' Johnny Sansone, and Grammy Award-winner James Cotton. Root Doctor play on the second stage.

The events wrap in Novi on Sunday, July 19, with the Motor Cities Blues Awards. Doors open at 3:30 p.m. and admission is \$10.

Jocelyn B., Downchild Blues Band, Cleveland Fats, Yard Dog, and Big Bill Morganfield are slated to hit the stage. Buster Blues will play the second stage. The winning band at the MCB Awards wins the right to open up for Buddy Guy in January at Buddy Guy's Legends. Last year, Mudpuppy earned the honor.

Windsor schedule

The Windsor line up features many of the same performers as the Novi Expo Center festival.

Doors open 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 16, and admission is \$15. Canadian

favorites Big Sugar featuring Gordie Johnson (pictured) will perform along with the Twistin' Tarantulas, Bill "The Sauce Boss" Wharton, and Mudpuppy. Robert Jones and Jo Serrapere play the second stage.

On Friday, July 17, doors open 5 p.m. and the admission charge is \$20. Performers include Kim Lembo, Shirley King, Eddie "The Chief" Clearwater and James Cotton. The second stage hosts J.D. Project.

"Kidsfest" takes place from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 18. A \$2 donation to the Westside Breakfast Club admits the entire family.

Root Doctor, Big Jack Johnson and Wild Child Butler, and The Hitmen perform from 2:30-5:30 p.m.

The Dawg Band, Spencer Davis, Savoy Brown and Eric Burdon perform after 6 p.m. Admission is \$20. The second stage hosts Crossfire.

On Sunday, July 19, doors open at 2 p.m. and admission is \$10.

Performers include Blue Thunder, Johnny "Yard Dog" Jones, Big Bill Morganfield (son of Muddy Waters), Jumpin' Johnny Sansone, Detroit All-Stars and Downchild Blues Band, CNA with Chicago Pete and Johnny and the Tornados play the second stage.

The festival comes to a close with a free wind-up party at CrocTails, next to Bluesfest International.

Sunday, July 19, Stottiemeyer Park on Dancy Boulevard, Westland. Free. All ages. (rock/blues) (734) 326-6123.

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7:30 p.m. Friday, July 24, the gazebo next to Village Commons on Grand River Avenue in downtown Farmington. Free. All ages. (rock) (248) 473-7283.

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7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, July 16, Municipal Park behind Rochester City Hall, (rain location is Rochester High School auditorium). Free. All ages. (248) 652-7762.

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"Beppin' and Beyond," 6-8 p.m. Monday, July 20, presented by the Graystone International Jazz Museum, at Hart Plaza, Detroit. Free. (313) 963-3813.

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Works by Haydn, Wagner and Martinu, 4 p.m. Sunday, July 19, at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth. \$12, \$10 students/seniors. (734) 416-4ART.

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IMPERIAL SWING ORCHESTRA

With Big Bain Combo, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, July 16, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6, 19 and older; 9 p.m. Saturday, July 18, Mill Street Entry below Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (swing) (734) 996-8555/(248) 333-2362.

RED GARTER BAND

7:30 p.m. Friday, July 17, gazebo next to Village Commons on Grand River Avenue in downtown Farmington. Free. All ages. (Dixieland) (248) 473-7283.

H V I ORCHESTRA

9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays, July 17 and 24, Baccl Abbracci, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. (swing) (248) 253-1300.

BRASS MUSIC

THE MOTOR CITY BRASS BAND

7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 16, as part of "Music Under the Stars" in the Atrium Building (one block north of Michigan Avenue), Dearborn. Free. All ages; 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 23, as part of "Livonia Under the Stars," Greenmead Village, 20501 Newburgh Road (near Eight Mile Road), Livonia. Free. All ages. (248) 349-0376.

AUDITIONS/WORKSHOPS

BARBIZON SCHOOL OF MICHIGAN

The school is offering "The Play's the Thing," a series of summer acting workshops for special needs children and handicapped young persons taught by Detroit actor Bob Cafagna at the school, 6230 Orchard Lake Road, Suite 110, West Bloomfield. Topics include improving their speech, movement, coordination and confidence through acting. (248) 855-5660.

DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE

The DDC offers "Learning at the Opera House," a series of classes at the Detroit Opera House in July. Modern dance technique and improvisation for teens and adults (intermediate level), 6-8 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, July 21-23. (\$36); followed by performance/sharing by workshop participants, Friday, July 31, all at the Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. (313) 965-3544.

LIVONIA CIVIC BALLET

Hosts a workshop with Alain DuBrule of the Birmingham Royal Ballet in London and John Anzalone, assistant choreographer for the current Broadway musical "Jekyll and Hyde," classes for advanced, intermediate and youth level dancers ages 8 and older include ballet, pointe, jazz, and modern, 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Friday-Sunday, July 24-26 at Miss Jean's Dance Arts, 15619 Farmington Road, Livonia. (734) 422-9103.

MICHIGAN RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL

Magicians need for Aug. 15-16 for Merlin's Magic Fest, auditions 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, July 28, at Illusions, 326 West Fourth Street, Royal Oak. (800) 601-4848.

STAGECRAFTERS

Audition for "Once Upon a Mattress," 6 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, June 20-21, Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. Performances are Sept. 18-20 and 24-27, and Oct. 2-4 and 9-11. (248) 541-4832.

SUMMER MUSIC SCHOOL

Schoolcraft College is offering the opportunity for late elementary and high school musicians to perform as soloists and with a live orchestra July 20-31 and Aug. 3-14; \$250 for each two-week term. (734) 462-4400, ext. 5218.

THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA/REDFORD

Auditions for seven men and two women (ages 20 and up) for Neil Simon's "Laughter on the 23rd Floor," 7 p.m. Sunday-Monday, July 19-20, variety of accents needed, also needed set builders, light/sound technicians and prop masters, at 15138 Beech Daly, Redford. (313) 531-0554.

JAZZ

EVAN ANDERSON TRIO

8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 16, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free, 21 and older. (piano/bass/drums) (248) 645-2150.

BEAN BLACKMAN AND JOHN ARNOLD

10 p.m. Friday, July 17, Giovanni's, 31 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. 21 and older. 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 22, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Friday, Saturday, July 24-25, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (gypsy jazz) (248) 334-6241/(248) 544-1141/(313) 886-8101.

BRAD FELT TRIO

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, July 17, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free, 21 and older. (tuba/piano/bass) (248) 645-2150.

HEIDI HEPLER & MICHELE RAMO

6-10 p.m. Mondays, at Too Chez, 27155 Sheraton Dr., Novi; 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays at Encore in the Quality Inn, 1801 S. Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills; 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) 348-5555/(248) 335-3790/(248) 626-7393/(248) 474-3033/(248) 305-7333.

JAZZHEAD

9 p.m. Mondays, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (acid jazz) (248) 542-9922.

RON KISCHUK QUINTET

Featuring vocalist Susan Taylor, 7 p.m. Thursday, July 23, The Plaza at the intersection of Kercheval and St. Clair, in Grosse Pointe's Village Shopping district. (313) 886-7474.

KATHY KOSINS TRIO

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, July 18, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (vocal/piano/bass) (248) 645-2150.

SHEILA LANDIS

10:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Saturday, July 18, Giovanni's, 31 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. All ages; With Rick Matle, 8 p.m. to midnight Tuesday-Wednesday, July 21-22, Duet, 3663 Woodward Ave. (at Mack Avenue), Detroit. Free. All ages; With Rick Matle, as part of the Birmingham Jazzfest, 8-11 p.m. Thursday, July 23, Coffee Beanery, 152 N. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 648-6022.

LOBA AKOU

8:30 p.m. Friday, July 17, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-1600.

MASCHINA

With Circus McGirkis, 9 p.m. Saturday, July 18, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 18 and older. (acid jazz/rock) (734) 485-5050.

JEFF MICHAEL BAND

6-10 p.m. Thursday-Friday, July 16-17, in the Coyote Cantina at the Crown Plaza Pontchartrain, 2 Washington Blvd., Detroit. (313) 965-0200.

MATT MICHAELS TRIO

With vibist Jack Brokensha, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, July 16; with saxophone player George Benson, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, July 23, at the Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River, Farmington Hills. \$5 cover waived with dinner until 9 p.m., \$5 drink minimum. Reservations recommended. (248) 474-4800.

MICHIGAN JAZZ FESTIVAL

Features 20 groups, 4 big bands, 178 musicians performing on four stages, noon to 10:30 p.m. Sunday, July 19, at the Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 474-2720.

JEANNINE MILLER

With Vincent Shandor Trio, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 17-18, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$5, 21 and older. (734) 662-8310.

FRANK MORGAN QUARTET

9:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, July 23-25, Bird of Paradise 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$10, 21 and older. (734) 662-8310.

SCHUNK, STARR, DRYDEN

6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, July 17, Kellogg Park, Ann Arbor Trail on Main Street, downtown Plymouth. Free. All ages. (734) 453-1234.

PAUL VORNHAGEN

8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, July 18, Agape Caffe, 205 Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. All ages. (248) 546-1400.

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.

ALEXANDER ZONJIC

9:30 p.m. Saturday, July 18, Thai-Chi, 630 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older; 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 23, Shain Park, Birmingham. Free. All ages. (313) 963-8424/(248) 645-0731.

WORLD MUSIC

BAABA MAAL

Featuring Daande Lenol, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 22, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15 in advance. All ages. (world beat) (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>.

IMMUNITY

8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 16, Bad Frog Tavern, 555 S. Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday, July 17, BW3 Grill and Pub, Lapeer Road, Lake Orion. Free. 21 and older; 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, July 23, Heritage Park Pavilion, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton. Free. All ages; 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, July 24, Kodlek Grill, 45660 Mound Road, Shelby Township. Free. 21 and older. (reggae) (248) 642-9400/(248) 814-8600/(734) 397-1000/(810) 731-1750.

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

LISA HUNTER

8-10 p.m. Saturday, July 18, Espresso Royale Cafe, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (folk/pop) (734) 668-1836.

MARSHALL BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL

With Dr. Ralph Stanley, David Blakney, Jimmy Martin, The Larry Stephenson Band, David Davis, Metro Grass and Reno Bros., 4-10:30 p.m. Thursday, July 16, noon to 10 p.m. Friday, July 17, and noon to 10:45 p.m. Saturday, July 18, Quality Camping, Inc., Milan. \$15 Thursday, \$20 Friday, \$20 Saturday; \$40 three-day pass. (248) 435-2828/(810) 335-2828.

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CHUCK MITCHELL AND JOHN DAVID MARION

Perform the works of Stephen Foster and Mark Twain as part of "Mr. Foster and Mr. Twain," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, July 16-18, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, \$11. All ages. (734) 761-4451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

DUSTY RHODES

8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 17-18, at the Botsford Inn, Grand River west of Eight Mile, Farmington Hills. (248) 474-4800

POETRY/SPOKEN WORD

PLYMOUTH POETS

Hosts readings by Michael Barney and L.A. Beech, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 16; Donna DeMeyer and Heather Bottorff, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 23, at the Coffee Bean Company, 844 Penniman at Harvey, Plymouth. (734) 459-7319

"POETRY AT THE OPERA HOUSE"

With North Oakland poet Margo LaGattuta, Royal Oak poet Patt. Trama, H.I.P. series co-founder Wardell Montgomery and singer Stewart Francke, 9 p.m. Monday, July 20, Detroit Opera House's Madison Avenue Lounge, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 274-7290/(313) 267-5300, ext. 338

DANCE

BHARATA KALA DANCE FESTIVAL

"Gita Govinda," a spectacular dance drama after 12th century poet Jayadeva's depiction of the sublime love of Lord Krishna and Radha, choreography by Roopa Shyamashundar with artists from India and students of Nrityollasa orchestra from India, 7 p.m. Friday, July 17, in Varner Recital Hall at Oakland University, Rochester. \$25, \$15, \$10, \$100 and \$50 donors. (248) 650-5261

THIRD SATURDAY CONTRA DANCE

With Cobblestone Farm Dancers, 8 p.m. Saturday, July 18, Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, Ann Arbor. \$6. (734) 665-8863/(734) 426-0241

COMEDY

CHATTERS

Tim Lilly, 9 p.m. Sunday, July 19, and Wednesday, July 22, Chatters, 7640 N. Wayne Road, Westland. \$3. 21 and older. (734) 422-3737

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Billy Ray Bauer, Michael Jr. and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday, July 16-18; and Vinnie Mack, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia, 9 p.m. Wednesdays (\$2), 9 p.m. Thursdays (free), 9 p.m. Friday (\$10), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturdays (\$10), unless otherwise noted. (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S

Kevin McPeck, 9 p.m. Friday, July 17 (\$6), and 9 p.m. Saturday, July 18 (\$8), 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE

Kirkland Teeple, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 17-18 (\$9) at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Chris Zito and Manny Shields, Thursday-Sunday, July 16-19; Joel Zimmer and Mark Saldana, Wednesday-Sunday, July 22-26, at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900 or <http://www.comedycastle.com>

SECOND CITY

The Second City Detroit, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit, presents its 13th original live-comedy revue, "Viagra Falls," 8 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays, with additional shows 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. The cast performs an improvisational comedy set, free of charge, after every performance, (Fridays and Saturdays only after the late shows). Tickets \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays; \$17.50 Fridays; and \$19.50 Saturdays. To purchase tickets, call (313) 965-2222 at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 965-2222

POPULAR MUSIC

THE ALMIGHTY GROOVE

9 p.m. Thursday, July 16, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (734) 485-5050

B-52'S

With the Pretenders and Royal Crown Revue, 7 p.m. Thursday, July 16, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$28.50 pavilion, \$15 lawn. All ages. (retro/swing) (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>

BACKSTREET BOYS

With S.O.A.P., Jimmy Ray and Aaron Carter, 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 24, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. \$26.50. All ages. (pop) (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>

BARREL HOUSE GROOVE

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 24-25, Hennessey's Pub, 49160 Grand River Ave., Wixom. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 348-4404

BUGS BEDDOW BAND

9:30 p.m. to midnight Thursday-Saturday, July 23-25, as part of the Birmingham Jazz Festival, Max and Erma's, 250 Merrill St., Birmingham. (trombone-driven party blues) (248) 258-1188

RIDDLE LOVE MONKEY

9 p.m. Thursday, July 23, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (734) 485-5050

BLACK BEAUTY

8 p.m. Tuesday, July 21, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills.

Free. All ages. (rockabilly) (248) 644-4800

"BLIND PIG SHOWCASE NIGHT"

With Jupiter, Antigen Syph and Jarimelo, 9 p.m. Tuesday, July 21, Blind Pig, 208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Free. 18 and older. (rock) (734) 996-8555

BLUE ROSE

9 p.m. Thursday, July 16, O'Grady's, 585 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday, July 17, I-Rock, 16530 Harper, Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Saturday, July 18, Lil's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues/rock) (248) 624-4770/(313) 881-7625/(313) 875-6555

BLUES LIFE

8 p.m. Friday, July 17, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (blues) (248) 644-4800

BONNE TEMPS ROULE

8 p.m. Wednesday, July 22, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages; 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 24-25, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (R&B) (248) 644-4800/(248) 652-1600

ROBERT BUGAR

Whose vocals have appeared in "Xena: The Warrior Princess" television show, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, July 24, Kellogg Park, Ann Arbor Trail and Main Street, Plymouth. Free. All ages. (rock) (734) 453-1234

CHIMNEYFISH

With Away, 9 p.m. Saturday, July 18, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (9248) 334-9292

CITY LIMITS BLUES BAND

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 17-18, Hennessey's Pub, 49160 Grand River Ave., Wixom. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 348-4404

COLD AS LIFE

Celebrates release of CD with party and performance, 8 p.m. Saturday, July 18, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (313) 833-8333

PAULA COLE

8 p.m. Wednesday, July 22, Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. \$25. All ages. (pop) (248) 546-7610

RAY CONDO AND HIS RICOCHETS

8 p.m. Sunday, July 19, Blind Pig, 208-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6 in advance. 19 and older. (rockabilly) (734) 996-8555

DANNY COX

8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 16, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 18 and older. (acoustic rock) (248) 650-5080

TOMMY D BAND

8 p.m. Friday, July 17, Bistro 313, 313 Walton Boulevard, Pontiac. Free. All ages. (blues/soul) (248) 332-9100 or TommyDBand@aol.com

DELUXTONE ROCKETS

With Red Letter, Stretch and Tragib Method, 7 p.m. Friday, July 17, as part of the alcohol-free "Cage" night at Knights of Columbus Hall, 35100 Van Born Road (1/4 mile east of Wayne Road), Wayne. \$7. All ages. (hardcore) (734) 729-7092

DETROIT COBRAS

8 p.m. Saturday, July 18, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6. 18 and older. (rock) (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>

DRUGSTORE

With Adam Cohen, son of Leonard Cohen, 6 p.m. Saturday, July 18, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$7 in advance. All ages. (pop) (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>

DUNGBEATLES

10 p.m. Saturday, July 18, The Lodge, 2442 Orchard Lake Road, Sylvan Lake. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 683-5458

GLEN EDDIE

8 p.m. Thursday, July 16, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (blues) (248) 644-4800

ESPS

With Buttercake Blues Band, 9 p.m. Friday, July 17, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (blues) (313) 833-8333

THE REV. MARC FALCONBERRY

7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 18, Hazel Park Racetrack, 1650 E. 10 Mile Road, Hazel Park. (blues) (248) 398-1000

FATHERS OF THE ID

8 p.m. to midnight Saturdays through September Johanson-Charles Gallery, 1345 Division, in Detroit's Eastern Market. Free, donations accepted. All ages. (alternative rock) (313) 567-8638

PETE "BIG DOG" FETTERS

8:30 p.m. Saturday, July 18, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages; 6:10 p.m. Wednesday, July 22, D.L. Harrington's, 2086 Crooks Road, Rochester. Free. All ages. (acoustic blues) (248) 652-1600/(248) 852-0550

FOOLISH MORTALS

10 p.m. Thursday, July 16, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 349-9110

GAP BAND

With Cameo, 8 p.m. Friday, July 24, Chene Park, 2600 E. Atwater St., Detroit. \$18.50-\$38.50. All ages. (funk) (313) 393-9901

GRR

10 p.m. Friday, July 24, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 349-9110

"H3 HARD CORE HIP-HOP FEST '98"

With Thik, Concrete Impact, Riot in Progress, Factory 81, Monks with Shotguns, No. 6 at the Prisoners, Almighty Groove and Siam Pig, noon to 9:30 p.m., and Harms Way and the LSGH Clan, Buddha Fulla Rhymes, Mob Mentality and the House, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday, July 17, Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover

charge. All ages welcome from noon-9 p.m. 18 and older after 9 p.m. (810) 465-5154

DIANA KING

10 p.m. Friday, July 24, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (pop) (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>

LUCKY HASKINS

With Mazinga, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, July 23, Blind Pig, 208-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4. 19 and older. (rockabilly) (734) 996-8555

THE HENCHMEN

With Mr. Tidy, 10 p.m. Saturday, July 18, 313 JAC above Jacoby's, 624 Brush St., in Detroit's Bricktown area, \$5. 21 and older. (garage rock) (313) 886-7860 or <http://www.detroitmusic.com/static>

THE HOPE ORCHESTRA

Celebrates release of new CD with party and performance, with special guests The Luddites and Michelle Penn, 9 p.m. Friday, July 17, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$5. 18 and older. (rock) (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.concentric.net/~hopeorch>

W.O.R.D.E. FESTIVAL

With Barenaked Ladies, Blues Traveler, Ben Harper and The Innocent Criminals, Alana Davis and Surfin' Pluto on the main stage, and Fighting Gravity, Chris Stills, Huffamoose and Gov't Mule on the second stage, 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, July 18-19, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$33 pavilion and lawn. All ages. (pop) (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>

MIKI HOWARD

With Valiente, 9 p.m. Saturday, July 18, Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (R&B) (810) 465-5154

HOWLING DIABLOS

9:30 p.m. Saturday, July 18, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6. 19 and older. (funk/rock) (734) 996-8555

LISA HUNTER

9 p.m. Thursday, July 16, Max and Erma's, 250 E. Merrill, Birmingham. Free. All ages; 9 p.m. Friday, July 17, Lonestar Coffeehouse, 207 S. Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages; 8 p.m. Saturday, July 18, Espresso Royale, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages; As host of open mic, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 19, Gargyle's coffee house, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. All ages. (acoustic rock) (248) 258-1188/(248) 642-2233/(734) 668-9938/(248) 745-9790

JANET JACKSON

With Usher, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 17-18, Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. \$45, \$62.50 and \$75. All ages. (R&B/dance) (313) 596-3200

NIKKI JAMES AND THE FLAMETHROWERS

10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 17-18, Kodiak Grill, 45660 Mound Road, Utica. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Friday, July 24, Giovanni's, 31 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. 21 and older. (R&B) (810) 731-1750/(248) 334-5241

JOHNNY "YARD DOG" JONES

9 p.m. Thursday, July 23, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. \$3. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 542-9922

EDDIE KING AND THE SWAMPBEES

9 p.m. Thursday, July 16, Fifth Avenue, 215 E. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. \$4. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 542-9922

KNEE DEEP SHAG

With Domestic Problems, 9:30 p.m. Friday, July 17, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6. 19 and older. (funk) (734) 996-8555

LAMENT

With Blood and Fire, and These 5 Down, 7 p.m. Friday, July 24, as part of the alcohol-free "Cage" night at Knights of Columbus Hall, 35100 Van Born (1/4 mile east of Wayne Road), Wayne. \$7. All ages. (hardcore) (734) 729-7092

SEAN LENNON

8 p.m. Thursday, July 16, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$10 in advance. All ages. (pop) (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>

HUEY LEWIS AND THE NEWS

With Box Set, 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 20, originally scheduled for Pine Knob Music Theatre, has been moved to Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. \$22.50 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn. All ages. Refunds and exchanges for a location at Meadow Brook will be available at the point of purchase. (rock) (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>

LITTLE RED AND THE BIG BLUES BAND

8 p.m. Thursday, July 23, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (blues) (248) 644-4800

THE LOOK

10 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, July 23-25, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (734) 421-2250

JERRY MACK AND THE TERRAPLANES

8 p.m. Saturday, July 18, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (blues) (248) 644-4800

MIDLIFE CRISIS BLUES BAND

9 p.m. Saturday, July 18, Carriage House Blues Alley, 24200 Grand River Ave., Detroit. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 535-3440

MUDPUPPY

9:30 p.m. Saturday, July 18, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older; 9:30 p.m. Friday, July 24, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 18 and older. (blues) (734) 421-2250/(248) 650-5080

MYSTERY TRAIN WITH JIM MCCARTY

9:30 p.m. Friday, July 17, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 18 and older; 10 p.m. Saturday, July 18, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 650-5080/(248) 349-9110

MIKE NOLAN

9:30 p.m. Friday, July 24, Local Colors, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (pop) (248) 349-2600

"OZZFEST"

With Ozzy Osbourne, Tool, Megadeth, Limp Bizkit, Soulfly, Coal Chamber and Sevendust on the main stage, and Motorhead, The Melvins, Incubus, Snot, Ultraspank, Kilgore, System of a Down, Monster Voodoo Machine and Life of Agony, on the second stage, 1 p.m. Thursday, July 23, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$45 pavilion and lawn. All ages. (metal/rock) (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>

ROBERT PENN

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 24-25, Bad Frog, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 624-9400

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Hit-and-miss 'Mary' just gets dumb and dumber

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Dumber" and "Kingpin" offers much of the same.

The same means that the movie relies on the most juvenile humor imaginable. Ten excruciating minutes are spent while the main character (Ben Stiller)

struggles in the bathroom with his member trapped in a zipper as his date's father, mother and even the local fireman pop in for a look.

And this is when the movie still shows promise. Stiller and Cameron Diaz are surprisingly winning as teenagers in 1983. His Ted is an average guy with a helmet of bad hair and a mouthful of metal who somehow scores a prom date with Mary, a fox with a long mane of blow-dried blonde locks and tight jeans.

The zipper fiasco not only cuts their prom date short, but Ted's too embarrassed to speak to her. It's 15 years later and he still can't get Mary out of his mind, so he hires a slick claims investigator (Matt Dillon) to do a little

after hours snooping.

Truly funny moments pop up in "Mary" but, like many Hollywood comedies, they are all revealed in the trailer. It's no secret that Dillon's investigator falls for Mary and, in trying to impress her, overdoses her nasty little dog with sleeping pills. While Mary is in the kitchen, he administers mouth-to-mouth and employs a frayed light cord to revive the dog with electroshock.

It's a truly manic, funny, and sick moment, and it's what the Farrellys do best. Then, knowing that this kind of humor grows tiresome after while, they attempt something different by actually trying to make us like these one-dimensional charac-

ters.

The ubiquitous Cameron Diaz (she has appeared in something like five movies in as many months) is mostly up to the task. A fairly breezy comedienne capable of some depth (remember the embarrassing karaoke scene in "My Best Friend's Wedding"?), she portrays in Mary what most guys will think is the perfect woman.

She drives a trendy 4 by 4, follows football, doesn't necessarily care about looks and money, and spends most of her free time on the driving range. And, most importantly, she's a babe, as evidenced by a pair of stakeout scenes where she disrobes at her window, further proof that the filmmakers are influenced far more by "Porky's" than Preston Sturges.

And sometimes you do feel for everyman Ben Stiller, who plays straight man to a string of "wacky" characters that cross his path, including a cranky guy in a wheelchair, a moronic hitchhiker and Mary's mentally retarded brother. Few afflictions remain unscathed.

Jonathan Richman, the college-circuit songwriter, appears with acoustic guitar and drummer on the street, in a tree, whenever we need a break from the action. He wrote the music for the film and its self-conscious dippiness ("Love isn't nice," one of his ditties reports) fits the



Vying for affection: Pat Healy (Matt Dillon, left) tries to worm his way into the affections of Mary (Cameron Diaz, center) and her friend Magda (Lin Shaye) in "There's Something About Mary."

comedy's quirky mood well.

Perhaps the biggest surprise in "There's Something About Mary" is Matt Dillon's often hilarious turn as the gumshoe whose investigation of Mary gives him a leg up on what she likes in a guy. How does he spend his spare time? "I work with retarded," he tells her, knowing that Mary's brother is mentally challenged.

OK. Thinking back on it, there

were more than a couple of funny moments. Compared to the antiseptic romantic comedies out now (most starring a cast member from "Friends"), there are worse ways to fritter a night away than with the hit-and-miss "Mary."

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Alana Davis influenced by jazz

Life is rough for Alana Davis. At the end of her last six-week tour in support of her debut "Blame It on Me" (Elektra), Davis became a little too excited and broke her foot.

"I was being rambunctious and acting half my age. I was jumping around in an airport acting like a fool and I broke my foot."

She got worse news when she returned home to New York. Besides nursing a broken foot, Davis found herself taking care of her sick cat.

"I left my everything and my whole world started crashing down around me. I just want to hold him all the time. I hope he gets better before I have to leave again. I'm not sure if taking him out on the bus is the best thing. Life is not a simple thing," Davis said sadly.

The 16-year-old mother of her 12-year-old sick kitty recently died.

"It's weird. This is what my life used to be. I see how it's changed. There's always something that's a little different. I thought it would wait for me," she said.

"But I'm glad it happened while I was going home to a vacation. It's not the way I intended to spend it though."

Davis is hoping to be completely cast-free by the time the



Alana Davis

Chevrolet-sponsored H.O.R.D.E. (Horizons of Rock Developing Everywhere) Festival comes to Pine Knob Music Theatre Saturday-Sunday, July 18-19.

Jazz influences

Davis was born and raised in New York City's Greenwich Village with parents who were "pretty musical" — a father who is a noted jazz pianist and a mother who sings.

"Music has always been a very real part of my life," she said.

Her jazz background, she said, is what makes her unique. It comes across in her smooth vocal delivery of songs like "Love and Pride" and her reworking of Ani DiFranco's "32 Flavors."

"The more that I see of the other artists, the thing that I begin to think that's unique is my influences. I mainly grew up listening to jazz, straight ahead and standard," Davis explained.

"Not too many people seem to come from that place. My music doesn't come off as straight-ahead jazz. It's just the state of mind in which I write."

"Blame it on Me" sways between playful, finger-snapping songs ("Love and Pride"), reflective, lush tributes ("Turtle"), and the weary ("Weight of the World").

Being a self-described rookie to the music business, Davis said she's sometimes not sure how to handle fan comments.

"I don't know if it's because of the kind music that I write. My stuff is really honest and vulnerable. But people come up to me and feel as though I was honest with them they want to give me the same," she said.

"I get these stories that are just beautiful. One guy walked up to me and told me his girlfriend brought the record to his house to listen to and said 'I think you'll like it.' He told me how he learned about her through the record. Then he said, 'If only she was here tonight. We were getting closer and closer and then she got into a car accident and died just as I

was about to propose."

Davis was stumped.

"All he was asking for was a damn autograph. What the hell does that give him back? There's a lot of pain out there. Stuff like that, I don't know exactly how to deal with it."

Long tour

Davis said she was thrilled when she signed to do every day of the H.O.R.D.E. Festival which began July 9 in St. Paul, Minn., and ends Sept. 6 in Portland, Ore.

"Lilith Fair offered me two weeks on their second stage, the same week, and the H.O.R.D.E. offered me the whole tour on the main stage. That was kind of a no-brainer."

"I heard I was the first girl that they asked. There's only been a couple ladies there. That's awful flattering," she said.

Davis explained that she is looking forward to many aspects of the H.O.R.D.E. Festival.

"I'm hoping for a lot of things to come out of it. There's a camaraderie thing I'm looking forward to. As terms of the job that I'm doing, I'm kind of freaked out. It's not the gig that most people have. It would be nice to relate to some other people doing the same darn thing."

"And maybe I can find a boyfriend."



Celebrating release: The Hope Orchestra is having CD-release party for its latest album "Gift" Friday, July 17, at the Magic Bag in Ferndale.

Hope Orchestra has a 'Gift' for its fans

Music is something for which Asta Jurgutis will fight. Even as a teenager living in England, Jurgutis wasn't about to leave her first rock concert early.

"I went to Hyde Park to see Queen. My mom gave me permission to take the train into the city with my friend. So Queen is playing 'Bohemian Rhapsody' and my friend says 'We gotta go. We gotta go back to my girlfriend's apartment,'" Jurgutis explained.

"Then she says, 'Starsky and Hutch' is on and we're not gonna miss it.' Queen is on the stage. Elton John was supposed to be lowered from a helicopter and she wants to go home to watch 'Starsky and Hutch,'" she added laughing.

Jurgutis lost that battle but her love of music continued. Friday, she and her band The Hope Orchestra are celebrating the release of its third album, "Gift," with a party and performance at the Magic Bag in Ferndale.

"Gift" is the alternapop band's third album in five years.

"That's respectable. We've sold a lot of CDs. Three albums in five years is nothing to sneeze at," said Jurgutis, a Farmington resident.

"Gift" was more than a year in the making.

"We worked in several studios trying to figure out where it would sound best," Jurgutis said. "The Hope Orchestra chose local producer Michael King to produce the record but his status changed to co-producer when studio drummer Danny Cox offered viable suggestions."

"Gift" is a more personal album than its two previous releases, "Lingo" and "Detroit Head," both of which concentrated on the Lithuania's fight for freedom.

"This album is much more introspective than the other two. We have a message and that message is about having fun. We put on a power-packed show. People are having fun out there dancing," said Jurgutis, who is of Lithuanian descent.

The songs "Girl in Your Eyes" and "Parallel Parking" are the result of Jurgutis' recent break-up with a boyfriend.

"To put it down on paper and to share it is more of a salve. When emotions are that strong, you have to do something. Running really fast doesn't help," Jurgutis said.

"Miguel," she explained, is one of her favorite songs on the disc because she gets to sing in Spanish.

"We also have a horn section that's amazing. It is Walter White who played for, oh, that guy who sings like Frank Sinatra. Harry Connick Jr."

The Hope Orchestra's sound was colored with guest performances by keyboardist Louis Resto of Was (Not Was), and conga player Al Berdayes of the Luddites.

The three founding members — Jurgutis, lead guitarist George Schuster of Royal Oak and rhythm guitarist Gary Sosnick of Detroit — write most of the songs although each takes a somewhat different approach.

Sosnick and Schuster record their songs to tape and bring them to rehearsal. Jurgutis prefers the chemistry of writing with a partner.

The band also includes bassist Joe Stover of Pontiac, drummer Charles Miller, and fiddler Jim Flynn of Dearborn, formerly of the rock band The Opaque.

Jurgutis, a first-generation American, was born to Lithuanian parents in Detroit. Her family moved to England and then returned to Michigan settling in Farmington Hills. English is her second language.

"I always love to sing. Lithuanians are a very musically oriented culture. Lithuanian is my first language. I went to Lithuanian school on the weekend. I was in the Lithuanian Girl Scouts, choir, dance group. I was always singing," she explained.

Jurgutis was introduced to the nightclub scene through a woman she met in college whose brother was in a band.

"We did duets and I decided that I really liked doing this in front of people," she explained.

Now, she and her band have sold more than 5,000 records. She chalks it up to The Hope Orchestra's relentless performances.

Here's the summer deal on Backstage Pass

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

It's been about two years now that I've been collaborating with the folks at Detroit Public Television on the big Backstage Pass program. What a learning experience it's been.

Coming into the show, my background was in radio. In radio, you sit in a booth, play some songs and maybe talk every once in a while. End of story.

There's a bit more to television, right down to the planning (they call it "pre-production"). Take the special summer season of Backstage Pass, which we're about midway through. I haven't yet explained in this space the deal with the summer season, and I don't want us lumped together in your minds with the scads of other shows that simply go into a bunch of reruns. Mental note: Backstage Pass never just airs reruns. That wouldn't do enough to get you out the door and into the arts.

For starters, none of the musical material in these summer shows has ever aired before.

That's because every time we have a musical guest on the show, we ask them to stick around afterwards to put some extra music on tape. What the heck? The hard stuff all done at that point — the cameras are all there, the drum kits set up — so to play another tune or two is usually no problem.

So right there, we've defied the stale rerun paradigm. And sometimes you even get lucky with the timing of the extra song, like with Edwin McCain. When he first appeared on Backstage Pass, he performed his current hit "I'll Be" as his extra song after the show taping, since it was the second single off his current CD. Nobody had really heard of it then, but by the time we aired it in the summer it was all over the radio. Sure, it was coincidence — we were actually just holding the song until he came back into town so we could promote a live event — but it sure made us look smart.

Complementing the music are looks back on some of the highlights from the past season. Of course, we always give you updates on what the artist or venue is doing next. So even when we look back, we're giving you the information you need to go to current festivals, exhibi-

tions, and live performances. And all our video billboards highlighting openings and ongoing shows around town are updated every week.

Take tonight's show as an example of the summer season: we'll hear never-before-aired music from blues artist Larry McCray, about whom the blues critics are raving. Britain's Sunday Times wrote that Larry "manages a skillful stylistic summary of the three Kings. McCray bends and sustains like B.B., swoops about the fretboard like Albert and slams out rock riffs like Freddie." We'll also enjoy the soul-searching lyrics and musicianship of Detroit rocker Stewart Francke. Do we just hear the song. Of course not! We also let you know that Stewart will be performing Saturday at Greenfield Village. There's a show you can go see.

We'll take another look at Gerry Craig's visit last January to the Center for Creative Studies' Center Gallery for "White," a ceramics exhibit in which all the works displayed were (you

guessed it) white. It's a beautiful segment, but we don't just admire it, we tell you what next at the Center Gallery: it's Michigan Ceramics '98, a juried exhibition celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Michigan Potters Association. The exhibit opens September 11 and runs thru October 30. That's plenty of lead time, so mark it on your calendar now as an event to attend in the fall.

When we look back at a hilarious scene from the recent Hilber Theatre production of "The Complete Works of Wilm. Shk. spr. (abridged)," do we just laugh and move on? Nope. We tag it with information about the Stratford Festival. It's a wonderful 2-1/2 hour road trip away from the Detroit area.

The summer season is still, about what Backstage Pass is, always about: encouraging you to get out and support the arts. So take a break from the barbecue to tune in to Backstage Pass tonight at midnight, repeated 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 17, at on Detroit Public Television.

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Musician overflows with Latin rhythms

Jim Stefanson sits intently at a computer. Everyday he works on composing and arranging new works for his Latin Jazz Combine. So much music that it seems to overflow.

"I've got so much music to play," he said.

Though he is reluctant to talk about it, or to make an issue of it, Stefanson has had to make some adjustments in his life and his music.

Multiple sclerosis has confined him to a wheelchair and he's had to replace his saxophone for a chromatic harmonica. But for Stefanson, the music comes first and he never stops creating.

The Jim Stefanson Latin Jazz Combine will perform at the Michigan Jazz Festival at the Botsford Inn in Farmington, 1:30 p.m. Sunday, July 19, on the patio stage. The concerts are free.

The current group started in 1988 and has performed at seven Montreux Detroit Jazz Festivals and other gigs. But Stefanson has been performing since he was 15 with a variety of different groups.

"I fell into it," he said. "I always loved jazz."

His first influence was Charlie (Bird) Parker, the legendary bop sax player.

"He was my biggest inspiration. But I was also attracted to exotic rhythms. I studied Afro-Cuban for a lot of years from a friend from South America," he said.

He became co-leader of a salsa band, La Combinacion or The Combination, which played for years around Michigan and Ohio.

Despite Stefanson's love for jazz and Latin music, when asked to name his favorite composers he mentions Bach, Mozart, Beethoven and modern

composers Stravinsky and Bartok.

"I can't pinpoint any arrangers that influenced me, they all have. Arrangers are the unsung heroes, they don't get much mention," he said.

The move from saxophone to harmonica, an instrument usually associated with blues and folk music, hasn't been easy, but it was necessary.

"I try to play it like a sax," Stefanson said. "I can't play it as fast, but I'm just glad I can play something. I don't have the dexterity needed to play the sax. For the harmonica you don't need fingering."

He has listened to some jazz harmonica players like Howard Levy and, also, to the great blues players.

"But I just try to play straight jazz. We do blues, but it's a jazz blues," he said.

Stefanson's group on Sunday will include some of the best area jazz performers. The group includes Russ Miller on alto sax, Steve Wood on tenor sax, Bob Mohica on trumpet, Sven Anderson on piano, Paul Keller on Bass, Tom Brown on drums and Al Nacif on congas.

"Everybody in this band is an excellent soloist, and I like to give them room for solos. Everybody gets a chance to put in their improvised conception," he said.

Playing festivals is fun, but Stefanson wants a more permanent setting for his voluminous compositions.

"There are a lot of places popping up in Birmingham and Royal Oak," he said. "I wish I could get a once a week gig."

Toward that end, the Latin Combine will be recording a CD later this year.

"Once you get at CD, that's your calling card. Hopefully, this will get me more concerts."

Michigan Jazz Festival

When: noon to 10:30 p.m. Sunday, July 19.

Where: Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills.

Admission: Free. All ages. Call (248) 474-2720 or (734) 459-2454 for information. Food and beverages offered for sale.

Shuttle: Round trips every 15 minutes between Clarenceville High School and Botsford Inn. Park your car in the lot at Clarenceville High School (20155 Middlebelt between Seven Mile and 8 Mile Road. Cost \$2 per car.)

Schedule

Innart Group Stage (Patio)

SCool Jazz Prime - noon-1 p.m.

Jim Stefanson's Latin Jazz Combine - 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Russ Miller Quintet - 3-4 p.m.

Matt Michaels/Jack Brokensha Quartet, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

George Benson Quartet - 6-7 p.m.

Larry Nozero Quartet - 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Paul Vorn Hagen Quintet - 9-10 p.m.

Woodbridge Stage (Ballroom)

Pistol Allen Quintet - 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Dennis Tini Quintet with April Tini - 2-3 p.m.

Jim Wyse Jazz Quintet - 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Alma Smith Quintet - 5-6 p.m.

Louis Smith Quartet - 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Matt Michaels/Judie Cochill - 8-9 p.m.

Lear Stage (Tennis Court)

Janet Tenaj and Friends - 12:15-1:15 p.m.



WSU Jazztet - 1:45-2:45 p.m.
Walter White and IF-U-NU - 3:15-4:15 p.m.

Tom Saunders' Detroit Jazz All-Stars - 4:45-5:45 p.m.

Ron Kischuk and the Bones of Contention - 6:15-7:15 p.m.

Bess Bonnier Quartet - 7:45-8:45 p.m.

Moro/Cohen/Magna Stage (Coach House)

Hamid Dana and the Detroit Jazz Winds - 12:45-2:15 p.m.

Eddie Nuccilli Big Band - 3-4:30 p.m.

Eric Brandon Quintet - 5-6:15 p.m.

Brookside Jazz - 6:45-8:15 p.m.

Johnny Trudell Big Band - 9-10:30 p.m.



Enjoying the music: The Michigan Jazz Festival at Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills this Sunday features hours of classic jazz. Saxophonist Larry Nozero and his quartet perform 7:30-8:30 p.m. on the Innart-Group Stage.

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