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On the rebound: After an uncharacteristic three-game losing streak, the North Oakland Stars earned a split with the Macomb Steeles to capture their third straight Macomb Amateur Baseball Federation Connie Mack Division title. /B1

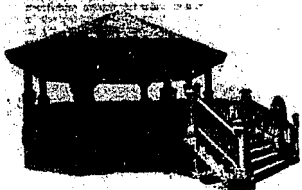
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VENTAGE



Chances are many of us started our day with Kellogg's breakfast cereal. What we now take for granted was invented in Michigan by the Kellogg brothers, J. H. and Will, in the late 1800s. It is an interesting Michigan success story.

J. H. Kellogg, a health enthusiast and medical doctor, was so convinced of the health benefits of a vegetarian, sugar-free diet that he opened a health sanitarium in Battle Creek in the mid 1800s. People from all over the country came to be refreshed and rejuvenated at the "San." J. H. had the medical knowledge and the big ideas, but he needed someone to do the work. He decided on his younger brother, Will. Labeled the "dim" brother, Will dropped out of school at 13, preferring to make and sell brooms. J. H. hired Will to manage the San, and all the related companies J. H. thought up. Part of Will's job was to create healthy new foods to be used at the San. In the late 1800s Will experimented with wheat dough, boiling it and rolling it out to create some sort of new bread product. One night, Will left the dough out after boiling it. When he ran it under the rollers the next morning, it did not roll into a flat sheet, but broke into flakes. Rather than throwing it away, Will suggested to J. H. that they serve the flakes for breakfast. They did, and the patients loved them. What happened next would take Will to an incredibly successful business man. Come back next week for the rest of the story.

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



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Township sets liquor license policy

Activity on Independence Township's liquor license front was abundant Tuesday; board members voted on a license transfer and liquor license policy.

Independence Township trustees Tuesday approved a policy for issuing the community's liquor licenses, as well as a license transfer from Bloomfield Township.

The proposed transfer caught trustees off guard since liquor licenses were not portable in Oakland County until July when the Legislature amended the state's Liquor Control Code.

Trustees are also in the process of reviewing applications for the town-

ship's three currently available Class C liquor licenses.

Prior to the legislative change, such license transfers were only allowed in counties with populations of 500,000 or less, which excluded the counties of Oakland, Wayne, Macomb and Kent.

Requesting approval for the transfer, which trustees granted 5-0, was the Oakhurst group. (Trustee Larry Rosso was not present at the meeting to vote.)

The housing developer purchased the

license from Machus Red Fox Inc., of Bloomfield Township, for use in a country club-style restaurant the firm is building.

The restaurant is part of a larger residential project, which includes a golf course and is located in Independence and Orion townships, east of Clintonville Road between Eston and Waldon roads.

The license transfer will not increase or reduce Independence Township's license quota, but merely means a local business is operating with a liquor license from another community, said Independence Township Supervisor Dale Stuart.

Approval of the transfer followed the board's preliminary review of a policy on issuing the township's state-granted liquor licenses.

In a 4-0 vote, the board subsequently adopted the policy, which was modeled after a liquor license ordinance in effect in West Bloomfield Township. (Township Clerk Joan McCrary was not present to vote.)

The measure, which will be drafted and submitted to applicants, sets forth an application process with fees and criteria by which the township board is to review applicants.

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Auto art: Bob Johnson of Clarkston shows off his pride and joy, his gleaming '55 Chevy, at a recent Classic Car Monday event.

Classical gas

Nostalgia nights attract antique car buffs

The promise of an air compressor isn't likely to inspire most people to forgo propping up their feet and watching the evening news after a full day of work, especially on a Monday.

But, if you're a car buff, it might.

Throw in a little camaraderie and a chance to show off your vintage vehicle — and an air compressor would be frosting on the cake.

It's certainly enough to motivate Independence Township resident Bob Johnson to get out his "gypsy red" 1955 Chevy Bel Aire and drive it to the parking lot of Mr. B's Roadhouse Clarkston on Dixie Highway for "Classic Car Mondays."

"You meet a lot of good people ... It's a camaraderie," said Johnson, one of at least 30 classic car owners who turned out at one of the eatery's recent events.

Held to promote the restaurant and increase business, Mr. B's started throwing "Classic Car Mondays," which run between about 5 and 8 p.m., about two months ago. It will continue until car owners

put their vehicles in storage for the winter, said Tami Baker, a manager at the restaurant.

"This is our first year doing the event, but we will definitely do it next year," she said. "I think it increases business, but even if it doesn't, it makes for a nice family night."

"It's a mini car show," said Johnson, who happily answers questions about his classic car from restaurant patrons taking in the sights. "Everybody's pretty proud of their cars," he said.

Extending the theme, Mr. B's has a disc jockey playing oldies outside the restaurant and offers a tray-style dinner — hamburger, fries and pint of domestic beer for \$3.99 — during the event.

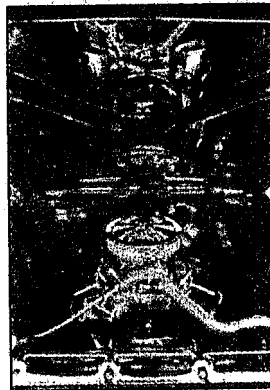
Car owners also receive a Mr. B's dashboard plaque and a card that entitles them to a 10 percent discount on food and beverages on "Classic Car Mondays."

An event raffle is another draw for business and car lovers, Johnson said.

Half the proceeds go toward the purchase of a "car-oriented" raffle

prize — like an air compressor — and the remaining money is placed in a charity fund that will be donated to either Oakland County Youth Assistance or Lighthouse, Johnson said.

"The raffle adds a little fun," she said. "And it gives us a chance to give to the community."



Chrome horse: Classic cars always shine under the hood.



Passing inspection: Ron and Wendy Valko admire a row of show cars, many of which display their manicured engine compartments.

Springfield voters to pick from 2 for trustee job

Two Springfield Township residents, Richard D. Miller and Wanda Rothermel, will vie Aug. 4 for one trustee's seat on the Springfield Township Board. The position, a partial term expiring Nov. 20, 2000, is currently held by Miller, who was appointed in September 1997 to fill a vacancy. By state law, Miller must run for office during the upcoming primary. Both candidates are Republicans. No Democrat filed so the election will be decided in August.

Recently, Miller and Rothermel, who was narrowly defeated for a trustee's position two years ago, shared their views on several topics of importance to the community.

Richard D. Miller

Address: 8098 Caribou Lake Lane

Age: 54

Family: Married to Kathie. Father of two grown sons.

Education: Bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting and management, Wayne State University, Detroit. Advanced management program, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.



Please see MILLER, A2

Wanda Rothermel

Address: Not given

Age: Not given

Family: Widowed, three children.

Education: Graduate Chadsey High School, Detroit

Employment: Former apartment complex owner. Owner of the Old House Inn on Dixie Highway, which is currently closed. Rothermel intends to refurbish and



Please see ROTHERMEL, A2

Miller from page A1

Employment: Vice president/general manager Cadillac Gage Co., Warren. President Jacobsen Texton, Racine, Wisc. Founder RDM Associates, a management and tax consulting firm in Springfield Township. Miller moved to Springfield Township in November 1996.

Question: What do you see as the most pressing issues facing Springfield Township?

Answer: To me, it's the whole situation about the growth aspect. It's sort of the 'up north,' rural atmosphere, and obviously that's changing. And it isn't really rural any longer. I think that the opportunity exists to save and preserve a lot of the unique features that still exist. I think my own priority is to try and influence the management of that growth. There are a lot of things that can be done.

Miller said he believes in working with developers, who have the legal right to develop their land. He believes in the idea of cluster zoning and thinks Planned Unit Development rezoning of some parcels, which allows for multiple uses on a single piece of land, is a better choice than rezoning entire districts or areas.

'I think that the opportunity exists to save and preserve a lot of the unique features that still exist.'

Richard Miller
Candidate for Springfield Township trustee

Miller also favors large lots of two-and-one-half to 10 acres. He would advocate, he said, having some lots that are more moderately priced.

"You've got to basically try to negotiate something that makes a better, more palatable, solution. Basically each property is a unique situation."

"There are a number of ways that you can develop a piece rather than just taking a ruler and a straight line."

Question: How do you feel about the aquatic facility proposed by the Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority for Indian Springs Metro Park off White Lake Road?

Answer: "I kind of came into the middle of that. I guess I'm of the opinion that it should be pre-

served in the more natural state. Recreation has a lot of definitions. But I don't think a for-profit water park fits the need there. I think there are limits. I support the township's position (opposing the water park)."

Question: What are your views of the planned town hall and its location?

Answer: "I think it's needed. The facility that exists... it's serviceable, but it's just over-loaded. I also think the tentative location is a good one."

Miller said one train of thought is to build a town hall in Shiawassee Basin. "We'd have to trade parcel-for-parcel. I would say that as near to the existing downtown area as we could get it is where it should be."

Question: What is your opinion of the Planned Unit Development Fountain Square residential and commercial units planned by developer Tim Birtas? It is the largest development in the community's history.

Answer: "I think, like most of us on the board, I had mixed emotions about it. I think it's a good-sized development. I think it has some opportunities built in with the commercial potential. The post office, I'm quite sure, is

going to go forward, and that's a good thing. I think on the other side of it, the combination of the multiple and the single (residential) makes for a nice development. I think it's pretty well done."

Miller said he doesn't know how much demand there is for office space. "I'd like to see some of that office development occur. I think it tends to bring other business into the area. There is space available. It's not like you're disrupting the environment to add to the town. I think every area needs a certain amount of economic vitality."

Question: What are your views on the current police services in Springfield Township?

Answer: "From what I've been able to determine myself, I think it's adequate. Obviously there are situations where you'd like to see more. But I'm also a believer in controlling costs. It's a hard trade-off. There is growth potential and with that we're going to have a greater demand. We've got to renew the millage. And we're going to have to think about what the growth impact is going to be and try to plan that into our calculations."

Rothermel from page A1

'Restrict the lots, absolutely, to two-and-one-half acres per home. Then you wouldn't have this over-building, high-density, traffic problems.'

Wanda Rothermel
Candidate for Springfield Township trustee

open the Inn.

Question: What do you see as the most pressing issues facing Springfield Township?

Answer: "Rezoning. The developers are always given the benefit of the doubt. And the taxpayers... are kind of shunted to the end. They (the township board) don't stick to the master plan. The big developers come in and they buy a piece of property and they want to develop it to its potential."

Rothermel said she believes in maintaining a minimum acreage size of at least two-and-one-half acres in the township.

"Restrict the lots, absolutely, to two-and-one-half acres per home. Then you wouldn't have this over-building, high-density, traffic problems. When these big projects start up, let's do something from the beginning. We have to take care of our own problems. The people have a right to complain."

Rothermel said she also opposes putting commercial ventures in residential areas.

In a written document, Rothermel said she favors planned development by limiting density and special land-use permits. She also favors term limits for politicians.

Question: How do you feel about the aquatic facility proposed by the Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority for Indian Springs Metro Park off White Lake Road?

Answer: "I'm definitely against it. I feel there's one close enough in Waterford. We have plenty of lakes in the area."

Question: What are your views of the planned town hall and its location?


Answer: "I would have to say the need is there. It always has been. I would say they're probably 20 years behind time. At one time, Davisburg was a train stop — horse and buggy town."

Question: What are your views on the current police services in Springfield Township?

Answer: "I'm sure that people would like more police officers patrolling the area. But again, it's entirely up to them. If they pass their millage, they'll get the policemen. It doesn't come from nowhere."

Rothermel said she would favor putting a police increase on a future ballot.

"It seems people will vote for a millage if they've actually been affected. We have to pay for our own security lighting. For our taxes, we should have some-thing."




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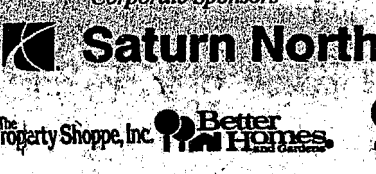
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Longtime county commissioners face opposition in August

Clarkston-area voters will choose between longtime incumbents and viable challengers Aug. 4 in the primary election for the Oakland County Board of Commissioners.

In District 2, which includes Springfield Township and the northern two-thirds of Independence Township, eight-year incumbent Donna Huntoon faces opposition from former state Rep. David Galloway. The winner will have a Democratic opponent in November, Michael Kohut.

In District 3, which includes the southeast corner of Independence Township, six-year incumbent Lawrence Obrecht is being challenged by former Orion Township Supervisor Doug Brown. There is no Democratic candidate so the race will be decided Aug. 4.

In District 4, which includes the city of the Village of Clarkston and the southwest corner of Independence, no one filed against incumbent Republican Frank Millard. There is no race in that district this year.

DISTRICT 3

Doug Brown

Address: 2360 S. Baldwin Road, P.O. Box 229, Lake Orion

Age: 71

Education and professional background: He holds a degree in engineering from Lawrence Technological University and one in accounting and business administration from Walsh College. Brown served as Orion Township supervisor, commissioner on the State Boundary Commission, mayor of Clawson, and delegate to the South East Michigan Council of Governments.

District: 3 (which covers the southeast corner of Independence Township, and Orion, Oakland and Addison townships)

Question: What are your three strongest qualifications for County Commissioner?

Answer: "Having served as

Lawrence A. Obrecht

Address: 1347 Nakomis, Lake Orion

Age: 57

Education and professional background: He has a high school diploma and has been self-employed for 30 years. He has served as county commissioner since 1992. Obrecht acted as president of Orion Area Youth Assistance, was a member of Area Agency for Aging, formed the Transportation Authority, and is a member of the Veteran's War Memorial Board of Directors.

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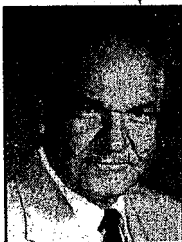
Question: What are your three strongest qualifications for County Commissioner?

Answer: "Commitment and

supervisor of Orion Township, I understand the needs and priorities of Northern Oakland County.

As mayor of Clawson, I also understand the needs and priorities of Southern Oakland County." Brown also served as commissioner on the Michigan State Boundary Commission. "I feel that (with) my education and knowledge gained through serving in different levels of government on a city, township and state level, I am the best qualified candidate for this position."

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hard work to any job I do. Previous experience in county and community. Honesty."

Question: The 12 towns drains communities are facing potentially hundreds of millions of dollars in repairs to their sewerage systems because they are allegedly polluting Lake St. Clair. How much, if at all, should the county be involved in helping these communities address the situation?

Answer: Obrecht believes the repair costs should be covered by the communities hooked to those

Please see OBRECHT, A4

POLICE NEWS

The following incidents were reported to police and fire agencies in Springfield and Independence townships and the city of Clarkston between July 16-20.

Springfield Police

Thefts

On July 17, collector bottles and movies were reported stolen from a residence on Sherwood.

On July 18, a wallet containing money was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Kropf.

On July 18, fishing equipment was reported stolen from a site on Broadway.

On July 18, a radio and pager were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Detroit.

Drug Bust

On July 16, officers discovered a 19-year-old Waterford man and an 18-year-old Pontiac woman allegedly in possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia in a vehicle parked on Ospreybay. The marijuana and paraphernalia were confiscated and the people released pending further investigation.

Independence Police

Thefts

On July 16, a cellular phone was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Mohawk.

On July 16, a ring was reported stolen from a residence on Parkview.

On July 17, a wallet containing credit cards was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Eastview.

On July 18, cash and checks were reported stolen from a

church on Valley Park Drive.

On July 18, cassette discs and a watch were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Michigamme.

On July 18, a laptop computer was reported stolen from a residence on Lake Waldon Drive.

On July 18, a cellular phone and briefcase were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Dartmouth.

Vandalism

On July 18, tires were reported slashed on a vehicle parked on Tuscon.

Independence Fire

Between July 16-20, firefighters responded to 14 incidents. Among them were eight medical runs and five personal-injury accidents.

Clarkston Police

On July 17, officers investigated a minor injury accident in which a vehicle driven by a Clarkston-area woman rear ended that of a Clarkston-area man. The woman was cited for failure to stop. The accident occurred near the intersection of Waldon Road and Main Street.

On July 18, officers responded to a non-injury accident on Washington Street near Main Street. In that accident, a Clarkston-area woman pulled from a parking space into a vehicle being driven by a Clarkston-area man. There were no citations issued.

On July 20, a Wompole Street resident reported the theft of a \$500 water pump.

David N. Galloway

Address: 9575 Steep Hollow, White Lake

Age: 48

Education and professional background: He received a bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University and performed graduate studies at Oakland University. He has served three terms as a state representative; formerly served as a White Lake Township trustee; worked as a Pontiac police officer for 25 years; and owns Master Clean Equipment Co.

Question: What are your three strongest qualifications for County Commissioner?

Answer: "Experience. Experience. Experience. I have a wide range of experience. With my background as state representative, business owner and police officer, coupled with my experience as an elected township trustee in White Lake Township, I am prepared for this opportunity to continue to represent the interests of the citizens in our community at the county level."

Question: The 12 towns drains communities are facing potentially hundreds of millions of dollars in repairs to their sewerage systems because they are allegedly polluting Lake St. Clair. How much, if at all, should the county be involved in helping these communities address the situation?

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Answer: Galloway said funding for this project must come from the state and federal government, and also the 14 communities directly affected by the pollution. He does not believe taxpayers in North Oakland County should be responsible for the funding.

"The county has to be involved in helping these communities," he said. "It's a very monstrous project. The county has to be the facilitator. Funding has got to come from some source. I've heard about it for years, even before I was an elected official. It's always been a problem. The 14 communities should share."

Please see GALLOWAY, A5



Donna R. Huntoon

Address: 9785 Crosby Lake Road, Clarkston

Age: 68

Education and professional background: She received associate degrees in business management and accounting from Chapin College. Huntoon, the incumbent, has served as District 2 for eight years. She has worked as office manager of a psychology clinic and credit manager for a local gasoline company. She also serves on six lake improvement boards.

Question: What are your three strongest qualifications for County Commissioner?

Answer: "Experience at the state, local and county level. I am dedicated to my job. I act as a full-time representative to a part-time job. And my background at the county in law enforcement — the experience I've gained there has been very important to the community."

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Answer: Huntoon, unlike her opponent, supported the idea of supplying funds to help the affected communities. She sees it as a strategy of give-and-take which could result in benefits for North Oakland County when they need assistance in the future.

"I can't give you a dollar amount, but I would say go ahead and help those communities with as much money as they feel (is necessary). When it comes time for sewers and things up in the northern end, they can contribute also," she said.

"There's gotta be a balance there. And we have our lakes, basically, north of M-59. That's where we need sewers."

Question: Oakland County is

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drains. However, because the EPA has mandated plans to fix the problem, the federal government should provide funding to meet those mandates.

"They're scary," Obrecht said of the mandates. "The state and the feds have to step up to the plate," he said.

Obrecht, however, favors reducing the county millage rate from 4.35 to 4.19 to allow local taxing agencies to use those additional funds as a repair millage. He is opposed to earmarking the difference between the two millage rates and stashing them into a separate fund in which the affected communities could get via grant.

"If we like you a whole bunch and your politically solid, we'll give it to you," Obrecht said sarcastically.

His plan? Give the money back via the millage reduction and allow the affected communities to pool it to make repairs.

Question: Oakland County is once again updating its Solid Waste Management Plan as required by state law; is there anything specific you would like to see added or subtracted from the plan? Some County Commissioners espouse changing state law to allow the free flow of solid waste across county lines—currently, each county must take care of its own solid waste. Do you agree or disagree? Why?

Answer: Obrecht is one of several current commissioners pushing for the open border plan; however, he believes the county should have some control over where landfills within its borders are located.

He expressed concern over politicians influencing communities with no industry to host a landfill to build its industrial base to the chagrin of its residents. To prevent that from happening, he is proposing that

county boards have the final say. "That will prevent persons from making decisions contrary to the best interests of the residents of those communities," he said, adding the county board's intervention will provide a "stop-gap" for those residents.

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Answer: Obrecht explained the county's allocation is being met with an additional \$9 million earmarked by the Michigan Department of Transportation for the project. It is also part of the county's economic development program, he said, adding that is one reason why he, as a commissioner, voted in favor of the funding.

"The problem with funding a specific infrastructure job for the private sector is that everyone feels entitled to that opportunity. But my understanding when we looked at the situation with Chrysler is the enhancement was promised to Chrysler and was part of the reason they moved from Highland Park to Orion," he said.

"The fact is we need to do

everything we can to enhance good job opportunities, not only in Oakland, but in the state."

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Answer: Obrecht downplays Patterson's endorsement.

"We have no control over what the county executive does," said Obrecht. "What Mr. Patterson does is what Mr. Patterson does. It's his privilege."

Obrecht said he didn't "appreciate" it when Patterson has, in the past, endorsed Obrecht's competition. He also believes other candidates feel the same.

He said debate is both necessary and encouraged.

"Discussion at times between the executive and his appointees and the board is not only appropriate, but it's healthy," he said.

"The process of government is deliberate and certainly slow—and it's meant to be. Our objective is to do things one time and hopefully do them correctly."

Brown from page A3

Question: The 12 towns drains communities are facing potentially hundreds of millions of dollars in repairs to their sewerage systems because they are allegedly polluting Lake St. Clair. How much, if at all, should the county be involved in helping these communities address the situation?

Answer: While he believes the 14 communities connected to the 12 Towns Drain should pay for the bulk of the repairs needed to correct the problem, Brown believes the county should lend a financial hand. He's suggesting the county pay the engineering costs associated with the update.

"The county should oversee the project and make sure it's done right," he said.

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Answer: Brown supports the county's current solid waste plan and believes the current landfill facilities located within its borders are well maintained and safe to neighboring residents.

He also believes opening county borders for solid waste disposal is a good plan.

"Oakland County is getting pretty populated and there's not much room left for landfills," he said. "There's virgin land in other areas that we could possibly use for solid waste disposal."

Question: The Oakland County Board of Commissioners recently allocated \$3 million in

tax dollars to go toward a new freeway ramp leading directly into the Chrysler Technology Center off of I-75. Should the county be funding such an infrastructure project?

Answer: Brown agrees that the 1-75 ramp improvement can emphasize the county's economic development opportunities and could also benefit other businesses located or planning to move into the area.

Improving the traffic flow may even be just as good of a reason to add the freeway ramp, Brown said.

"There's definitely a problem there," Brown said. "You can go in from the north but you can't come back out. Now you have to go down several roads to get onto the freeway."

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Answer: Brown said he wasn't concerned about Patterson's decision to endorse candidates in the upcoming Aug. 4 primary campaign.

"I'm not going for an endorsement so I'm not so much for them," he said. "That's up to him to decide."

Of the working relationship between the board and the county executive, Brown believes the two groups should keep an open line of communication.

"We need to work together for the benefit of the residents," he said.

"While Michigan must continue to address the issues of quality education and quality roads, immediate steps must be taken to preserve safety in schools and keep drunk drivers off the road."

- Tom Middleton

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16th District

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Charter Township of Springfield

GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,

That a General Primary Election will be held in the
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
County of Oakland, State of Michigan

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 1998

The polls will be open 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

AT THE PRECINCT POLLING PLACES IN SAID TOWNSHIP AS INDICATED BELOW:

- 1 - Springfield Township Hall, 650 Broadway
- 2 - Springfield Township Fire Station #2, 10280 Rattalee Lake Rd.
- 3 - Andersonville Elementary School, 10350 Andersonville Rd.
- 4 - Oakland Technical Center, 8211 Big Lake Rd.
- 5 - Springfield Plains Elementary School, 8650 Holcomb Rd.
- 6 - Springfield Plains Elementary School, 8650 Holcomb Rd.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF NOMINATING CANDIDATES OF ALL PARTICIPATING POLITICAL PARTIES FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

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COUNTY	COUNTY COMMISSIONER
TOWNSHIP	TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF NOMINATING CANDIDATES PARTICIPATING IN THE NON-PARTISAN PRIMARY ELECTION FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICE:

CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, 6TH CIRCUIT (non-incumbent position)

AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING:

DELEGATES TO THE COUNTY CONVENTION OF THE
REPUBLICAN, DEMOCRATIC AND REFORM PARTIES

ALSO TO VOTE ON THE FOLLOWING TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL:

POLICE MILLAGES RENEWAL

Shall two previously voted 1.5 mill increases in the constitutional tax limitation on the amount of taxes upon all taxable property within the Charter Township of Springfield which resulted in a levy of 1.3484 mill (\$1.3484 per \$1,000 in Taxable Value) in 1997, be renewed and levied for a period of ten (10) years for the years 1998 through 2007 inclusive for the purpose of maintaining the current level of police protection within the Township? If approved, this levy will raise in the first year approximately \$487,000.00

NANCY STROLE, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield

COUNTY TREASURER'S STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT NO. 82 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1933 AS AMENDED

I, C. Hugh Dohany, County Treasurer of the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that according to the records in my office, as of June 18, 1998, the total of all voted increases in the tax rate limitation above the 15 mills established by Section 6 of Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 affecting taxable property in the Township of Springfield, in said County, is as follows:

LOCAL UNIT	VOTED INCREASE	YEARS INCREASE EFFECTIVE
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	1.00	1989 to 1998 Incl.
	.7920	1996 to 2005 Incl.
	1.00	1997 to 2006 Incl.
	.50	1996 to 1998 Incl.
Brandon School District	18.00	1995 to 2004 Incl. (Non-Homestead)
Clarkston Community Schools	18.00	1996 to 2005 Incl. (Non-Homestead)
Holly Area Schools	18.00	1994 to 2003 Incl. (Non-Homestead)
County School District of Oakland County	2.25	Unlimited
County of Oakland	.25	1992 to 2001 Incl.
Oakland Community College	1.00	Unlimited
	.80	1995 to 2001 Incl.

C. HUGH DOHANY, Treasurer
Oakland County
By: PATRICK M. DOHANY,
Chief Deputy Treasurer

Published July 23 and 30, 1998

HOLLY, GROVELAND, AND SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIPS ARE EACH REQUESTING PROPOSALS UNDER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (HUD) GUIDELINES TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING SERVICES FOR THE 1998 PROGRAM YEAR (JULY, 1998 THROUGH JUNE 1999):

1. Services provided to low to moderate income persons or households. Proposals may be submitted for item a or b individually or as a whole.
 - a. Personal care items, and medical/prescription payment assistance.
 - b. Provide food, clothing, utility, and rent/mortgage assistance.
2. Provide home chore services for senior and handicapped households. Provide safety program to purchase/place items in homes. (submit to Holly Twp. only)
3. Provide social and recreational activities for adult handicapped age 18 and older and area Senior Citizens age 62 and older.
4. Provide crisis intervention, advocacy, and individual, group and family counseling for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse.
5. Provide victim assistance and referral for victims of crime. (submit to Springfield Twp. only)

We must receive all proposals, including fee/rate schedule, no later than August 10, 1998. Mail proposals to: Cindy Hall, Holly Township Clerk, 102 Civic Drive, Holly, MI 48442, (248) 634-9331; Beth Steele, Groveland Township Clerk, 4695 Grange Hall Road, Holly, MI 48442 (248) 634-4152; Carol Putnam, CDBG Coordinator, Springfield Township, 650 Broadway, P.O. Box 1038, Davisburg, MI 48350 (248) 634-3111. For further information call the numbers listed above.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Springfield's Clerk's Office, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, MI, will be open on Saturday, August 1, 1998 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving Absentee Ballot Applications and issuing Absentee Ballots for the August 4, 1998 General Primary Election.

For additional information, contact the Clerk's Office at 634-3111 or 625-4802.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield

Published: July 23, 1998



Charter Township of Springfield

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

July 9, 1998

SYNOPSIS

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 P.M. by Supervisor Walls.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Approved minutes of June 11, 1998 Regular Meeting as presented
- Accepted Treasurer's Report for June
- Accepted June reports: Building Dept., Litigation, Fire Dept. and Ordinance Officer
- Authorized payment of bills.
- Tabled Hickory Hills Special Land Use and Concept Plan.
- Authorized \$500 for Bridge Lake Rd. tree planting project assistance.
- Denied request for refund from Saturn North.
- Authorized purchase of turn out gear per bids, authorized request for bids for parking lot repair.
- Authorized purchase of turn out gear to replace stolen set - use insurance
- Declined to contribute toward electrified school zone signs on Davisburg Rd.
- Declined request from Springfield Twp. Historical Society for CDBG funds.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. CDBG Reprogramming 1997 Funds: received no verbal and one written comment.
 2. IFT Exemption for General Inspection: received verbal comments.
- OLD BUSINESS:**
1. Canterbury Cove Special Land Use and Final Site Plan: approved with conditions.
 2. Stonewood Farms, Extractive Operation, approved request for reconsideration: conditionally approved limited screening operation and soil removal.
 3. Sherwood/Patrick Drives SAD: set Public Hearing for August 11, 1998.
 4. Extractive Ordinance: authorized attorney to prepare draft.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. General Inspection: Tabled request for IFT Exemption.
2. IBC Site Plan: Approved, with conditions.
3. CDBG: Reprogrammed 1997 Funds to Barrier Free.
4. Ace Asphalt: authorized modification of consent agreement.
5. Bridge Lake Road SAD Funding: authorized fund transfer and loan.
6. Computer Upgrades and Consultant: waived bid policy; authorized \$2500 for consulting and service agreement with the Family Computer Store; authorized RAM upgrades.
7. Authorized Fall Cleanup.
8. 1999 Budget Schedule: set August 27 for workshop.
9. Hickory Ridge Meadows: denied plan change request.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: Adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk

Published: July 23, 1998

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Galloway from page A3

but the federal government has to come in with their big dollars.

"We all bear the brunt of someone's inconvenience and also disasters. But we shouldn't bear it as additional taxes. We're certainly paying our fair amount."

Galloway expects this project to reach completion by the year 2000. He said that the people living in those communities will eventually see the benefits.

"When that's finally settled, their property values will go up," he said. "It is a boon to Oakland County."

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Answer: Galloway considers himself to be an ecologist and does not agree with those who advocate crossing county lines. He composts his own trash and believes that educating the public on recycling and environmental issues is the most important solution. As a state representative, he has dealt with the issue of solid waste management before.

"I know the issue of solid waste management has been around a long time," he said. "We live in a much more urban area now. As far as going across county lines, we'd like to ship ours out, wouldn't we? As far as bringing it in, it's always an issue and I don't like bringing it in."

"We still are a very wasteful generation," said Galloway, adding that he wants to see that change. He favors education as a means to do so.

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infrastructure project?

Answer: Funding should originate from the taxpayers, Galloway said, not the county itself. Since the infrastructure project deals directly with a company that employs a significant portion of Oakland County's population, he said it will allow those employees to travel safely to and from work. He does not consider this project to be a demonstration of corporate welfare.

"I truly believe that county people have to get involved in major... projects that affect all of us," he said. "Because it's not just Chrysler. A lot of people traverse those areas, whether we're going to visit someone or we're just traveling along the I-75 corridor. We have to give our fair share, too, as a county and as a county of taxpayers."

"We all travel those roads and we need to assist those major companies that employ thousands of people in our community with very good-paying wages."

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Answer: L. Brooks Patterson has endorsed Galloway in the primary election. They have known each other for more than 20 years. Galloway said that decision was more than an attempt to change the face of the commission.

"I think as we go into the '90s, the executive... wants to change some of the people that are going to be representing their constituents in different districts in the county of Oakland," he said. "Endorsements are important. People like to follow leaders... It's working with everyone that we've worked with in the past to hopefully continue to make our county the great county that it is. That takes a lot of people working together."

Huntoon from page A3

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Answer: Huntoon favors controlling the flow of solid waste as is currently done within each community.

"I really don't know about that," she said. "I've been so busy with the courts, the sheriff's department, community corrections."

"The flow control would be very beneficial," said Huntoon.

Question: The Oakland County Board of Commissioners recently allocated \$3 million in tax dollars to go toward a new freeway ramp leading directly into the Chrysler Technology Center off of I-75. Should the county be funding such an infrastructure project?

Answer: Huntoon strongly opposed the idea of the county funding a project directly linked to a major corporation such as Chrysler. She said taxpayers have enough concerns without additional costs linked to Chrysler.

"I don't remember how many million or billion dollars profit Chrysler had, but that should be part of their doing business," said Huntoon. "Taxpayers have a hard enough time hanging onto their homes even after Proposal A. Well, a quarter mill here, a tenth of a mill there, and it started picking right back up again."

"That's something Chrysler has to look at and decide how important it is to them."

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Answer: Huntoon said the county executive has the right to

endorse a candidate. In this case he has endorsed her opponent, David Galloway.

"I think he can do anything he wants," said Huntoon. "Of course, I don't agree with him on this one, but that's his prerogative."

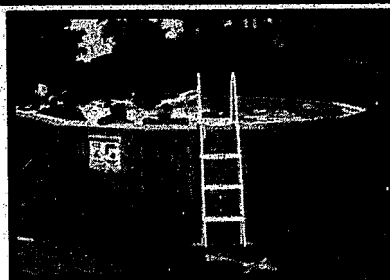
She said she does consider this move by Patterson to be an attempt to change the face of the

commission.

In a recent newspaper article, (L. Brooks Patterson) said "he needed people who were more supportive of the administration," said Huntoon. "Well, I have voted no against things that Brooks Patterson wanted five times in six years. Now you tell me where you're going to get somebody that supports him more than I do."

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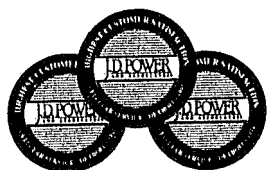
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THURSDAY, JULY 23, 1998

We endorse ... Our choices for millage, three seats

With the Aug. 4 primary election just around the corner, the Clarkston Eccentric will use this space today and next Thursday to publish its endorsements for local races and ballot proposals.

Today you will find our picks for the Springfield Township trustee race and police millage proposal and for the Oakland County Commissioners race for Districts 2 and 3. (There is no contest in District 4.)

Next week we will publish our endorsements in the races for the 16th District state Senate, 46th District state House, and the two Independence Township ballot proposals.

Our endorsements are as follow:

Springfield Township police millage —

We urge a yes vote on the Springfield Township police millage proposal, a renewal of 1.5 mills for 10 years. Without this needed tax, Springfield Township police protection would be slashed by more than 60 percent. A yes vote will maintain existing police coverage at its current level — a bare-bones staff of six deputies and a sergeant who provide 24-hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week protection on rotating shifts. The millages would be levied at a rolled-back rate of 1.3483 mills due to the Headlee Amendment. A resident with a home having a taxable value of \$100,000 would pay \$134.84 the first year.

Springfield Township trustee race —

We endorse incumbent **Richard D. Miller**, who was appointed in September 1997 to fill a vacancy on the board of trustees. The term would expire in November 2000. A management and tax consultant, Miller has 10 months of experience familiarizing himself with the issues in Springfield, many of which are complex. We

like Miller's goals — controlling growth and maintaining and improving fire, police and emergency rescue services. In his tenure on the board so far, we have found him to be thoughtful, open-minded and professional.

2nd District, Oakland County Commissioner's race —

We support eight-year incumbent **Donna Huntoon** of Clarkston. Huntoon is a conscientious commissioner who's well-rounded in her knowledge of county government and is not afraid to stand up for what she believes in. She has an outstanding attendance record, has served on all commission committees and puts a full-time effort into the part-time job. We particularly laud her work in law enforcement and the court system, where she has helped to find innovative ways to put prisoners to work. The 2nd District includes Springfield Township and the northern two-thirds of Independence Township.

3rd District, Oakland County Commissioner's race —

We endorse **Larry Obrecht** of Lake Orion. Obrecht is a man of vision and energy who understands county issues backwards and forwards. He is a doer who knows how to work with people and get things done. He also puts his position to good use, leveraging his commissioner's role for projects outside the realm of the legislative process. Two projects in particular — the formation of the Polly Ann Trail and its governing body and the development of the regional task force on transportation — would not have occurred without Obrecht's effort and foresight. The 3rd District includes the southeast corner of Independence Township

Give Kaplan, O'Brien shot at bench

In judicial primaries, experience counts as much as issues and in the primary for the open Oakland County Circuit Court judgeship, we find **Steven Kaplan** and **Colleen O'Brien** have the most experience.

Kaplan, a West Bloomfield resident and former Southfield school board member, came within a whisker of being elected Oakland County prosecutor two years ago. He's familiar with Michigan's circuit court system through his 12 years as a Macomb County assistant prosecutor.

O'Brien, of Rochester Hills, has been a practicing attorney for 17 years and has served on a variety of professional organizations, including a stint as president of the Oakland County

Women's Bar Association.

The primary, of course, is just the beginning. Both candidates have questions to answer for the November general election.

Kaplan, now seeking a judgeship after two tries for prosecutor, must put to rest doubts that he won't seek any other job, at least until his judicial term is up.

O'Brien must show how her experience will enable her to go from someone who works with lawyers to someone who dictates to them from the bench.

But those issues would be best decided in the fall. Primary voters should give Steven Kaplan and Colleen O'Brien the chance to make their case.

SMART proposal belongs on ballot

The most important proposal on Oakland County's August primary ballot won't be decided here and that's a shame.

SMART, the regional bus service serving many suburban communities, seeks renewal of its ½-mill transportation tax. But community leaders here have opted out of having SMART services, thus letting other voters decide the future of one of Oakland County's biggest job development tools.

Simply put, if the millage fails, SMART goes out of business. That would be disastrous for older communities and would have a chilling effect on economic growth even in Oakland County's still developing northern suburbs.

SMART's millage request is on the ballot in Birmingham, Farmington Hills, Southfield and Troy, among other communities. It isn't on the ballot in Clarkston, Independence Township, Lake Orion, Orion Township, Oxford, Oxford Township, Rochester and Rochester Hills.

Initially, it might have been difficult for elected officials here and in other non-voting communities to see how a suburban mass transit system could benefit their community. But such a view is short-sighted at best.

SMART could yet bring hundreds of workers — and shoppers — to the new Great Lakes Crossing

shopping mall in Auburn Hills. With that in mind, it's not too difficult to see that could have had a spinoff effect for businesses in downtown Rochester, Clarkston, Lake Orion and Oxford, too.

SMART's community transportation services for seniors and handicapped individuals are just as important as its major trunk line routes. SMART already operates local transport programs in Farmington, Troy and West Bloomfield. Such service could also be welcome here. Many north Oakland communities are already casting about for better ways to serve seniors and others who have transportation needs.

We hope officials here will someday change their minds on SMART's necessity. We also hope that those voters with a say will approve the millage.

CLARIFICATION

The July 16 editorial on the 12 Towns Drain project indicated Oakland County Commission Chairman John McCulloch sent a letter to community leaders on the project without first contacting commissioners. In fact, letters to both groups were sent simultaneously.

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

Do you think Geoffrey Fieger has a chance of becoming governor of Michigan?



'Yes. A lot of people are just fed up with what's going on.'

Sue Haner
Independence Township



'I don't know. I hope not.'

Denise Armony
Independence Township



'I don't think so. I just don't see why people would vote for him.'

Tomi Shlager
Independence Township



'I hope so. I like his freedom of choice. Those are important.'

Amy Devine
Independence Township

This question was asked at the United States Post Office on M-15.

LETTERS

Renew library millage

There is a library millage renewal on the ballot for Aug. 4. This renewal will be for a four-year period starting in 1999. The millage will cost just 74 cents for each \$1,000 of taxable value.

As I have said before, the Independence Township board's commitment to the library has never been stronger. We have supplemented the existing millages from the general fund to restore the hours of operation and expand the number of books and services that are provided. Recently, we appropriated additional funds specifically to pay for an updated modem pool with greater capacity to allow more citizens to use the library's computer services.

I firmly believe that it is important that we renew this library millage. Our library is an important community asset. The election on Aug. 4 will likely have a low voter turnout so it is vital that each of us who supports the library marks their calendar as soon as they finish reading this to remember to vote on Aug. 4 to renew the library millage.

Neil E. Wallace
Clarkston

Keep our library strong

Iwould like to remind all registered voters to vote on Aug. 4 to renew the library millage. This millage accounts for approximately 71 percent of the total operating budget.

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Laurie Stern, President
Friends of Independence Township Library

Middleton has integrity

Iam writing to support State Representative Tom Middleton as our Republican candidate for the 16th District Senate seat because I believe that Tom possesses the character and integrity that is badly needed in this very important office. I have known Tom Middleton for many years and am confident that he has the high moral standards and values necessary to be an effective leader.

As a local public official, I have worked with Tom for eight years. He is very aware of the problems in northern Oakland County brought on by the tremendous growth in the area. His knowledge of the issues and his proven character are valuable assets to the community. We need to retain his services in Lansing.

The electorate should not be satisfied with mediocrity in public office. We need to encourage and support good candidates such as Tom Middleton, whenever they are willing to serve. I urge you to vote for Tom Middleton for the 16th District Senate on Aug. 4.

Joan M. Buser
Oakland

Woods a tireless advocate

Rarely have I seen a candidate as well qualified to serve in the House of Representatives as Pat Woods. She is a tireless advocate of our community and is the only candidate beholden to no one.

It is important to have a state representative in Lansing who understands the needs of our community. Pat's years of experience as an elected township official will give her the strong voice in Lansing our area desperately needs.

Let's send Pat Woods to Lansing to work for the needs of the 46th District.

Mary and Ron Voorheis
White Lake

Johnson a hard worker

Ihave known Ruth Johnson personally for 10 years. She is a very hard worker and very dedicated to her profession, which is serving her constituents. Ruth has always been available and I know that she will continue to represent her constituents effectively, honestly, and with style as our state representative in Lansing. Vote Aug. 4.

L. Dawn Furlong
Oxford

Gallant has my vote

Irecently attended a forum for the four Republican candidates for state representative of the 46th District. Believing less government is better, as I do, I was very impressed with Jeff Gallant. Jeff believes, as 41 states in the United States do, that Michigan needs a part-time Legislature. Michigan taxpayers paid for our legislators to be in session only 83 days in 1996 and to get nearly five months vacation!

Jeff also has a Top 10 List of Changes to End Waste, which were very enlightening to me. He has definitely done his homework. Term limits gives this common-sense candidate an opportunity to go to Lansing, represent our community, make some important changes and not become a career politician.

Jeff Gallant has definitely earned my vote.

Jeanne Molzon
Clarkston

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Count on Pat Woods

Patricia L. Woods can be counted on to address the issues of importance to the people of the 46th District: local rule, landfill siting, open space preservation, caregiver support, senior care and public safety.

It is an opportunity to make changes. A minimum of 64 new state representatives are going to be elected. This is an opportunity to bring reform to campaign finance laws, consumer protection issues and special-interest influence.

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

Karen Adcock
Ortonville

Gallant would be asset

I would like to introduce to you a candidate for state representative. His name is Jeff Gallant. He is running in the Aug. 4 Republican primary for the 46th District-State House of Representatives. I was impressed by Jeff Gallant's track record. He is the son of a blue-collar worker who excelled in education and attended the University of Michigan for college and graduated cum laude from Michigan's prestigious law school. He served as a federal prosecutor in Washington, D.C., before taking a job at a Bloomfield Hills law firm.

As a resident of Clarkston, Jeff Gallant is involved in many local organizations so that he can be more in touch with the community he is representing. I had several opportunities to meet Jeff Gallant, both socially and politically. He is a knowledgeable gentleman who will talk openly about the goals and ideas he has as a member of the Michigan Legislature. Recently, I had several concerns on issues that may be coming up in the House in the near future. Jeff Gallant took the time to call me and explain his honest opinions on the issues instead of giving me some political rhetoric to please me. I believe Jeff Gallant will be a strong asset to the many people who live in the 46th District as our House representative.

Please take the time to meet or call Jeff Gallant today.

David D. Gossage, D.O.
Waterford

Ruth Johnson a fighter

As the primary election nears, we residents of Groveland, Holly, Brandon, Springfield, Rose, Independence and Highland townships have a very important decision to make.

Due to term limits, Tom Middleton is vacating his seat as state representative for our district. We are extremely fortunate to have the best candidate to fill the vacancy.

Ruth Johnson has a proven track record as vice-chairman of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners. This will be a valuable asset, not only to her, but to all of her constituents, as a member of the Michigan House of Representatives.

We have personally known Ruth for the past 20 years. As a concerned resident of our pristine Groveland Township, she made an effort to get involved in any important issue that impacted the health and environment of our community.

We were delighted and proud that she decided to try to improve the lives of the residents of the surrounding communities as well, by being elected to the county commissioner's seat for our district nine years ago.

Ruth Johnson has been a tireless supporter and sponsor of tax cuts, education reform, law enforcement improvements, road improvements, as well as protecting our families from landfills, prisons and detention camps, all planned for our county.

Ruth Johnson is an honest, hard-working politician, who is always willing to listen to her constituents' needs and concerns, and endlessly fight for the values that she shares with all of them.

Ruth has a very rich background as a 40-plus year resident in north Oakland. She runs a family business in Clarkston, in addition to her nine-year tenure with the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, five of those as vice-chairman.

She has chaired the task force to make criminals responsible for cleaning our roadways, cut Oakland County property taxes four times, and stopped trash dumps and landfills targeted for Brandon, Holly, Highland and Rose townships. Ruth led the fight to keep the Tri Party funding program, which benefits north Oakland's road improvements.

We hope that you will take the time

on Aug. 4 to come out to the polls to support Ruth Johnson. Your vote for Ruth will ensure that north Oakland residents' needs and values will be well represented in Lansing.

Keep our communities pristine and protected for the next generation. Please vote for Ruth Johnson on Aug. 4 for state representative.

Noreen DePalma
Robert DePalma, Supervisor
Groveland Township

Woods puts voters first

I am writing in support of Pat Woods for state representative of the 46th District. As a public servant she has always put her constituents first.

When she sees a need for her district, it becomes her passion. In our community, if you need something done, you see Pat Woods. I know she will do the same good job as our state representative.

John S. McGeary
Highland

It's Middleton, Johnson

For many Clarkston-area residents, the time to cast their vote for state representative and state senator will be on Aug. 4 for the primary election. Will most likely decide the candidates who will win in November.

Your paper provides one avenue for gathering information on the candidates. But in Clarkston we are lucky to also have many opportunities to meet, work with and truly get to know the people running for office.

We know and have worked with the candidates we are supporting in the primary. They show integrity and diligence. They also show commitment, knowledge and a willingness to listen.

Tom Middleton has demonstrated a depth of community understanding, partnership and caring that simply cannot be matched. This man is sincere in his work. For almost 11 years we have worked personally with Tom on school finance and education reform issues. His willingness to listen is not phony or contrived. And regardless of the pressure, Tom stands up for what he believes in. We have argued on opposite sides and we have worked together. Regardless of

the outcome we have continued to respect Tom Middleton. He is the person who would best represent Clarkston in the state Senate.

Finding the best candidate to fill the state representative seat requires extra care and deliberation. As the House members are pushed out due to term limits, we need to elect a person who will be able to make the most of the short terms allotted to state representatives.

Ruth Johnson is clearly the most capable, the most experienced and the most devoutly caring of all the candidates running for office. Her commitment to community, safety, environment and education is, if anything, underplayed. Ruth's efforts to educate the public on arsenic and other contaminants in well water led to the recently adopted Michigan PTA position urging the testing of well water and education of the public on the risks of well water contamination and precautions that can be taken when contamination is suspected.

Ruth does her research and sticks to her word. She is a fighter but has not lost her compassion. While working with her on the recent Oakland County Forum on Public Education, we were impressed again with her commitment to quality and her willingness to confront complex issues. Ruth doesn't settle for glib rhetoric and seemingly simple answers — she wants solutions that will work for children, solutions that provide for responsible spending of tax dollars, and solutions that don't discriminate.

Ruth will be an energetic, knowledgeable crusader in Lansing. She will provide much needed intelligence and backbone to the state House. She is nobody's puppet — we admire and respect her drive and integrity.

Please take a moment to shape Michigan's future by casting votes for Middleton and Johnson on Aug. 4. If you are planning to go on vacation, contact your township or city office and obtain an absentee ballot. This election is too important to miss!

Penny S. Shanks
Kurt M. Shanks
Clarkston

Pat Woods understands

I write today in support of Patricia Woods as she seeks the Republican

nomination for the 46th District state representative's seat. With term limits in place, the district needs someone who understands the issues, unfunded mandates, and the ramifications of legislation that will affect our home communities.

It is imperative that our district elects a state representative with local experience — a representative who can hit the ground running. Pat Woods is the only candidate with township experience.

Join me in voting for Patricia L. Woods on Aug. 4.

Warren and Kathy Galbraith
Clarkston

Give Gallant the job

I would like to share some information regarding Jeff Gallant, candidate for 46th District state representative. Firstly, do not be misled by Jeff's youthful appearance. He is a very focused young man who possesses much wisdom. His education and background qualify him for the position of state representative.

Jeff, a former federal prosecutor, has worked in Washington, D.C., is familiar with the legislative process and has an active interest in proposing legislation that will positively impact our community. He is a volunteer working with the young people of our communities. Jeff is an excellent role model for students and youths. His work with young people will substantially improve our future. If we want change, we must begin with our youth.

Jeff's ideas are innovative and bold. He has the qualifications, experience and tenacity to do a great job in Lansing. Let's give him the opportunity.

Dorothy Scully
Clarkston

Vote yes for library

We urge Independence Township voters to vote "yes" for a tax renewal on Aug. 4 so that all of us can continue to enjoy the great service we get at our library.

Catherine Lobb
Independence Township
Library
Book Discussion Group

There's still hope in Focus:HOPE

It was 30 years ago, when the ashes of the riots in Detroit were still smoldering and people were still looking at each other in shock, that I first started hearing the rumors. There was this Catholic priest, prematurely gray but with fire in his eyes and quicksilver of his tongue. And there was his sidekick, a soft-spoken woman who seemed much, much bigger than her 5-foot-4 stature when she started organizing things.

Together they were supposed to be doing something to rebuild a city that the riots had revealed as a hollow shell. Doing something to bring the races together. It had an odd name and an odder punctuation.

I had just started the company that owns this newspaper, and even from a suburban perspective, I was horrified and dismayed at what was happening to a once-great city. So it was only logical a little later on that I should sit down with Father William Cunningham and Eleanor Josaitis to talk about what they were doing at Focus:HOPE.

In the beginning, Focus:HOPE was little more than its logo, a white hand and a black hand reaching out but not yet touching. But Father Bill and Eleanor soon gathered a cadre of earnest and well-intentioned folks, attracted by the idea of doing something practical at the grassroots level that would provide some measure of, well, hope.

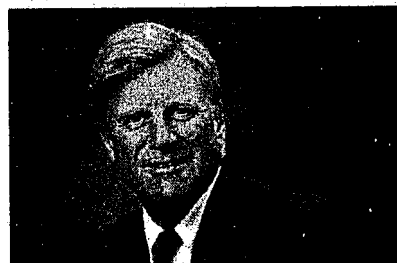
In 1971 they established The Commodity Supplemental Food Program to provide free monthly food rations to pregnant women, post partum mothers, children up to the age of 6 and seniors over 60.

When I visited Focus:HOPE back then, it was pretty scruffy but effective; lots of surplus food was being gathered and distributed, efficiently and compassionately, to a whole lot of folks who needed it.

Time passed. I was busy with other things. I saw Father Bill and Eleanor from time to time, always filled with hope and optimism, always brimming over with new projects. By then, Bill was certainly the best salesman in Michigan, reaping wealth and help from the mighty, while Eleanor toiled along in the background, cleaning up after the messes that great salesmen always leave behind.

And then the day came when I was serving as chair of the Michigan Job Training Coordinating Council and trying to design a job training system that would provide Michigan workers with the skills and productivity to get and keep good-paying jobs. We had given some grants to Focus:HOPE, and I thought I'd better go down to their headquarters to have a look at what they were doing with our money.

I never will forget the shock of walking into the complex Father Bill and Eleanor had built. The Focus:HOPE I remembered was, well, small and very low budget, filled with lots of hand-me-downs. The Focus:HOPE that I



PHILIP POWER

entered was modern, high-tech, lime green and gray, complete with new machine tools and computers and classrooms and filled with earnest young men and women.

Today the Machinist Training Institute provides up-to-date training in precision machining and metal working for more than 300 students. Since it was started in 1981, it has a 100 percent placement record for the more than 1,500 graduates whose skills are in short supply in area businesses.

And today's Focus:HOPE has a bewildering variety of offerings ranging from the Center for Advanced Technologies (granting accredited degrees in manufacturing engineering and technology) to First Step (a four week program upgrading math, communications and computer skills) so graduates can enter Fast Track (to prepare students to enter the Machinist Training Institute).

Today's Focus:HOPE is big business, with a \$62.5 million budget, around one million square feet of space on 40 acres, 786 staff colleagues and 49,000 volunteers, participants and contributors.

But last year, Father Bill Cunningham died of cancer, and a tornado roared down Oakman Boulevard, ripping a chunk out of the Focus:HOPE campus. Eleanor Josaitis stepped forward into big shoes and started filling big holes.

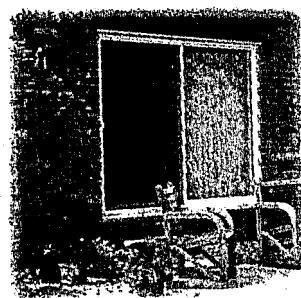
This Saturday, Focus:HOPE is celebrating its 30th anniversary, just a little bit later than the actual anniversary date of March 8. "There has just been too much grieving for Bill," explained Eleanor. "But we hope everybody will come on down and see what we've built."

The celebration runs from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, July 25, at 1355 Oakman Boulevard, Detroit.

In my view, what they've built is nothing less than a monument to hope.

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OCC official embarks on hunger strike

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

A key official at Oakland Community College has started a hunger strike to protest lack of progress in OCC's bargaining with his union, Teamsters Local 214.

"I wasn't a Teamster when I came here two years ago. I was made a Teamster," Patrick Kopytek, director of physical facilities, told the board at the end of its July 20 meeting.

He faulted the college for not living up to its ideals of "shared responsibility" and "open communications" and left the room as soon as the meeting ended. While both sides have made little comment about bargaining issues, it's known that employee contributions to health insurance are a major stumbling block.

Kopytek supervises the letting of contracts and work on OCC's five campuses. His area gets much of the \$35 million per year in new property tax revenue approved in 1995 by voters. He is a professional engineer with degrees mechanical engineering and industrial management. Board members have expressed high confidence in

■ For months, the union has criticized the OCC administration for slowness on reaching a new contract, complaining there has been no pay raise since July of 1995.

his work.

Board members seemed surprised at Kopytek's remark but said nothing during the meeting. Afterwards, newly elected board chair Carol Crew of Waterford said, "That's his decision. I'm not going to be responsible for the consequences of his decision."

"He's serious," said George Mergner, director of campus services at Orchard Ridge and spokesman for the Teamsters unit.

The Teamsters represent about 113 administrative and managerial employees, including deans, professionals, enrollment and recruiting personnel. The union won a representation election early in 1996.

For months, the union has criticized the OCC administration for slowness on reaching a new contract, complaining there has been no pay raise since July of 1995.

The unit recertified the Teamsters in

a June 30 election, 72-25, with 101 members voting.

The hunger strike is a sometimes effective, sometimes not, method of sending authorities a message. In the 1980s, Irish prisoners starved themselves to death without persuading Great Britain to change its policies toward unifying Ireland.

Mergner said the Teamsters members are frustrated at "low morale, time wasted and efficiency clouded by this 2 1/2 year undertaking to reach an agreement. Certainly we as an institution would be much better off with a collective approach to problem solving and with a more positive image."

Chancellor Richard Thompson said the parties on Aug. 24 would meet to set up conditions for fact-finding.

Board elects

The OCC board elected Crew to chair

the board, Jeanne Towar of Royal Oak to be vice chair and Pamela Davis of Clawson as secretary, all on the motions of Sandra Ritter of Waterford. Terms are two years.

The votes were 4-2 with Anne Scott of Royal Oak and Janice Simmons of Rochester Hills dissenting without explanation. Davis arrived after the vote.

Simmons was ousted as chair in 1995 when the board majority fired Patsy Calkins as chancellor. Scott has consistently voted with her.

Towar wondered aloud whether the board even needed to elect officers, citing the University of Michigan where the board of regents operates without officers.

"We're governed by the Michigan Community College Act," replied Scott, who accepted the appointment as parliamentarian.

Crew succeeds Judith Wiser of West Bloomfield.

Lobbyist retained

In other business, the OCC board:

■ Gave a raise to its Lansing lobbying firm, Karoub Associates - to \$2,500

a month from \$2,000 - and extended its contract a year.

"Karoub was absolutely critical in getting us \$1.5 million for the F Building (at Orchard Ridge)," said Thompson. "Its new rate is still \$500 below the next lowest bid we got three years ago." Scott agreed, noting that with term limits turning over 65 of the 110 House seats "it's absolutely imperative" to have a good lobbyist on the scene.

■ Approved a resolution allowing college employees to buy additional retirement credits from the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System. There would be no cost to the college.

■ Learned that the firm of Mueller & Carnago Inc. was successful bidder for a contract to remove trash from an old dump site on the Highland Lakes Campus. The trash was found during excavation for a new Grounds and Maintenance Building. Soil borings revealed an estimated 8,200 cubic yards. Mueller & Carnago's bid would amount to about \$300,000. Kopytek said in June the estimated cost would be \$400,000 with the final cost depending on actual cost of removal.

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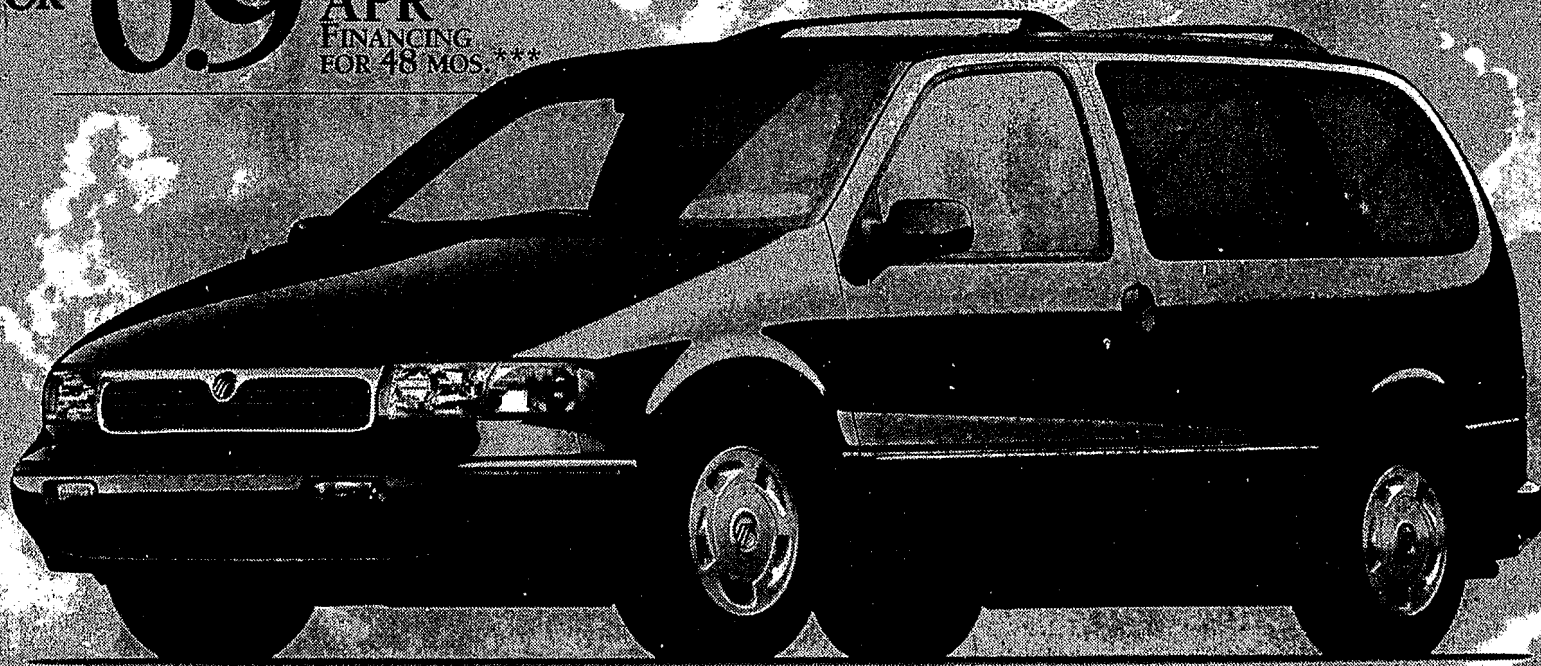
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ROCHELLE SMITH

With the good comes the bad

Many of us suffer from a condition that can be summed up by the old expression: The grass is always greener on the other side of the fence. "That new car the neighbor just bought looks so good. We need a new car, too," "Everyone else is moving to a bigger house. I sure wish I could." "I just know I'd be happier if I were working at a different job." Do any of these sound familiar?

It seems to be a common practice to imagine that things are better for other people. I often accuse my kids of having this problem, especially in the summer. They want a mom who doesn't work. "It's not fair. Other kids get to stay home in the summer and we have to go to day camp." I hear this from my boys every spring as we are signing them up for the various camps that they will attend during the summer while I'm working. Their greatest desire in life is to "just stay home."

Since we are very busy people, staying home is something that rarely happens. Even on my days off work we still have numerous errands to run. I've tried to convince my kids that they would get bored if we "just stayed home" all the time, but they don't believe it. Those kids who stay home all summer have it made. They get to play with the kids in the neighborhood. They get to lay around the house in their pajamas and watch television. They get to

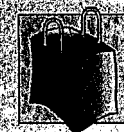
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Dealer sports blades of all shapes



Sharp collectibles: Ted Wood, the owner of Wood's Custom Knives in Independence Township, boasts a startling variety of collector blades.

Wide variety of specialty and designer knives lures collectors to Wood's Custom Knives in Independence Township.



The exact topic of the conversation is now lost to history. What remains is a vague memory of Ted Wood's parting comment: "... have to take a stab at it."

Yes, he said that. And he didn't even flinch at the pun. Didn't seem to realize that he'd even made one. His remark was more than a little ironic given the fact that Wood has a vested interest in knives. Knives small. Knives large. Knives in cases. Collector's knives. Antique knives. Custom knives.

Even knives that look like they're sprouting wings.

It goes back to when I was a kid, as far as my liking for knives. Wood said recently from behind his desk at Wood's Custom Knives on Andersonville Road near White Lake Road in Independence Township. "I always had a handful of knives. But I really got serious about them a few years ago."

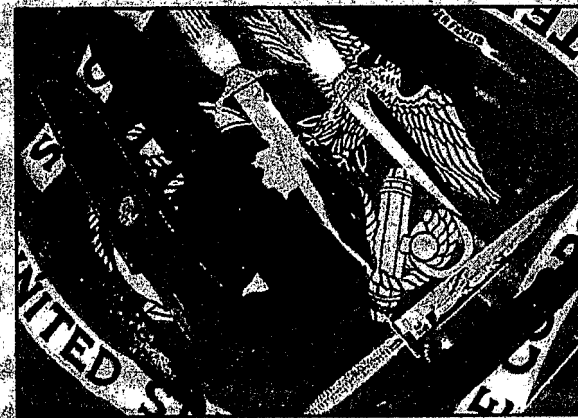
Initially, on the heels of his hobby, Wood, 44, bought and sold knives for friends at shows. Then, about six months ago, he opened his shop as a branch of his Cross Country business, which buys and sells machinery — such as grinders — for plastics and metal-making.

He prides himself on the variety of custom and specialty knives he provides for customers. They include knives by designers such as Mike Franklin of Ohio, Jim and Joyce Minnic of Indiana, R. W. Loveless of California, R. J. Martin of Connecticut, Chris Peterson of Utah and Michael J. Smith of Royal Oak.

The knives of each creator vary in size, color, engraving and shape.

Also available at the shop are miniatures by Frank Dilluvio, military-issue collector knives, commemorative knives, commando and survivalist knives, swords and daggers and a complete set of what are called "gospel knives" — four pocket knives that feature verses from the biblical writings of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John on their blades. Five hundred sets of the gospel knives were made, Wood said, and this particular set is priced at about \$3,500.

Please see KNIVES, A10



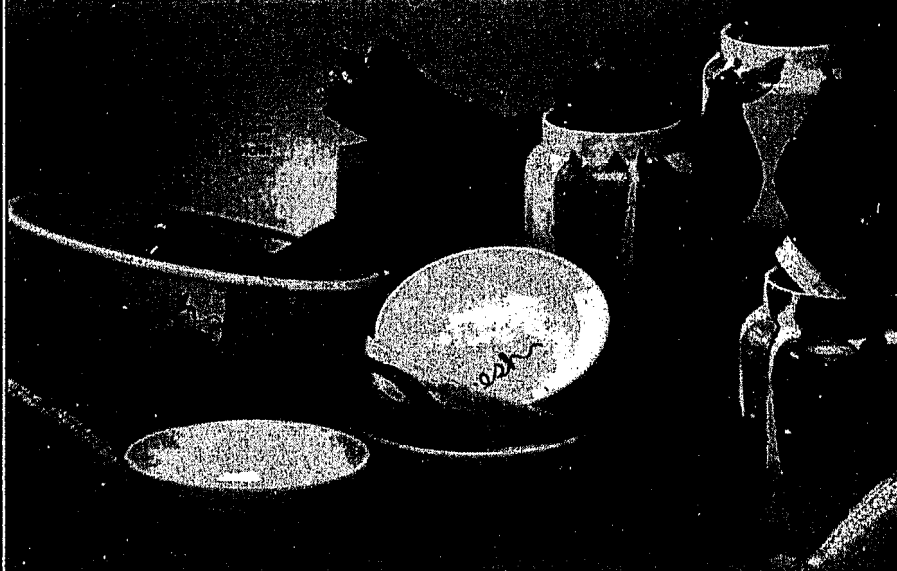
Blade batch: Many of the knives in Ted Wood's store are military-issue and commemorative editions. Collectors can also find commando and survivalist implements.

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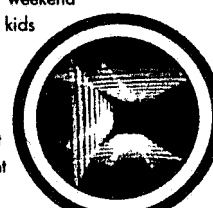


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Rochelle from page A9

play video games all day. Although, during day camp, my boys spend two days each week at the beach, go on field trips to Game Station, play Whirlyball and Lazer Zone and spend hours playing games and socializing with the other kids at camp, all they can think about is how great it would be if they could just stay home.

Kids aren't the only ones who spend their time gazing at the grass on the other side of the fence. Adults do their share of imagining what it would be like if life were different. Sometimes when we get what we have been dreaming of, though, we need to remember another old saying: You have to take the bad with the good.

For example, when someone who normally lives a fast-paced lifestyle decides that things would be better if they went up north where life is more relaxed and gets taken at a slower pace, they might find themselves annoyed when the service at the restaurant is slow because the waitress is chatting with people a few tables away instead of taking their order.

If you live next to a large pig farm, the splendor of the countryside might not smell so sweet on humid days when the wind is coming from that direction.

Another good example of taking the bad with the good is getting away for a wonderful ice cream cone at Cook's Farm Dairy. If you want to enjoy the superb ice cream while sitting at one of their picnic tables, you are going to get a few gentle reminders of how the ice cream is made each time the wind blows from the direction of the cows.

The perfect example of the grass being greener and taking the good with the bad is revealed in a story told by my husband's cousin. They live on a historic family farm in lower Michigan. Their 200-acre pig farm is a short drive from the expanding suburbs of Toledo.

A few years ago one of their neighbors decided to pick up some extra cash by selling off a few acres of his land to some city folks who, like many other city dwellers, wanted to get away from the hustle and bustle of the city and were drawn by the lure of the beautiful countryside.

The new land owners built a nice house, put in a pretty yard

and relaxed to enjoy the splendor of the surrounding farm land.

What they had not, apparently, taken into consideration was the obvious. If you live next to a large pig farm, the splendor of the countryside might not smell so sweet on humid days when the wind is coming from that direction. Within a short time after moving in, the recently relocated city folks started complaining about the smell.

Our cousin, being a very friendly, easy-going type, listened to their objections and thoroughly sympathized with them. As a matter of fact, when they complained that they couldn't stand the smell, he reassured them: "You know, I really don't much care for it either."

The moral of the story: If the grass is always greener on the other side of the fence, maybe it's because they have a lot of manure over there.

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

Knives from page A9

"I'm the only one that I know of that's got the complete set of the four," he said.

The knives in one glass case, made by designer Gil Hibben of Kentucky, have a medieval look to them and include one called The Odyssey, which appears to be sprouting wings on its back.

"His stuff does have that look that it takes off and flies," Wood said. "I wouldn't have this store if there wasn't a big number of collectors. They're a special breed."

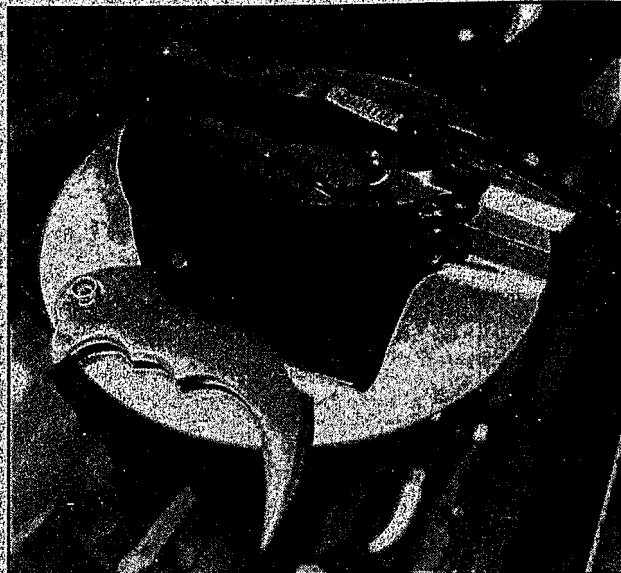
In addition to the custom-made knives, there are production knives by companies such as Kershaw, Loveless, Gerber, Sog and Coldsteel.

Knives in the store range in price from about \$20 to \$10,000.

A lot of these custom knife dealers have a two-, three-, four-year waiting list," Wood said, noting that he carries knives by these makers regularly and can get them for customers quickly. "What's unique about this store is the Joe from the street can walk in and get his knife and not have to wait a year."

"I've always got a constant trickle of hand-made pieces coming in. These are made to be used. Although they're custom, you can't hurt them."

Many of the knives are hand-forged. And many feature engravings and intricate handles. Custom sheaths are also



Pointed display: Odd shapes and designer rarities are among the collectibles knife dealer Ted Wood sells at his store in Independence Township.

available.

"They flip it, pound it, flip it, pound it, 'til they get it the way they want it," Wood said of the way the blades are made.

"If somebody brought in a knife and they wanted to dress it up, I could have it engraved for them. You can design it anyway you want it or buy their design," he said.

Pulling his personal knife

from a pocket and admiring the craftsmanship that includes a mammoth ivory handle, 18-karat gold screws and 24-karat gold wire wrapping, Wood said, "That looks like a piece of candy you want to take a bite out of."

Store hours for Wood's Custom Knives are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

NOTABLES

Anthony R. Haba has been named vice president, worldwide sales and marketing, of Borg-Warner Automotive Air/Fluid Systems. In his new position, he will be responsible for worldwide sales and marketing efforts for Borg-Warner Automotive Air/Fluid Systems, which designs and produces air management systems and electronic and electromechanical products for enhanced engine and powertrain performance, reduced emissions and fuel vapor recovery, and increased vehicle safety.

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Automotive, Haba was vice president, market and product development, with the McCord Winn Division of Textron Automotive, a manufacturer of engineered functional interior components in Manchester, N.H.

Before joining Textron in 1993, Haba was vice president, operations, at International Star Corp., New/Baltimore.

Haba will live in Clarkston.

He holds bachelor's and master's degrees, both in business administration from Central Michigan University, and is a graduate of the Harvard University Advanced Management Program.

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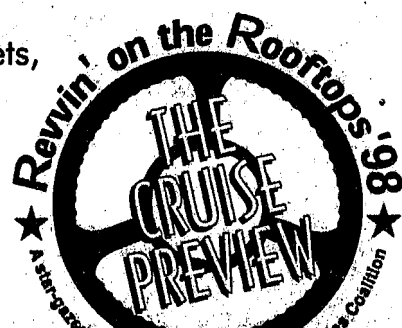
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New name helps to define land conservancy's goals

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Ultimately, there was no sign at all. After the sign went from being too helpful to not helpful at all, he surprised us by producing a sign of fully attached words, made from the torn individual pieces. Such magic!

Now, your conservancy will try to perform a little magic of its own, in explaining its new name: NORTH OAKLAND HEADWATERS LAND CONSERVANCY.

Beginning in 1972 as the Independence Land Conservancy, we worked to preserve precious parcels of land in one township. As adjacent communities became aware of our experience, style and success, we were asked to assist them in their preservation efforts.

For example, we have worked with Springfield Township, Groveland Township, and the Village of Clarkston. Because, locally, the use of the word "Independence" means "Independence Township" to many people, we were asked to change our name to better reflect the increased area of our work. We gave the question great thought, considering 100 possible names. Then, we selected "Headwaters Land Trust" as our name, in recognition of our work in the headwater areas of the Clinton, Huron, Flint, and Shiawassee

■ We are the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy. This name acknowledges our clearly stated and unchanging goal of preserving all kinds of open spaces in the four headwater areas in North Oakland County.

However, that name was not well received by the Headwaters Land Conservancy, located in Michigan's thumb area.

We revisited the question, considering our options. The use of the word "Oakland" in a title might be confounding since there is a fine organization called the "Oakland Land Conservancy." Other choices, as we experienced, might cause people to confuse us with other conservancies. Hence, we selected "The Land Conservancy" as our name; that is how many folks refer to us, locally, anyway.

Unfortunately, we began receiving calls from such places as Sterling Heights, Livonia, Dearborn, Ypsilanti and Milford. Clearly, people were assuming that we had a much larger area of service than we have, or intended to have. While flattering, this was inappropriate. There are many other fine conservancies that serve those areas. After effecting referrals for each of these inquiries to those other conservancies, we decided to take one more stab at a name.

Recognizing that there is no

perfect solution to the choice of a name, we did something similar to what the magician did: we made a name from the individual words previously set aside. We are the NORTH OAKLAND HEADWATERS LAND CONSERVANCY. This name acknowledges our clearly stated and unchanging goal of preserving all kinds of open spaces in the four headwater areas in North Oakland County.

We have become a regional land conservancy by request of residents, developers and governments in the area. With all the best intentions and limitations, we will conduct ourselves with responsibility and integrity. And, henceforth, we will be known as the NORTH OAKLAND HEADWATERS LAND CONSERVANCY (NOHLC).

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

This column space is shared by local community groups. Up next week: Clarkston Youth Assistance.



CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Clarkston Eccentric publishes calendar items free of charge. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Type or print: Event, date and time, location, telephone number and any additional information and mail to the Clarkston Eccentric, 7151 Ortonville Road, Suite 2, Clarkston, MI 48346 or fax to 625-5712. Deadline for calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. All phone numbers below have 248 area code unless otherwise noted.

FRIDAY, JULY 24

CONCERT IN THE PARK

7 p.m., Depot Park in downtown Clarkston. Moose and Da Sharks (50's Music). Concerts in the park are sponsored by the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce. Concession refreshments are available.

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 complement 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. 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 pompon. 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 to register.

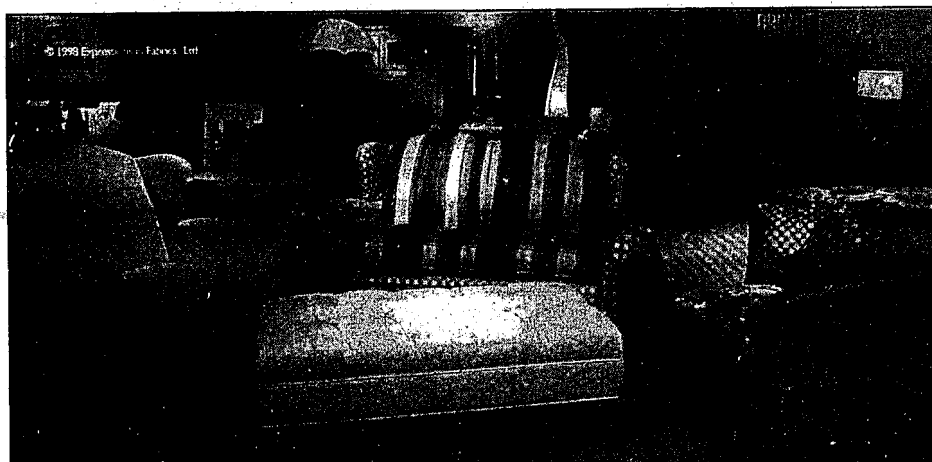
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FAMILY FUN DAY & RUBBER DUCK RACE

11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Hart Community Center, Davisburg. Activities for all age groups. Some of the fun will include Oakland County Parks and Recreation Mobile Units such as music show, moon walk and more. Chance to win \$500 cash prize at Rubber Duck Race which benefit Parks and Recreation Department for park improvements. For more information call 634-0412.

PRESSED FLOWER WORKSHOP FOR ADULTS

2-4 p.m. Lewis E. Wint Nature Center, Independence Oaks County Park. Learn to keep the colors of summer all year in this adult mini-class. Enjoy your garden's memories as we make a simple plant press and learn to use pressed flowers in a variety of hands-on, make-and-take projects. Cost \$10 per person. To register call 625-6473.



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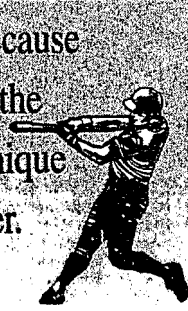
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Injury prevention and bystander care will be discussed. Participants will also receive an introduction to the EMT field.

The camp also includes a 911 obstacle course. Each participant

will receive a certificate and bystander care kit.

"Camp 911 is an exciting program held at only a few EMS agencies in Michigan," said Dick Osgood, EMT faculty member at the college. SWM Systems, Inc. developed the training and materials. Deadline for reservations is July 30. Parents must sign a liability release form. Campers should bring a bag lunch each day, beverages and snacks will be provided.

For registration information, call Julie Bradley of the college's EMT department at (248) 340-6641.

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Helping hand: Oakland County Parks employee Cara Gorman (left) helps Scott Scaggs, 11, with his climbers hat. At left, Charles Sprewell, 8, scales the county's climbing wall.

Wall makes kids hit the heights

Parents often complain their kids have them climbing the walls in the summertime. Oakland County Parks and Recreation, however, turned the tables and has kids climbing the wall.

The county climbing wall, akin to a treadmill turned on its side, has been making the rounds of county communities this summer and was at the Southfield Civic Center last week. The wall gives youngsters a good workout. Youngsters had three minutes to scale the wall, though not all stayed on that long.

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Proposals shall be made according to contract documents as prepared by Barton Malow Company.

Documents may be examined beginning Friday, July 17, 1998.

Arrangements to obtain bid documents can be made by contacting Tom Taylor of Barton Malow Company at (810) 693-5328.

Documents are to be returned to Barton Malow's Field Office, located at the New Lake Orion High School Jobsite, 455 E. Scripps Road, Lake Orion, MI 48362 (the office is located in Room 316 of the existing High School), in good condition within fifteen (15) days after bid due date.

BID BOND REQUIREMENTS

A satisfactory bid bond or certified check in the amount of five percent (5%) of the base bid is required and must be submitted with proposals.

Bidders shall agree not to withdraw bid proposals for a period of sixty (60) days after date of receipt of bids.

PERFORMANCE & PAYMENT BOND

All accepted bidders with Proposals greater than \$50,000 shall be required to furnish at his expense prior to the execution of the contract, bonds in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the total contract price covering the faithful performance of the contract and the payment of all labor and material obligations arising thereunder in accordance with the "Instruction to Bidders," "Supplementary Conditions." The Surety Company must be approved by the Owner.

Bidders with Proposals less than \$50,000 shall provide evidence of bondability and a separate bond price. Bonds may be required at the Owner's option. In this event, the bond cost will be added to the bid amount to determine the contract price.

WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS

No bids may be withdrawn, except as provided above, after bid closing time for a period of sixty (60) days. The owner reserves the right to accept any bid, reject any or all bids and waive any informality in the bids should they deem it to be the best interest of the Owner.

The Owner will enter into a contract with the successful bidder and the work shall be performed under the coordination of Barton Malow Company, Construction Manager.

PROJECT IDENTITIES

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Lake Orion Community Schools
315 North Lapeer Street
Lake Orion, Michigan 48362

Representative: Lowell Crandall

Telephone: (248) 693-5414

Fax Number: (248) 693-5484

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER:

Barton Malow Company
Jobsite Office - Room 316 @ the existing High School
455 E. Scripps Road
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OAKLAND DIGEST

Oakland Digest provides a summary of headline stories from around the county during the week leading up to July 23.

BIRMINGHAM

Leaving here: The director of Birmingham's Principal Shopping District is leaving after the Aug. 15 Woodward Dream Cruise to accept a similar post in

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Oakland Community College scores scholarship jackpot

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

A "lion's share" of a new state scholarship program is going to Oakland Community College students.

"We are proud that we were singled out for the lion's share of Governor's Scholarships," OCC Chancellor Richard Thompson said.

OCC will receive \$1.6 million of the \$20 million pot. It will help pay for 1,800 scholarships — more than double the number of the next highest provider, neighboring Macomb Community College.

Thompson said the 1,800 scholarships will cover a two-year cycle and be given to about 750 students because some will be in two-year associate degree programs and others in shorter

certificate programs.

"There is also \$30 million for tech centers — five or six in the state," Thompson added. "One by law will go to Focus:HOPE. The state is accepting proposals until mid-August. The grants probably will be announced in late October. We will be a candidate."

"We are working on getting our partners lined up in business, industry and the high schools along with Walsh College and Lawrence Technological University."

Gov. John Engler announced the \$50 million plan to train Michigan residents for "gold collar jobs" during his state of the state address. They are defined as well-paid jobs requiring a high level of skill but not a four-year university degree.

Scholarships cover half the cost of books, fees and tuition for two years of full-time study or four years of part-time study. Some of OCC's eligible programs:

■ Two-year credit — aviation management, licensed practical nursing, registered nursing, dental hygiene, medical assistant, pre-engineering, computer aided design, computer information systems, construction management.

■ One-year credit — practical nursing, consumer information systems user group, business information systems certificate, multi-media.

■ Non-credit — carpenter framers, machine tool technology, systems administration, facilities maintenance, productivity software, skilled trades

pre-apprenticeship, COBOL programmer, architectural computer-aided design, Microsoft certification.

"We surveyed all of our areas," said Thompson. "The Oakland County Workforce Development Board came back with suggestions that we extend the list slightly, so we did."

Applicants should begin applying immediately, both for admission to OCC and for scholarships. There is no application charge. The fall semester begins Sept. 3.

To become eligible, applicants must be Michigan residents and enroll at OCC. Forms are available at each of the five campus admissions offices (Highland Lakes, Orchard Ridge, South-

field, Royal Oak and Auburn Hills) and at the district office in Bloomfield Hills.

Selections are made on academic merit and financial need, with consideration for female and minority applicants.

Candidates who have completed applications must make an

appointment with an academic advisor at any of the five campuses.

Additional information is available by calling Kristine Erickson at OCC's Governor's Scholarship hot line, (248) 540-1543.

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Dearborn. Gail Gotthelf-Fisher has directed the PSD, an organization representing downtown business owners, since its founding four years ago.

CLARKSTON

Cable complaints: Despite previous complaints, only a handful of Clarkston-area residents turned out for a recent public hearing on cable service. The hearing was designed to determine whether the community should renew its contract with TCI Cable.

FARMINGTON HILLS

Manager needed: Farmington Hills seeks a new city manager following the resignation of Dan Hobbs. Hobbs, who served two years, is leaving Michigan to become city manager of West Covina, Calif., a city 25 miles outside of Los Angeles.

ROCHESTER

Settlement?: Former Oakland County Sheriff's Sgt. Gerard Carlin, announced he has reached a tentative settlement in his civil rights lawsuit against the county, but county officials

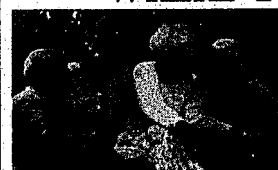
said the parties had only discussed settlement terms. Carlin charged the county prosecutor's office violated his civil rights by naming him in a 1992 corruption probe brought against the department's Rochester Hills substation. District and circuit court judges subsequently dismissed 33 charges against Carlin, though the case has been appealed to the Michigan Supreme Court. Carlin said the settlement will give him back pay, pension money and attorney fees, but county attorney John Lynch said no such settlement had been reached. Carlin is currently a candidate in the Republican primary for the 45th District State House seat.

SOUTHFIELD

New library: City officials are once again considering building a new library as part of the City Centre development, west of the current site. Voters rejected a 1995 library proposal, but complaints linger about a lack of space and lack of parking at the current Civic Center library site on Evergreen Road.

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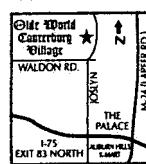
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Thursday, July 23, 1998

NORTH OAKLAND SPORTS SCENE

Adult softball league on deck

The Oxford Township Parks & Recreation Commission has openings for its fall adult softball leagues, including men's, women's and co-ed leagues that begin either July 31 or August 3. Below is the procedure to sign your team up:

■ **June 8:** Priority registration for returning teams.

■ **June 15:** Registration for individuals or new teams, which is done on a first come first serve basis. All sponsor fees are due at time of registration.

■ **July 24:** Individual and team registration deadline. All player fees are due by 5 p.m. at the Parks and recreation office. (This includes a complete roster with signatures and a minimum of 13 players per team.)

■ **July 28:** There will be a mandatory managers meeting at 7 p.m. held at the parks and recreation office. All teams must have a representative present at the meeting.

■ **July 31:** Co-recreational league tentative starting date.

■ **August 3:** Men's and women's league tentative starting date.

Team and individual fees vary from \$165-\$230 a team, pending on the number of team in the league and games played. Player fees for residents range from \$25-\$40 and \$35-\$50 for non-resident. There is also a \$10 charge per game for umpires.

For further information, contact the Oxford Twp. Parks & Recreation Commission at (248) 628-1720.

Blazing youths

The Oxford Twp. Parks & Recreation Commission is sponsoring a track meet for both boys and girls ages 4-16 on July 30 at the Oxford Elementary School track in Oxford.

All Participants will only be able to compete in one field event, two running events and one relay apiece. Registration can be done anytime, including the day of the event. Ribbons will be given to participants that finish in places one through eighth.

Below is the lineup for this 8th-annual event:

■ **Registration:** 5:00-5:30 p.m.

■ **Field Events:** 6:00 p.m.

■ **Running Events:** 6:30 p.m.

Participants will be able to contest in the following events: Long jump (all ages); softball throw (all ages); 50-meter dash (ages 4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10); 100-meter dash (ages 4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16); 200-meter dash (ages 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16); 400-meter dash (ages 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16); 800-meter run (ages 11-12, 13-14, 15-16); 1,600-meter run (ages 11-12, 13-14, 15-16); 4x100-meter relay (ages 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16); Fun relay (all ages).

For more information on this exciting opportunity, please call (248) 628-1720.

Adults hit the grid-iron

The Oxford Twp. Parks & Recreation Commission is now forming its fall adult flag football league, which will be played at Seymour Lake Township Park on Saturday mornings in September and October with games beginning at 9:00, 10:15 or 11:30 a.m.

Returning teams from last year may begin registration at the parks and recreation office on July 27, while new teams can register beginning August 10 on a first come first serve basis. All sponsor and player fees, plus complete team rosters, are due no later on Sept. 4 at 5 p.m. There will also be a mandatory managers meeting on Sept. 10 at the Library Rotary Room. The league is scheduled (tentatively) to begin on Sept. 12.

Team fees in both the open and 30-and-over league are \$100, with individual player fees ranging from \$15-\$25 apiece. There will also be a \$20 per game fee for game officials.

For more information, please call (248) 628-1720.



He's in there: North Oakland's Jason Daniels slides safely into second base in a recent game against St. Clair Shores. Daniels and his Stars teammates recently captured the MABF Connie Mack Division crown with an 18-4 league following a double-header split with Macomb Steeles at Oakland University.

Third time's a charm

Stars' 18-4 record delivers another MABF title



■ **With a league championship at stake, the North Oakland Stars ended an uncharacteristic losing streak, and claimed sole possession of first place in the final Connie Mack Division standings.**

With everything on the line, the North Oakland Stars know how to leave nothing for doubt.

On the tails of an uncharacteristic three-game losing streak, the Rochester-based Stars earned a split with the Macomb Steeles last Saturday at Oakland University to capture their third straight Macomb Amateur Baseball Federation Connie Mack title.

The Stars (27-8, 18-4) dropped the opener, 8-3, but bounced back to take the nightcap, 8-2, thus, giving North Oakland the championship outright.

"We had some tired (pitching) arms

and ballplayers entering last week because we had just came off a stretch where we played 13 games in nine days," admitted Stars Manager Dan LaNoue. "We (lost) two games) to TSI earlier in the week and the first game to Steeles, but the kids knew we had to win the second game (against Steeles) to take the title and they came through."

Right-hander Josh Clark (Clarkston) was the star on the mound and short-stop Tim Frankhouse (Rochester) the culprit at the plate in the nightcap to lead North Oakland.

Clark pitched a complete game, scat-

tering just seven hits and two runs while striking out six. Frankhouse slapped three hits and drove in a pair to pace the attack.

"Josh has just pitched tremendous this season," praised LaNoue. "He is not just throwing extremely well, but he is really learning how to pitch, how to use all three pitches. I really see him have a fine college career at Western Michigan."

Chris Crowder (Troy) added two hits and two RBI, while Jason Daniels (Rochester Adams) and Ryan Petoskey (Davison) each contributed two hits and drove in one run apiece.

"Tim (Frankhouse) has just been ripping the ball all season," added LaNoue. "It seems that the rest of the team kind of hits well when he's hot."

In the opener, the Stars got all three of their runs on a bases-loaded double by Mike Bennion (Rochester), but did-

n't have enough back the pitching of Keith Perez (Holly).

"Keith's arm just didn't have it; he didn't have much rest from his last outing," said LaNoue. "Plus the rest of team just didn't seem to have much spark (in the opener). But they all came ready to play in the second game and we accomplished our goal as being league champs."

The Stars, whose non-league game Tuesday with the Clarkston-based Michigan Rams was canceled, will play Class A member JetBox on Friday evening in Eastpointe before they head to Toledo July 30-Aug. 2 for the National Amateur Baseball Federation regionals — an event that LaNoue and Co. are really gearing up for.

"We'll have plenty of time to rest and prepare for it," said LaNoue. "We really think we can have a strong showing there."

Dragons finish with post-season tourney win

It wasn't the greatest regular season for the 15-year-old Lake Orion Dragon baseball team, but it finished just fine, thank you.

The Dragons, who finished 11-11 overall, won their final two games to sweep to the NOBF post-season tournament title. The Dragons stopped the Rochester Braves 7-3 in the first game, then won the title with a 10-5 win over the Prowlers.

The wins lifted the Dragons to a

fifth-place overall finish in the division standings.

"We lost some games we shouldn't have lost," Dragon coach Tom Stauffer said. "We probably should have finished in the money (for the districts) but we hit a stretch where we didn't play as well as we could have."

That hasn't been the case down the stretch. The Dragons won four of their final five games, including the two in the post-season tournament. Jason

Bullock was the star in that tournament, going the distance in the opener, then pitching five innings in the nightcap. He scattered eight hits while striking out six. He then limited the Prowlers to six hits over five innings and got the win in the title game, as well.

He also helped his own cause offensively, getting a pair of hits and scoring once in the first game and going 1-for-2 with two stolen bases and a run

scored in the second game.

"I'm pleased that we came back so strong," after mid-season struggles, Stauffer said. "Especially (Monday). The kids made all the plays."

The Dragons scored a run in the first inning against the Braves on a triple by Brandon Bullock and a double by Brett Hewitt. They got all the runs they'd need with a three-run second

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Dragons alive for AABC district berth

The Lake Orion Dragon 14-year-old Federation baseball team stayed alive in its bid to advance to the American Amateur Baseball Congress district play by beating the Brandon Braves, 9-7, Saturday at Suburban Park.

The Dragons played the Troy Rangers Tuesday in the final regular season game for both teams. Results were not available at press time, but in order to assure themselves of a spot in the AABC district, the Dragons

needed to beat the Rangers by six runs, the same margin by which the Rangers topped Lake Orion in the first meeting between the teams June 3. The AABC district is the first step to the Little League World Series.

In Saturday's 9-7 victory over Brandon, Dragon pitcher Ryan Dallas went 4-2/3 innings, giving up just three hits and one unearned run for the victory. Dragon hitters were led by third baseman Andy Paul, who went 4-for-4 with four runs and an

RBI. Nathan Johanson and Justin McKee each contributed two RBI to the scoring effort.

The Lake Orion 14-year-olds have put together a record of 12-13-1 overall, 9-9 in the NOBF Sandy Koufax League, 9-2 in the White Division. The Dragons are attempting to become only the second 14-year-old Lake Orion team to ever advance to AABC district play (the first was last year's 14-year-old team, coached by current 15-year-old coach Tom Stauffer).

"I think the fact we've been able to perform so well while limiting ourselves to only local talent is quite an accomplishment," 14-year-old coach Norm McKee said. "Most of the top teams in the NOBF recruit talent from throughout Oakland County."

Stauffer and McKee have selected their rosters solely from Lake Orion players in an effort to build a feeder system into the Lake Orion High School program.

Skiers embark on Great Lakes journey

High speeds and heavy seas.

Sounds like a setting for a James Bond adventure film. Instead, it's just part of what a group of good-hearted, adventure-seeking water-skiers expect to encounter over the next four days while completing a 700-mile Great Lakes journey around Michigan.

Orchard Lake native Tim Flynn, now a Utica-based attorney, masterminded the Great Lakes Long Board Endurance two years ago. The plan is to ski a six-person relay from Chicago to Detroit to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Their goal is to raise \$25,000 through pledges and donations.

"My mother-in-law passed away in 1995 from lung cancer," explained Flynn. "I wanted to turn a negative into something positive and get some positive closure. This is my way of doing that."

Flynn has enlisted the assistance of five close friends to accomplish the feat, which has never before been attempted. He'll be joined by West Bloomfield native Jerry Hoskins and his wife Laura, Tom Temmerman of Lake Orion, Randy Miller of Bloomfield Hills and Richard Youngs of Adrian.

"We're all mutual ski friends and when they heard about me hatching this crazy

idea it sounded like something they wanted to do," said Flynn.

The skiers will use a special 7-foot slalom ski, called a long board water-ski, which is especially designed for skiing in heavy seas.

"It's made of spruce and is very stiff," explained Flynn. "It's almost two-feet longer than a regular slalom ski and the bottom is smooth so there is less resistance. It allows you to get up over the waves so you can go faster with less energy spent."

The trip begins Thursday morning in Chicago. Pulled by a 38-foot Formula 382 FASTech off-shore racing boat, the skiers will take half-hour stints in the water throughout daylight hours. The boat will stay on a course approximately two miles off the shore and will follow the Michigan shoreline throughout most of the trip.

By reaching speeds of up to 50-miles-per-hour along the trip, Flynn said they hope to make it to Charlevoix by Thursday night. If weather cooperates and all goes well, Friday will see the skiers cruising through the Straights-of-Mackinaw and down Lake Huron to Alpena; on Saturday, the group will ski to Port Huron at the south end of Lake Huron; then down the St. Clair River and into Lake St. Clair on Sunday for their

final destination at Metro Beach.

"We kind of front-loaded the schedule," said Flynn. "We hope to go 300 miles the first day, when we're the freshest, then leave 450 miles over the next three days."

The skiers expect to encounter difficult conditions on the Great Lakes, especially in the Straights-of-Mackinaw and at the south end of Lake Huron.

"We figure we'll experience a wide range of conditions," said Flynn. "The choppy water in the Straights and under the Blue Water Bridge will be tough. Choppy water like that is the most difficult to navigate because there is no regular pattern to the waves. They're all sizes and coming from all directions. Swells, on the other hand, are more widely spaced and have a timed pattern to them so they're a little easier to run."

The team has enlisted the help of sponsors such as Pepsi Cola and Marathon Oil to cover the high price of the trip, but still needs donations to reach its goal of \$25,000. Anyone wishing to make a donation can call the Endurance Hotline at the American Cancer Society at 1-800-925-2271, or contact Jennifer Durocher at the American Cancer Society, 29350 Southfield Road, Ste. 110, Southfield MI 48076, (248) 557-5353.

Youth to benefit from weekend archery tourneys

Children will be the main beneficiaries of a couple 3D archery shoots on tap this weekend.

The second annual "Redford Shoot For Youth" will take place beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday at Capital Park in Redford.

Hosted by Ted Nugent United Sportsmen of America and the

Timberwolf Tavern, the day's activities include a 3D charity tournament, 4-person team events, novelty shoots, a trout pond, a tree stand safety demonstration, native American dance demonstrations, live music and much more. The event will stress to kids that they can have fun

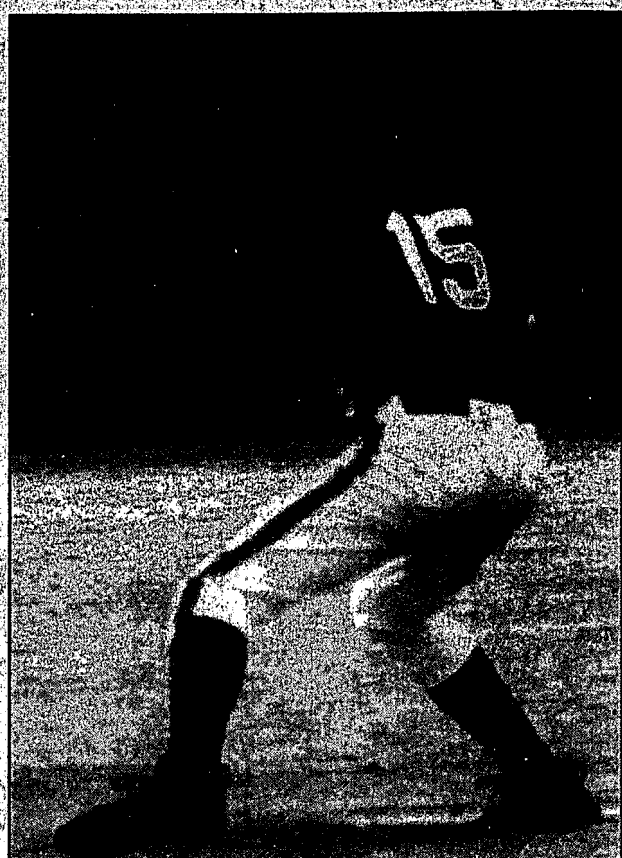
without drugs and alcohol or being part of a gang.

A host of celebrity shooters will also be on hand including State Senator David Jay, State Representative Bob Brown, Ted Nugent's daughter, Sasha, National TNUSA Director Chuck Buzzy, members of the rock

bands "Kung Foo Diesel" and "Noon" as well as radio personalities from 102.7 The Bear.

Course fee is \$8 and proceeds from the shoot will benefit Ted Nugent Kamp for Kids and the D.A.R.E. America drug aware-

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And the wind up: Lake Orion's Jason Bullock delivers a pitch during the NOBF post-season tournament Monday. Bullock was the winning pitcher in both of the Dragons' victories.

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inning when John Garcia led off with a walk and went to third on a double by Jason Bullock. Bob Russ then singled both runners home, then eventually scored himself on a single by Brandon Bullock.

Matt Dixon scored a run in the third, and the Dragons put the game away with a three-run fifth.

The Dragons let the Prowlers hang around for awhile in the second game before putting them away with a three-run fifth inning. Derek Russ and Brandon Bullock were safe on errors leading off, Ryan Stauffer

followed with a single, Hewitt drew a walk, Dixon drove in one run with a grounder, and the other scored on a bunt by Garcia.

Lake Orion then finished the Prowlers off with a four-run sixth.

The Prowlers scored three times in the seventh, but the rally was too little, too late.

The wins left the Dragons just out of the playoff chase. The division's top three teams are alive in the North Oakland County district, while the fourth-place team went to the Plymouth district.

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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.

3D SHOOT

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

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

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

JUNIOR ARCHERS

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

CLASSES/

CLINICS

DNR OPEN HOUSE

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources will hold 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 accommoda-

tions 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.

WINGSHOOTING SCHOOL

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

CLUBS

SOLAR

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

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

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

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

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

FOUR SEASONS

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

FISHING BUDDYS

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

CLINTON VALLEY BASS

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

BASS ASSOCIATION

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

FISHING TOURNAMENTS

OAKLAND BASS MASTERS

Oakland Bass Masters will hold a 50-boat open tournament on Sunday, Aug. 2, on Lobdell Lake in Genesee County (near Linden). Registration is \$80, and \$85 after July 29. Call (248) 542-5254 for more information.

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN

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

PONTIAC LAKE

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

ORTONVILLE RECREATION

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

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

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

FISHING IN THE PARKS

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

KIDS HIKE

Children ages 12 and under can explore the forest habitats during this hike, which begins at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 25, at Maybury.

TURTLES, FROGS, SNAKES

Learn about some of the reptiles and amphibians that reside at Proud Lake during this program, which begins at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 25, at the Proud Lake Recreation Area.

PIONEER LIFE

Get a taste of how pioneer children worked and played during their daily lives during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 28, at the Highland Recreation Area.

EVENING ANIMALS

Learn about the creatures that are active after dark during this evening hike, which begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 30, at Maybury. Participants should meet at the Farm Demonstration Building at the main park entrance off Eight Mile Road.

BIRD HIKE

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

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

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

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ness program. Participants are also asked to donate canned goods or non-perishable foods, which will go to the Hungry for the Hungry program.

For more information call Randy Collick at (810) 231-3843 or Brian Boyadjian of the Timberwolf Tavern at (313) 937-1218. No alcohol is permitted at this event.

Royal Oak Archers is also holding a benefit 3D archery shoot this weekend on its walk-through course in Lake Orion.

Beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, Royal Oak Archers will host a 30-target 3D shoot. There will also be novelty shoots and a balloon shoot for the kids. Proceeds from the shoot will also benefit Ted Nugent's Kamp for Kids, which is a 501c3 non-profit organization. Kamp for Kids teaches children between the ages of 11-15 the values of the great outdoors. While at the camp, kids are taught a lifestyle that instills wildlife stewardship, conservation and environmental responsibility. They also receive certification from the International Bowhunter Education program.

For more information on the 3D shoot at Royal Oak Archers call (248) 693-9799 or (248) 693-1369.

Angler guide book

Nationally-acclaimed outdoor writer Tom Huggler has completed his popular *Fish Michigan* series with the sixth and final mapped guide book - *Fish Michigan, 100 Great Lakes Hotspots*.

Like his five other guidebooks, 100 Great Lakes Hotspots includes detailed information about 100 hotspots for Great Lakes fishing including maps with public access sites, depths, contours, DNR stocking records, master angler catches, names and addresses of local charterboat captains, bait and tackle shops, campgrounds and other valuable information. The book also includes tactics used for catching Great Lakes sport fish as well as the best times and places and lures used to catch

them. Copies of the atlas-sized books are available at area book stores and sporting goods stores for \$17.95 or by direct order from Friede Publications, 2339 Venezia Dr., Davison, MI 48423. Credit card orders can be made by calling 800-824-4618.

If you've never used one of Huggler's *Fish Michigan* map books give one a try. You won't be disappointed. The information is detailed and accurate. The books are a must for serious anglers interested in improving their catch rates.

DNR open house

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources will hold a Public Listening and Outreach Open House, 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, July 28, at the Southgate Civic Center, 14700 Reaume Parkway, Southgate. (The Civic Center is located north of Eureka Road and west of Dix-Toledo Road.)

Everyone is invited to attend the open house to share their views and meet with DNR wildlife and fisheries biologists, foresters, conservation officers, and state park, recreation area and real estate division staff.

Displays, pamphlets and other written materials will be on hand. While at the open house, visitors can try the DNR's Firearms Training Simulator machine, a virtual reality machine that enables people to shoot at moving targets on a video screen using a laser-beamed shotgun.

For more information on the open house, or persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation, call Denise Mogus at (734) 953-1528.

(Anglers and hunters are urged to report your success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax information to (248) 644-1314, send e-mail to barker@oe.homecomm.net or call Bill Parker evenings at (248) 901-2573.)

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Arbor Drugs-M-24
Union 76 Station-M-24
Total Gas Station-M-24
Nugget Restaurant-M-24
Food Town-M-24
Big Boy Restaurant-M-24
Shell Gas Station-M-24
Sunoco Gas Station-M-24
Patterson's Pharmacy-M-24
Art & Dick's-West of M-24, Seymour Lake
Indianwood Junction-Baldwin-Oxford
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IGA-Baldwin Rd.
Orion Wine & Deli
Sero's Restaurant-M-24
Big Boy Restaurant
Sunoco Gas Station-Joslyn & Silverbell
Shell Gas Station-M24
Mobil Gas Station-M24
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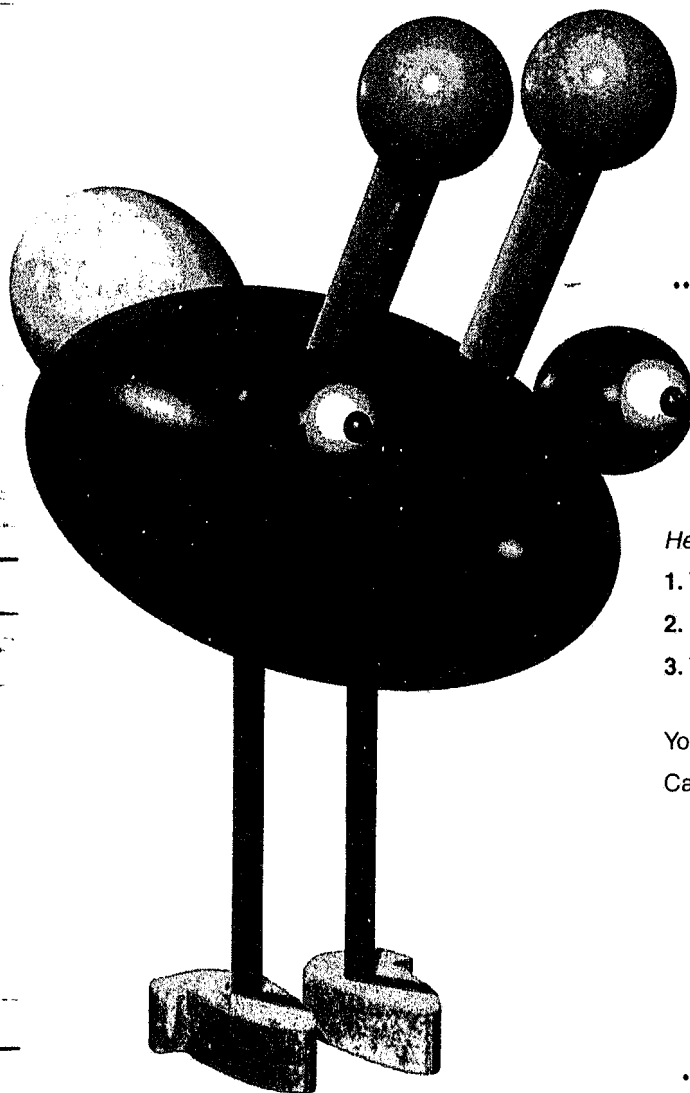
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Historic districts II

REAL ESTATE QUERIES



ROBERT M. MEISNER

Q. In light of a recent answer your column, please tell me more about the state's historic district statute. What is a historic preservation easement?

A. Michigan's Local Historic Districts Act is the law that allows the establishment of historic districts. It sets up a means to acquire resources (frequently land and/or buildings) for historic preservation purposes. The act also allows the establishment of historic district commissions and procedures and remedies and penalties for violations.

The Michigan Legislature defined a historic preservation easement as "an interest in land that provides a limitation on the use of a structure or site that is listed as a national historic landmark.... Other situations that allow an area to be considered for a historic preservation easement are if a property is listed on the National Register of Historic Places or is listed on the State Register of Historic Sites or is recognized by a locally established historic district created under the Local Historic District Act.

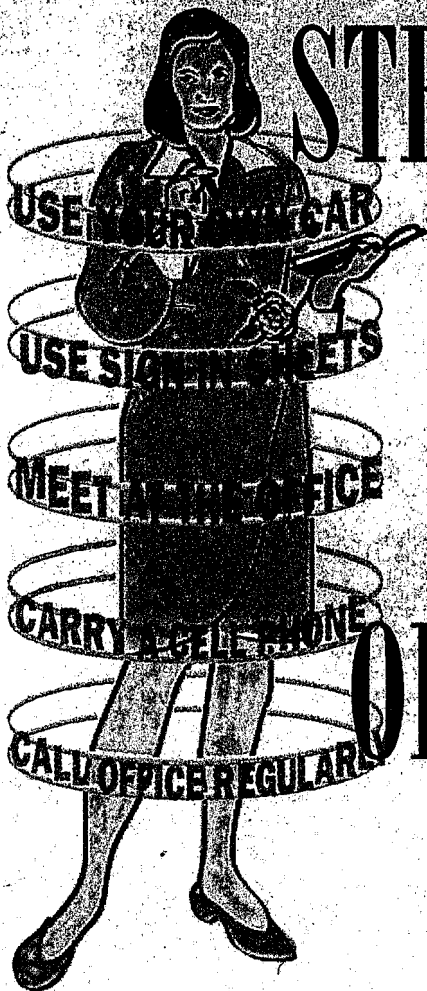
Not all properties listed as historic landmarks must be subject to a historic preservation easement. Preservation easements are usually negotiated and can be tailored to meet the needs of a specific parcel of property.

Other means to achieve historic preservation include land-use controls, i.e. historic zoning and regulation of landmark sites by preservation commissions.

If you have property that you (or historic groups) believe is eligible for a historic district easement, you should consult an attorney who specializes in real estate law in general and historic preservations in particular.

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COMMON SENSE STRATEGIES CREATE CIRCLES OF SAFETY



The Sgt. Phil Esterhaus character on Hill Street Blues would invariably conclude his roll call briefing at the top of the TV show every week with the advice, "Let's be careful out there."

Realtors working irregular hours day and night, traveling unfamiliar roads and meeting all kinds of people potentially place themselves in harm's way in a lot of different ways.

"In what other business do you get a call from a total stranger and you go meet them somewhere?" said Waterford Det. Sgt. John McLain, a former Realtor who has presented seminars on personal safety as a crime prevention officer.

Just last winter, the real estate community here buzzed over reports of anonymous telephone threats to the Macomb County Association of Realtors. Fortunately, no one was attacked.

"There's no question about it. We have some members who with the opportunity offered to make money, it sometimes clouds their judgment when it comes to personal safety," said Michael Peck executive vice president of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors.

"They're making risk judgments all the time," he said.

It's the nature of the sales beast. "Don't put yourself in a vulnerable position," McLain said. "That's easier said than done."

One of the first lessons learned very early in life as a child - don't go with strangers - would serve Realtors well.

"You should always meet people at the office for the first time," Peck said. "Introduce them to other people in the office so their faces and names have been known. Get a copy of their driver's license. If they have a harmful intention, they may be more cautious or even change their mind."

If prospects balk, say it's office policy to get them in to your base of operations and copy driver's licenses before doing business.

"You should always be aware of your surroundings," McLain said. "A little foresight is better than hindsight. Common sense is critical in all situations."

"Carry a non-lethal defensive weapon (pepper spray) and don't be afraid to use it," McLain said. "You have to have it handy. You can't leave it in the car. Maybe have it in a blazer pocket with your hand in the pocket."

"Carry a communication device, a cell phone," he continued. "Make sure someone knows your itinerary. You can leave a note on your desk if nothing else."

Another tip offered by the several experts - follow, never lead people through a home. Smile and point the way while describing features and answering questions.

The North Oakland County Board of Realtors often covers personal safety issues in its newsletter. Among its advice:

- Use sign-in sheets and ask visitors for identification when working an open house. Don't work open houses alone.

- Use your own car when showing a property.

- Check in with the office periodically.

A good offense sometimes is a good defense. Break off a meeting if you feel uncomfortable. Anticipate dangerous situations and how you would react if

they were to arise.

And what should you do if you're threatened or attacked?

"Scream, No!" said Nancy Sielaff, a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Schweitzer in Bloomfield Hills, a karate black belt who has presented personal safety seminars to Realtors and other community groups.

Scream loudly from the gut like you've never screamed before, she added. "It brings up your adrenaline."

If grabbed from behind, stick out your butt and sharply thrust back your elbows, Sielaff said. If grabbed from the front, kick the assailant in the shin, then run your shoe down the shin and stomp on the foot while pounding on the ears.

Don't just hang around when you break free, she said. "Move. Get the heck out of there."

People project an aura, Sielaff said. A firm handshake, a well modulated voice, a vigorous walking pace with the head up all project confidence and could discourage confrontations.

"If a person would use common sense, stop and think of vulnerability, what can I do in this situation to protect myself... they're not as likely to have an encounter," Peck said.

"Attacks don't follow scripts," McLain said. "To have some rough idea what you might do is excellent advice."

And men should be aware that they're vulnerable, too. All three Realtors killed in other parts of the country where he's worked were men, Peck said.

"Be careful. You can't throw caution to the winds even if you are trying to make money," McLain said.

Microscopic Look

Last week we profiled job growth for selected states for the period of April '97 through March '98. Here's a look at selected metro areas for the same timeframe.

	New Jobs	% Increase
Dallas	120,200	5
Houston	92,400	4.6
New York City	91,200	1.8
Phoenix	79,300	5.8
Atlanta	79,200	4.1
Boston	76,500	2.7
Seattle	74,900	4.6
Chicago	68,000	1.5
Orange Cty, CA	54,800	4.5
Detroit	54,600	2.2
Tampa Bay	49,600	4.7
Denver	41,800	3.5

Source: U.S. Housing Markets

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Test your knowledge of closings

MORTGAGE SEARCH



DAVID C. MULLY

Here are a few more questions to test your knowledge of the process of closing on your home. The background information for these questions was provided by UFT Mortgage at 1 (800) 838-6505.

3. The only people who must attend the closing are:

A. The closing agent, the buyer, and in some states, an attorney for the buyer.

B. The closing agent and the Realtors for the buyer and seller.

C. The closing agent, the lender, the seller, the buyer, and in some states, an attorney for the buyer.

D. The closing agent, the butcher, the baker, and in some states, the candlestick maker.

Believe it or not, the only people who absolutely must attend a closing are the closing agent who conducts the closing, and the buyer. Some states require the buyer to have an attorney present as well. A is the correct answer.

Usually, the seller or someone representing the seller also attends. Often Realtors for buyer and seller also attend, since they are generally most familiar with terms of the sales contract.

Who is a closing agent? He or she may be an employee of the lender or the title company, or may be an attorney representing you or your lender. The closing agent's job is to ensure that all the documents that are needed for the closing have been collected, that they are all properly signed and recorded during the closing, and that the fees or expenses are collected and accounted for.

4. The two things the BUYER must bring to the closing are:

A. Change-of-address documents and a certified check for closing costs.

B. An attorney and a pit bull.

C. Evidence of homeowner's insurance and a certified check for closing costs.

D. Results of the title search and evidence of homeowner's insurance.

C is the correct answer. Most of the documents that are required for the closing will be collected by the closing agent - including the title search. But the buyer must bring a homeowner's insurance policy (and any other insurance policies that may be required), along with evidence that the policies have been paid for and are in force.

The buyer also must bring a certified check for all the closing costs that are the buyer's responsibility (as spelled out in the sales contract) - including the remaining portion of the down payment. Change-of-address forms are handled by the postal service.

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Pulte grows with Florida acquisition

Pulte Corp. of Bloomfield Hills acquired Palm Beach Gardens, Florida-based DiVosta and Co., one of the state's premier homebuilders and among the 100 largest builders in the country. The acquisition was for cash and notes. Terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

Due to the acquisition accounting associated with this transaction, Pulte expects the purchase of DiVosta to be only modestly helpful to its 1998 earnings. Pulte expects DiVosta will add between \$0.25 and \$0.30 to 1999 earnings per share.

"Over the past 39 years, Buz DiVosta and his managers have built a very profitable company with a reputation for constructing high quality homes," said Mark J. O'Brien, executive vice president of Pulte. "Buz and his team will continue to manage the DiVosta operations, as we will look to capitalize

on the best practices of both organizations to strengthen our overall position in the market."

In 1997, DiVosta delivered 850 homes and generated revenues of \$134 million, ranking it 78 among the 100 largest builders in the country, as reported by Builder magazine. The acquisition includes six DiVosta communities in Palm Beach County, Martin County and Collier County, along with existing backlog of 350 homes. Combined with Pulte's Florida operations, in 1997 the two companies delivered more than 3,000 units in Florida. DiVosta's operations will remain headquartered in Palm Beach Gardens.

The DiVosta transaction is the second in as many months for Pulte, which in May announced that it had completed the acquisition of Tennessee-based Radnor Homes Inc. Both transactions support the firm's strategies

which focus on growth within its core homebuilding businesses and operating leverage on its existing field infrastructure. "We remain extremely selective with regard to acquisitions and are focusing on companies, such as DiVosta and Radnor, which have a reputation for superior product quality and financial success," said O'Brien.

Pulte Corp. is the parent of the Pulte group of companies. Pulte Home Corp. has domestic operations in 28 states and 42 markets, with international operations in Mexico and Puerto Rico. Over its history, the company has constructed more than 190,000 homes.

DiVosta is one of Florida's leading builders with operations in Palm Beach, Martin and Collier Counties. In 1997, DiVosta closed 850 homes and generated revenues of \$134 million.

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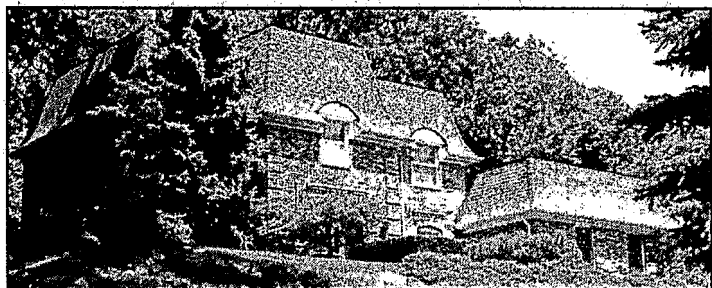


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Featured Fine Home



Lake Orion - Serene Surroundings

- This lovely and private Colonial sits high above Hi-Hill Village subdivision on wooded lot with stone terraced backyard
- Fireplaces in large family room and lush master bedroom
- Finished basement offers extra space. Attached two car garage

\$289,900 (248) 651-8850 PI337

BERKLEY

OPEN SUN 1-4



- 1782 TYLER, N. of 11 Mile, E. of Greenfield**
- Must see inside of this totally redone home!
 - Gorgeous hardwood floors in living and dining rooms
 - Newly decorated, new furnace, central air
 - Door wall to patio, fenced yard
- \$129,900 (248) 647-6400 TY178

HARTLAND

OPEN SUN 12-20-1900



- 11644 ISLAND CT., 1/4 mile E. of US-23, S. of M-59 off Cundy**
- The time is now to enjoy the fireplace on cool nights!
 - Master bedroom offers double closet & master bath
 - Newer furnace and central air, all appliances stay
 - Lots of storage, doorwall to patio
- \$135,000 (810) 629-0680 IS116

ROCHESTER

OPEN SAT 1-4



- 109 WALNUT, W. of Main, S. of University**
- Maintenance free townhouse, neutral decor
 - Two bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths
 - Attached garage, basement, deck
 - Great location in downtown Rochester
- \$139,900 Ask For: Nancy Ritter (248) 656-4420 WA109

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

OPEN SUN 1-4



- 2953 SUMMERVALE, S. of Maple, W. of Cranbrook**
- Well maintained brick ranch situated deep in sub
 - Updated kitchen with breakfast room
 - Finished basement with 2 bedrooms and full bath
 - Private backyard with beautiful pool and pool house
- \$239,900 Ask For: Christine Russo CHR 647-8038

ROYAL OAK

OPEN SUN 1-4



- 137 CONNECTICUT, S. of Eleven Mile, W. of Campbell**
- This near downtown 3 bedroom home has character
 - Oak trim interior, formal dining room has bay window
 - Updated bath and kitchen, mostly new windows including glass block windows in full basement
- \$139,900 (248) 647-6400 CO137

TROY

OPEN SUN 1-3



- 2501 WALTHAM, E. of John R., S. of Long Lake**
- Careful buyers, be sure to see this HOT VALUE!
 - Contemporary ranch, vaulted ceiling great room
 - Fresh decor, 2 full baths, 2 1/2 car garage, deck
 - New furnace, air, roof, carpeting, driveway & more
- \$149,500 (248) 641-1660 WA250



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- CANTON**
- Charming Cape Cod style home in popular sub
 - Updated white kitchen, new windows throughout
 - Master bedroom and bath on first and second level
 - Professionally landscaped yard with private deck
- \$168,900 (248) 646-6000 WO198

TROY

OPEN SUN 1-3



- 4650 BUTLER, E. of John R., S. of Long Lake**
- Home filled with character and charm! This four bedroom Traditional Colonial is sparkling & updated
 - Newer kitchen, plus carpet, roof and furnace
 - Private master bath, warm & inviting fireplace
- \$168,900 (248) 641-1660 BU465

REDFORD

OPEN SUN 2-5



- 9340 SARASOTA, W. of Telegraph, S. off W. Chicago Rd.**
- Three bedrooms, 1 bath, 2 car garage
 - Full basement with rec room, plaster construction
 - Hardwood floors, move-in condition
- \$107,500 Ask For: Sharon Nair (248) 646-6030 SA394

SOUTHFIELD

OPEN SUN 1-4



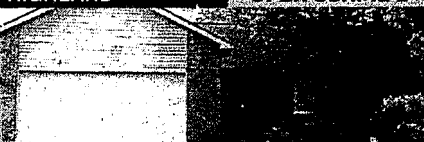
- 30023 ROCK CREEK, Enter off 13 Mile at light E. of Evergreen**
- You'll love the low maintenance on this Colonial
 - Completely remodeled from top to bottom offering beautiful cherry kitchen with brand new appliances
 - Hardwood floors, finished basement with family room
- \$188,000 (248) 647-6400 RO300



- FENTON - PONEMAH CHANNEL**
- Boat on 3 all sports lakes from your immaculate home
 - Four bedrooms, 2 baths, family and living rooms
 - Big yard with waterfront beach, new kitchen & floors
 - Two car garage. Near US-23, Lake Fenton Schools
- \$189,900 Ask For: Susan Turner Yeotis (810) 629-9694

HIGHLAND

OPEN SUN 12-2



- 2817 WAILING WOODS, N. of M-50 & Wardlaw, W. of Harvey Lake**
- Beautifully maintained ranch on partially wooded lot
 - 3 bedrooms, master with bath, 2nd bedroom with 1/2 bath
 - Fireplace in living room, full basement
 - Oak kitchen, great views from each window
- \$189,500 (810) 629-0680 WA281

TROY

OPEN SUN 1-3



- 1174 FAIRWAYS, E. of Rochester, S. of Square Lake**
- Sparkling & spacious - "Like New" 2 bedroom condo
 - Prof. finished lower level adds 3rd full bath & bedroom
 - Open floor plan, vaulted ceilings, natural fireplace
 - Backs to mature pines & beautiful pond. Pool/tennis
- \$199,900 (248) 641-1660 FA117



- SHELBY**
- Quality built spec with premium elevation and custom brickwork
 - Many upgrades, convenient 2nd floor laundry with drip sink, 30 days until completion!
- \$289,900 (248) 651-8850 CH512

ROYAL OAK

OPEN SUN 2-4



- 4309 VERONA CIR., N. Just E. of Greenfield off 13 1/2 Mile**
- Super Beverly Hills border location + a park nearby
 - Living room and 4 bedrooms have hardwood floors
 - Great gathering areas - kitchen & family room w/FP
 - Your touches will make this home a real find
- \$209,500 (248) 646-6000 VE430

BEVERLY HILLS

OPEN SUN 1-4



- 32471 MADISON ST., S. of 14 Mile, W. of Greenfield**
- Unique & 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
- \$218,500 (248) 647-6400 MA324

WEST BLOOMFIELD

OPEN SUN 1-4



- 6170 NORTHSORE, N. of Commerce, W. of Hillier**
- Tranquil neighborhood & contemporary style make this a great house w/light & airy open floor plan
 - Library/loft on upper level, 1st floor master suite
 - All neutral colors, cathedral ceilings, great schools
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- TROY - SWIMMING POOL**
- This home has private lot backing to woods & lake
 - Four bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, spacious family room
 - Finished basement offers wet bar. Side entry garage
 - Sprinkler system. Inground pool. Close to schools
- \$247,000 (248) 267-1107 WH550

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

OPEN SUN 1-4



- 433 SHERINGHAM, N. of Maple, W. of Telegraph**
- Mature landscaping & lake privileges
 - Sprawling four bedroom ranch with fireplace in large family room - breakfast room plus formal dining
 - Over 2,100 sq. ft., security system (SH643)
- \$255,000 (248) 647-6400 SH643

TROY

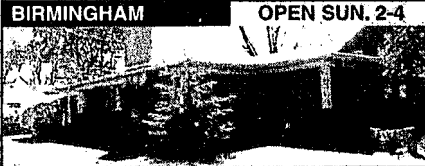
OPEN SUN 1-3



- 2837 WAGON WHEEL, N. of Wattles, W. of Dequindre**
- Better than new great room ranch filled with extras
 - Huge kitchen, private library, 3 bedrooms, luxurious baths
 - Professionally finished lower level w/4th bedroom, rec room
 - Fantastic location, quiet street. Award winning schools
- \$266,900 (248) 641-1660 WA283



- GRAND BLANC NEW BUILD**
- Beautiful home custom built by Sharp Homes on cul-de-sac with large open foyer & master suite
 - 2,700 sq. ft. with 4 bedrooms plus bonus room
 - Wood floors in kitchen, 3 car side load garage
- \$269,900 Ask For: Flo Stein 606-0120



- 1723 BIRMINGHAM BLVD., N. of 14 Mile, W. of Woodward**
- 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 extra sq ft
- \$284,500 (248) 646-6000 BI172



- LINDEN**
- All brick Contemporary ranch built in 1996 has over 2,250 square feet excluding lower level walkout
 - Deck provides beautiful view of approx. 11 miles
 - Landscaped yard w/lighting Security system (WH1162)
- \$293,000 Ask For: Flo Stein (810) 606-0120



- WEST BLOOMFIELD**
- Great almost new condo in Lagoons of W. Bloomfield
 - Upgrades and extras! Neutral colors throughout
 - 750 sq. ft. professionally finished lower level walkout
 - Second floor loft could be 3rd bedroom 2 fireplaces
- \$319,000 (248) 626-9100 HE657

W. TROY

OPEN SUN 1-3



- 2533 LAKE CHARNWOOD, N. of Square Lk., E. of Adams**
- One of a kind spectacular 1 acre setting views
 - Custom design & quality touches - plenty of flair
 - 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths + 1/2 bath, full walkout
 - 2 fireplaces, huge garage, lovely landscaping & deck
- \$325,000 (248) 641-1660 LA253

ROCHESTER

OPEN SUN 1-4



- 3915 SOUTH CREEK, N. of Silver Bell, W. of Adams**
- Dramatic L-story foyer and great room
 - Fabulous gourmet kitchen with hardwood floors
 - First floor master, security system
 - Backs to 18 acre wooded site
- \$374,500 Ask For: Nancy Ritter (248) 656-4420 SO391

BIRMINGHAM

OPEN SUN 1-4



- 560 WATKINS, S. of Maple, E. of Southfield**
- This 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial in a great location has lots of character and loads of potential!
 - Updated kitchen, master bedroom w/walk-in closet & bath Family room w/fireplace plus exercise room
- \$384,000 (248) 547-2000 WA560



- BLOOMFIELD CONDO**
- Only 14 detached condos in this very private setting
 - Great living space w/fireplace in library & living room
 - Fabulous master suite with walk-ins & separate baths
 - Finished lower level adds to space Home office
- \$445,000 (248) 647-6400 AP643

BLOOMFIELD

OPEN SAT 1-4



- 3944 SHELLMARR, N. of Quanton, W. of Lahser**
- Bloomfield - Gilbert Lake privileges
 - Attractive & meticulously maintained Contemporary
 - Open floor plan, 3 full bedroom suites, dining room
 - Fire lit family room, library/study, 1st floor laundry
- \$449,000 (248) 646-6000 SH394

BLOOMFIELD

OPEN SAT 1-4



- 730 WATTLES, S. side of Wattles Rd., W. off Adams**
- This great renovation of spacious Cape Cod offers a great floor plan with great opportunity for home office
 - Gourmet kitchen, library w/oak judges panelling
 - Pella windows, newer roof 3 car garage Private yard
- \$499,900 (248) 647-6400 WA730



- A TRUE TEN!**
- Brick site condo on gorgeous wooded lot in Palais Le Duc with gourmet kitchen & elegant, neutral decor
 - Fabulous master suite, great room & library
 - Panoramic decking Finished lower level with sauna
- \$529,900 (248) 646-6000 RU460



- WEST BLOOMFIELD - ATTENTION GOLFERS!**
- Practice your swing all year in this sprawling ranch
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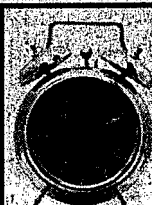
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CANTON - BY OWNER: Open House, Sun. 2-5. Spacious colonial in desirable Windsor park, 3 bedrooms (4th in partially finished basement), 1 1/2 baths, updated kitchen, new carpeting, 1210 Kingsbridge Ct., \$179,900. Call: (734) 454-4827

CANTON COLONIAL - Open House, Sun. 2-5. 2200 sq. ft., 2 1/2 baths, 1st floor laundry, 2 car attached garage, many updates, backs to woods. Joy & Sheldon, 44834 Tillotson Dr. \$150,000. (734) 455-1208

CANTON - OPEN SUN. 1-4. Popular Mayfair Village, 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, central air, 2 car attached garage, family room w/waterfront wood fireplace. \$169,900. Ask for Joan Smith, Voice Mail: 313-255-5645 for directions.

CANTON - Open 12-5, Sun. updated 3 bedroom brick ranch, finished basement, air, new roof, newer windows, family room w/fireplace, deck w/gas grill, 44128 Arlington, Windsor Park Sub. \$170,000. (734) 453-6270

-FARMINGTON- OPEN SUNDAY 1-5. Great family neighborhood with Farmington Hills schools. Five bedrooms, huge family room with fireplace, kitchen with new cabinets and center island, hardwood and ceramic floors, can be seen 30225 CONGRESS ROAD (S. of Mile & W. of Drake), \$282,000. (CON362) CALL: SUSAN TEDESCO (248) 647-3200

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BRIGHTON - Open Sun., 1-4pm. 627 Mary Burton Place, 1470 sq. ft., 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, immaculate interior. \$172,900. 810-225-2813

303 Open Houses

NOVI - OPEN SUN. 12-5. 43181 Sandstone N. of 12th Mile, E. of Novi Rd. 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, 3690 sq. ft. Full finished walk-out to protected land. Great value. RE/MAX Crossroads RENE ELLIOTT (734) 453-8700 (734) 458-4565

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BLOOMFIELD HILLS: Frank Lloyd Wright home in Forest, 2 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 2 fireplaces, 2 1/2 car garage. \$235,000. Days 8:00-4:00 5150 Eves. 248-478-9778 or 248-848-1975

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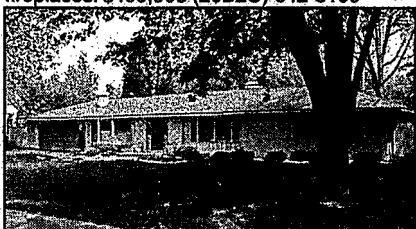
BRICK RANCH - 1690 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, family room w/fireplace, C/A, Plymouth/Canton schools. \$169,5



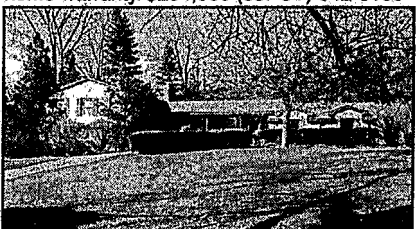
BIRMINGHAM - Move right in to this very special "California Style" ranch in fabulous downtown Birmingham location. Features include 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-car attached garage. Open, vaulted ceilings. \$415,000 (78BAL) 642-8100



COMpletely RENOVATED RANCH - 4 bedroom, 3 full and 2 half bath home on a spectacular 6 acre setting with trees and woods! Elevated ceiling, master bedroom suite w/everything. An unbelievable indoor pool house/pool setting. Decks and fireplaces. \$499,900 (20BLO) 642-8100



WALNUT LAKE CANALFRONT! - This updated ranch offers 120 ft. frontage on a canal leading to all sports Walnut Lake and is just a short walk to the beach club. 2 fireplaces, family room, large custom deck w/covered hot tub. Birmingham schools, home warranty. \$294,000 (85PUT) 642-8100



BLOOMFIELD - 4 bedroom quad level home with over 2800 sq. ft. on an acre plus! Hardwood floors, ceramic tile, 2 fireplaces and more! \$354,000 (30MAL) 642-8100



FAMILY ROOM w/fireplace, den-library. 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, central air. Country sized lot. Quality throughout this big family home. Nearby shopping, schools, church. \$218,500 (20ROC) 652-8000



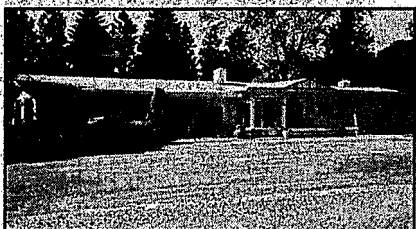
BE NATURE'S NEIGHBOR. Almost new 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch close to Bloomer park. Central air, skylights, custom kitchen, ceramic tile. Walkout basement/doorwall. Large private landscaped lot. \$169,900 (37JOH) 652-8000



IN TOWN! Brick 3 bedroom home in city of Rochester w/extra deep garage, finished lower level, all appliances, fenced backyard, oak kitchen, newer windows plus hot water tank, central air. \$152,000 (06MAP) 652-8000



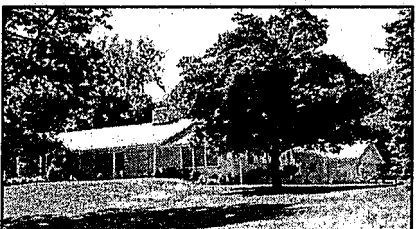
Wonderful VICTORIAN - 2 blocks from park and downtown. One of the only 2 original carriage houses left in town. Kitchen and both baths have been totally updated. Newer windows, complete electrical and plumbing plus more. \$169,000 (09OAK) 652-8000



THE FEEL OF THE COUNTRY but only minutes north of the quaint Rochester business district. Features a living room w/fireplace, oversized family room, newer bath, large bedrooms and a 2+ car attached garage. \$159,900 (21PER) 652-8000



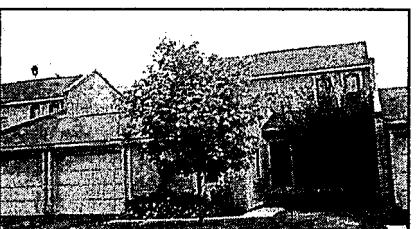
LOCATION, LOCATION! This 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath townhouse has it all. Golf course and pool community. Newer kitchen appliances. Huge master suite, finished basement, private patio with garden. \$209,900 (17OAK) 652-8000



DREAM HOUSE! Totally updated all brick and stone ranch w/full walkout 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. Won't last long! \$389,900 (28WEL) 626-8800



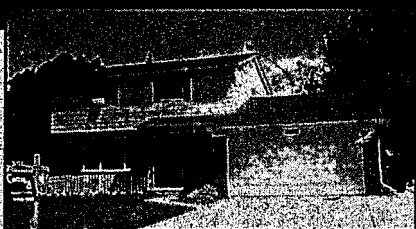
BRIGHT CONTEMPORARY home has recently been painted, has Lucite and oak railing, huge island kitchen, unique winding staircase to bridge overlooking ceramic foyer. 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. \$329,900 (63TIM) 626-8800



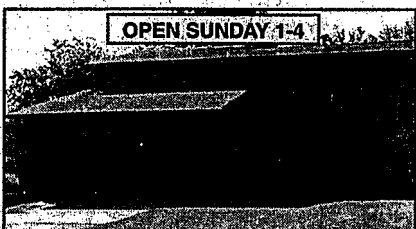
STOP and call on this home... Cute updated 3 bedroom, 2 bath Moon Lake Resort condo, private patio, doorwalls, new hardwood floors, carpet, ceramic tile, kitchen, baths, windows, shingles. Fireplace in living room open to dining room. Vaulted ceiling and much more! \$173,900 (29MOO) 626-8800



RIGHT PRICE! 4 bedroom brick ranch with 2 baths, large lot, excellent location, West Bloomfield schools, many updates included. \$164,900 (59SHA) 626-8800



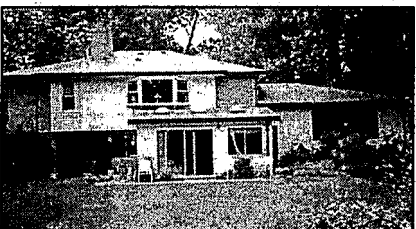
SPACIOUS 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath with newer ceramic entry throughout. Newer shingles. Finished basement features 2 additional bedrooms. \$199,900 (35SIX) 626-8800



AFFORDABLE ESTATE LIVING. Very spacious 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths w/custom kitchen, vaulted ceilings, hardwood floors, heated in-ground pool, sunroom & more. Lots of windows & acreage. \$321,900 (61HEA) 363-1200



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BRAND NEW RANCH WITH WALKOUT! 2 bedrooms, plus library, 2 baths, vaulted ceilings, sod & sprinklers just to name a few amenities. Waterford area. \$218,900 (39HER) 363-1200



TROY - 3 bedroom ranch home located on a corner lot with invisible fencing. 2 full baths. Great room. Kitchen plus dining area. Deck across back. Finished basement. 2 car garage. \$164,900 (79KIL) 524-1600

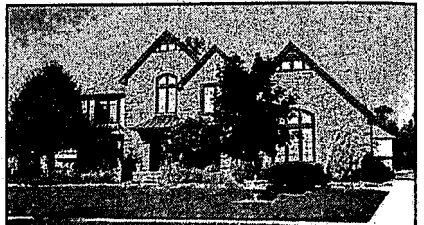


TROY - 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath colonial with newer windows. All new carpet thru-out. Family room with wet bar. Central air. All appliances stay. 2 car attached garage. \$212,900 (90PLA) 524-1600

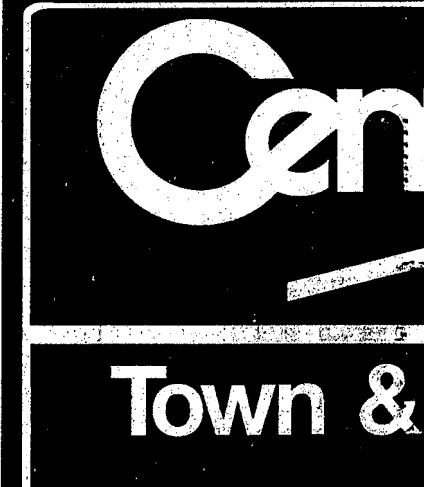
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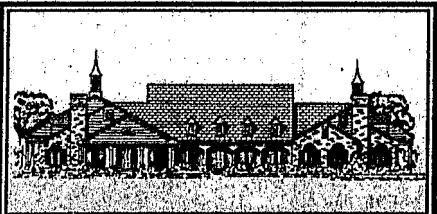
TROY - 4 bedroom colonial with 2 1/2 baths. First floor laundry, hardwood floors under carpeting. Four seasons Florida room. One year home warranty. \$205,000 (20CHA) 524-1600



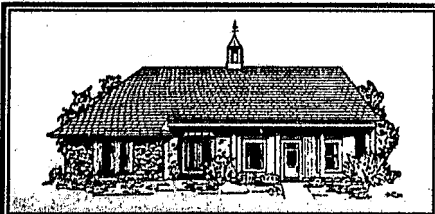
STERLING HEIGHTS - 4 bedroom colonial with 2 1/2 baths. Premium elevation and many extras thru-out. Family room. Well maintained exterior. Call Now! \$259,900 (18DEN) 524-1600



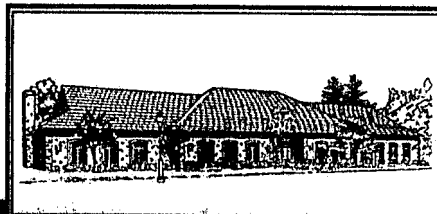
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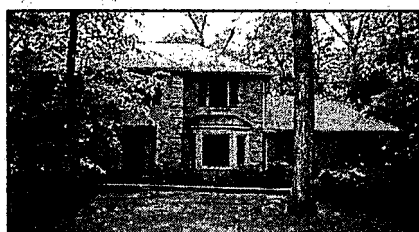
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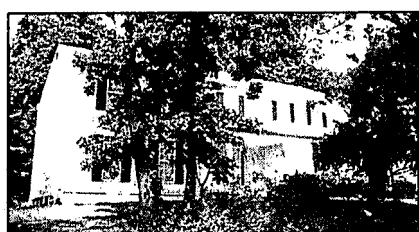
LAKE SHERWOOD LAKEFRONT. Traditional style colonial, 4 bedrooms, 2½ baths on secluded lot. Backs to nature area, unfinished walkout, almost 1 acre secluded quiet serene lot. A must see. \$525,000 (09DEE) 363-1200

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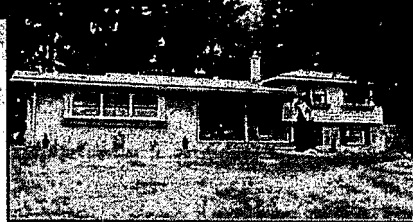
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BLOOMFIELD - 2000+ sq. ft. home offers many updates including furnace, baths, kitchen, flooring. Family room with fireplace, 3 bedrooms and more. Great treed lot! \$199,900 (59WIN) 642-8100



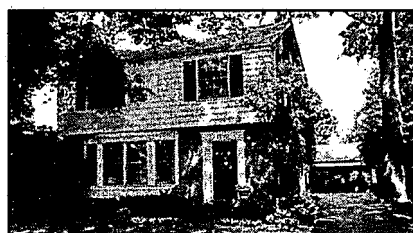
BLOOMFIELD - Bloomfield land value! Tear-down and build a showplace on this beautiful acre-plus property in the Kirk in Hills area. Not many like this one left! \$385,000 (10GRO) 642-8100



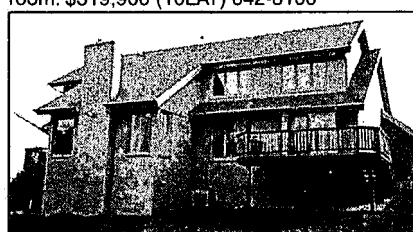
BIRMINGHAM - Great home walking distance to downtown Birmingham boasts 3 bedrooms, 1½ baths, living room w/fireplace, 2 car attached garage and more! \$209,000 (15DAV) 642-8100



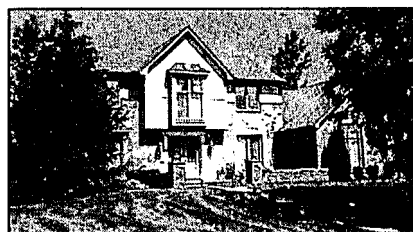
BIRMINGHAM - Fabulous 3 bedroom bungalow w/designer kitchen w/hardwood floors, oak crown moldings in living room, updated bath, large master bedroom w/lots of closets. Finished basement, 2 car garage. Newer roof. \$179,900 (71COL) 642-8100



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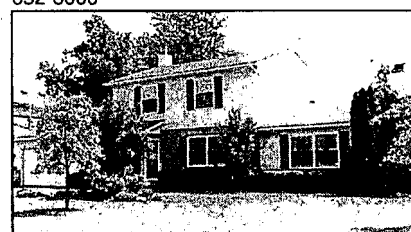
SHARP & UNIQUE HOME with vaulted ceilings in all rooms. Fieldstone fireplace with hardwood accents. 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, finished basement with bar, study. Basement bath/steam room. Walkout to great yard with inground pool and whirlpool. Relax at home! \$229,900 (22TIE) 652-8000



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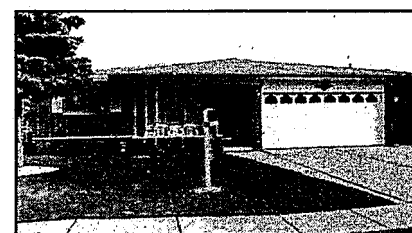
LAKE PRIVILEGES - SPACIOUS. Move-in condition - 2,100+ sq. ft., 4 bedrooms, family room, finished basement. Open floor plan designed for easy entertaining. Call now!! \$172,500 (67SHO) 363-1200



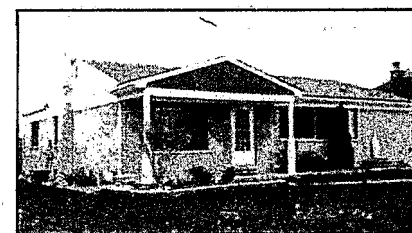
SQUEEZED FOR SPACE?? Here's a generous floor plan with 1,729 sq. ft. on the lake. Three bedroom, 1½ bath, 1979 built brick ranch, two car garage. \$159,500 (71HUF) 363-1200



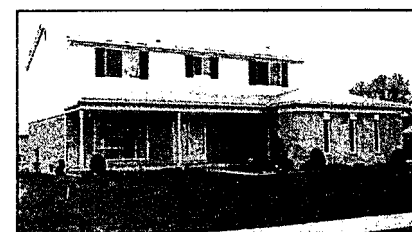
BEGIN A NEW LIFE IN THIS Panovision-view home, great big yard enhances this homey, superbly maintained and updated. Three bedroom, 1½ baths, nice!! \$149,900 (31VAN) 363-1200



TROY. 3 bedroom brick ranch. Family room with fireplace and doorwall to patio. Big updated kitchen. Living room. Finished basement with great rec room. Central air. Fenced yard. 2 car attached garage. \$149,900 (10HEM) 524-1600



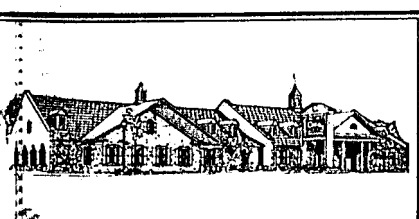
SHARP 3 bedroom ranch home with full finished basement, 2 full baths. Ceramic floors. First floor laundry. Close to malls. \$153,900 (57KRI) 524-1600



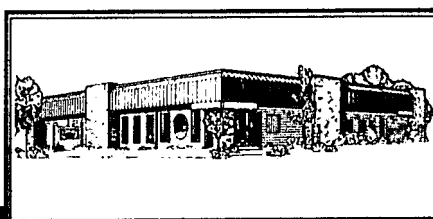
STERLING HEIGHTS. 4 bedroom Colonial with a first floor laundry. 2½ baths. Finished basement. 2 bedrooms with walk-in closets. 2 car attached garage. \$225,000 (43POR) 524-1600



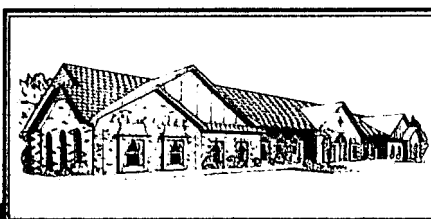
LAKEFRONT. 3 bedroom, 2 full and 2 half bath ranch home. Finished basement. Enclosed sun porch. Emerald Lakes Subdivision. \$281,900 (47THR) 524-1600



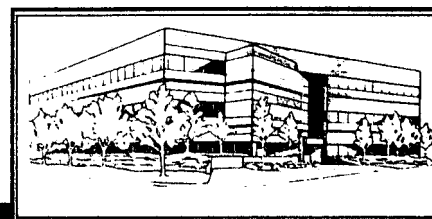
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MASONRY UPDATE

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan hosts a gathering of its Wayne

County Builders Association with a program, "Masonry Changes and Updates," 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 30, at the Southgate Holiday Inn, 17201 Northline one block east of I-75.

Speaker: Dan Zechmeister, executive director, Masonry Institute of Michigan.

*Cost, including dinner, is \$20. To register, call (248) 737-4477.

GOLF OUTING

Associated Builders & Contractors of Southeastern Michigan hosts a golf outing Monday,

Aug. 3, at Whispering Pines Golf Club in Pinckney. Registration is 10:30 a.m., golf at 11:30 a.m., buffet dinner at 5 p.m. Lunch and prizes also are included.

Cost is \$95 per person if paid by July 24, \$115 after that date.

To register, call Marianne at (248) 399-6460.

REAL ESTATE INVESTORS

The Real Estate Investors Association holds its monthly meeting 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4, at the Southgate Holiday Inn, 17201 Northline one block east

of I-75. Speaker to be announced.

Cost for non-members is \$10.

Beginning landlords interested in a free introductory package should call Wayne Koehler, president, at (313) 277-4168.

INFORMATION DAY

The Birmingham-Bloomfield-Rochester South Oakland Association of Realtors presents Discover 2000, a series of classes on real estate issues, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, at the Rochester Elks Club, 600 E. Uni-

versity.

The classes and lunch are free. Call Karen at (248) 879-5730 with questions.

CONTRACTOR CHOSEN

Progressive Construction Management of Novi has been hired as the general contractor for Pine Tree Place, an elderly assisted living residence in Clarkston.

The project will be built in two phases, with phase one set for completion and occupancy by spring 1999 and phase two to

break ground in fall 1999. Each single-story building will contain 18 rental units. The construction budget is \$2.4 million.

CROSSWINDS PROJECT

Crosswinds Communities announces plans to build Andover Woods, 161 homes starting at \$109,990, at Eddy Lake and Grange Hall roads in Fen-ton.

Site work is scheduled to begin immediately, with homes ready for occupancy early next year.

MOVERS AND SHAKERS

This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings, awards and other news within the real estate, construction, architecture and mortgage communities.

Send a brief summary, including town of residency and black and white photo to: Real Estate Movers and Shakers, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is (734) 791-7279.

Jerome Patrick has been appointed director of manufacturing services at BEI Associates, a Detroit-based architectural and engineering firm.

Patrick returns to BEI after a

stint at MTA of Texas, where he was a project manager on several automotive facilities. He continued to work with BEI on several projects during that time.

Chris Miotke has been appointed senior associate and project director responsible for the General Motors account at BEI Associates.

Miotke joined BEI from Rudolph/Libbe's Automotive Operations in Canton. Prior to that, he was affiliated with Giffels Associates in Southfield involved with industrial business development.

Add an arbor to your garden

Your garden is as much a reflection of your personality and the things in life that are most important to you as is the interior of your home.

But there's a great difference in most people's attitude towards these two important areas of their lives. Every so often they will decide to give their rooms a totally new look: refinish the walls, replace drapes and window coverings, move the furniture around or change it completely. Out with the old - in with the new! But rare indeed is a major overhaul of the yard or gardenscape.

A garden, once established, usually changes very little over the years and whatever changes are made come gradually. There will be a few trial plantings from season to season, or a flower bed will be moved to gain better sun or more shade. A once attractive shrub will wither or become ungainly and have to be replaced. For the garden reflects the more serene and contemplative side of our personality. A good part of the joy we take in our garden comes from its continuity, from watching the annual cycle of blossoming and transitions of color and foliage with its reassurance that this part of our life, at least, will remain unchanged.

Among the more acceptable changes that can be made to a garden with little effort and without disturbing its continuity is by adding an arbor. Not only does an arbor provide an attractive accent in itself, it affords an opportunity for a dramatic display of one or more of

the romantic old-fashioned climbing roses or the many new varieties of clematis or other flowering vines. Or it can be situated so that it frames the entry to your garden or a special vista.

Selecting your arbor

While ready-made arbors are available in metal, plastic and wood at garden supply stores, nurseries and home centers, the more enterprising do-it-yourselfers may wish to build it themselves. You can buy sets of plans but while a small arbor is a simple structure it is not an easy project to build from scratch. It requires not only superior carpentry skills but also lots of tools and you'll have to run around to pick up the lumber needed for a quality job.

A good wood arbor demands high grade materials, preferably rot-resistant. The best-looking arbors include lattice in their construction and that can create a problem. Not only is craftsman grade lattice not easily available but it requires special care in cutting and fitting in making an assembly. The alternative of having it custom built can be a spendy proposition even if you can locate a neighborhood carpenter who will take on a small job - a vanishing breed all across America.

The best approach, and the one which offers the most attractive results and the best value, is to assemble an arbor from one of the packaged kits produced under the Woodway and Arboria names by the LWO Corporation and available nationally through lawn and garden supply stores

and departments. They are offered in a variety of styles, the most popular being the classic round top or the straight-topped pergola model shown in our photos.

All models are nicely detailed and well-constructed of premium grade Western Red Cedar, a species nature has made so resistant to rot and insects that it does not require chemical treatment. Red cedar is also an attractive wood, warm in color, which takes paint or stains very well or can be left unfinished to weather to a soft gray which is particularly attractive in the casual or rustic garden.

These arbors are truly easy to assemble. Even an unskilled do-it-yourselfer can complete the job in about an hour using only a screwdriver. The latticed side panels are pre-assembled at the factory, and full detailed instructions are provided, together with all necessary fasteners. Each unit is fully cartoned to assure that it reaches you in clean, undamaged condition.

Finishing your arbor

You can paint these smoothly-finished arbors any color you wish, stain them or apply a clear coat if you prefer. Careful application of any finish its best done prior to assembly, and will take longer than putting them together. Unlike the industrial-looking plastic versions, with their glassy finish and mechanical aura, Arboria and Woodway Cedar arbors seem at home, attractive and unobtrusive, in the garden setting.

While you can do your final

assembly of your arbor adjacent to where it is to be finally located, it may not be a convenient spot to work in. But these units are light in weight. They can be assembled in a practical location and readily moved to the chosen spot. It will require a couple of people but these won't have to be professional weight-lifters.

There are many places in the garden where an arbor can provide an attractive addition:

■ As the entry to the yard or garden, or to a special garden walk.

■ In a spot at the back of the garden, or in a corner, where it will offer shelter, particularly if you add an available accessory bench to convert it to a garden seat.

■ To frame a view, either of part of your garden or of a vista beyond.

■ On a section of lawn, with profusely-blooming roses or other flowering climbers, like clematis, honeysuckle or columbine, to make a key feature of your yard.

■ Several in a row, with connecting trellis, to create a garden "tunnel" or gallery, with grapes or wisteria clambering overhead.

■ At the top of a stairway, either wooden or stonework, down from a deck, or to a lower terrace or waterfront level.

With a minimum of care, these attractive arbors, with their durable red cedar construction and good craftsmanship, will provide many years of service while lending added beauty and delight to your continuing enjoyment of your garden.

Safely getting into the swim

(NAPS) - It's better to be safe than sorry - especially when it comes to enjoying your swimming pool.

1. Before enjoying a refreshing splash, refresh your knowledge of poolside safety with these tips:

1. Prevent accidents by not running near the pool or engaging in horseplay.

2. Wear sneakers or other rubber-soled shoes to avoid slipping on wet pool surfaces.

3. Do not swim during thunder or lightning storms.

4. If your child can't swim yet, use life preservers or certified flotation devices.

5. Be sure to sanitize your pool to kill harmful bacteria. Besides making it safe to swim in, sanitizing your pool also keeps it sparkling clean and prevents obnoxious odors.

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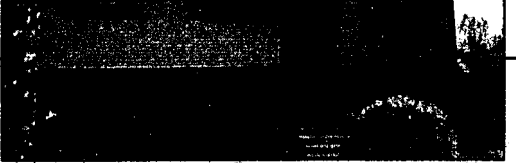


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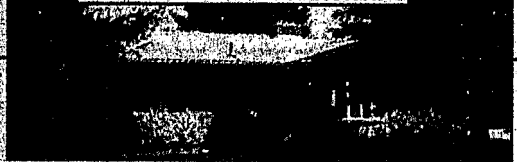


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MONTE NAGLER

Most zoos around the country are eliminating cages as much as possible and designing habitats closely resembling the actual environment of the animals on exhibit. This presents a tremendous opportunity to the photographer who wishes to capture an animal on film in its natural surroundings.

Let's begin with equipment. In addition to your camera body, a long telephoto (300 to 400mm) and a short telephoto (85 to 135mm) will work just fine. A flash for indoor exhibits will round out the essential equipment. Provisions for closeup photography will come in handy too.

Like people, animals have distinct personalities. Some are active, some lazy. Some are interested in us "humans" peering at them, and some couldn't care less.

Take time to study their movement and habits. Watch their routines - animals tend to be repetitious. Focus in on the part of the act you like and shoot. Animals are alert and active right before feeding so you be on the alert too.

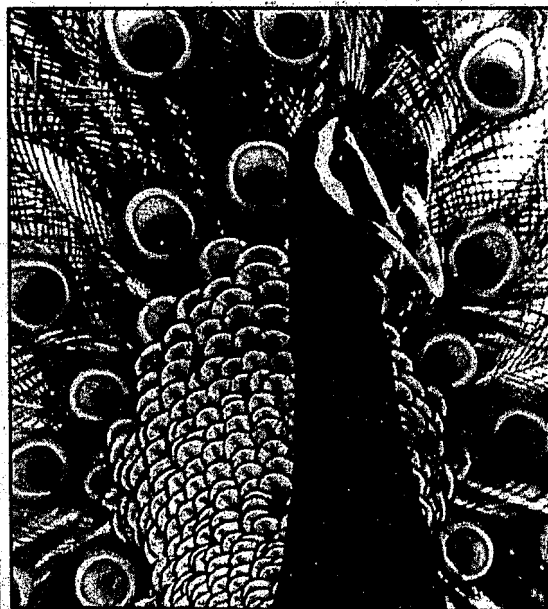
Shortly after feeding, most animals clean and groom themselves, and then it's siesta time. Each of these phases of animal behavior will offer rewarding photographs.

As always, be sure to check out your backgrounds. Make them as natural as possible, avoiding fences, telephone poles, and other zoo visitors. If you have to shoot through a fence, don't worry. Just place the lens as close to the fence as possible and use a wide lens opening to minimize depth-of-field. In the final picture, the fence won't even be there!

Don't let those snakes and lizards behind glass in indoor exhibits scare you off. If you press your camera and flash against the glass, all will be well, and unwanted reflections will be eliminated.

Did you know that zoos offer much more than animal photography? In addition to being a fantastic place for flower and other foliage photography, a zoo is a great place to observe other people, especially youngsters. Children and their reactions to the different kinds of animals and animal behavior can result in prize-winning candid pictures showing amazement, humor and surprise.

Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave him a message by dialing (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then his mailbox number, 1873. His fax number is (248) 644-1314.



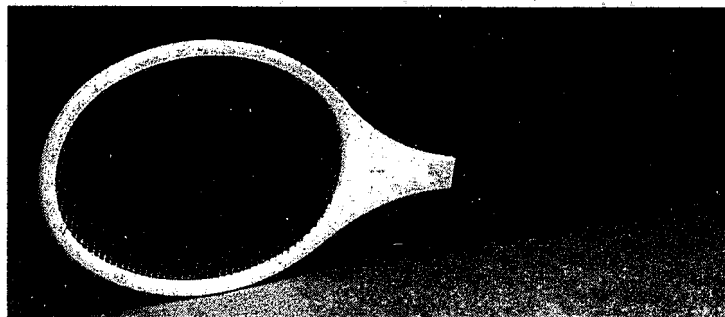
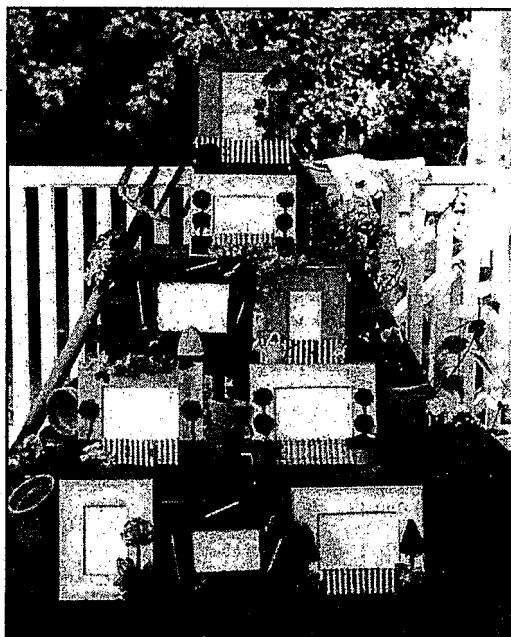
Fine feathered: Zoo photography shouldn't be for the birds - unless it's like the picture shown here. A 300mm lens let me "move in close" to get this impact-filled shot of a peacock.



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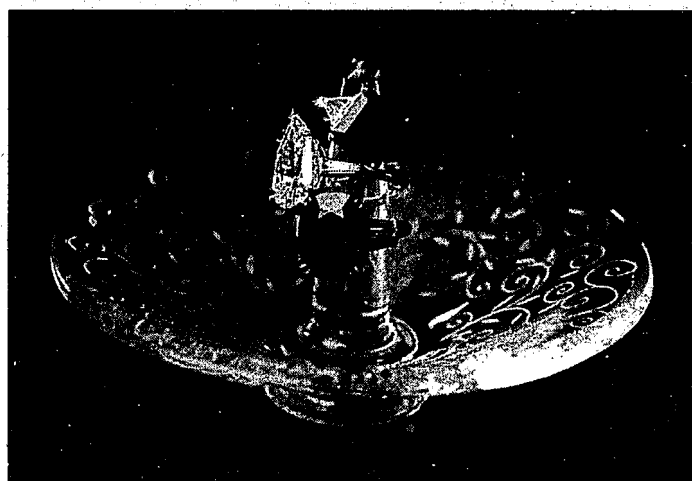
Top topiaries

Border beauty: These handpainted topiary wood frames are available at Scott Shuptrine Fine Furniture in Troy and Novi.



Racket power

Zap session: You may be the next John McEnroe or Martina Navratilova and you don't even know it. Pick up this electronic "tennis racket" and test your accuracy out this summer on those pesky outdoor bugs. The Electronic Personal Bug Zapper™, powered by two AA batteries, kills mosquitoes, flies, gnats and other flying insects on contact by sending a current to the net of the racket. The Bug Zapper is great for picnics, camping, barbecues, fishing, at the beach, in the back yard or any place that bugs are uninvited. It retails for \$14.98 at English Gardens' four locations, including the store at 6370 Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 851-7506.



Ring master

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In the swim

Basking beauties: For a fun summer pool party theme, Carnevale's "Swimmin' Women" figures add a humorous touch to outdoor decor. Choose from Myrtis Byrde, floating along on an inner tube while drinking a cocktail, or Miss Lottie, sunbathing and relaxing on a raft. Each swimmer has her own mini bio. The figures retail for \$70 each at Jacobson's Store For The Home.

AT HOME, Mary Klemic, editor (248) 901-2569
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Best scarecrow wanted

BY MARTY FIGLEY
Special Writer

The gardens have been planted and now other than weeding, watering and waiting, there's not much to do except enjoy the summer.

But wait! The birds are as anxious to taste some of the harvest as we are. A scarecrow is just the ticket to deter them.

With that in mind, we are having a Best Scarecrow contest for our readers. The rules are simple. Just create your best scarecrow, set him/her in the garden, and take a photograph and send it to Scarecrow Contest, At Home, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.

Don't forget to include your name, address and telephone number, with the area code. Entries must be postmarked by 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19.

English Gardens will present gift certificates for \$100 (first prize) and \$50 (second prize) and display the photos of the winning scarecrows in its West Bloomfield store.

This is a good time for families to have a lot of fun designing and making the best scarecrow ever, so gather the clan and get busy!

These "people replicas" date back

3,000 years to the Nile River Valley when scary human forms were used to protect the crops as well as add color to the plain landscape.

Legend tells us that some believed boys were scared out of their wits when they encountered a scarecrow in a melon patch, while another legend suggests that tramps embellished their wardrobes, thanks to a scarecrow.

It has been said that scarecrows often end up looking like their creators. Do you suppose that's because the form had to be made to fit the clothes?

These straw "watchmen of the field" were preceded by humans who shooed the birds away by many methods. They used wooden clappers, bells, clacking sticks and metal objects that they banged together.

Usually young boys or older men were cast in this role and were called by different names in various cultures, so named because they used these funny-sounding words to chase the birds away. Human scarecrows still work in vineyards and orchards in Europe.

Each country seems to have had its own scarecrow style; some made of wheat, bamboo or carved wood. Some straw men sport a turnip as a head. They are found in our country and have

been a part of the farm scene for many years, as early as the 18th century.

Early settlers in America used gourds or pumpkins as heads, and German or Amish settlers often made a male, *bootzamon*, and female, *bootzafrau*, pair so they could keep each other company.

The Zuni Indians made their watchers from poles and branches and used rawhide, horsehair and other natural materials to embellish them, including red leather as tongues.

In Provence, France, ribbonlike streamers adorn their scarecrows, and the fatter the better in Germany to ensure a good crop. In Portugal the finest straw is used to also ensure a good harvest. In Italy they are dressed in satirical splendor with clothes from the most handsome men.

The British Home Guard volunteers disguised themselves as scarecrows and stood very still to keep watch for a German invasion during World War II.

So you see, there is no pattern for a scarecrow for your garden and our contest. Use your imagination and be inspired to try something clever and different. We want this to be a contest that is fun for all.

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appliance doctor

Customer satisfaction must be vital



JOE GAGNON

In the world of merchandising we as consumers have the opportunities to be pleased by many a sales person.

We can relate to many times that we've been pleased with our purchase or just the opposite. Each

time in both cases we should be smart enough to have learned something about a particular business and we should also realize that we as consumers can help or make a business.

It's a matter of being outspoken in a polite degree, describing your experience in a positive or negative manner, to as many people as you can. This is the influence that most of us have in our power to help others make a wise decision.

The other day my friend Mike related

a story that just recently happened to him.

Some eight months ago he went to Hudson's and bought a new stereo system for his new home. During these past eight months everything has worked fine and he has been pleased with the performance of this system.

At this time his wife wants to buy new furniture for the living room and the big problem is that the stereo doesn't match with the decor of the new furniture.

Mike calls Hudson's and they suggest he select a new system and they will remove the old one and give him complete purchase price credit for his one of eight months ago. Of course, Mike must buy the new one at Hudson's, which is understandable, and he doesn't hesitate to do so.

Mike explains that they were so cooperative his story should be told. He tells me that he tells everybody who ever sits in his living room and that's a lot of people.

Nick told me about the car he just bought from his father-in-law. It's 3 years old and it's in perfect shape but he's going to have it checked out completely by a dealer.

He makes an appointment and takes it in to this dealer who will have it for three days and then he informs Nick he can use a loaner for three days at no charge. Nick tells me that his father-in-law didn't even buy the car at this dealer or even in the state of Michigan. This dealer is giving Nick a car to use for free and Nick is telling everyone.

In my industry of appliances these kinds of stories do exist with some retailers. It's nice to hear from consumers who have pleasant experiences with business people in my industry.

I remember times when it seemed that all customers had problems whenever dealing with a couple of certain stores. They are out of business today and they really showed their true colors when they left thousands of consumers holding the bag on service warranties. It

appears that many of their customers must have been telling their stories as well.

Shopping habits of consumers are dictated by the experiences of others. This is a statement that is so true in most cases of purchasing power.

It is the responsibility of a business owner to acknowledge the importance of every one of his or her customers. The satisfaction of a shopper's visit is an obligation that should be kept and reminded every time you put the key in the front door of your business.

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Retaining walls contain variety

"Concrete walls" — together the words probably form a gray and somber image. But "concrete retaining walls" — that's different. Versatility and flexibility can come to mind, as a wide range of choices abounds in terms of style, color and texture.

"You can match any style of existing landscape," said Jeff Gray of the National Block Co., 39000 Ford in Westland.

"You can place it anywhere you want."

Retaining walls enhance the value of property as well as add space. Concrete lasts longer than treated lumber and railroad ties or stone. Maintenance-free, it doesn't discolor, rot or warp. There is less chance of weeds growing between its units, and it resists cracking from weather. The walls aren't painted or treated with chemicals.

Retaining walls can be placed around flower beds, and at steps, garden walls and borders, sidewalk and driveway edging and patio and lawn edging. The larger retaining walls, seen along highways, mountainsides and business plazas — among other public sites — are strong enough to support a railroad train.

* The many textures in which retaining wall units are available include brick, natural stone, and a mixture featuring tiny pebbles. Units may

be placed in a serpentine pattern, and in convex and concave curves. Among the selections in Dixie architectural landscape stone are bluestone, teakwood, various shades of sandstone and limestone.

Lightweight MESA gardener units have recessed handholds, which help keep fingers from being pinched when the units are set. The units make a tight fit, without any mortar required.

Placing a retaining wall at a site can be a do-it-yourself project.

"It's so easy, it can be done in a day."

"Everybody is willing and wanting to do it."

Installation involves preparing the site, setting the base course and stacking additional courses (levels).

To prepare the site for a MESA landscaper unit wall, dig a trench the full length and width of the wall you want to build. Place a leveling pad of 2 to 3 inches of crushed stone or gravel over compacted soil.

Install the first layer of units. Use a string line along the back to make sure they are flush for correct alignment, and a 3-foot level to ensure they are level front-to-back and side-to-side.

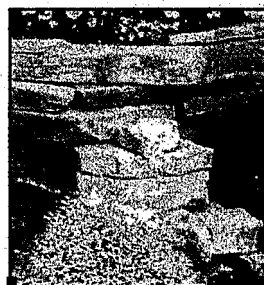
Use the soil from digging the trench to backfill the space behind each course of units you place, compacting the soil tightly.

Clean the top of the first layer, removing debris, before placing the second course of units. Repeat, placing additional courses to the desired height.

The base is important. Sand is permeable and makes a good drain.

"Clay acts like a cork. It holds water in. When it gets dry it shrinks."

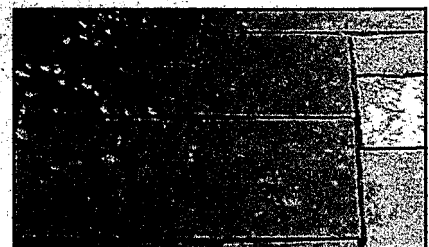
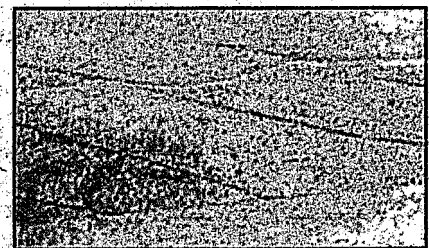
Special stone: Retaining walls, such as these MESA units, can be placed at steps and in curves, among other places and forms.



On the cover: Chilton Random Weatheredge from Dixie architectural landscape stone shows one of the many styles of retaining walls.



Colorful accents: Retaining walls accent flower beds. Colors and styles available include Teakwood (right, top), Red Rose (center) and Germantown Pavers (bottom).



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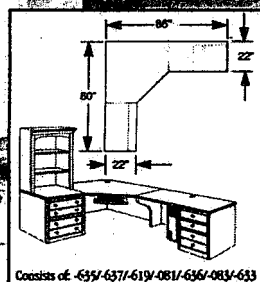
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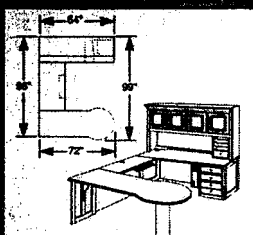
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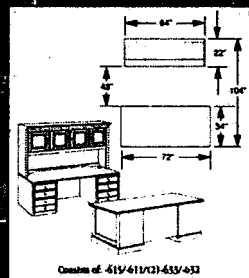
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garden spot

Stunningly Susan: Flowers add flair



MARTY FIGLEY

Black- and Brown-eyed Susans are old-fashioned flowers that still have a lot to offer in a sunny garden. Their bright golden ray-like flowers can add a lot of pizzazz as they combine with other flowers that will

compliment their bloom.

Linnaeus named these flowers for two botanists, Rudbeck (both with the same first name of Olaf). Linnaeus succeeded the younger Rudbeck at the University of Uppsala. The elder gentleman decided he would catalog all the plants that had so far been discovered in the world, but, alas, after much work, a fire in 1702 destroyed all but three copies of the book and thousands of illustrations to complete it. He died later the same year (maybe from a broken heart?).

The genus *Rudbeckia* consists of annual, biennial or perennial herbs with daisy-like flowers centered with conical disks. Today we will address only *R. hirta*, Black-eyed Susan, and *R. triloba*, Brown-eyed Susan.

The plants originated in this country and are in the Aster family. They were used as medicinals by American Indians.

Their popularity soon spread to Europe and they were introduced to English gardeners in 1714. The English people were quite fond of the tall plant and large brassy flowers and deep olive-green hairy (*hirta*) leaves and stems and the dark brown center.

Both are also called Brown-eyed Susans. *Triloba* means three-lobed leaves, which is the best way to tell them apart.

Many prairie plants work well with Black-eyed Susans. You might wish to try Joe Pye weed, *Eupatorium purpureum*, a plant with pink/purple flowers that grows to about 6 feet tall and is being



No snoozin' Susans: The blooms of Black-eyed Susans will brighten the garden. Photo by Marty Figley.

used more widely now. It also belongs to the Aster family.

Others include *Vernonia* (*V. altissima* is hardy in our area and can grow to 10 feet), commonly called ironweed, with showy heads of flowers ranging in color from white to pink or purple, and *Echinacea purpurea*, closely related to *Rudbeckia*. It grows to 5 feet and flowers range from purplish rose to white.

These purplish/pink blooms are quite pretty with the "Susans," but if you want to keep in the same color range, the bright yellow to bronze shades of zinnias and marigolds will make garden visitors stand up and notice the happy combination.

Update on Smokebush, *Continus coggryia*, which I wrote about on June 11:

Most any good nursery carries the plant; it's a good idea to call before you travel to the nursery and be sure of the cultivar you want to buy.

One caller hasn't had much "smoke"

from her tree and wondered why. I consulted the book "Flowering Shrubs & Small Trees" by Isabel Zucker and she described *Rhus continus* as having smoke that changes color slightly. She writes: "The flowers of the two sexes are found on different plants. It therefore becomes important to buy a female plant since the male plants do not produce the smoke. Also, because plants grown from seeds vary greatly in their production of the fruiting panicles, they should be seen before purchasing."

The American Smoke tree, *Continus obovatus* (*C. americanus*), is discussed in "Dirr's Hardy Trees and Shrubs" as a tree that grows 20 to 30 feet high with variable spread. He writes:

"Should become more commonly used in gardens as people discover its many virtues."

Don't get the two mixed up. *Continus coggryia* is called both Smoketree and Smokebush.

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Cut down on moving-day mayhem



LISA LUCKOW-HEALY

Family life is chaotic enough without the stresses brought on by moving day.

When you move, whether by choice or by circumstance, you uproot your family in hopes of a comparable, if not better, life in

another location.

But it takes a long time to get there — not just by physically packing boxes and making the journey, but mentally gearing everyone up for the big move to the new, unfamiliar location.

You realize you have your family and that the bond you share is strong enough to endure the prevailing circumstances.

But what you haven't factored into the equation is the emotional upheaval the move may create for your children. They have established friendships, comfortable rooms that make them feel safe and secure, and surroundings that signi-

fy stability and harmony. You, the parent, have experienced a move or two in your life and are less vulnerable to being uprooted.

Addressing concerns

Have you told your children about the move yet or involved them in the decision to move to a particular home? By making it known to your children that their opinions count in your house-hunting endeavor or the decision to move because of a new job offer or a lifestyle improvement, you help quell some anxiety while allowing them to play a role in an important family matter.

Once you open the family discussion to concerns associated with the move, be prepared to field lots of questions or comments such as, *I don't want to go because we might forget some of my toys. How could you make me leave my best friend? I won't have any friends at my new house! or, Can I still go to my old school?*

Parents often find it difficult to address these concerns when they know their children are developing anxieties about the changes that will take place in

their family. But there are some simple solutions that lead to successful outcomes.

Stay in touch with your family's feelings on the matter. Be prepared to listen to concerns and reassure your children that it is natural to feel the way they do about leaving their surroundings for something new and unfamiliar.

When the move does take place, children don't always express their feelings, but show their fears in other ways. Your 4-year-old might revert to bedwetting. A traumatized teen may shut herself off from making new friends because she feels sorry for herself. Your spouse may even lack his or her typical abundance of patience, snapping at the slightest thing.

Support each other with hugs, a special outing to a favorite place when it is truly needed, or a quiet evening together where you pull out your family journal and read old entries together over popcorn.

In preparation for moving day, encourage younger children to pack all their toys in special boxes they design themselves with markers, crayons and

stickers. Explain that they can take their toys into the house first. Make a point of unpacking children's rooms first so they feel as though they have a place to go to get away from the mayhem of movers trying to situate boxes and furniture.

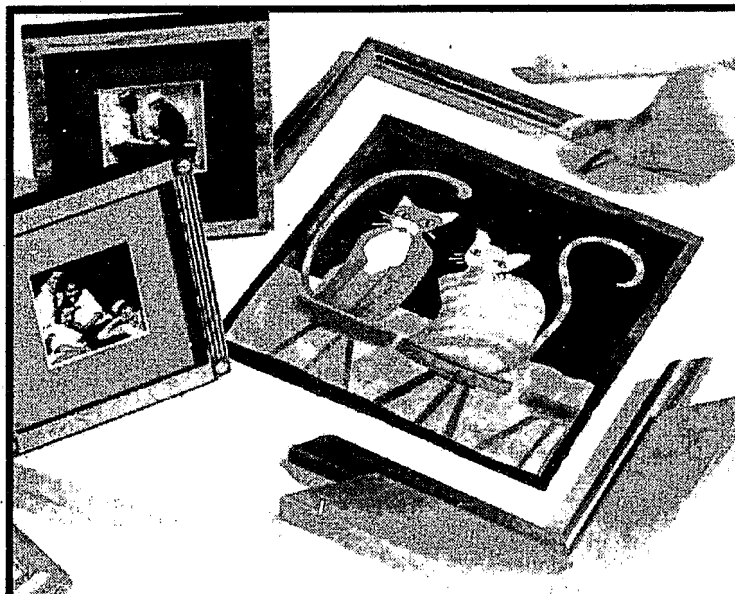
Older children may feel more comfortable with their video games hooked up and running while a lonesome teen may feel all the comforts of home glued to your telephone line.

Encourage your children to pin up photos of their old friends to bulletin boards in their rooms or put them on the refrigerator. Keeping in touch with old friends helps your family recollect fond, cherished memories.

Feeling at home

Try to anticipate other ways to help make your family feel at home in the new surroundings and help everyone work toward establishing their firm ground. Enroll in community classes to meet new friends in your neighborhood. Take walks and introduce yourselves to neighbors.

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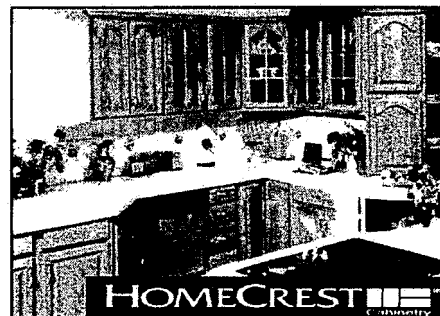
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inviting ideas

Sample these sumptuous sippers



RUTH MOSSOK JOHNSTON

The "Dog Days of Summer" have hit - the humidity is out of control, and the outdoors resemble a steam bath. What could possibly sound cool and refreshing on these out of control summer days?

How about shakes, smoothies, frappés, iced drinks, floats and frothy fruit sippers? And just what is the difference between them?

■ **Shakes** - Beverages that contain milk products and served cold.

■ **Smoothies** - Beverages that may contain yogurt (frozen or regular), milk or ice cream along with pureed fruit, served thick and chilled.

■ **Frappés** - Drinks, desserts or appetizers (also a liqueur served over finely shaved ice), savory or sweet, made from fruit juice or other flavorful liquids and frozen to a slushy consistency.

■ **Iced drinks** - Range from ice cubes placed in a glass with your favorite bev-

erage poured over them to specialty drinks made with fruit juice ice cubes, herb flavored ice cubes, all the way to flavored syrups and soda water combined and poured over crushed ice.

■ **Floats** - A beverage and dessert in one. Any favorite carbonated soda pop or flavored soda (chocolate or any other) with a scoop of ice cream floating on top.

■ **Frothy fruit sippers** - Beverages made from pureed fruit, fresh or frozen, and mixed with ice, processed to smooth.

MOCHA YOGURT SHAKE

Yield: 2 servings

Ingredients:

- 1 cup mineral water
- 1/2 cup vanilla yogurt
- 1 teaspoon instant coffee (or espresso)
- 1 teaspoon sugar (or artificial sweetener to equal 1 teaspoon sugar, or to desired sweetness)
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cardamom
- 6 ice cubes

Directions:

Combine all ingredients except ice cubes and shaved chocolate in blender or food processor. Process, adding ice cubes 1 at a time, until smooth. Sprinkle with shaved chocolate. Serve immediately.

PINEAPPLE SMOOTHIE

Yield: 4 servings

Ingredients:

- 20-ounce can unsweetened pineapple chunks (reserve juice)

1 cup buttermilk

2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract

Sugar or sweetener to taste

Mint leaves (to desired flavor - a little goes a long way), additional to use as garnish

Directions:

Drain pineapple, reserving 1/2 cup juice. Freeze pineapple chunks.

Place juice, buttermilk, vanilla, sugar, mint leaves and frozen pineapple into a blender or food processor. Blend until smooth. Pour into glasses and garnish with mint. Serve immediately.

STRAWBERRY YOGURT SPLENDOR

Yield: 2 servings

Ingredients:

- 1 cup strawberries, sliced
- 1/2 cup yogurt, plain or vanilla
- 1/2 banana, peeled
- 4 ice cubes
- Strawberries for garnish

Directions:

Combine the sliced strawberries, yogurt, banana, and ice cubes in a food processor or blender. Process until smooth. Pour into glasses and garnish each serving with fresh strawberries. Serve immediately.

MANGO-ORANGE DRINK

Yield: approximately 2 quarts

Ingredients:

- 3 cups mineral water
- 1/2 cup sugar (or to desired sweetness)
- 1 tablespoon fresh orange peel, grated or cut with a zester - use colored part

of orange only!

2 cups mango or papaya, cut into cubes

1 cup freshly squeezed orange juice

1/2 cup freshly squeezed lemon juice

Directions:

Heat the water with the sugar and the orange peel over low heat until the sugar is dissolved. Cool down to room temperature. In a blender or food processor, mix all ingredients until smooth. Chill well and serve cold.

GRAPEFRUIT CARROT FRAPPE

Yield: 4-6 servings

Ingredients:

- 3 carrots, coarsely chopped and cooked in a small amount of water until tender, then drained (reserve 1/4 cup of cooking liquid)
- 4 cups freshly squeezed grapefruit juice
- 1 1/2 tablespoons grenadine
- 1/8 teaspoon, ground ginger
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cardamom
- Sugar or sweetener (if desired)
- 1 1/2 cups crushed ice

Directions:

In a blender or food processor, puree the carrots with the reserved liquid for a few seconds. Add the grapefruit juice, grenadine, ginger, cardamom and the crushed ice and blend until smooth and frothy. Serve immediately.

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In the process of helping your children cope, try not to forget about yourself and your spouse. Tell yourselves to take everything one day at a time or you may very easily overwhelm yourselves with too many anxieties. Make daily "To Do" lists that provide you with clear direction when the going gets tough.

Don't wait until the last minute to begin packing. If you know your move is in six weeks, set a personal goal for yourselves to pack one box per day. Label each box so you know exactly what's inside. When moving day arrives, you will know exactly what to open and what can be stored until a rainy day when you have the time to unpack items that aren't required out of daily necessity.

In time, the fears and anxieties of the move will dissipate and your family will settle into the new place everyone calls HOME.

What did you do this summer? To share your family adventure with other readers in an upcoming Celebrating Family column, send your story to Lisa Luckow-Healy, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, At Home, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009, or e-mail it to LLHealy@aol.com

Use electricity wisely to avoid power 'crunch'

In sweltering weather, we find ourselves running for the comfort of an air-conditioned area.

During such hot days, Michigan's electrical system is used to the maximum, usually in the mid to late afternoon, with all of the generating equipment running, and the utility companies buying power from neighboring states, sometimes at very high costs.

The Michigan Public Service Commission and Michigan's electric utility companies encourage all customers (residential, commercial and industrial) to share the responsibility of helping to avoid a power "crunch" that could occur during the summer months during times of peak electricity usage.

Just a few minor adjustments to our leisure, personal and business lives will help assure adequate electric capacity in the state this summer and, in many

cases, help consumers and businesses save money on electric bills.

The following list offers some tips for homeowners and businesses to put into practice.

■ Use electric ovens, dishwashers, clothes washers and dryers, and other large appliances or office equipment in the early morning or late evening hours whenever possible. These are big electricity users and shifting the time of use will reduce the potential stress to Michigan's electric system at peak times.

■ Keep the outside of air-conditioning units free from leaves and other debris that can clog vents. Keep cooling systems well tuned with periodic maintenance by service professionals.

■ Set the air conditioner thermostat as high as possible - 78 degrees is often considered a comfortable indoor temperature and can result in big savings.

■ Close off unoccupied areas and shut their air-conditioning vents; also, turn off the air conditioner when the area isn't being used.

■ Turn off lights, equipment or appliances in any room not being used.

■ Keep out the daytime sun with vertical louvers or awnings on the outside of windows. Indoors, draw draperies, blinds and shades.

■ Set facsimile machines and printers for sleep mode when not in use. Also, network one printer for several users.

■ Make sure the power management feature is enabled on computers and set to the shortest acceptable time for your operation. Also, use laptops.

■ Turn off copiers at night and during the weekends.

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at home calendar

■ 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.

■ Michigan Design Center in Troy will have its semi-annual Floor Sample Sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 25, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 26. Admission is \$4, with a portion of the proceeds going to Gilda's Club of Metro Detroit. MDC is at 1700 Stutz, north off Maple between Crooks and Coolidge. The sale offers savings of 60 to 70 percent off list prices on hundreds of floor sample items from MDC showrooms. Beverages will be available for a nominal charge. Interior designers from MDC's Designer On Call program will be present to answer questions.

■ Yuppy Puppy, a division of Trainers Academy for Obedience and Behavioral Sciences, will present a free "How Dogs Think, Learn and Communicate" seminar 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, July 28, at the Farmington Hills center. Knowing how your dog views its interactions with you will help you understand why you sometimes experience a failure to communicate with your canine companion.

Owner Barbara Bocci's presentation is part stand-up comedy routine, part intense dog psychology course. Advance registration is requested; call any Trainers Academy office - Farmington Hills, (248) 442-2224; Keego Harbor, (248) 681-7900; or Madison Heights, (248) 616-6500.

■ 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 29, at 6370 Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield, is "Do-it-yourself Landscaping: Selecting Trees and Shrubs." Kevin Collins will lead participants through a discussion of trees and shrubs suitable for home landscapes. He'll explain how to select the appropriate types of plants for your area, and discuss proper planting and care. Call (248) 851-7506.

■ To help you choose the right piece of art to enhance your deck, flower garden or patio, Objects of Art in West Bloomfield presents "Artscape" through Thursday, July 30. Objects of Art is at 6243 Orchard Lake Road, just north of Maple in the Sugar Tree shopping center. Call (248) 539-3332.

■ The Shelby Gardeners Club will sponsor the Shelby Gardeners Club Garden Walk 1-8 p.m. Thursday, July 23, beginning at Heritage Garden of Shelby

Township, 52700 Van Dyke (Jack Millard Blvd.). Tickets are \$9. Call (248) 651-2793.

■ Learn the secrets of professional floral designers at workshops at Michigan State University, then use those skills to make attractive arrangements with home-grown or bought flowers. The workshops will be conducted 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays, July 24 and 31, at the MSU Plant and Soil Sciences Building. Participants need attend only one workshop. No previous flower arranging experience is needed. Registration is \$99, which includes the noon meal, fresh flowers and other work materials, and educational information. The relaxed, hands-on program will show how to make floral arrangements last longer, how to make attractive floral displays and how to make sure ordered floral arrangements meet expectations. The hands-on portion will focus on creating colorful centerpiece and vase arrangements using flowers taken from the home garden. Tools and flowers will be provided at each session. Each workshop will be limited to 24 participants; advance registration is required. Make checks payable to MSU and send them to Sandy Allen, Department of Horticulture, A222 Plant and Soil Sciences Building, MSU, East Lansing 48824-1325. For information, call Allen at (517) 355-8362.

■ Herbologist Laurel Wolfe, who owns Life Line Health Center in Plymouth, will talk about the many uses of herbs and their effects on the body in a free seminar 1-2:30 p.m. Sunday, July 26, at gardenviews, 202 W. Main in Northville. Space is limited; call (248) 380-8881 for reservations.

■ 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. each day Monday-Friday, July 27-31. Cost is \$50. Guest coordinator is Jon Young of the Wilderness Awareness School. "Bird Language: Awareness and Invisibility" will take place 1-8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, with a potluck dinner break. Cost is \$10. Jon Young is guest coordinator. For more information, call Serena Schwartz-Larson at (734) 998-7061, Ext. 31.

■ Haberman Fabrics, 117 W. Fourth in Royal Oak, presents home decorating classes, including the six-session "The Real Thing Slipcover" Wednesdays and Thursdays beginning July 30. Learn to make a fitted slipcover for a side chair or simple armchair. Bring your chair to the first class, with a helper to get it up the stairs; the chair will remain in the room until the last session. Call (248) 541-0010 for fees and other information.

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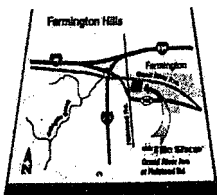
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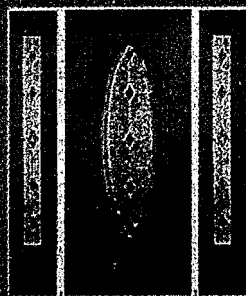
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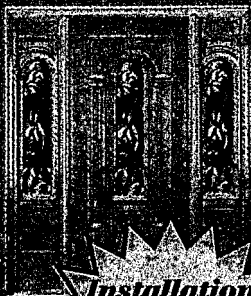


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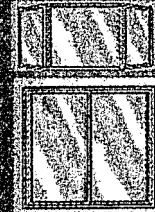


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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



A few tickets remain for the Backstreet Boys show along with S.O.A.P., Jimmy Ray and Aaron Carter at 7:30 p.m. at The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets are \$26.50. For more information, call (248) 377-0100 or visit <http://www.palacenet.com>

SATURDAY



The Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History's two-part exhibition, "Detroit's Black Bottom and Paradise Valley: Help Us Collect Your Past," and "Juke Joint" opens today, 315 E. Warren, Detroit. Admission \$5 adults, \$3 children (17 and under). Children under 5 admitted free. Call (313) 494-5800.

SUNDAY



Barbie Amann of Livonia and Ralph Rosati are featured in SRO's production of "The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society's Production of Macbeth," 2 p.m. curtain at the Burgh, northeast corner of Civic Center Dr. and Berg Road (one block east of Telegraph) Southfield. Tickets \$8, children under 12 and senior adults, \$7, call (248) 827-0701.

HOT TICKET



Hot Tix: The R.I.K. Reunion Band featuring Tom Brown, (left), Ursula Walker, Marcus Belgrave and George Benson perform 7:30 p.m. Friday during Birmingham Jazzfest, Thursday-Saturday, July 23-25 in downtown Birmingham. Call (248) 433-FEST.

Pipers AND Dancers ARE Game FOR Fling



Scottish tradition: Harold Higgins plays the pipes while Alexandra Bennett dances.



hey're calling it "The Fling in the Motor City," said co-chairman Bill Phenix of Plymouth, and if you're Scottish, or interested in all things Scottish, you'll want to be at the 149th Annual Highland Games, Saturday, Aug. 1, at Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia.

"It's a chance to see the absolute best Highland dancers in the United States and Canada," said Gordon Miller who is in charge of dancing for the event sponsored by St. Andrew's Society of Detroit. "There will be some world and former U.S. champions. It's the cream of the crop."

Dancing is one of the highlights of this year's

games, the second to be held at Greenmead.

In the morning, dancers from the Midwest area and Canada will compete in a dance competition hosted by the St. Andrew's Society. "There's always the possibility that there will be some dancers from Scotland," said Miller.

The United States Inter-Regional Highland Dance Championship competition begins in the afternoon. "Premiere dancers from all over the U.S. and Canada will be competing for the national title in five different age categories from children to adult," said Miller. To qualify for this competition, the dancers had to win regional competitions.

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149TH ANNUAL HIGHLAND GAMES

WHEN: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1

WHERE: Greenmead Historical Park, Newburgh (at Eight Mile Road), Livonia.

TICKETS: \$6 in advance, \$8 at the gate. Children under 12 free with adult. Advance tickets available at Greenmead, the Golden Girls in Royal Oak on Fourth St. (east of Main St.), or call Marty and Harold Hunter, (248) 545-1997. For general information, call (313) 832-1849. Check out the web site, WWW.HighlandGames.com

SHUTTLE LOTS:

- Schoolcraft College (South of Seven Mile Road on Haggerty)
- Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church (Six Mile Road, west of Haggerty)

Complimentary shuttle buses will run every five to 10 minutes throughout the day, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Patron, handicap and limited general parking will be available in the Main Lot at Greenmead. Experience shows the Main Lot will be full by 10 a.m.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

- 8:30 a.m. - Games open for the public
- 9 a.m. - Competitions begin, Piping, Highland Dance, Heavy Athletics
- Noon - Welcoming Ceremonies, Invocation & National Anthems, Lament for the Deceased, Massed Pipes and Drums, Parade of the Clans, Royal Scottish Country Dance Society.
- 5 p.m. - Closing Ceremony, Massed Pipes and Drums, Major Com-

petitive Awards, Raffle Drawings.

ONGOING THROUGHOUT THE DAY:

- Heavy Athletics - Amateur, Professional
- Highland Dancing Championships - Novice, Intermediate, Advance, Open, Broadsword Dance Competition
- Drum Major
- Piper and Drumming, Individual, Pipe Band
- Scottish Fiddle Demonstrations
- Scottish Arts and Entertainment
- Children's Events
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DANCE CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION

WHERE: Sunday, Aug. 2

WHERE: University of Michigan Dearborn Field House, on Evergreen (between Hubbard Dr. and Michigan Ave.) across from Fairlane Town Center.

ADMISSION: \$5 at the door

- Pre-championship Competition sponsored by the St. Andrew's Society, featuring premiere dancers from around the country who have never won a championship, 8-10 a.m.
- North American Highland Championship, featuring premiere dancers from the U.S., Canada and Scotland, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2 at the University of Michigan Field House.



Heavy Athletics: Frank Stasa III practices the hammer throw for the 149th Annual Highland Games.



Playing The Palace: Tori Amos and her band perform tonight at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

Tori Amos says her songs want a band

The dark, dank St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit is one of the last venues you'd expect a quiet attentive crowd. Then again, Tori Amos fans are known for their discipline.

Some fans sat Indian-style waiting for the flame-haired pianist to hit the stage. Others talked about how they, like Amos, were raped and how the singer inspired them to seek help.

The late April show was one of a handful offering a sneak pre-

view of Amos's latest album "From the Choirgirl Hotel" (Atlantic), her first written specifically for a band.

Wearing cut-off khaki shorts and a T-shirt, Amos straddled the piano bench alternating between a grand piano and a keyboard. As she threw her hair back, Amos showed a newfound confidence as her band, including noted rock drummer Matt Chamberlain, accompanied her.

In a phone interview late Friday night, Amos explained that

she needed to stray from her piano-only setup.

"I think I took it as far as I could for myself and that unless I had challenged myself as a musician, I was just going to fall asleep. You can't keep repeating yourself all the time. You have to make shifts here and there," she explained.

The band-driven "From the Choirgirl Hotel" was inspired by a river where she sought solace

WHO: Tori Amos and special guest The Devlins

WHEN: 8 p.m. Thursday, July 23

WHERE: The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills.

TICKETS: \$30 and available at The Palace box office. For more information, call (248) 377-0100.

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LIGHT CLASSICS

Boston orchestra brings 'Pops' to Michigan

Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra

■ 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 28 - Kresge Auditorium, Interlochen Center for the Arts. Tickets \$29.50 to \$100, call (616) 276-6230.

■ 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$37.50, \$50, and \$75. Available at the box office, all Ticketmaster locations, or call (248) 645-6666.

Boston Pops, "the orchestra people aren't afraid of," will play at Interlochen Centers for the Arts and Fox Theatre during its "American Visions" tour.

"A lot of people like music in an informal setting, they don't think of themselves as classical music fans," said conductor Keith Lockhart explaining the Pops popularity. "We manage to sneak music we'd like these people to hear, and it doesn't hurt a bit. We offer something for everyone."

Their Michigan performances will feature guest pianist Leon Bates. "We're coming to Detroit to pay homage to Motown," said

Lockhart. "It's one of the great musical traditions."

The concert will open with Boston Pops Laureate Conductor John Williams' "Liberty Fanfare," written for the centennial of the Statue of Liberty.

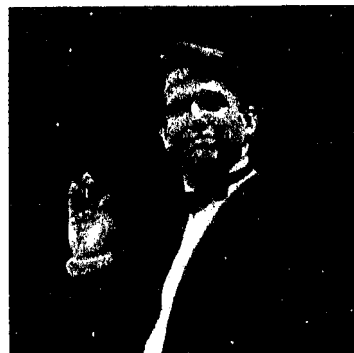
Bates will join Lockhart and the orchestra for a centennial salute to George Gershwin with a performance of "Rhapsody in Blue."

The second half of the program is sure to be a hit with baseball fans. It features Frank Proto's "Casey at the Bat," narrated by Curt Gowdy, and John Philip Sousa's "The National Game" March.

Concert highlights include selections from the Boston Pops "American Visions" album including Ron Nelson's "Savannah River Holiday," tunes from "The Sound of Music," James Horner's Love Theme from the movie "Titanic," and ends with "Mostly Motown," a new Boston Pops arrangement of Motown favorites.

When you think of the Boston Pops, it's hard not to think about Arthur Fiedler, the conductor whose name has become synonymous with the orchestra he helped turn into a national

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On tour: Keith Lockhart conducts the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra on its "Summer Visions" Tour.

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Dance events continue on Sunday at the Field House on the University-Michigan Dearborn campus. A pre-championship competition in the morning is open to all dancers who have never won a championship. The North American Highland Championship will follow. Three premiere pipers will accompany the dancers.

Alexandra Bennett is only 7, but she has been dancing since she was 4, and has won lots of medals. "It's fun," she says. Her mom, Geryl, teaches Highland Dance and has fond memories of going to the games and competing.

"My mom was from Scotland," she said. "We still have family there. Dancing made me feel connected to them. It's something I did that was different from the other girls in school who were taking ballet and tap. It was neat. I still hang out with people I danced with when I was 8."

Harold Higgins of Livonia is a piper. "The pipers set the pace for the dancers," he said. Higgins has been playing the pipes for six years. His grandmother's from Scotland, and playing the pipes was something he always wanted to do. His family is pleased with his decision.

"I've been taking lessons and

learning. It's difficult, you have to be disciplined, and prioritize," said Higgins who works for the Livonia Police Department. "I practice a half hour to an hour a day."

He'll be competing in the solo pipe competition at the games, and with the St. Andrews Society Pipe and Drum Band.

Frank Stasa III enjoys competing in the athletic events. He's one of those big guys who does all those crazy things like throwing a cabre, the thing that looks like a telephone pole, and a hammer. These tests of strength are a Scottish tradition.

Last year Stasa took third

overall in the heavy athletic competition. "We do five events," he said. "It's like the Strongman Competition, not as demanding, but you need more skill. Everything pivots, you're spinning on one foot. Notice, I'm wearing a different shoe on each foot. You have to practice. It's hard work, but I enjoy it."

He's got some Scottish blood, is also of Czech and French ancestry. "When you come to this event you can be Scottish for a whole day," he said. "You get the flavor of Scotland. They overcook their peas, but they're good somehow. I like the meat pies.

It's a nice layout. It's going to be crowded, but there's enough room to walk around."

The games are a good place to dig for your Scottish roots. Over 30 clans will be represented. "We're hosting the Clan Hunter General Membership Meeting," said former chairman Bill Kinkaid, a past president of the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit. "The Chief of the Clan, Pauline Mullen-Hunter, is coming from Scotland. The clan traces its lineage to the 1200s. We haven't had a Clan Chief in recent memory. This is a big thing."

Last year's event drew 12,500 people. They're talking about

making the games a two-day event next year. It will be the 150th annual.

"The whole Scottish tradition of clans is family, and this is a family event," said Kinkaid. There will be vendors selling Scottish goods, Scottish food for sale, and activities for children.

They're bringing in Long-haired Highland Cattle, and there will be sheep herding and duck herding demonstrations by Highland Border Collies and Sheep Dogs throughout the day.

Be sure to visit the 18th Century Scottish military camp. You can watch military drills and hear the firing of muskets.

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after losing her baby on Christmas 1996.

"It really is about igniting this rhythm, an ancient primal rhythm that really got me through after losing the baby. I couldn't become the woman I was before. As a woman, I really didn't know what I could draw on to even wake up in the morning and want to be a part of the living room with the spirits of the dead," Amos explained.

"I was trying to make contact with the being I wasn't able to save or even bargain her life for. It was completely out of my hands so I spent a lot of time by

'It's not a backing band. As you know that's not the intention. It's very much about the musicianship. You work as a team.'

*Tori Amos
at The Palace*

the water, by this river where I was. I just started to see how the water had this rhythm in its structure. Sometimes it was real-

ly turbulent, sometimes it was quite fluid. I wanted to feel that inside of my being."

While sitting by the river, she explained, it "dawned on her" to go back to the piano.

"After staring at the water for many, many days 'Pandora' (the song 'Pandora's Aquarium'), started coming. I knew there was a rhythm to build into the writing of the songs. I knew I had to record it live. Once I made that decision, I knew that then I would have to take a full instrumentation with me," Amos explained.

The change brought about a domino effect, she added.

"The other songs (from previous albums) got jealous. They said, 'Why can't I have that too.' So a lot of the old songs are being reworked."

The thick, rich sound in songs like "Spark" required that Amos bring along a band on tour, something she knew would be challenging.

"It really is challenging because you have to work as a unit. It can't be all about you all the time," Amos said accompanied by a chuckle.

"It's not a backing band. As you know that's not the intention. It's very much about the musicianship. You work as a team."

Adding a band to her live shows isn't the only major change that Amos has made in the last year. She married her boyfriend, Mark Hawley, the father of her baby.

"I think we bonded, he and I, out of that experience. So when after we'd gone through so much he asked me to marry him, I was one of those people where I was never going to get married but it just was like this feels right. Not because of the religious side of it, but the ancient kind of just promise you make to somebody."

With all this, Amos has embarked on her first arena tour which comes to The Palace of Auburn Hills Thursday, July 23. Her fans, as always, have been receptive, she said.

"I'm really lucky to have people that will say, 'Look, we'll give it a go. We're open enough to give it a go.' A lot of artists out there have people who are only with them because of one song. If you don't play that song like that every time they're out of there."

"With my fans, they're willing to give it a go. You can't ask for more than that."



Conducting: Keith Lockhart leads the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra at Symphony Hall in Boston. They will perform in Detroit Aug. 1 at the Fox Theatre..

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institution.

Now in his fourth season conducting the Pops, Lockhart who succeeded Williams in the role, says a lot of people say he looks too young to be conductor. "They remember a gray haired man in his 80s," said Lockhart. "They forget Arthur Fiedler was the same age as me, 35, when he got the job."

Although he's following in the footsteps of two superstars, Lockhart is casting a shadow of his own without changing the things that audiences love about and expect from the Boston Pops. "It's a successful tradition. There's no reason to go and try and change everything," said Lockhart.

He says he has a different personality, set of strengths and interests than his successors, and that more than anything else plays a role in the decisions he makes. Examples are his collaborations with guest artists such as Buckwheat Zydeco and k.d. Lang. He snuck a Van Morrison tune into "The Celtic Album," the second of three he recorded with the Boston Pops.

"The audience for pops is more diverse," he said. "There's a significant amount of younger people. It's becoming a date night for college kids, we're seeing couples in their 30s. We provide a

significant amount of great symphonic music. I cut my teeth in the classical music world, but I like being involved in a lot of genres - from Mozart piano concerts and Tchaikovsky to Buckwheat Zydeco to Motown."

Musically, Lockhart said Fiedler was more contemporary than he is. "Whatever was on the top charts that month he played. We give a heavy dose of American composers and music we think will excite our audience. We don't do much of whatever it takes. I'd rather let U2 do U2."

Part of the problem is arranging the music. It's hard to imagine "I Heard It Through the Grapevine," performed by an orchestra without sounding like elevator music. "We have a new staff arranger, Pat Hollenbeck, who has an orchestra background, but hip enough to know how to make something sound good," said Lockhart.

By playing music people want to hear, Lockhart hopes he teaches them something too. "Everything pops does is outreach and education," he said. "We want to push a button, click a little switch to get people excited and enjoy what they're listening to. They'll say 'OK, I'll spend 6 or 7 minutes with Stravinsky. If I don't like it I know there will be something different next.'"

The Boston Pops consists of

two ensembles - The Boston Pops Orchestra and The Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra.

The Boston Pops Orchestra includes members of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, minus 12 of the principals who tour as the Boston Symphony Chamber Players. It's the orchestra you hear on "Evening at the Pops," broadcast nationally on PBS. They perform in Symphony Hall in Boston from May through mid-June, and at Tanglewood during the rest of the summer. They also present a Christmas Pops series.

The Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra, which consists of freelance musicians from Boston, organized by the Boston Symphony Orchestra, performs annually on the Fourth of July. It's the orchestra Michigan audiences will hear.

They perform in Symphony Hall from mid-June through mid-July; present free outdoor concerts at the Hatch Shell on the Charles River Esplanade during July; and perform Christmas Pops concerts and a New Year's Eve gala.

"Freelance musician is kind of misleading," said Lockhart. "It's a stable group. Their contracts are renewed on a year-by-year basis. There's more demand for concerts than one orchestra can fulfill."

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PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN

"First Dates and Fiddle Hearts," a collection of classic comedies by Chekov and Shaw, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, July 24-25 and July 31 and Aug. 1, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2, at the theater 21730 Madison, southeast of Monroe and Outer Drive, Dearborn. (313) 561-TKTS/(313) 277-5164.

SRO PRODUCTIONS

"The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society's Production of Macbeth," a farce by David McGillivray and Walter Zerlin, Jr. opens 8 p.m. Friday, July 24 and continues 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, through Sunday, Aug. 9 at the City of Southfield's historic center The Burgh, in the renovated 1854 church on the northeast corner of Civic Center Dr. and Bergh Road, one block east of Telegraph, Southfield. Tickets \$8, senior adults and children under 12, \$7, call (248) 827-0701.

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 24-25 and July 31-Aug. 1, at the Wunderground Theatre, 110 S. Main St., above ACE Hardware, Royal Oak. \$12. (248) 541-1763

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

NOVI THEATRES

"Cinderella," 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 31-Aug. 1, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2. Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi. \$7 in advance, \$8 at the door. All ages. (248) 347-0400

THE RISING STARS

"The Time Machine," based on H.G. Wells' story about a society in the distant future and two opposing groups: the Eloi and Morlocks, 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, July 23-24, at Andover High School, on Andover Road, Bloomfield Hills. \$3. (248) 433-0885

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS

"Really Rosie," a musical comedy by Maurice Sendak and Carole King, 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 31-Aug. 1, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2, at the Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford, 15138 Beech Daly, south of Five Mile, Livonia. \$5. (313) 535-8962

YOUNG VOICES PROJECT

Staged reading of the play "He Found a Gateway to Freedom: The Peter Denison Story," 11 a.m. Friday-Saturday, July 24-25, Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren, Detroit. \$5, \$2 youths. (313) 872-0279

SPECIAL EVENTS

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

*CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE

Historic car races, Friday-Sunday, July 31-Aug. 2, Waterford Hills Race Track, Clarkston; the main event, Sunday, Aug. 2, Meadow Brook mansion grounds, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. (248) 650-5566

DETROIT'S 29TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

Historical reenactments, storytelling, a treasure hunt, face painting, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 25, on the grounds of Detroit Historical Museum and Detroit Public Library, on Woodward Avenue. Free. (313) 833-7912

*DURAS PIECE

Chicago performance artist Sandra Binion with guitarist Spencer Barefield in a piece adapted from Marguerite Duras' novels "Malady of Death" and "Blue Eves, Black Hair" for reader, musician, projected video and sleeper, 8 p.m. Sunday, July 26, at George Vilhos Studio D, 2732 Yemans, Hamtramck. \$35. (313) 872-3343

SEVEN LAKES BALLOON RACE FESTIVAL

Friday-Sunday, July 24-26, balloon rides 7-9 p.m. each evening, Seven Lakes State Park, Holly. Admission is by Michigan State Park Motor Vehicle Permit. (248) 634-9400

BENEFITS

FRIENDS OF FOSTER FARMHOUSE

SHOTGUN SCRAMBLE
Golf benefit, 9 a.m. Tuesday, July 28, 18 holes of golf with a cart, at Bogie Lake Country Club. \$75, per golfer, \$25 non-golfers dinner only. (248) 360-0310/(248) 683-9500, ext. 63

*LAUGH TO LIVE

A benefit for the cure for sickle cell anemia with comedian Bryan McCree, Thursday, July 30, Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. \$10. (248) 642-9900

*REGGAE ON THE RIVER

A fundraiser for the Fancub Foundation for the Arts featuring music by Trinidadian Steel Band, an exotic island buffet from the Roostertail, and a summer-themed art auction sponsored by Gallery Function Art by Pontiac, fashion show, 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16, on the Roostertail deck, on Detroit's waterfront, 1 1/2 miles east of the Belle Isle Bridge off Jefferson Avenue. \$35, \$30 Fancub members. (248) 559-1645

FAMILY EVENTS

ALL CORVETTE SHOW AND SWAP MEET

8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, July 26, Century Bowl, 7345 Highland Road (at M-59), Waterford. \$2, free for children ages 12 and younger with paid adult. (734) 981-4254/(248) 650-0114

LIVONIA WOOD CARVERS CLUB SHOW

More than 100 carvers from the U.S. and Canada display everything from wildlife to figure carvings, Michigan Chainsaw Carving Championships both days, carving supplies, tools, woods, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 12, at Eddie Edger



Featured performers: *Straight Ahead, Marion Hayden (left to right), Eileen Orr, Faatimah, Althea Rene, and Gayelynn McKinney perform 8:30 p.m. Saturday, July 25 in Shain Park during Birmingham Jazzfest.*

Birmingham Jazzfest

When: Thursday-Saturday, July 23-25.

What: Jazz festival features free concerts in Shain Park and jazz performances in downtown Birmingham restaurants.

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

■ Alban's Restaurant, 35064 Woodward, (248) 258-5788 – Shelia 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 & Mylestones 9:30-11:30 p.m. Thursday; 9 p.m. to midnight, Friday-Saturday.

■ Big Rock Chop & Brew House, 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.

■ Dick O'Dow's, 160 Maple (248) 642-1135 – The Distractions 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday; Company of Strangers 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday; Odd Enough 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday.

■ Edison's, 220 Merrill, (248) 645-2150 – Gary Schunk 8 p.m. to midnight, Thursday; Sandra Bomar 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday; Dwight Adams 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday.

■ Forte, 201 Old Woodward, (248) 594-7300 – Ursula Walker, Buddy Budson 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday-Saturday.

■ Max & Erma's, 250 Merrill, (248) 258-1188 – Bugs Beddow 9 p.m. to midnight, Thursday-Saturday.

■ Midtown Cafe, 139 Woodward, (248) 642-1133 – Patty Richards Trio, 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursday-Saturday.

■ Ocean Grille, 280 Old Woodward, (248) 646-7001 – Kevin Gio Trio 7-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday.

■ Peabody's, 34965 Woodward, (248) 644-5222 – Michael Millman Trio, 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday.

■ Phoenixia, 588 Old Woodward, (248) 644-3122 – Cliff & Stephanie Moner, 7:30-11:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday.

■ Townsend Hotel, 100 Townsend, (248) 642-7900 – Kurt Kunz, Keith Malinowski, 8 p.m. to midnight, Thursday-Saturday.

■ 220, 220 Merrill, (248) 645-2150 – Paul VornHagen 8 p.m. to midnight, Thursday; 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday.

Sports Arena, 33841 Lyndon at Farmington Road, Livonia. \$1, \$2 for families. (734) 421-6310

*MICHIGAN '50S FESTIVAL

Featuring classic music by Rocky and the Rollers, Lou Christie, Jan and Dean, and Phil Dirt and the Dozers, classic cars and family entertainment, through Sunday, July 26, Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Dr. (Novi Road at I-96) Novi. Classic Car Show and Cruise is 5:30 p.m. Sunday. (248) 349-1950 or <http://www.fiftiesfestival.com>

SUMMER CONCERTS

BANJOES OF MICHIGAN

7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, July 30, Wilson Barn, Livonia. Free. All ages. (734) 421-2000, ext. 351

BLACK MARKET

7 p.m. Sunday, July 26, on lawn of Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen Road at Civic Center Drive, Southfield. Free. (reggae and Caribbean rhythms) (248) 424-9022

SUSAN CALLOWAY

6-8 p.m. Saturday, July 25, Greenfield Village, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. Free with admission, \$12.50 adults, \$11.50 senior citizens ages 62 and older, \$7.50 for children ages 5-12, and free for children ages 4 and younger. After 4 p.m., \$10 adults, \$5 kids ages 5-12. (pop) (313) 271-1620

ROY COBB AND THE COACHMEN

6 p.m. Sunday, July 26, Performing Arts Pavilion behind William Faust Public Library, 6123 Civic Center Parkway, Westland. Free. All ages. (bluegrass) (734) 326-6123

COMMUNITY CHORUS

8 p.m. Thursday, July 30, Heritage Park, west side of Farmington Road between 10

and 11 Mile roads, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 473-9570

COUNTERPLAY

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 28, Capitol Park, on Capitol west of Beech Daly, (between Schoolcraft and Plymouth Road), Redford Township. Free. (rock and soul)

GRATITUDE STEEL DRUM BAND

Novi Saturday, July 25, Performing Arts Pavilion behind William Faust Public Library, 6123 Civic Center Parkway, Westland. Free. All ages. (734) 326-6123

THE HOPE ORCHESTRA

7:30 p.m. Friday, July 31, gazebo next to Village Commons on Grand River Avenue, Farmington. Free. All ages. (alternative pop) (248) 473-7283

IMMUNITY

7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 23, in the amphitheater in Heritage Park, on Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill, Canton. Free. All ages. (reggae) (734) 397-5110

IMPERIAL BRASS QUINTE

6 p.m. Wednesday, July 29, near the wildlife exhibit at the Detroit Zoo, 8450 W. 10 Mile and Woodward, off I-696, Royal Oak. Free with zoo admission, \$7.50, \$4.50 students/seniors 62 and older, \$4.50 children ages 2-12. (248) 398-0903

THE JELLO SHOTS

7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, July 23, Municipal Park behind Rochester City Hall (rain location is Rochester High School auditorium). Free. All ages. (rock) (248) 652-7762

LIBERTY BRASS QUINTE

The Plymouth Symphony ensemble performs noon Wednesday, July 29, in Kellogg Park, Main Street, (between Ann Arbor Trail and Penniman). Free. (734) 416-4471

DON MAYBERRY

"2nd Street Special," 6-8 p.m. Monday, July 27, presented by the Graystone International Jazz Museum, at Hart Plaza, Detroit. Free. (313) 963-3813

MOOSE AND DA SHARKS

7 p.m. Friday, July 24, Depot Park, downtown Clarkston. Free. All ages; 14:30 p.m. Sunday, July 26, Sacred Heart Parish Festival, 18430 Utica Road, Roseville. Free. All ages; 6-10 p.m. Sunday, July 26, St. Ronald Parish Festival, 17701 15 Mile Road, Clinton Township. Free. All ages; 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 29, Troy Civic Center, 500 W. 16 Beaver Road, Troy. Free. All ages. ('50s music) (810) 469-7656 or talk2moose@aol.com

MOTOR CITY BRASS BAND

7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, July 23, Greenmead, Livonia. Free. All ages. (brass music) (734) 421-2000, ext. 351

NOVI COMMUNITY BAND

8 p.m. Thursday, July 23, Heritage Park, west side of Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 473-9570

MICHELE RAMO, HEIDI HEPLER AND FRIENDS

6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, July 31, Kellogg Park, Ann Arbor Trail and Main Street, downtown Plymouth. Free. All ages. (734) 453-1234

VINCE SADOVSKY

7:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 30, Municipal Park behind Rochester City Hall. Free. All ages. (folk) (248) 652-7762

SECRETS

7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 30, in the amphitheater in Heritage Park, on Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill, Canton. Free. All ages. (734) 397-5110

STONE CIRCLE TRIO

8:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 29, Performing Arts Pavilion behind William Faust Public Library, 6123 Civic Center Parkway, Westland (rain location is Bailey Center). Free. All ages. (Irish) (734) 326-8123

TOKEN

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

CLASSICAL

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

"The Great Grieg Concert," with conductor Neeme Jarvi and pianist Sergei Babayan; 8 p.m. Friday, July 31, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. Tickets at Ticketmaster. (313) 576-5100

POPS/SWING

THE NEW MORTY SHOW

9:30 p.m. Friday, July 31, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6 in advance, \$8 day of show, 19 and older. (swing) (734) 996-8555

SWING SYNDICATE

9 p.m. Friday, July 24, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge, 18 and older. (swing) (734) 485-5050

II V I ORCHESTRA

9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays, July 24 and 31, Bacci 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; 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 29, Burgh Historical Park, Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, Southfield. Free. (248) 424-9022

AUDITIONS/WORKSHOPS

ANN ARBOR CIVIC THEATRE

Hosts informational meeting for those interested in auditioning for its fall productions, 7 p.m. Monday, July 27, Civic Playhouse, 2275 Platt Road, Ann Arbor. This year's productions include "On Golden Pond," "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," and "The Snow Queen." (734) 971-0605

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 Aug. 3-14; \$250 for two-week term. (734) 462-4400, ext. 5218

WESTSIDE THEATRE PROJECT

Auditions for two men and two women for the musical revue "Closer than Ever," 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 28, bring prepared song selection and theatrical resume, at the Dearborn Civic Center, Michigan Avenue and Greenfield, Dearborn. (313) 274-9092. For performances Sept. 24-25 and Oct. 2-3.

WYANDOTTE COMMUNITY THEATRE

Auditions for the musical "Damn Yankees," 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, July 29-30, at the Copeland Center, Fourth and Mulberry streets, Wyandotte. Performances second and third weekends in October. (734) 438-0126

ORGAN

MOTOR CITY THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

Movies and concerts series continues with "The Grapes of Wrath" starring Henry Fonda, Jane Darwell and John Carradine, guest organist Wilma Taylor Steslick, 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 26, and 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 27, the Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser at Grand River, Detroit. Organ overture precedes film, guest organist Gus Borman. \$2.50. (313) 531-4407

JAZZ

ABLER-LEDOFF TRIO

With guitarist Paul Abler, congas and percussionist Jerry Ledoff, and bassist Marion Hayden, 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursday-Saturday, July 23-25, Fleetwood on Sixth restaurant, 209 W. Sixth St., Royal Oak. Free. All ages. (248) 541-8050

DWIGHT ADAMS TRIO

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, July 25, as part of the Birmingham Jazz Festival, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (trumpet/piano/bass) (248) 645-2150

SEAN BLACKMAN

With John Arnold, 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 24-25, and with Wayne Girard, 10 p.m. Friday, July 31, Jimmy's 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (gypsy jazz) (313) 886-8101

SANDRA BOMAR TRIO

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, July 24, as part of the Birmingham Jazz Festival, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (vocal/piano/bass trio) (248) 64

8 days a week

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ages. (248) 689-3636

COMEDY

CHATTERS

Manny Shields, 9 p.m. Sunday, July 26; Bill Hildebrandt, 9 p.m. Wednesday, July 25, at the club, 7640 N. Wayne Road, Westland. \$3. 21 and older. (734) 422-3737

JEFF FOXWORTHY

7:30 p.m. Friday, July 31, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$29.50 pavilion, \$20 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Vinnie Mack, Jodie Welner and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday, July 23-25; Kirk "Fabio Man" Noland, Pete LaDuke and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday, July 30-Aug. 1 (\$12), 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
Steve Bill, 9 p.m. Friday, July 24 (\$6), and 9 p.m. Saturday, July 25 (sold out); at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE

Jim Hamm, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 24-25 (\$9); Wayne Cotter, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 30 (\$9), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 31-Aug. 1 (\$12), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

KEVIN NEALON

With Victoria Jackson, 8 p.m. Saturday, July 25, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. \$22.50 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Joel Zimmer and Mark Saldana, Wednesday-Sunday, July 22-26; at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays (\$6), 9:30 p.m. Fridays (\$12), and 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays (\$6). (248) 542-9900 or http://www.comedycastle.com

SECOND CITY

"Viagra Falls," 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays with additional shows at 10:30 p.m. on Fridays-Saturdays through September, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

POPULAR MUSIC

ALLIGATORS

10 p.m. Saturday, July 25, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 349-9110

TORI AMOS

With The Devlins, 8 p.m. Thursday, July 23, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. \$30. All ages. (pop) (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; 1:2 p.m. Saturday, July 25, as part of the Birmingham Jazz Festival, Shain Park, downtown Birmingham. (trombone-driven party blues) (248) 258-1188/(248) 644-5832

BIDDLE 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

BIG DAVE AND THE ULTRASONICS

9:30 p.m. Saturday, July 25, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6. 19 and older. (jump blues) (734) 996-8555

BIZER BROTHERS

8 p.m. to midnight Fridays-Saturdays, July 24-25, and July 31-Aug. 1, The Rattlesnake Club, 300 River Place, Detroit. Free. All ages. (pop) (313) 567-4400

BLACK CROWES

8 p.m. Thursday, July 23, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$27.50. 18 and older. (rock) (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

MARY J. BLIGE

With Brian McKnight, 8 p.m. Sunday, July 26, Chene Park, 2600 E. Atwater, Detroit. \$19.50, \$41.51 All ages (R&B) (313) 393-0292

"BLIND PIG SHOWCASE"

With Harm's Way, A Deuce, Mount Voodoo and The Howse, 9 p.m. Tuesday, July 28, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Free. 18 and older. (rock) (734) 996-8555

BLUE METRO

8 p.m. Tuesday, July 28, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

BONNE TEMPS ROULLE

8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 24-25, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 29, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (R&B) (248) 652-1600/(248) 644-4800

ROBERT BUGAR

Whose vocals have appeared in "Xena The Warrior Princess" television show. 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, July 24, Kelllogg Park, Ann Arbor Trail and Main Street, Plymouth. Free. All ages. (rock) (734) 453-1234

BUSTER'S BLUES BAND

9:30 p.m. Saturday, July 25, Rochester

Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester.

Free. 18 and older. (blues) (248) 650-5080

SCOTT CAMPBELL GROUP

8 p.m. Saturday, July 25, Media Play, 35220 Grotliot Road (north of 15 Mile Road), Clinton Township. Free. All ages. (rock) (810) 790-0476

CITY LIMITS BLUES BAND

9 p.m. Saturday, July 25, Carriage House Blues Alley, 24200 Grand River Ave., Detroit. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 535-3440

THE CREATURES

With Siouxsie Sioux and Budgie, with John Cale, 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 31, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$20 in advance, \$25 day of show. All ages. (alternapop) (313) 961-5451

DEFAMATION OF CHARACTER

With Perpetual Hype Engine, Circle of Kunfunsion and Evanol, 9 p.m. Saturday, July 25, Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (810) 465-5154

DETROIT BLUES

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9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 24-25, Bad Frog, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 31-Aug. 1, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (blues) (248) 624-9400/(248) 644-4800

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With comedian Keith Ruff, 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 24, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (pop) (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com

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MOVIES

Hamtramck stars in disappointing 'Polish Wedding'

TICKETS PLEASE



JOHN MONAGHAN

The word Hamtramck never appears in the film, but metro Detroit's Polish enclave was for me the true star of "Polish Wedding." Former resident Theresa Connelly has captured the unique physical qualities of the flats, factory-filled skylines, moonlit back alleys, even weed-choked empty lots, with the lens of a talented photographer.

And for the packed preview screening last week, seeing their hometown on the big screen was

enough to send metro Detroiters swooning. Spontaneous claps, laughs or "that's me" peppered the auditorium whenever a crowd scene with extras appeared.

As a Detroit movie, "Polish Wedding" earns four stars. The problem is: when the independent film, distributed by Fox Searchlight, opens elsewhere on the planet, it will have most viewers scratching their heads. If I was reviewing this movie in Chicago, San Francisco, or even Grand Rapids, I'd probably give it a one.

The movie doesn't lack talent — Gabriel Byrne, Lena Olin, and Claire Danes are members of the Pzoniak family. Papa Bolek is the stoic baker and chain smok-

er. Wife Jadzia's frequent woman's league meetings are actually excuses for romantic trysts with a bearded business man.

Daughter Hala, meanwhile, seems to take after the old lady, sneaking off into the night for rendezvous with a handsome young policeman, a friend of her brother's. Her resulting pregnancy compromises her role in her church's annual Parade of the Virgin, where she has been chosen to represent all that is good and virtuous.

Danes was only 17 when "Polish Wedding" was shot here two summers ago, and you can see her searching for a way through this difficult role. Writer/director Connelly obviously wants her to

be almost ethereal and sprite-like in her magical fascination with men; but the idea is botched when reality rears its head.

And this is where the movie really flounders. Never once did I believe that I was watching real people. No one has a handle on what is expected of them, especially Byrne, the Irish actor who gargles his lines and spends most of his performance looking resigned and world-weary.

As the family matriarch, Olin does what she does best: look sexy. No other actress can make the simplest task — from kneading pierogi dough to scrubbing floors — look so sensual. Ultimately, these public displays grow embarrassing rather than charming and funny.

Connelly also misses the boat by making the family so insular. There are virtually no minor characters in the film — no prudish neighbors, no fellow workers at the bakery — to put the family in perspective. For all the world knows, Hamtramck is this hotbed of unbridled passion and dysfunction.

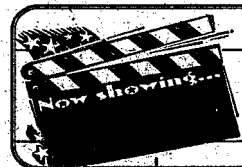
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Romantic comedy: Gabriel Byrne and Lena Olin star in "Polish Wedding."

from the Polish American community about this skewed portrayal. But, mostly, "Polish Wedding" is an inoffensive lark — unless, of course, you care about little things like plot, character and sustained tone.

John Monaghan welcomes your calls and comments. You can listen to him on Dave Dixon's Radio Show AM 1270, 8 p.m. to midnight Saturdays. To leave John a voice mail message, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1866.



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A sampling of what's playing at alternative movie theaters across metro Detroit as reviewed by John Monaghan.

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"Spike and Mike's Sick and Twisted Festival of Animation." Through Sunday, Aug. 2 (call for showtimes). An encore presentation of the festival, highlighted by the unaired "South Park" pilot episode, "The Spirit of Christmas." Also on the bill: "Smoking," "Fast Driver" (a gay take on "Speed Racer"), and "Sloaches Fun House," which earns its title as "grossest cartoon ever made." (\$6)

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"The Opposite of Sex" (USA - 1998). Christina Ricci ("Addams Family," "The Ice Storm") plays a teenaged girl who runs away from her home one summer and

wrecks the lives of virtually everyone she encounters.

"The Hanging Garden" (USA - 1998). An offbeat drama about a 25-year-old gay man who returns home to his seriously dysfunctional family after a 10-year absence.

"Buffalo 66" (USA - 1998). In this update of an old "screwball" premise, Vincent Gallo plays an ex-con who hatches a preposterous plan to impress his uncaring parents. With the help of a kidnapped Christina Ricci, he assumes the role of upstanding husband and family man.

Midnight movies - "Heavy Metal," "Pink Floyd's The Wall," and "The Beyond" are the cult films playing at the witching hour Friday and Saturday nights.

Maple Art Theatre - Maple at Telegraph, Bloomfield. Call (248) 855-9090 for information. (\$6.50; \$4 before 6 p.m.)

"Polish Wedding" (USA - 1998). Filmed in Hamtramck, a focus on infidelity, hardship, and humor in a dysfunctional family. The first film written and directed

by Theresa Connelly. **"Smoke Signals"** (USA - 1998). In this first independent feature made by Native Americans, a boy embarks on a journey to claim the remains of his estranged father.

"The Spanish Prisoner" (USA - 1998). Steve Martin and Campbell Scott star in David Mamet's tersely written tale of a businessman and his protégé.

Redford Theatre - 13671 Lahser (at Grand River), Detroit. Call (313) 537-2560 for information. (\$2.50)

"The Grapes of Wrath" (USA - 1940). 8 p.m. Friday, July 24; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, July 25 (organ overture begins a half hour before showtime). John Steinbeck's tale of the epic struggles of Okies moving from the dust bowl to California during the Depression. Henry Fonda delivers his first great performance as Tom Joad, an ex-con whose climactic speech sums up the frustration and determination of an entire generation of Americans.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, July 24

"SAVING PRIVATE RYAN"
A story based on the true events of six U.S. Army soldiers on assignment behind enemy lines to save one private. Stars Tom Hanks, Edward Burns, Tom Sizemore, Matt Damon.

"MAFIA"

Organized crime is the target of this spoof of mob movies. Stars Lloyd Bridges.

"DISTURBING BEHAVIOR"

A horror thriller of a small town's nefarious process of transforming its rebellious teens. Stars James Marsden.

Scheduled to open Wednesday, July 29

"THE NEGOTIATOR"
Story of a maverick hostage negotiator who becomes the victim of a police frame up. He turns the tables by taking the chief of internal affairs hostage and finds an ally in the negotiator assigned to the situation he's created. Stars Samuel L. Jackson and Kevin Spacey.

"THE PARENT TRAP"

A remake of the Disney classic of two sisters separated at birth who finally meet and begin plotting to reunite their long-divorced parents.

Scheduled to open Friday, July 31

"P1"
A science-fiction thriller about the haunting journey into the mind of a renegade mathematician.

"BASKETBALL"

A sports comedy centering around a few friends who create a new sport.

Scheduled to open Wednesday, Aug. 5

"HALLOWEEN: H20"

It's been twenty years since the first pumpkin was carved by Michael Myers...would you like to know what every-one else is up to now?

Scheduled to open Friday, Aug. 7

"EVER AFTER: A CINDERELLA STORY"
Fresh spin on one of our most beloved tales. Stars Drew Barrymore, Anjelica Huston.

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Wartime drama: Captain John Miller (Tom Hanks, right) and the Sarge (Tom Sizemore) lead a squad of soldiers behind enemy lines to find a retrieve one man, Private James Ryan, in "Saving Private Ryan."

Scheduled to open Wednesday, Aug. 12

"HOW STELLA GOT HER GROOVE BACK"

Based on the best seller by Terry McMillan, the story of a 40-year-old African American woman who takes a spur of the moment trip to Jamaica and meets the man of her dreams, except he's only half her age. Stars Angela Bassett, Whoopi Goldberg.

Scheduled to open Friday, Aug. 14

"AIR BUD: GOLDEN RECEIVER"

Buddy, the talented dog, continues his adventures when he becomes a kidnaper target. Stars Kevin Zegers.

"THE AVENGERS"

The unflappable duo of John Steed and Emma Peel are united again. This time to stop a diabolical scientist with plans for world domination. Stars Ralph Fiennes.

Scheduled to open Friday, Aug. 21

"DANCE WITH ME"

A romance about a dance instructor who finds inspiration and eventually love with the arrival of a young man who has a passion for life and a flair for Latin dance. Stars Vanessa L. Williams, Kris Kristofferson.

"WRONGFULLY ACCUSED"

A violinist is wrongfully (and hilariously) accused of murdering a prominent patron of the arts. He takes flight to evade capture and works to track down the real killer, a one-armed and one-legged man. Stars Leslie Nielsen.

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DINING

Birmingham's Avant Garde specializes in alternative dining

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

On the first full day of summer, alternative dining entered the Birmingham restaurant scene in the location vacated by Oliverio's. Avant Garde borrows flavors of Asian, Indian, Italian, French, Southwest and Mediterranean foods and creates meatless dishes, prepared with neither oils nor dairy.

The alternative food idea conceived by Chef Luis Cartagena and his partner Elaine Pitzer, is an outgrowth of their personal eating habits over the last three years.

"I had the confidence to open this style restaurant after Whole Foods bought the Merchant of Vino," Cartagena said. "They did my advance marketing."

"Now, I can honestly tell people that I cook with the same good-tasting products they can buy at Merchant of Vino-Whole Foods. Non-fat salad dressing is no longer without good taste. You don't need dairy to make a great sauce."

Chef Luis is on a mission to turn diners onto healthier eating. "Avant Garde will give diners something they've not had before and a new way to experience healthier food," Cartagena said. "The concept will work in the art-friendly, downtown atmosphere of Birmingham. It wouldn't work as a free-standing restaurant or in a strip mall."

This statement echoes the way avant garde is dictionary defined as "those, especially in the arts, who create, produce or apply new, original or experimental ideas, designs and techniques."

Avant Garde

Where: 126 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham, (248) 594-4499
Hours: Monday to Wednesday 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Thursday to Saturday until 11 p.m.
Menu: Exceptionally flavorful, cutting-edge alternative dishes made without red meat, oils or dairy. Same menu for lunch and dinner.
Cost: Starters, sandwiches and salads \$5-8; main dishes all under \$16.
Reservations: Not accepted.
Credit cards: All majors accepted.

Chef Luis plans to live up to this definition.

At Avant Garde, alternative dining can be experienced in a contemporary environment with white tablecloths and flowers on the table. This ambiance was born out of Chef Luis' sweat equity. He did nearly all the work himself, from stripping and painting the walls to cutting the glass for decorative ceiling lights.

Thirty-two-year-old Chef Luis learned his trade on the job, beginning to work in restaurants at age 15. By age 18, he owned his own pizzeria. He developed his interest in alternative foods as food and beverage director of Good Food Company. Before starting the Avant Garde project, he was food and beverage director for Vic's World Class Markets.

Chef Luis predicted the Vegetable Quesadilla, with veggies sandwiched between lawash with soy Monterey Jack cheese and fruit salsa, to be a top-selling appetizer. He also pointed proudly to the Stuffed Portabella Mushrooms that incorporate house burrito mix and peppers.

If you like burritos and would like to ditch the fat, then the

Vegetarian Burrito sandwich is a great choice. It's mesquite-grilled veggies wrapped in sun-dried tomato lawash. It's a taco seasoning taste and the flavor of refried beans all the way, without either the beans or the fat.

Among entrees, the predicted smash hits are the ravioli selections. There's salmon, duck, lobster and turkey, each prepared with a grand array of flavors. The salmon raviolis come with a cointreau cream; duck is flavored with Warre's Port sauce; lobster gets turned up with amaretto tomato sauce; while the turkey has sun-dried cranberry sauce.

You can create your own pizza with organic spelt (low gluten wheat flour) crust, tomato sauce, two toppings and a mix of soy cheeses.

While there's not a kid's menu as such, the noodle dishes, harvest burger, chicken selections, raviolis and pizza will appeal to kids.

Avant Garde does not have a liquor license. The best shot in the house is grass green Wheat Grass made in the juicer. Other beverages include choices of fresh juices (carrot, apple or beet) made to order, and organic



What's for dinner: Chef Luis Cartagena presents Eggplant Lasagna with fresh tomato basil garlic sauce and rolled pasta at Avant Garde.

Kona coffee.

Cartagena concluded that he's on a mission of good health and spiritual harmony.

"Adjusting your diet at any age will make you feel better," he contended. "I'm also reaching out to people with cardiac prob-

lems and those on restricted diets. They can now get a fine dining atmosphere without fear of salt and high fat."

RESTAURANT SPECIALS

Restaurant Specials features restaurant openings and renovations, menu specials, and anniversaries. Send announcements to: Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or fax (734) 591-7279.

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MICHIGAN BREWERS GUILD SUMMER FESTIVAL

Over 27 microbrew pubs and microbreweries will gather 1-6 p.m. Saturday, July 25 at Greenmead Historical Park, Newburgh (at 8 Mile Road), Livonia for the

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