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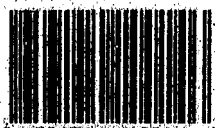


CLARKSTON

Last week we began the story of the Kellogg brothers, J. H. and Will. J. H., a doctor and businessman, was considered by far the smarter of the two brothers. Will noted in his diary that he would probably always be a "poor man," living in the shadow of his wealthy and dynamic older brother. But by accident, Will invented breakfast cereal flakes. He and his brother were shocked at how much the wheat cereal was liked by patrons of the health sanitarium run by J. H. Will experimented with other grains, eventually making flakes from oats, barley and corn. The cereals were so well-liked that former patrons of the "San" began to order them for use at home. At first, neither brother was convinced that beginning a business solely dedicated to making the cereals would be successful, even though they sold 113,400 pounds of flakes (in 10 oz. packages) in the first year of outside sales alone. But other businessmen, like Charles W. Post of Texas, quickly caught on to the trend. He, along with as many as 40 others, moved to Michigan and began manufacturing cereal. By the early 1900s, Battle Creek, Mich., became the cereal capital of the world.

Finally, realizing the success others were having, Will tried to convince J. H. to market cereal on a large scale. J. H. refused, still unconvinced. It took Will several years to find the confidence to leave the shadow of his older brother and market the cereal himself, but he finally did.

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



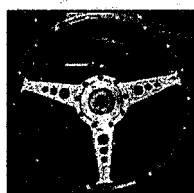
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Beaming with pride: Dick Harms of Clarkston owns one of only five custom-made 1957 convertible Jaguars. On Friday he'll drive the car in the Tour d'Elegance.

Jazzy Jag

Clarkstonite to sport '57 model in car cruise



Dick Harms hops into his custom-made 1957 convertible Jaguar and shows it was made to fit only him.

"Isn't it a sweetheart?" he said, referring to the XKSS model made in England specifically to his personal size and stature. The car was recreated from a racing machine. Harms, 69, of Clarkston owns one

of only five vehicles like it in the country.

Harms will proudly drive that vintage vehicle from Canterbury Village in Orion Township to Depot Park in Clarkston during Friday's Tour d'Elegance. Beginning at 4:30 p.m. the tour is one of three Clarkston-area events affiliated with the Meadow Brook Hall Concours d'Elegance annual classic automobile show this weekend in Rochester Hills.

Tour d'Elegance immediately precedes Concours in the Park, a free vintage sports car show from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday at Depot Park. "The Concours in the Park has a very informal setting," said Rose Lieberman, chairperson of



Rare cat: Dick Harms will drive his Jaguar in an event connected with the Concours d'Elegance.

the Tour d'Elegance. "This is a sports car concours. The (Meadow Brook show) is more of a classic car concours." The official show is held on the Oakland University

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Fire kills second township resident

Independence Township Fire Chief Gar Wilson is urging residents to use smoke detectors after separate house fires killed two residents in less than two weeks.



A second fatal fire in Independence Township in less than two weeks drove home the important role of smoke detectors early Sunday morning.

There were no smoke detectors found in the sleeping areas of Larry W. Taylor's Summerhill Drive home, according to Greg Olrich, fire marshal for Independence Township.

Taylor, 48, was found in the living room of his home after the fire department and Oakland County Sheriff's officers responded to a call about 4:37 a.m. Sunday, said Lt. Dale LaBair of the sheriff's department.

Efforts were made to revive Taylor and he was transported to Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital, where he died a short time later.

Only 12 days before Sunday's blaze, 85-year-old Doris Gould lost her life in a July 14 fire at her residence on Deer Lake Drive. Fire Chief Gar Wilson said Gould had a fire detector near her bedroom, where she was found, but it is questionable whether it went off. Gould's fire-related death was the first in Independence in more than 10 years, Wilson said.

In a telephone conversation on Tuesday, the fire chief urged the public to use smoke detectors in their homes. They can be purchased in most hardware and variety stores for between \$7 and \$15, he said.

Wilson recommended that smoke detectors be placed in garages and basements and near sleeping areas and kitchens.

Wilson emphasized that if one detector is placed in a hallway and shares responsibility for nearby bedrooms, residents should sleep with their bedroom doors slightly open so the detector can sense smoke in the event of a fire originating in a bedroom.

"If you do it that way, leave the door open a crack," he said, adding that closed doors prevent detectors from picking up smoke in a nearby room.

Wilson said smoke detectors should be cleaned regularly inside and out with a soft-brushed vacuum. He said batteries should be replaced one to two times per year, recommending doing the replacements regularly on holidays to simplify remembering the task.

Olrich estimated that firefighters from Independence, Brandon and Springfield townships had the fire in Taylor's home under control within 30 to 45 minutes. Taylor was the only one home when the fire broke out.

Funeral services for Taylor, a veteran of the U.S. Army, were handled by the Simpson-Modetz Funeral Home in Waterford.

Taylor is survived by his wife, Patricia Hagberg Taylor; sons, Christopher Ryan and Zachary; several brothers and sisters and a grandfather.

Taylor was a machinist at Terry Machine Co. and a member of the First General Baptist Church of Drayton Plains.

Ex-executive pens new chapter in life

From squeeze box to publishing house, the word "kordene" has come a long way since the days when Harry Knitter's father fractured the word and begged the boy to play the accordion for guests.

"Go to the closet and bring out the kordene and play my favorite songs," Harry Knitter remembers his father saying, before adding: "Kordene kind of stuck with me."

Two years ago, Knitter resurrected the word and gave it to the book publishing business he founded: Kordene Publications Ltd.

Four published books and a flood of ideas later, Knitter, a former executive, is finding success in a second career as author and publisher.

And, when he's not neck deep in words, Knitter can be found playing the piano — he still tickles the ivories all these years later on the accordion's horizontal cousin — on Sunday afternoons at the Clarkston Cafe on Main Street.

Knitter and his wife, Nancy, recently relocated to Independence Township from the Lansing area to be closer to their grandchildren. With Nancy's help, Harry Knitter is in the process of completing five additional books that cover every topic from Santa's transporta-

tion dilemmas in "The Day The Reindeer Returned From Sun City" to "The Joys Of Having Boys" — a tome of sayings gleaned from their years of parenting three sons — to "At The Equinox" — a book about women who have overcome adversity that will feature some of Nancy's emerging poetry.

Harry Knitter, a marketing executive who worked for the West Bend Co., Chrysler, FTD flowers and Ross Roy Advertising, learned in 1992, when he was 55, that he had Parkinson's Disease.

Determined not to let the disabling neurological disorder get him down, Knitter — who said he developed the popular "Pick-Me-Up bouquets" for FTD — committed himself to a pursuit of life and health.

"I took the approach that I wanted to get as much out of life as I could," he says, noting that many patients stricken with Parkinson's in the 50s age range become seriously disabled.

"It was a real emotional experience," he says. "Writing lessens the stress level, which is a significant factor in lessening the disease."

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Write on: Author Harry Knitter is currently working on five different books.

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Following his diagnosis, the Knitters, who are both 61, purchased a second home in northern Michigan.

"It gave us a chance to get away. One of the things it did for us was give us a desire to get into creativity," he says.

Harry Knitter, a graduate of the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee who had post-college experience in the newspaper field before going into the U.S. Army, began his late-life round as a writer by taking classes and writing workshops at Lansing Community College.

Nancy, a retired reading teacher and fellow graduate of UW, soon followed suit. "She got involved after I got interested and excited about it," Knitter says.

Well-traveled, Harry Knitter would tell you, himself, that he gets twice the distance out of his many personal experiences as other folks. First, he experiences them, of course — and then he writes about them.

"I try to reflect a lot of life's experiences in my books," he says.

His first, and most successful book, "Holding Pattern: Airport

'One of the things I've learned is that nothing happens by accident.'

Harry Knitter
Independence Township author

Waiting Made Easy" is based on his traveling experience, along with some research, and has sold more than 5,000 copies. The Knitters have hawked the book at conferences and book shows, on the radio and even on the CNN Airport Network.

Other titles completed by Harry Knitter include: "Why You Should Take Your Travel Agent To Lunch," "101 Stupid Things Business Travelers Do To Sabotage Success" and "A Sweet Sampling Of Floral Delights."

"When I started writing about travel, I had good knowledge. I actually wrote part of the book while I was stuck in the airport," he says. "I was real proud to get that on the market and it's done real well. One of the things I've learned is that nothing happens by accident."

Concours from page A1

campus and grounds of Meadow Brook Hall on Sunday. Harms will park his automobile in the VIP section and browse at the other cars on the green. He describes the cars at the Concours as "museum pieces," whereas his four Jaguars are fully driveable and restored.

"The thing about driving the car... it's living it," said Harms. "It's like an extension of yourself. I get in there and when I've had a good run, it's like an old friend."

He bought the automobile in 1992 when he retired after 40 years from General Motors. When asked which of the four is his favorite, he can only reply by saying "whichever one I'm driving" at the moment.

Sporting a Jaguar ring and wristwatch, Harms calls himself an amateur car enthusiast, though he can rattle off the vital statistics of his beloved machines without blinking. The Jaguar he plans to drive this weekend weighs 2,100 pounds and has reached 163 mph.

"After my wife and my family, this is my interest," said Harms.

Harms reminisces about the first time he set his eyes upon a Jaguar. In the early 1950s, he

was cruising to Cleveland with his girlfriend.

"I saw a little spot and it kept getting bigger and bigger," he said, pointing into the rearview mirror. "The car came right up next to me and the driver had one hand on the wheel of his XK 120. He waves at me. I said 'I gotta get a Jaguar.' It was something I'd never seen before. The love has been there ever since."

Concours in the Park, a benefit for Clarkston SCAMP, includes an ice cream social and display of 100 sports cars and racing vehicles. A silent motor-sports memorabilia auction will be held at the park and a Dixieland band will provide entertainment.

Also in Clarkston, historic cars will be raced all weekend long at Waterford Hills Raceway.

Concours d'Elegance events

Friday, July 31

■ 4:30 p.m. — Tour d'Elegance, sports car cruise from Canterbury Village to Depot Park in downtown Clarkston. Free.

■ 6-9 p.m. — Concours in the Park, show of 100 sporty and classic cars, Depot Park. Free.

■ 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. — Day of practice and qualifying, Waterford Hills Raceway, Clarkston. Free.

Saturday, Aug. 1

■ 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. — Meadow Brook Historic Races XIV at Waterford Hills Raceway. Porsche will be the featured automobile. Admission: \$10.

Sunday, Aug. 2

■ 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. — 20th annual Meadow Brook Hall Concours d'Elegance, Rochester Hills. Admission: Free for children 12 and under, \$10 for ages 13-17, \$20 for adults.

■ Meadow Brook Historic Races XIV continue. Admission and schedule remains the same.

For more information, call (248) 370-8140.

Street rods rev engines for charity

In the metro Detroit area, August seems to be dedicated to celebrating vintage cars and charity events.

Keeping in step with that tradition, the fourth annual R-Gang Rods and Kustoms Car Show will be held Sunday at Clintonwood Park in Independence Township.

"I like my show to be fun and family-oriented," said Shannan Shidler, event organizer.

Shidler, who manages R-Gang Rods and Kustoms Club, expects 200 cars to enter the show, which begins at 9 a.m. Registration, held only on the day of the show, lasts from noon to 2 p.m. and costs \$10. Awards will be given at 3 p.m. by car show sponsors.

The show will again benefit The Ronald McDonald House of Detroit. In 1995, the show raised \$2,500 for the Ronald McDonald House. Each successive year, the event has doubled that amount. Shidler hopes to raise at least

R-Gang Rods and Kustoms Car Show

Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Date: Saturday

Place: Clintonwood Park, Independence Township

Admission: Free; registration costs \$10.

\$10,000 this year.

Jackie Sunday, executive director of Ronald McDonald House of Detroit, said the car show is the largest annual fundraiser for her organization.

"It's more than just a car show," she said. "It's families helping families with sick children."

The Ronald McDonald House, located at Children's Hospital, offers a home away from home for parents with sick children. More than 1,000 families each year have a place to sleep and eat within walking distance from the hospital.


Visitors can expect a special

appearance by Ronald McDonald on Sunday.

At the show, awards will be given to cars in classes such as year and make. But some original classes of awards, such as "Bad to the Bone," "Memory Lane," "Ladies Choice," and "Low Lid" will also be distributed. A concession stand, picnic area, disc jockey, and carnival games will accompany the show.

There are no guidelines for choosing a winner, no specific formula.

"There are no politics involved (in choosing a winner)," said Shidler. It's strictly what the sponsor wants."



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Legislative candidates vying in primary

Clarkston-area residents have two legislative races on which to vote Aug. 4 - 46th district state representative and 16th district state senator.

The 46th district, which includes the city of the Village of Clarkston and the townships of Independence and Springfield, has four Republican candidates battling in the primary race. They are Jeff Gallant, Ruth Johnson, John Lauve and Patricia Woods. The winner will face Democrat Roxanne La Montaine in the November general election. La Montaine is

running unopposed in the primary.

Both political parties have races in the 16th district, which includes Clarkston, Independence and Springfield. Vying for the Republican nomination are incumbent Mat Dunaskiss and 46th district state Rep. Tom Middleton, who has reached his term limit in the House. Competing for the Democratic nomination are David Lillis and Michael Odette. The primary winners from each party will face off in the November general election.

16TH DISTRICT STATE SENATE CANDIDATES

Republicans



Mat Dunaskiss, 46, resides in Orion Township. The incumbent has sat in the 16th District state Senate seat for eight years. He served as a state representative for 10 years and was an Oakland County Commissioner for two years. He has an undergraduate and a master's degree from the University of Michigan and is a former teacher. Dunaskiss is married and has three children.



Tom Middleton, 53, of Independence Township has been the 46th district's state representative since 1990, but is leaving the House due to term limits. He attended Oakland Community College and Michigan State University. He served on the Oxford school board for eight years and has 30 years experience working as a farmer and businessman. Middleton is married and has three children.

Democrats



David Lillis, 41, resides in Orion Township and is a manager for dietary services for the Henry Ford Health System. He is a state-certified chef and has a degree in culinary arts from Oakland Community College. Lillis is married and has four children.



Michael Odette, 45, resides in Independence Township and is an attorney. He received a bachelor's degree from Wayne State University and attended law school at the Detroit College of Law. He was an Oakland County deputy sheriff for 12 years and has been in private practice as an attorney for 12 years. Odette is married and has five children.

46TH DISTRICT STATE HOUSE CANDIDATES

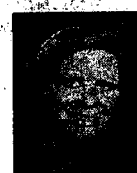
Republicans



Jeff Gallant, 33, lives in Independence Township with his wife, Angie Gallant, who serves as his campaign manager. He did his undergraduate work in philosophy and attended law school at the University of Michigan. Following law school, Gallant worked as a federal prosecutor with the U. S. Department of Justice. Currently, he works for a small law firm in Oakland County.



John Lauve, 57, resides in the village of Holly and is unmarried. He has been an engineer at General Motors Corp. for 28 years. He received his engineering degree from the University of Michigan. Lauve has been involved with the coalition that opposes the Detroit casinos. In 1990, he ran against John Engler in the Republican primary for governor.



Ruth Johnson, 43, resides in Groveland Township with her husband, Don Nannery. Since 1988, she has been representing North Oakland County as an Oakland County commissioner. She served as vice chair of the board for five consecutive years. A lifetime North Oakland County resident, Johnson has a bachelor of science degree with K-9 teaching certification from Oakland University and a master's degree in social work from Wayne State University. Johnson has experience running her own business, teaching adult education and working with children.



Pat Woods, 57, resides in Highland Township where she has served as treasurer for 15 years. Woods is married to David Woods and has four children. She is the district director of the Michigan Township Association for Oakland, Macomb and St. Clair counties. She is state certified as an assessor and a municipal finance administrator. She has worked in the banking industry and operates her own businesses. In 1994, she ran for 46th district state representative against Tom Middleton. She co-founded the Christmas in April program.

Republican candidates for local House seat offer their solutions

What makes you qualified to serve as a state representative?

Gallant: "I think it's my unique combination of experience ... I very well may be the only person in Lansing in the House that has any federal prosecutorial experience ... Also, I've worked within a huge bureaucracy ... I've also been involved in small business and in representing businesses, and I understand the impact government can have on them."

Johnson: "I have a proven track record of cutting taxes, putting prisoners to work ... securing road funding. I've been civically involved in the community for over a decade."

Lauve: "I'm not a politician or lawyer. I'm an engineer so my qualifications are that I've worked on problems at GM ... I work in the auto industry, which is the cornerstone of Michigan's success."

Woods: "I do have the local experience. Everything the state does has a real effect on local municipalities ... I think I have a proven track record that shows that I can stand up and make the hard decision."

Traffic is a major concern in this community. What would you do to help solve the community's current and future traffic problems?

Gallant: "There are three things in particular that we could do to help the entire transportation system ... First of all, a moratorium on the use of any Michigan transportation funds on anything but road-related projects ... Number two, there are some technical things we can

change, like ending the prevailing wage law (which) artificially inflates the cost of ... (road) construction ... And thirdly, I think we need to reform the formula by which we fund roads ... and make it contingent on actual use."

Johnson: "We need to get our fair share ... We don't have a fair formula. ... Specifically, I would change Act 51 (which mandates the funding formula) ... so we get our fair share."

Lauve: "If you take an anti-urban sprawl route, you don't have to build more roads."

Woods: "I think the money should go where the population is (and the road-funding formula should be changed.) ... You need to look at what you need in the future and start planning for it."

Do you view urban sprawl as a problem? If so, what should be done about it?

Gallant: "It is a problem, and a couple things that I think we can do to combat it is to encourage development in our urban centers, in areas that are already developed ... If we give developers incentives to rebuild Pontiac and the inner cities, that will take some of the pressure off ... Again, local communities (need) as much control as possible ... the best way to do that is to make sure that our laws give (local officials) enough control over their destiny."

Johnson: "I think it can be a problem if it's not managed properly ... We need to block the (legislative initiatives that would require) smaller (lot) acreages. We need to pass the \$675 million bond issue that would address

the brownfields problem. We need to continue strong local control."

Lauve: "(Yes). We need to be buying development rights ... We need to be charging impact fees, substantial impact fees. I'm talking about \$20,000 or \$30,000 per building site ... The other thing is to have a (local) millage ... for preservation ... to buy development rights."

Woods: (Stresses local zoning and planning as solution.)

As a state representative, what would you propose that would improve the quality of education, if anything?

Gallant: "Continue to give more discretion and power to local school districts and teachers and parents."

Johnson: "We need to have more local control ... We need to encourage more parents to get involved in the school districts ... And equity in funding."

Lauve: "University oversight of the schools ... Have some prototypes. Have the universities set up a school in Detroit."

Woods: "I think the schools need to get out of the social issues and get back to the academics."

If elected, what one pressing problem would you seek to resolve and how?

Gallant: "My very first bill that I am going to introduce ... (would) end pensions for term-limited, statewide politicians."

Johnson: "Reform performance audits (of government departments) to make govern-

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Candidates in 16th district state Senate race address the issues

In the last decade, Michigan has lost the equivalent of 37 townships (854,000 acres of farmland) to development, while population has increased very little. Do you view "urban sprawl" (eating up open space faster than population growth) as a problem? If so, what should be done about it?

Dunaskiss: It's "one of the most pressing problems we face on a daily basis." People are frustrated by conditions like over-congested roads, which are "a clear indication of unchecked growth," he said. Encouraging redevelopment of urban areas so that people aren't rushing to flee into less populated areas is one solution, he said. (As a lawmaker, Dunaskiss said he has backed environmental projects, renaissance zones and urban renewal projects intended to make cities more desirable.)

Middleton: "If we can build a safer and productive urban area, that will slow urban sprawl." An environmental bond issue up for voter approval in November includes over \$300 million for brownfield redevelopment, which is one way to arrest urban sprawl, he said. If jobs are created and retained in these urban areas, people will stay close to where they work and where infrastructure is already in place, he said.

Lillis: "If we let our cities build up, it's going to allow more commerce for outlying areas." Renewal of established cities and urban areas is a way to stanch sprawl and strike a balance between urban and suburban communities, he said. "Urban sprawl, where does it end? ... You've got to have an even mix." Also, he said, small farmers need incentives that will make it worth their while to continue working the land and resist selling it to developers, and the government should be supportive of that spirit.

Odette: "A lot of north Oakland is still prime for development, and it's going to be something we're going to have to address," so it is a concern, he said. Although "we can't close the door on everybody," perhaps developers should cover more of the cost of road improvements related to projects that strain roads, he said. State lawmakers' role in addressing urban sprawl could come in the form of directing more money for roads, especially east-west routes, he said.

Comment on abortion and assisted suicide?

Dunaskiss: "If you legalize assisted suicide, think about the message that you're telling kids ... Suicide is the easy way out if you have a problem

... That would be the absolute wrong message for government to be sending." Likewise, he said he is opposed to abortion in all cases and against using taxpayer money for such procedures.

Middleton: On the issue of assisted suicide, he favors pain management legislation that would allow doctors more leeway in treating patients so that "if circumstances came about (and that) person died because you were treating pain, the doctor is not liable, and you can't be convicted of assisted suicide." (Middleton voted for the legislature's ban on assisted suicide, which makes it a felony punishable by up to five years in prison.) On abortion, Middleton is pro-life, but, "if a girl became pregnant and had no choice in the matter ... I would allow that. ... I'm not encouraging it, but I would allow it." He also doesn't support state money being used to pay for abortions.

Odette: "I think people should have a choice ... I like Merian's Friends' proposal ... I do agree that guidelines have to be there ... It shouldn't be done the way Jack Kevorkian is doing it, but I do believe people should have a choice." Abortion is a "choice issue," and the state's current law is reasonable, he said. On public funding of abortions, he said, "You're going to pay for it one way or another, and it might be cheaper to pay for the abortion than the support later on."

Lillis: "I'm in the middle" on abortion, he said. "Neither extreme is going to get what they want." Rather than abortions, he said he supports more education for youths and making adoption easier. Lillis supports assisted suicide, but believes stringent standards are necessary. "There comes a time when even pain management doesn't help ... I want to make sure that this person knows exactly what they are doing."

Should the funding split between the state, counties and municipalities (currently 39, 39 and 22 percent) be altered?

Dunaskiss: Traffic counts should help influence where road money goes, he said. Where there's a greater amount of traffic, the funding should be proportionate.

Middleton: "If we change jurisdiction (over roads), we're going to have to change the formula," he said. Whoever has control of high-maintenance roads, for example, will need the money to provide proper upkeep, he said.

Lillis: Current allocations are fair, but excess

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Republican 46th district candidates on the issues

■ Three biggest issues in 46th district
Gallant - Taxes; roads; quality of life
Johnson - Taxes; roads; equity in school funding
Lauve - Lack of leadership; casinos; urban sprawl
Woods - Roads; taxes; health care

■ Two House committee preferences
Gallant - Judiciary; Constitutional and Civil Rights or Tax Policy
Johnson - Tax Policy; Transportation
Lauve - Did not name specific committee
Woods - Tax Policy; Education

■ Laws that would try to sentence youths as adults
Gallant - Supports
Johnson - Supports
Lauve - Opposes
Woods - Supports

■ Michigan's 650 lifer law (life in prison, if convicted of possession of 650 grams of cocaine)
Gallant - Supports with reforms
Johnson - Supports with reforms
Lauve - Supports with reforms
Woods - Supports

■ Charter schools
Gallant - Supports
Johnson - Supports
Lauve - Supports
Woods - Supports

■ State matriculation benchmarks for K-12 students
Gallant - Opposes
Johnson - Opposes
Lauve - Supports
Woods - Opposes

■ School vouchers/tax credits
Gallant - Supports, favors tax credits
Johnson - Opposes, if funding comes from public school funds

Lauve - Opposes
Woods - Supports, favors tax credits

■ Assisted suicide
Gallant - Supports law that would ban and punish
Johnson - Legislation should not be initiated on issue prior to voters' decision
Lauve - Legislation should not be initiated on issue
Woods - Supports law to allow procedure with strict screening

■ Abortion
Gallant - Pro-life
Johnson - Pro-life with exceptions
Lauve - Pro-choice
Woods - Pro-choice

■ Benefits for unmarried partners of university employees
Gallant - Opposes
Johnson - Opposes
Lauve - No opinion
Woods - Opposes

■ Economic Development, Environment and Recreation (Clean Michigan) bond proposal
Gallant - Supports, but favors more local control
Johnson - Supports
Lauve - Opposes
Woods - Opposes

■ Voter-approved property taxes to fund arts
Gallant - Opposes
Johnson - Opposes
Lauve - Opposes
Woods - Opposes

■ Legislative term limits
Gallant - Supports
Johnson - Supports
Lauve - Supports
Woods - Supports

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ment more efficient and cut taxes."

Lauve: "This trailer park issue... Trailer parks are just being given a free ride; they're being subsidized by homeowners... They don't pay for the roads. They don't pay for the schools. What I'd do is get a law that puts a moratorium on new trailer parks and (brings) fair taxation."

Woods: "We could start right off with campaign finance reform. It isn't right that you should be able to buy an election... (Candidates) should have to use their own money. (Campaign funds) probably should be capped."

What do constituents expect of their legislators?

Gallant: "They expect - and I think they ought to demand - people mean what they say and they say what they mean. You ought to be able to ask me a question and get an answer... They ought to

expect somebody can tell them how they look at issues and how they'll vote on particular bills. They should expect them to be accessible. They should expect them to be an ombudsman or liaison."

Johnson: "They expect a lot and they should. They expect you to represent them, to listen to them... to be good at constituent services... and be a good legislator... to go up there and make the needed changes... to be honest, attend all the meetings."

Lauve: "Not much. I don't expect much... What should they expect? Leadership. And they expect (legislators) not to be creating all these special deals."

Woods: "They expect them to be accountable... truthful, ethical and accessible."

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federal road money could be funneled to local municipalities, he said.

Odette: "There should be a fair ratio depending on how many miles of road you're responsible for."

Should the state grant more "charters" to formerly private schools, and should Michigan amend its constitutional prohibition against aid, vouchers, grants and tax credits?

Dunaskiss: Charter schools have spurred positive momentum in public education so the cap on the schools should be eliminated, he said. "...Superintendents are starting to look toward the future and say, 'What can we do to start promoting ourselves and are we achieving these standards of excellence?'" he said. Dunaskiss also supports

a ballot proposal that would let the public amend the constitution and approve a voucher system.

Middleton: "I believe in charter schools... We need them to set up this mechanism of competition, but I'm not willing to expand the number of charter schools right now." Granting more charters now is premature because the state's first crop of charter schools needs more time to be evaluated before expansion is prudent, he said. On vouchers, he said: "The reason I don't agree with a voucher system is because parents assume that under a voucher system, they're going to choose what school their children (are) going to go to... In reality, the school is going to choose which students they want to take."

Lillis: On charter schools, "I just think it's an experiment where they said, 'We're going to let you have a charter school... because we know you're going to be better than the public schools.'"... I disagree with that." The "majority of the schools are doing fine," he said. Lillis is also against tax dollars paying for private education. "Parochial schools are in existence because they wanted to be. They have their reasons... If you choose to go there, you pay for it."

Odette: Charter schools are good but must meet the same standards as public schools, he said. On vouchers for private schools, he said, "On the one hand, it sounds nice that everybody, every child, has the same amount. But it's public education money and everybody pays it through their taxes... The reason I oppose it is because I think it harms public schools... I think in the long term it harms public

education."

How do you feel about passing new laws to allow young teens to be tried and sentenced as adults? Do you support recent changes to the 650-lifer law?

Dunaskiss: Youths who commit serious offenses should "absolutely" be tried as adults, he said. (Dunaskiss voted against changing the 650-lifer law, which had previously mandated life imprisonment for people convicted of possessing 650 or more grams of cocaine.) "Is it bad having the nation's toughest drug law?" he said. "A person in possession of 650 grams of cocaine is 'more than a part-time dealer,'" he said.

Middleton: Teens should be tried as adults, but youthful offenders should be sent to so-called "punks" prisons first, and then on to traditional prisons, he said. (Middleton also voted against easing the 650-lifer law.) The unforgiving nature of the law was a good deterrent, he said.

Lillis: "The crimes that are committed now by teens aren't shoplifting or simple vandalism, they're outrageous... They should be tried as adults." On the 650 lifer law, a minimum sentence of 15 years is more appropriate than life in prison without parole, he said.

Odette: "Anyone you've got hope for, they don't belong in prison," he said. "They need some kind of training." But youthful offenders who kill should be sentenced as adults and not freed when they come of age, he said. The Legislature's decision to ease the 650 lifer law was a good one, he said. "I think the courts should have more discretion... The courts have to look at individual cases."

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, 10250 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:

STATE	GOVERNOR
CONGRESSIONAL	REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS
LEGISLATIVE	STATE SENATOR
	STATE REPRESENTATIVE
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 (\$1,348.4 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. 62 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 15, 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
Township of Springfield	.50	Unlimited
	1.00	1989 to 1998 Incl.
	.7920	1998 to 2005 Incl.
	1.00	1997 to 2008 Incl.
	.50	1998 to 1998 Incl.
Brandon School District	18.00	1995 to 2004 Incl. (Non-Homestead)
Clarkston Community Schools	18.00	1994 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 28 and 30, 1998

Charter Township of Springfield

REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Springfield has received requests for Special Land Use from Pace Development, Inc., 9185 Stonegate Drive, Clarkston, MI 48348 for the following:

Development of a 108-unit mixed use residential development on approximately 66 acres, utilizing the Cluster Housing provisions of the Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance; and installation of community sewer systems for the proposed development, utilizing recirculating sand filter systems.

The property is located west of Dixie Hwy., east of I-75, north of Old Pond Rd. and south of Davisburg Rd. P.L. # 07-14-301-020.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that oral and written comments on the Special Land Use requests will be received at a PUBLIC HEARING to be held at the Regular Meeting of the Springfield Township Board on Thursday, August 13, 1998, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Hall, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, MI.

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

NANCY STROLE, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield

Published: July 30, 1998

Charter Township of Springfield

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC ACT 188 OF 1954 PROCEEDINGS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO: RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that as a result of petitions of property owners within the Township, signed by the record owners of land whose footage constitutes more than 50% of the total footage of the hereinafter-described Sherwood/Patrick Special Assessment District, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield proposes to maintain and provide periodic gravel and other required improvements and to create a special assessment for the recovery of the cost thereof by special assessment against the properties benefited therein.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the district within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be constructed, and within which the cost thereof is proposed to be assessed, is more particularly described as follows:

Hitchman's Island Estates, the portion of Supervisor's Plat #8 located within the west 1/4 of the northeast 1/4 of Section 10, and that portion of Supervisor's Plat #10 using Sherwood Rd. for access.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Township Board has reviewed plans describing the maintenance, minimal improvements and locations thereof, together with an estimate of the costs of such improvements in the approximate amount of \$52,270.00, spread over three (3) years at \$17,423.00 per year; has placed the same on file with the Township Clerk; has passed a resolution tentatively declaring its intention to make such improvements and to create the aforementioned Special Assessment District; and has further tentatively found the petitions for the improvement to be in compliance with statutory requirements.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a PUBLIC HEARING upon such petitions, plans, district and estimate of costs will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 11, 1998, at the Springfield Township Hall, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, Michigan. At such hearing the Township Board will consider any written objections to any of the foregoing matters which might be filed with said Board at or prior to the time of said hearing, as well as any revisions, corrections, amendments or changes to said plans, estimates and costs, or to said Special Assessment District. All interested persons are invited to be present at the aforesaid time and place and to submit comments concerning any of the foregoing.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that said plans, Special Assessment District and petitions may be examined at the office of the Springfield Township Clerk, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, Michigan from the date of this Notice until and including the date of the Public Hearing hereon; and may further be examined at such Public Hearing.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield

Published: July 30, 1998

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE PUBLIC NOTICE OF TEMPORARY POLLING PLACE LOCATION CHANGE

General Primary Election
County of Oakland, State of Michigan
Tuesday, August 4, 1998
The Polls will be open 7 o'clock a.m. until 8 o'clock p.m.

Precinct	Place/Address
2	Sashabaw Middle School (Cafeteria) 5565 Pine Knob Lane (Previously North Sashabaw Elementary)
11	Sashabaw Middle School (Cafeteria) 5565 Pine Knob Lane (Previously North Sashabaw Elementary)
8	Clarkston Middle School (Cafeteria) 6389 Clarkston Road (Previously Clarkston Elementary)
9	Clarkston Middle School (Cafeteria) 6389 Clarkston Road (Previously Clarkston Elementary)

Published: July 30 and August 2, 1998

Charter Township of Springfield

REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield has received a request for Special Land Use from Lawrence and Beverly Rapp, P.O. Box 748, Clarkston, MI 48347. The request is to develop an equestrian facility on 40 acres at 11150 Clark Rd. The property is located north of Clark Rd., west of I-75, east of Dilleys Rd. and south of Davisburg Rd. P.L. #07-15-301-002.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that oral and written comments on the Special Land Use request will be received at a PUBLIC HEARING to be held at the Regular Meeting of the Springfield Township Board on Thursday, August 13, 1998, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Hall, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, MI.

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NANCY STROLE, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield

Published: July 30, 1998

Deadline nears for Clarkston city candidates to file petitions

Clarkston residents interested in running for mayor or for one of three seats on the city council can obtain a petition and affidavit of identity from City Hall, 375 Depot Road, Clarkston.

All submissions must be returned to City Clerk Artemus Pappas by Aug. 4. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1-5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Each available position, mayor or council person, involves a two-year term of office.

City Council meets at 7 p.m. every second and fourth Monday of the month in City Hall.

POLICE NEWS

The following incidents were reported to police and fire agencies in Springfield and Independence townships and the city of Clarkston July 23-27.

Independence Police

Bomb Threat

On July 25, police officers responded to a report that someone had left a bomb threat in the comments and suggestions box at Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburgers on Dixie Highway. The building was searched and the threat proved to be unfounded.

Thefts

On July 23, a briefcase, concert tickets and various papers were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Cramlane.

On July 23, a cell phone was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Hadley Road.

On July 23, a cassette disc player was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Deer Ridge.

On July 24, flooring, a furnace and two bathtubs were reported stolen from two homes under construction off Glenwood Creek.

On July 24, a cell phone, cassette discs and a radar detector were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Old Cove.

On July 25, a phone, fax machine and stereo equipment were reported stolen from a residence on Hubbard Hills.

On July 25, a cell phone was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Snowapple.

On July 26, a cell phone, camera, camcorder and stereo equipment were reported stolen from

a vehicle parked on Fox Chase Lane.

On July 26, a cell phone and walkie-talkies were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Chickadee.

On July 26, cassette discs, books and a wallet were among the items reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Burgundy.

On July 26, a camera, case, day planner and wallet were among the items reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Warbler.

Vandalism

On July 23, a rear window was reported damaged on a vehicle parked on Curtis Lane.

On July 25, a window and the body of a vehicle were damaged while the vehicle was parked on Chickadee.

Springfield Police

Thefts

On July 24, construction equipment was reported stolen from a site on Morning Drive.

Vandalism

On July 23, tires were reported slashed on a vehicle while it was parked on Kropf.

On July 24, windows were reported damaged at a sight on South Shore.

On July 25, windows and the paint of a vehicle were reported damaged while the vehicle was parked on Englewood.

On July 25, the tires of a vehicle parked on Bigelow were reported slashed. Also, a tree

was reported damaged.

On July 25, a vehicle window was reported damaged on Wilbrook.

Independence Fire

Between July 23-27, firefighters responded to 19 calls. Among them were two personal-injury accidents, one fatal house fire, seven medical runs, two incidences of downed electrical wires and one grass fire. They included:

On July 23, firefighters assisted a construction worker who fell off a ladder at the construction site of the new Clarkston High School on Flemings Lake Road.

On July 23, firefighters attended a tree fire caused by illegal fire works off Brandeis Circle.

Clarkston Police

On July 23, officers responded to an accident on West Washington Street near Main Street. During that accident a Clarkston woman attempted to pull into an alley, passing a vehicle on the right. An accident ensued. There were no citations issued nor were there any injuries.

On July 26, officers responded to an accident on North Main Street at Clarkston Road in which a vehicle being driven by a Clarkston woman rear-ended that being driven by a Richmond man. The Clarkston woman was cited for failure to stop. There were no injuries.

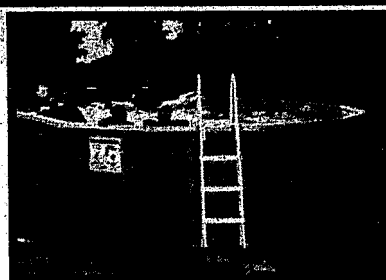
NOTABLES

Anthony R. Haba of Clarkston 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

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PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL CANDIDATES

An Independent Committee of the Oakland County Bar Association

JUDICIAL CANDIDATE RATINGS

COURT OF APPEALS - 2nd DISTRICT

Martin M. Doctoroff - OUTSTANDING
Pamela Gilbert O'Sullivan - QUALIFIED

SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT - NON-INCUMBENT POSITION

Steven M. Kaplan - OUTSTANDING
Richard D. Kuhn, Jr. - NOT RECOMMENDED - INSUFFICIENT EXPERIENCE
Colleen A. O'Brien - OUTSTANDING

43rd DISTRICT COURT - Ferndale, Madison Heights and Hazel Park

Joseph Longo - OUTSTANDING
Stephen M. Taratuta - NOT RECOMMENDED - INSUFFICIENT EXPERIENCE
W. Ann Warner - NOT RECOMMENDED
Kimberly S. Wilson - QUALIFIED, BUT NOT RECOMMENDED

50th DISTRICT COURT - Pontiac

Michael C. Martinez - WELL QUALIFIED
Joan Marsh Simmons - NOT RECOMMENDED
Preston G. Thomas - WELL QUALIFIED

52/1 DISTRICT COURT - Novi, South Lyon, Walled Lake and Wixom

Michael Batchik - OUTSTANDING
John W. Knight - QUALIFIED

RATINGS

The following criteria were used to evaluate each candidate's qualifications:

1. Full participation in the Committee process: completing the questionnaire in full, signing the waiver form, authorizing the release of medical, Attorney Grievance and Judicial Tenure records, appearing for the interview and submitting all other requested materials.
2. Legal ability, including scholarship, writing and speaking skills.
3. Experience, taking into account the length of time the candidate has been an attorney/judge and the nature of his or her practice/docket.
4. Reputation for wisdom, intellect, insight and impartiality and conduct as a lawyer/judge and as a member of the community.
5. Demeanor and temperament.
6. Health, both physical and mental.
7. The manner in which the candidate conducts his or her campaign; and
8. Other factors that are relevant to the particular office that the candidate is seeking.
9. Participation in civic, charitable, religious or political activities, bar associations or other professional organizations may also be considered.

WHAT THE RATINGS MEAN

1. **OUTSTANDING.** This rating signifies that the candidate satisfies the criteria set forth above to the highest degree.
2. **WELL QUALIFIED.** This rating signifies that the candidate satisfies the criteria set forth above to a substantial degree.
3. **QUALIFIED.** This rating signifies that the candidate satisfies the criteria set forth above.
4. **NOT RECOMMENDED - INSUFFICIENT EXPERIENCE.** This rating signifies that the candidate satisfies some of the criteria set forth above, but in the judgment of the Committee, has not had sufficient experience to be recommended for judicial office. This rating only indicates that the candidate is not recommended for the judicial office that he or she presently seeks. The rating should not be construed as an adverse reflection on the candidate's qualifications as an attorney or for any position that he or she might presently hold, unless the candidate is running as an incumbent, or may seek in the future.
5. **QUALIFIED, BUT NOT RECOMMENDED.** This rating signifies that the candidate satisfies 1, 2, and 3 of the above criteria, but in the judgment of the Committee, based upon the remaining criteria, cannot be recommended. This rating indicates that the candidate is not recommended for the judicial office that he or she presently seeks. The rating should in no way be construed as an adverse reflection on the candidate's qualifications as an attorney or for any position that he or she might presently hold, unless the candidate is running as an incumbent, or may seek in the future.
6. **NOT RECOMMENDED.** This rating signifies that the candidate does not sufficiently satisfy the above criteria. This rating indicates that the candidate is not recommended for the judicial office that he or she presently seeks. The rating should in no way be construed as an adverse reflection on the candidate's qualifications as an attorney or for any position that he or she might presently hold, unless the candidate is running as an incumbent, or may seek in the future.

If a candidate did not timely complete the questionnaire in full, sign the waiver form, authorize the release of medical, Attorney Grievance and Judicial Tenure records and appear for the interview, the candidate was rated "Not Recommended."

ALL RATINGS REFLECT THE COMMITTEE'S CONSIDERED OPINION AS TO THE CANDIDATE'S QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE JUDICIAL OFFICE SOUGHT AT THE TIME OF THIS EVALUATION ONLY. IT DOES NOT CONSTITUTE THE COMMITTEE'S OPINION AS TO THE CANDIDATE'S SUITABILITY (1) FOR ANY OFFICE PRESENTLY HELD, UNLESS THE CANDIDATE IS RUNNING AS AN INCUMBENT, (2) FOR ANY OFFICE AT ANY OTHER TIME, (3) AS AN ATTORNEY, OR (4) FOR ANY OTHER ENDEAVOR.

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THURSDAY, JULY 30, 1998

Best bets Our selections for races, proposals

In anticipation of the Aug. 4 primary election, The Clarkston Eccentric has been using this space to publish its endorsements for local races and ballot proposals.

Last Thursday you found our picks for the Springfield Township trustee race (incumbent **Richard D. Miller**) and Springfield Township police millage proposal (a yes vote) and for the Oakland County Commissioners race for District 2 (incumbent **Donna Huntton**) and District 3 (incumbent **Larry Obrecht**). There is no contest in District 4.

Today 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. The state Senate and state House races, on the Republican sides, are the most difficult choices we've had to make for this election.

16th District state Senate Republican Party —

There was some very real disagreement between among Eccentric staffers, but when the vote came down we found ourselves siding firmly with the incumbent, **Mat Dunaskiss**.

His opponent, term-limited state Rep. Tom Middleton, is a fan favorite — well-liked by his peers and those of us in the media — but Dunaskiss is better informed on the issues; is better situated to address them and has plans for what he wants to accomplish.

Still, voters face a difficult decision because when it comes to issues, Dunaskiss and Middleton are ideologically similar.

Both men have similar views on everything from taxation to education, from the environment to roads. In almost every instance, however, we give a slight edge to Dunaskiss for his depth of understanding and his ability to articulate and explain the issues.

Philosophically, both veer to the right of the political spectrum with a few centrist leanings on the part of Middleton. For example, though both are pro-life and anti-abortion, Middleton is more wavering than Dunaskiss.

With such similar views, neither candidate has made this a campaign of issues. Rather, Middleton says it's a campaign about style. Simply, Middleton is selling Middleton, which is a nice package, but only slightly different from his opponent in most quantifiable ways.

Dunaskiss, on the other hand, has chosen to tout his career and accomplishments.

In light of this, we give the edge to Dunaskiss. That is not to say he is the perfect candidate. In our experience, it seems Dunaskiss has always been too dogmatic in his approach to government. The Republican party line is Dunaskiss' line.

There is some disagreement among us as to whether he is sincere in his beliefs or merely echoing party doctrine. As a young legislator, Dunaskiss was far more likely to diverge from the GOP than he is today, but one can argue that he has merely grown more conservative after 20 years in government.

That is also a reason to support him; Dunaskiss may no longer be a rising star in the party, but as Senate Majority Caucus Chair he still wields some clout.

16th District state Senate Democratic Party —

It is inconceivable that the Democratic Party of Oakland County seems completely uninterested in the 16th District Senate seat, but that is the case.

In what is arguably its best chance in years — since the Republican Party is split over term-limited Rep. Tom Middleton and incumbent Senator Mat Dunaskiss — the Democratic Party has neither hand picked a candidate nor supported the two who have come forward.

The two — Dave Lillis and Mike Odette — have run virtually non-existent campaigns and have had few resources to draw on.

Neither candidate was particularly prepared for our interviews or others we have witnessed ... doesn't the Democratic Party at least have some kind of campaign primer it could drop in the mail?

Frankly, neither candidate excites us. Lillis is passionate, but seems unprepared to face the winner of the Republican primary. His answers were shots from the hip and heart.

Odette, a former attorney for Dr. Jack Kevorkian (the two have since parted company), has better name recognition, but his stands are sometimes impractical.

We wish both of them luck, and hope that the Democratic Party wakes up for the general election, but at this point, we endorse neither Lillis nor Odette.

46th District state House Republican Party —

Just as we wrestled with our choice on the Republican side for the state Senate, we faced a tough decision for the Republican side for the state House.

In the end, we chose to endorse former federal prosecutor **Jeff Gallant**. A newcomer to the political arena, Gallant is running as a common-sense citizen who believes the state's future is too important to entrust to career politicians. Unlike his two most viable opponents, Gallant has never held an elected office. He wants to create a part-time state Legislature and said he has no plans to seek higher office. We think his newness to politics — as well as his resolve to return to employment in the private sector — gives him a fresh perspective.

Like Dunaskiss, Gallant is well-informed about the issues. We have been impressed with his ability to articulate his stance and the amount of work he has put into his campaign. While two of his three opponents have proven track records of service to their constituents in county and township government, we think Gallant's track record during the campaign — including knocking on 10,000 doors — indicates how hard he will work for voters.

Also like Dunaskiss, Gallant leans a little farther to the right than his opponents. His stance on assisted suicide and abortion, matters of great concern to many traditional Republicans, has earned him the Right to Life of Michigan endorsement.

Lastly, Gallant's experience as a federal prosecutor gives him a national perspective to bring to the Michigan Legislature, an edge we believe he would have over his opponents.

46th District state House Democratic Party —

There is only one candidate seeking the Democratic nomination for the 46th District House seat — Roxanne LaMontaine. Therefore, there is no contest on the Democratic side.

Independence Township safety path millage —

We urge Independence Township residents to vote yes on the safety path millage renewal/increase proposal.

In a single ballot question, Independence Township voters are being asked to renew the township's safety path tax of 0.3646 mill and approve an increase of 0.1354 mill for a total of 0.5 mill for 10 years.

The combined renewal/increase would cost a resident with a home having a market value of about \$181,000 only \$45.19 per year, just \$12.24 more per year than now being paid.

In our opinion, that's a moderate amount to pay to help the township maintain the safety paths currently in place and build new ones, moving the township closer to its goal of having a completely interconnected safety path system.

Independence Township library millage —

We also urge Independence Township voters to vote yes on the library millage renewal proposal.

Voters are being asked to renew the library's tax of 0.7436 mill for four years. If the proposal is turned down, the Independence Township Library would likely have to close its doors since the millage brings in about 71 percent of the library's operating budget.

The renewal would cost a resident with a home having a market value of about \$181,000 only \$67.20 a year. Again, we view this as a modest expense for local library services.

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

Recently, 'Ulysses' was placed at the top of the century's best books. What is your favorite book?

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



It's probably 'From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankwiler.' It's a good book.

Steven Puroil
Independence Township



I think it would have to be 'The Enormous Crocodile' because it's funny.

Nicholas Puroil
Independence Township



'Wing Man On The Ice' by Matt Christopher.

Adams Drews
Independence Township



'The Custer Myth.' I think it really tries to straighten out the history of the event.

Chuck Scharret
Independence employee

LETTERS

Woods has integrity

Pat Woods is a person with integrity. She has served Highland Township faithfully as treasurer since 1983. Pat has been extremely active by giving of herself for the betterment of her community through various organizations (Highland Senior Center Advisory Council, Christmas in April Oakland County, West Oakland Hospice, to name a few). Pat knows the issues that affect the 46th District and will work hard to represent the constituents of her district.

Please vote on Tuesday, Aug. 4, for Pat Woods, your voice in Lansing.

D'Arcy A. Gonzales
Clarkston

Woods understands issues

It's important we send a representative of the 46th District to Lansing who understands our community. We desperately need a state representative who shares our concerns and our values.

Patricia Woods has been an active member of our community for more than 30 years. She has raised a family, owned a home, and owned a small business. Pat is the only candidate with local township experience and the only candidate who understands the problems that the average person in District 46 faces.

I trust Pat Woods to represent all of us on the issues that matter most to our communities: family, safety and consumer protection from a lifetime of community involvement.

Pat Woods has my vote for state representative for the 46th District on Aug. 4.

Dru Bergquist
Davisburg

Gallant has common sense

I write to urge all who read this to vote for Jeff Gallant for state representative on Aug. 4.

The reality of term limits is now upon us. So, it is important that we choose a quality representative. Because of my involvement, I've had the opportunity to learn something about each of the candidates. In my judgment, Jeff Gallant is the best candidate.

Jeff Gallant is not only knowledgeable about the important issues that face our state, he brings a fresh perspective and good common sense to the specific proposals he has made. And I am impressed by the hard work he has undertaken for the last several months, going door-to-door, attending and holding forums and otherwise making every effort to connect with the citizens of our community.

I urge everyone to vote for Jeff Gallant on Aug. 4.

Neil E. Wallace
Clarkston

Support the library

I really like the library because it has so many great books. The library has so many great books, great audio books and great movies. It would be very bad if the library couldn't get any more great books. I hope you vote to keep it open.

David J. Phillips
Clarkston

Missing good old Bill Kelley

Recently, I tore apart a deteriorated picnic table. The only wood worth saving were boards I had purchased from Bill Kelley several years ago. Good old Bill Kelley!

I remember taking my children by wagon to the Clarkston Lumber Co. a long time ago, and how Mr. Kelley welcomed us and took us on a tour of the place. Then, he rewarded the children with "precious" wood scraps, which we took home and used to construct all kinds of things. When we needed more scraps, Mr. Kelley kindly gave them to us.

I enjoyed visiting Bill at the shop over the years. (I don't remember when I became comfortable enough to call him Bill, although I still tended to call him Mr. Kelley.) Those visits were rarely brief for he was a consummate storyteller. Also, he taught me a lot about wood. When friends of mine and I built my backyard deck, I bought all my lumber from him, learning about the many different grades of lumber, with only the best being available from him.

Later, I had a front deck built for me, but insisted that the lumber be purchased from Bill, who kept a "tab" for me and waited for me to remember to pay him. I never regretted those visits, purchases and lessons.

What I do miss is Bill. As you may know, he died last November. It's hard for me to contemplate a construction project without thinking of him, and wishing he were still there for help and visiting.

Fortunately, when I look around my house, even when dismantling something, I will think of Bill. He was one of those special people who have and do make Clarkston the wonderful place to live that it is.

Tom Stone
Clarkston

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POINTS OF VIEW

Power outage leads to lesson in coping

There are so many things we take for granted and don't start to appreciate them until we lose them.

For the second time this year we have lost our electricity.

For the second time this year we've had to clean out the freezer and throw away what was perfectly good food.

On the other hand, we had another adventure.

I remember years ago losing our electricity when we lived in Bloomfield Hills and it wasn't too bad the first couple of days because we had city water, which could be heated on our gas stove.

We had to find friends to visit when it became shower time, but we lost the electricity because of an ice storm so we were able to move the food in the

freezer outside.

Our last two loses were quite different out here. When you lose your power, your well doesn't pump, and you realize how important water is to your well-being.

The first time we lost power I was in the shower all soaped up. I ended up running out to the driveway to let the rain rinse me off.

I'm not sure what the neighbors thought. The rain was so cold I kind of did a dance.

This last week we did things entirely differently.

We lost power at 5:45 in the afternoon.

We had no water, and not knowing how long the outage would last, we didn't want to open the refrigerator and lose what cold storage we had.

ECCENTRICITIES



HANK HOGAN

So we went out to dinner.

The house was dark when we got back, and we couldn't open the garage doors without doing a lot of disengaging so we parked in the driveway and went to bed.

Not only was there no television, we

■ The next morning we put on our bathing suits and went for a swim (with a bar of soap). We ate all our meals out, from muffins and coffee for breakfast, to fine dining in the evening.

couldn't read, see what time it was (except by flashlight) or use the toilets more than once.

The next morning we put on our bathing suits and went for a swim (with a bar of soap). We ate all our meals out, from muffins and coffee for breakfast, to fine dining in the evening.

The major problem was our food back home. We knew that every hour the power was off, the more the food would spoil.

I can't say that our experience this time was as primitive as the time in

Bloomfield, where we heated the house with roaring fires.

We did lose our air conditioning and had to shave with cold water, but all in all we learned how to cope without severe problems and with even tempers.

I guess if you want to live in the country you have to expect that things will be different.

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

LETTERS

Johnson a role model

Nowadays all we seem to read about in the papers or listen to during the evening news broadcasts about how bad or poor role models our elected officials are. Well, here is a good story with a happy ending about how one of our elected officials helped a constituent above and beyond the call of duty.

My family and I were anxiously awaiting the arrival of my son, daughter-in-law and two grandchildren to arrive from Bogota, Colombia. Everything was all set. David came home a week early to prepare for his wife and young daughters to arrive. The car was packed to meet them in Miami and bring them to their new home in Ortonville. All they had to do was go the embassy in Bogota and pick up the visas. So we thought!

Our nightmare began the day Andrea went to the embassy to get the visas. An anonymous embassy staff person denied the visas and told her to come back in six months. She was stranded in Colombia with two children and no hope of gaining

entrance to the embassy to appeal.

A friend advised me to call Ruth Johnson, who at the time was the county commissioner representing our area of Oakland County. Lucky for our family I did. I gave her all the details of what the problem was and explained the emergency.

My early efforts to contact Sen. Abraham's office, Sen. Levin's office and Congressman Kildee hit a dead-end. Sen. Abraham's office did get involved and Ruth Johnson became our chief advocate (our Colin Powell). Look out Desert Storm!

Ruth Johnson called the office manager for Sen. Abraham, Sen. Levin and Congressman Kildee. She tracked them down in Washington, D.C. She personally explained our problem to them along with the legitimacy of the cause and asked them to expedite any help they could give us. She gave me the name and phone number of each office manager to call to give all the details of the problem.

She didn't walk away after this either. She made follow-up contacts with me and Sen. Abraham's office in an effort to help things move along. Sen. Abraham's office telephoned and

faxed the embassy in Bogota. They requested an expedited inquiry into the reasons for the denial of the visas. Sen. Levin also requested an inquiry. His wife and children were granted visas and left the next day to come home!

There is no doubt in my mind that Ruth Johnson's active involvement got everybody's attention.

This is a great country and a great place to live. Our elected officials do help and can be role models. Thanks again to County Commissioner Ruth Johnson for helping a constituent in need. Thanks again to Sen. Abraham! Best wishes to Ruth Johnson in the upcoming election for state representative.

Vincenzo Ferreri
Ortonville

Re-elect Donna Huntoon

Commissioner Donna Huntoon has been a resident of White Lake Township for more than 50 years, serving her community as an influential leader in county government.

Donnas has had the experience of working as a persuasive spokesperson for her community in Lansing at the state government level.

Commissioner Huntoon has worked very hard to ensure accountability in county government. She is the only commissioner who has served on all board committees. She has been vice-chairwoman of public services, planning and building, and health and human services.

Donna's consistent record of cutting taxes and producing results the community has benefited from make her a very valuable leader in county government.

As chairman of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, I consider Donna Huntoon's opinions and views important, and I urge the residents of the 2nd District to continue in their support of Donna Huntoon for county commissioner.

John P. McCulloch, Chairman
Oakland County Board of
Commissioners

Help kids fight cancer

The Clarkston Octagon, Clarkston Junior Optimist, and Sashabaw Junior Optimist had their international convention in Atlanta. We had 20 people represent our area.

At the convention we went to many workshops that will help us better our leadership in the community. We all had a lot of fun there. There were many activities that helped us meet new people from different states.

The main goal this year from JOOI (Junior Optimist Octagon International) is to raise a total of \$25,000 for the National Children's Cancer Foundation.

If you would like to make a donation to this great cause, send it to Brose Electric, 5897 Dixie Highway, Clarkston MI 48346. Please write checks to Clarkston Middle School Junior Optimist. Your donation will be put to great use.

Michael J. Prunte Jr.
Clarkston

Bad timing or not, please vote

Sec. 534. A general primary of all political parties ... shall be held in every election precinct in this state on the Tuesday after the first Monday in August before every general November election ...

So speaks the electoral law of the State of Michigan. And, to quote Charles Dickens in Oliver Twist, "If the law supposes that, ...the law is a ass ..."

Certainly, anybody contemplating the primary election next Tuesday must wonder just why we in Michigan have chosen to place this significant voting day in early August. Kids are out of school, often in camp or making things tough at home for parents. Parents, in turn, are either on vacation or wishing they were. The weather is hot, often humid. The sweet corn is coming in, or else the season would have nothing whatsoever to recommend it.

But as a season to prick up the public conscience and spark voter interest? Well ... forget it. That's why voter turnout is so low.

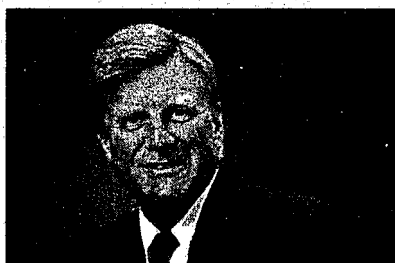
It turns out we have held our primary elections in early August at least since 1954, when the major state laws on elections were codified. It's no secret that August is a lousy time to hold primary elections. So why do we continue to do it?

Because it's in the interest of determined, organized interest groups, which have learned that the dog days of August are wonderful times to turn out the motivated faithful minority at times of general public political boredom and so achieve disproportionate influence on the public political life of our state.

In the old days, it used to be the solid business constituency represented by the Michigan Chamber of Commerce. Then organized labor, especially the UAW, discovered that the rank and file could be turned out in early August, especially as plants were often shut down for model changeover. School folks, both administrators and teachers unions, discovered the same thing, only to be joined in recent years by the Christian right wing, ever vigilant.

Put all these together, and there is no way this particular law is going to get changed, no matter how sensible it would be to hold primary elections in May or September.

This recital is of particular concern to the three Democratic candidates for governor who face the judgment of the voters next Tuesday. The subtle, complex dynamics of voter turnout in August primary election time will likely determine the result.



PHILIP POWER

Geoffrey Fieger, who earned early notoriety by being Jack Kevorkian's lawyer, has been the surprise of the campaign. His bombastic rhetoric ("sniveling weasel," "barnyard miscegenation") has succeeded in cutting through the general boredom, to the point that he has partially succeeded in making his opponents look like Tweedle Dum and Tweedle Dee.

The problem for Fieger, who hopes to get substantial support in Detroit, is that the electorate in that city is preoccupied with the contest over gambling casino licenses between Mayor Dennis Archer and businessman Don Barden. That struggle has to do with serious things — turf, power — which have nothing to do with the trivial matter of who will face Gov. John Engler in November.

Larry Owen, the designated front runner by virtue of locking up the most endorsements of party and organized labor grandees, has only one problem. The UAW leadership — understandably — is much, much more interested in the strike against General Motors than it is in turning out the faithful for Owen's electoral success.

Only Doug Ross, who has been struggling to propose new ideas in an earnest attempt to break through the prevailing media presumption that there is nothing going on in on this campaign, has developed a constituency that is not heavily cross-cut by turf wars.

We shall see.

In any case, please do vote. Especially in August primaries, one vote can make a big, big difference.

Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 963-2047, Ext. 1880, or by e-mail at ppower@oeonline.com

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Camp 911 will teach emergency techniques

Camp 911, a free day camp for young people ages 10-13, will be presented at Oakland Community College's Auburn Hills campus Aug. 6-7.

Sponsored by the OCC Emergency Medical Training Department and the Pontiac Fire Fighters Union, the two day event will provide interactive experiences in injury prevention and bystander care, as well as an introduction to careers in the emergency services field.

Campers will learn such skills as opening the airway, rescue breathing and bleeding control. The camp concludes with a 911 obstacle course. Each participant will also receive a certificate of completion and Bystander Care Kit.

"Camp 911 is an exciting program held at only a few EMS agencies in Michigan," said OCC EMT faculty member Dick Osgood. "We are very pleased to offer this opportunity to youth in our community."

Training and materials for the camp were devoted by SWM Systems, Inc. It is funded by the Office of Highway Traffic Safety and the National Traffic Safety Administration.

Registration deadline for Camp 911 is July 30. Participants must bring a bag lunch each day, but beverages and snacks will be provided. Parents must also sign a liability release form.

For further information, call Julie Bradley of the OCC EMT Department at (248) 340-06641.

The Auburn Hills campus is located at 2900 Featherstone Road, approximately one mile east of the Pontiac Silverdome.

Oakland Community College launching massage therapy classes

Classes leading to a one-year certificate, or two-year associate degree in Oakland Community College's new massage therapy program will be offered at the Highland Lakes campus this fall.

The program is designed to provide students with the academic background and "hands-on" skills for employment in this fast-growing field. Courses include classroom and laboratory sessions focusing on both theoretical and clinical aspects of the discipline. Completion of the program also prepares graduates to sit for the national certification examination offered through the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork.

Employment opportunities for certified massage therapists include hospital, nursing home, hospice, clinic, health club, spa, resort and sports settings.

Subjects covered include anatomy and physiology, massage therapy modalities and their effects on the systems of the body; stress reduction techniques; massage therapy for special populations; professional, ethical and safety practices.

"According to the American Massage Association between \$2 and \$4 billion (is) spent annually on massage therapy services. This amounts to 26 percent of the \$11.7 billion spent annually on health care," says OCC Massage Therapy Program Coordinator Janine McKay.

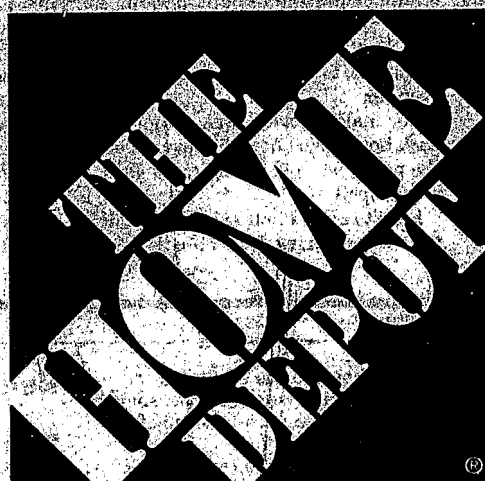
Employment opportunities for certified massage therapists include hospital,

nursing home, hospice, clinic, health club, spa, resort and sports settings.

An information session for prospective students is scheduled at the Highland Lakes campus on Aug. 11. For further details, and a packet of materials on the Massage Therapy Program, call Lynette Curtis at (248) 360-3021.

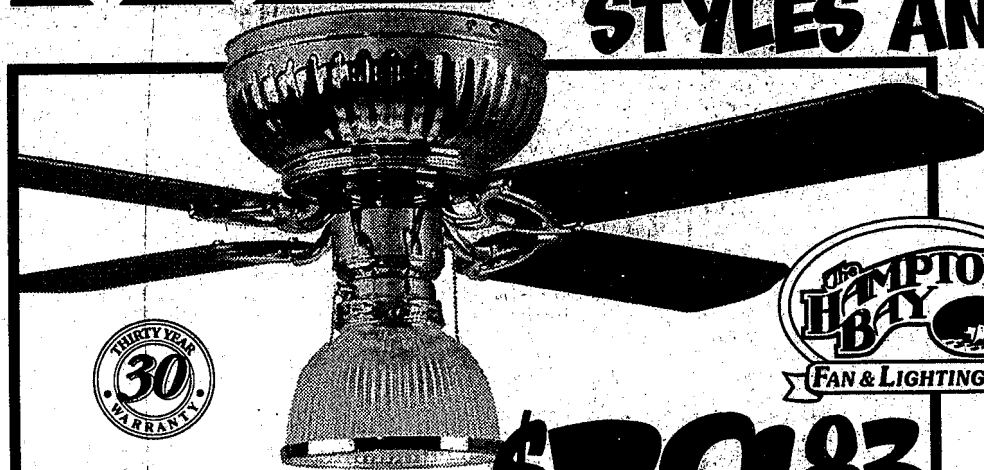
Walk in registration for OCC's fall semester is Aug. 31, Sept. 1 and 2. Classes begin Sept. 3.

The Highland Lakes campus is located at 7350 Cooley Lake Road in Waterford.



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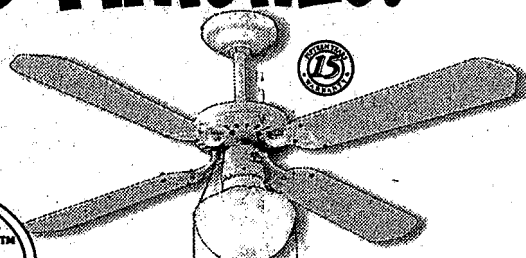
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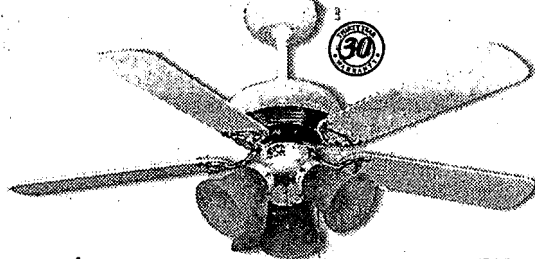
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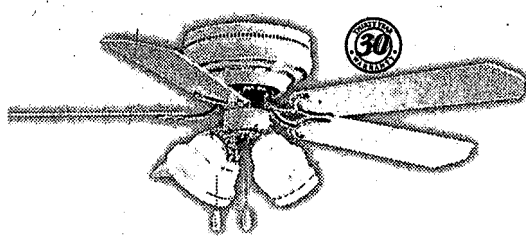
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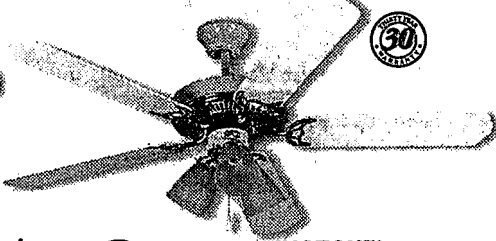
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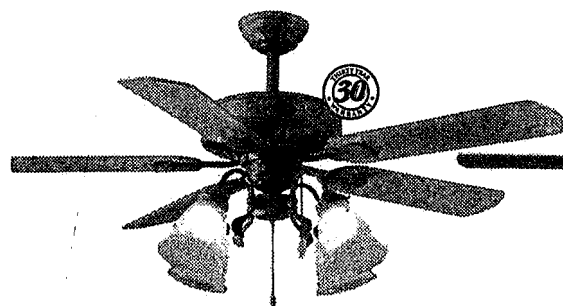
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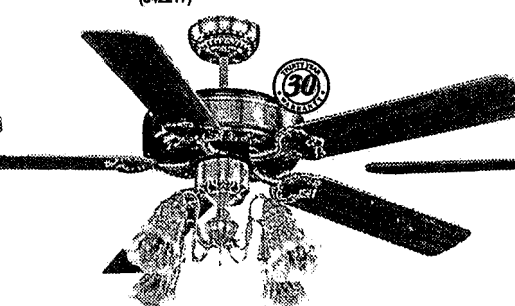
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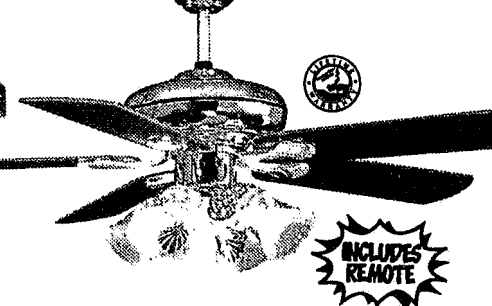
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Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following:

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An instrument dated August 5, 1998 has been admitted as the will of the decedent.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative, Barbara J. Justice, 32535 Dunford, Farmington Hills, MI 48304, or both the independent personal representative and the Oakland County Probate Court, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac, Michigan, within four months of the date of publication of this notice.

Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

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ROCHELLE SMITH

Couple's love story spans 50 years

Once upon a time, on a quiet fall evening in 1946, in a rural college town in southern Michigan, a beautiful young college student named Marilyn decided to go with a friend to the Hilltop Dance Hall, one of the many dance halls available for post-war entertainment. While there, she was asked to dance by a very handsome young man who had recently returned from military service. What she hadn't realized is that this attractive young football player, named Don, had spotted her before, on campus, and decided that the dance hall would be the perfect place to get to know this beauty.

Marilyn, the daughter of a train station manager, had grown up in Morenci, Mich., and lived all of her life above the train station with her older brother, Stan, and her parents. Don came from a farming community near Blissfield, Mich., and had gone into the military immediately out of high school, as was expected of young men during World War II. When the war ended, he returned home and picked up where he left off by enrolling in college.

The two young Adrian College students became sweethearts. They had a large circle of friends and enjoyed

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Rotary Club does good deeds



Members of international organization share goal of helping others.

Sitting beside the giant world map in his downtown Clarkston office, Jeff Lichty shares his knowledge of global events.

The newly appointed president of the Clarkston Rotary Club can discuss issues such as health care in Nigeria as openly as he can the Clarkston Labor Day Parade. As a member of the international organization, Lichty understands social issues on a worldwide level. But when he joined the club eight years ago, he aimed to become more involved in the local community.

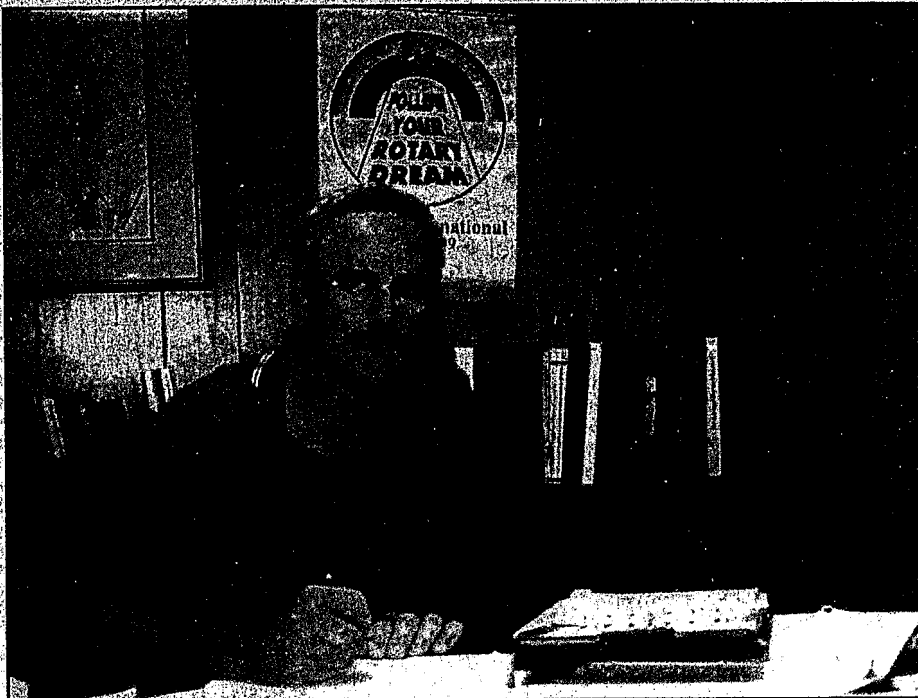
"Rotary Club helps define the community," said Lichty, who works as a financial planner in the area.

The Clarkston Rotary Club was established on June 18, 1940. It now has 43 members. The club meets every Monday for dinner at Deer Lake Athletic Club Back Court Restaurant. It is considered both a business and a social organization, with the ability to span the globe.

"This is just a small part of it," said club secretary Harold Weiderhold. "We enjoy each other's company. It's a fellowship club."

The Rotary Club originated in Chicago in 1905. A businessman named Paul Harris started the group as a way to bring area businesspeople together for a more efficient work environment. Members would meet at a different business each week, which prompted the name Rotary. Now the organization boasts 1.2 million members worldwide.

Lichty said one of the benefits of becoming a member is knowing that wherever you go, you can usually find a Rotary group and will be instantly accepted there. Club guidelines are



Recruiting: The Clarkston Rotary Club's new president, Jeff Lichty, is looking to increase membership during his one-year term.

'If there is a need in the community, people don't hesitate to let us know.'

Mark Deacon
—Rotary Club vice president

consistent, he said, which allows for a common bond among all members.

"The major goal is to create an atmosphere in which each member feels that they are a part of an international club, and that they are welcome any place that there is a Rotary club," he wrote in a statement prepared for the club handbook.

Weiderhold described membership in

the club as "doing things for other people." The volunteer aspect of the work is what he finds rewarding.

Mark Deacon, vice president, agreed. Describing the group as a service organization, he said it's about placing "service above self."

"It's an opportunity to give back to a community that's given to me," he said. The Clarkston Rotary Club is one of

28,500 Rotary organizations. Locally, the Clarkston group provides \$5,500 in college scholarships each year and donates clothing and goods for needy area children. Last year, the club worked — physically and financially — with Habitat For Humanity to build a house in Pontiac. Members sponsor a Little League team and a soccer team, and have assisted in the development of Bay Court Park.

"If there is a need in the community, people don't hesitate to let us know," said Deacon.

He particularly enjoys taking part in

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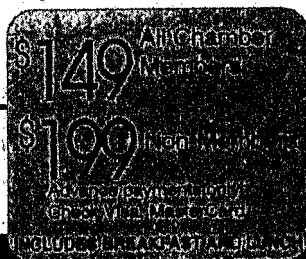
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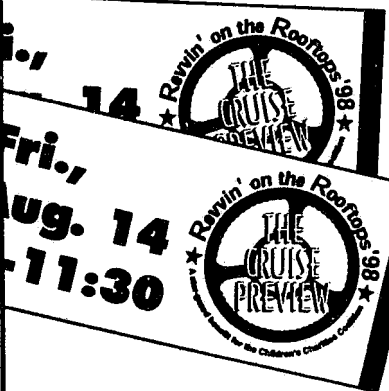
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ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS

Walsh College in Troy is pleased to announce that the following Walsh students have been awarded scholarships based on merit and/or financial need for the summer 1998 semester. Students who qualify for Presidential or general Walsh College scholarships, which are based solely on merit, must maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.5 or better. Other scholarships are also based on merit or a combination of merit and need.

The following students from Clarkston received scholarships: **Constance E. Plummer, ACC**, received a Presidential Scholarship and **Julie L. Hunter, ACC**; **Rena M. LaCroix, ACC**; **Matthew D. Parker, FIN**, and **Leslie A. Smolen, MSM**, all received Scholarships.

Walsh College serves nearly 3,500 students in southeastern Michigan. The College degree programs are

offered in Troy, Novi, Port Huron and at the University Center in Clinton Township.

Seven gifted students from Oakland County were among the 124 talented high school students at Adrian College from June 21-July 4 during the Michigan State Board of Education Summer Institute for the Arts, Sciences and Technology.

At Adrian the program is called SEEKS — Sustaining the Environment through Education, Knowledge and Skills. High School juniors and seniors participate in intensive programming in "The Interrelationship of Humanity to the Environment."

Study areas include improvisational theater, creative writing, dance, archeology, video production, journalism, microbiology, freshwater ecology, environmental chemistry, wetland

ecology, wetland animal diversity and natural wonders; painting the landscape.

Andrew Szykula, the son of Bill and Pennie Szykula of Clarkston, studied video production during SEEKS. He is a student at Clarkston High School where he is active in barbershop ensemble, drama club and is a member of the honor roll.

The following students from Lawrence Technological University in Southfield have been named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the spring semester: **Mark S. Emerick**, **Michael D. Genter**, **Christa K. Heron** and **Michael J. Purroll** of Clarkston and **Todd J. Robinson** of Davisburg. To be named to the honor roll a student must maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average for the term and be a full-time student.

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the Goodfellows program, where Rotarians sell special edition newspapers to raise money for the purchase of shoes and mittens for children. Last year the program raised more than \$9,000. Deacon says the extra effort is worth it to see the look on the children's faces.

During Lichty's one-year term as president, he intends to increase membership. The qualifications to join the club are simple, he said.

"The only real thing is that you've got to want to do something for the community," said Lichty.

Dues are \$120 a year and are used for Rotary programs. Members are responsible for other costs associated with the club, such as weekly dinners. Anyone

interested in finding out more may contact the Clarkston Rotary Club via P.O. Box 43, Clarkston, MI 48347.

Other members holding new positions include: **Mark Deacon**, vice president; **Harold Weiderhold**, secretary; **Joe Vasquez**, treasurer; and directors **Barry Hranach**, **Les Haight**, **Dick Miller**, **Jim Tedder** and **Michelle Phaup**.

Upcoming events sponsored and organized by the Clarkston Rotary Club:

■ The Clarkston Labor Day Parade will wind its way along Main Street at 10 a.m. on Sept. 7.

■ The club will hold its major annual fund-raiser, a \$10,000 raffle party and live auction, at Deer Lake Athletic Club on Nov. 7.

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dating and dancing for two years. By 1948, they knew each other well enough to commit to spending the rest of their lives together. A summer wedding was planned, and they began working out all the details. As

luck would have it, many of their friends and relatives also picked the summer of '48 for their nuptials. When Don accompanied a friend of his to the local hall to book it for the friend's wedding, he learned that the only date

remaining available for the hall during the entire summer was July 24. He called his young bride-to-be and announced that he had set the date. They would be married on July 24, 1948.

The summer of '48 was a sum-

mer filled with weddings and parties. The bachelor party for Don was quite the event. As a matter of fact, it was so much of an event that it left the groom a bit foggy the next morning, on his wedding day. He was doing well getting himself dressed and making it to the church on time. As he stood in position at the front of the church, waiting for his bride to walk down the aisle, however, he realized upon reaching into his pocket that he had forgotten one minor detail — THE RING! He raced out the door to the church and ran into a friend on his way in for the wedding. Wondering why the groom was fleeing the scene, the friend, upon inquiring, heard the story and agreed to drive Don to his house where the ring was, in the friend's brand new Oldsmobile. The drive from the church to Don's house was mostly along small country roads. The '48 Oldsmobile got a workout, but it got them back to the church just in the nick of time. When Marilyn emerged from the back of the church with her beautiful silk gown showing off her petite size 6 figure, the groom was there to greet his bride at the front of the church. When she saw him, however, she was a bit concerned. He was sweating so profusely that she thought he was having a major panic attack. As the service began, he reassured her by whispering the whole story into her ear.

It was a hot summer evening and the reception hall, as with any other building in 1948, wasn't air conditioned. The hall was packed, and it was customary at that time for the bride and groom to go on stage and open all the gifts one by one. The evening seemed to go on forever. The young couple was so glad when the reception ended and their life together began.

They planned to live on cam-

pus in family housing, but due to a mix-up, they found themselves living in a little house trailer with no running water and an outhouse. It was a far cry from the campus housing, but they were young and in love, and, except for an incident the first Halloween when their outhouse was tipped over, they enjoyed their trailer. They both worked at Ypsilanti State Hospital until the old Willow Run Bomber plant was taken over by Kaiser Fraser. Marilyn and some of her coworkers at the hospital heard that the new car company was paying well, so they applied and all received jobs on the spot. Marilyn worked in the office and helped support their little family while Don finished school and worked nights at the hospital.

About four years into their marriage, they added a son. A healthy baby boy, Bruce, was born at the University of Michigan Hospital and joined the happy couple in their trailer. By then they had indoor plumbing and running water, and were very happy that Don had completed his education. Within months of Bruce's birth, they moved to Waterford where Don landed a position at Adams Elementary School teaching a class of 45 fifth- and sixth-graders. That was a tough assignment for a young teacher straight out of college, but it provided the experience he needed to continue his 29 years in the Waterford school district, first as teacher and then administrator.

When Marilyn and Don were both 28, their second son, David, was born. The baby was healthy, but Marilyn became very ill. For no apparent reason her white blood cells started disappearing. Numerous trips to the doctors and hospitals provided no explanation of why or what could be done to stop the problem. After

months of tests and a stay at the University of Michigan Hospital, Marilyn was sent home with instructions to get her affairs in order. Doctors estimated that she had about one month to live. Their perfect life was shattered. With much prayer, though, somehow the tragedy was turned around and as mysteriously as they had disappeared, the white blood cells started reappearing. With each visit to the doctor, she was getting stronger and healthier.

Don and Marilyn and their two sons continued to live in Waterford (until the redistricting changed their address to Clarkston) and Don worked as a teacher at Williams Lake School, teaching second grade. During those years, the area was bursting at the seams with the baby boom generation. Don became the principal at Stringham Elementary and then opened both Lotus Lake and Manley elementaries as the district continued to expand. He then moved into an administrative position with Waterford Schools and, eventually, finished his career as an educator at Silver Lake School.

The beautiful young couple have now raised two great boys, become grandparents to two more boys and lovingly tolerated a daughter-in-law who can't resist telling their golden love story in the local paper. Don and Marilyn celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last weekend with a wonderful gathering of friends and relatives in the farming community where they were married. Happy 50th anniversary to my in-laws, Don and Marilyn Smith.

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

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The many services of Youth Assistance are aimed at fulfilling its mission of "strengthening youth and families and reducing the incidence of delinquency, abuse and neglect through community involvement." This is achieved through both casework counseling and committees developed and implemented by volunteers to provide activities such as family education classes, mentoring and fund-raising, among others.

Casework services consist of free, confidential, short-term family-centered counseling (and referral to local agencies for long-term intervention) for young people, 17 years of age or younger and their families who live or go to school in the Clarkston School District. Referrals come from five sources: parents, schools, police, the court and businesses. The greatest number of referrals in Clarkston have come from the police, followed by schools and then by parents.

To date this year, youth from the 13-16 age bracket have predominated. The top reason for referrals in 1997 and so far in 1998 has been prevention. Youth referred for this reason are typically having problems related to family, school or community issues. Alcohol and drug-related offenses constituted the second greatest number of referrals, followed by school truancy.

The first in a line of programs devised by volunteers, the Family Education Services of Clarkston Area Youth Assistance are a valuable resource for parents. Classes, workshops and presentations

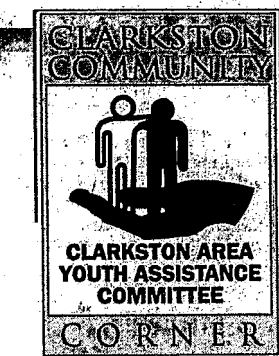
are offered throughout the year for the development and enhancement of parent-child and family relationships.

The Mentor Plus Program, detailed in a previous article, which provides adult mentors for youths age 5 to 17, continues to be in great need of adult volunteers. The article generated interest in the program and a few individuals are currently going through training; however, the number of referrals has increased and the waiting list continues to grow.

The Summer Camp Program of Youth Assistance provides scholarships for young people to attend camps to learn new activities, establish new goals and build group participation skills.

This year 25 kids attended Camp Wathana, south of Holly, and 30 kids will go to Camp Copneconic in Fenton. Both are six-day residential camps. Parents of these youths pay a minimal fee (\$15) and the remaining cost is covered through fund-raising efforts such as the recent Clarkston Area Youth Assistance Golf Outing at Pine Knob Golf Course.

Clarkston Area Youth Assistance also provides scholarships to youths who would benefit from a learning experience such as tutoring or lessons in the arts. Recently a \$2,000 grant was received from United Way to provide tutorial assistance for disadvantaged children and those at risk for not succeeding. Up to



No community can afford to ignore the ever-increasing number of pressures and challenges faced by parents and youth today which can erode family life and promote deviant behavior in youth.

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It is hoped that greater community awareness of the services offered by Clarkston Area Youth Assistance will prompt an increase in referrals as well as promote interest in community members to become involved in its volunteer efforts.

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

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12:30 - 4 p.m. Held by Independence Township Library's Teen Advisory Team. Rain Date Sunday, Aug. 2. Raising money for a Teen Cafe on Sept. 12 that will feature a live band and various indoor and outdoor activities for the area's young adults. Visit the library and support the teens in this fund-raiser. Donations in any amount will be appreciated.

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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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VEGAS NIGHT

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

SUNDAY, AUG. 2

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1 p.m., Independence Township Senior Center, 5980 Clarkston Road, Clintonwood Park, Clarkston. Bring your favorite dish to pass. Socialization and great food are the primary activities of the day. Table games or cards can be played following lunch. To register, call the center at 625-8231 by July 31.

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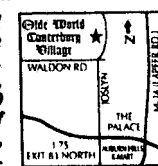
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House members relax school violence bills

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

A coalition of the most liberal and conservative state representatives last month toned down a package of school violence bills before passing them 104-0 and sending them to the Senate.

The House voted 56-41 to amend a key bill by removing authority for a teacher unilaterally to suspend a student from a class. The amendment was sponsored by Rep. Deborah Cherry, D-Burton, a former school administrator.

"We passed a new School Code in 1996," said Rep. Alan Cropsey, R-

DeWitt, who supported the Cherry amendment. "A school board can give a teacher the authority to suspend. They have the power right now."

"But we've cut the principal and school board out (with the original bill). We have the Legislature acting as a super school board," said Cropsey, one of the House's most conservative members.

Added Rep. James Agee, D-Muskegon, one of the most liberal. "School districts have not put this (teacher's power to suspend students) in their contracts. We should adopt the Cherry amendment."

Here is how Eccentric area lawmakers voted on the Cherry amendment:

YES - Tom Middleton, R-Ortonville.
NO - Penny Crissman, R-Rochester; Barbara Dobb, R-Union Lake; Patricia Godchaux, R-Birmingham; Shirley Johnson, R-Royal Oak; Greg Kaza, R-Rochester Hills; Andrew Raczowski, R-Farmington Hills.

ABSENT - Nancy Quarles, D-Southfield.

The main bill, HB 5482, calls for school districts to adopt a policy defining the conduct for which a student can be suspended from a class or activity.

Other bills in the package are:

■ **HB 4075** - Which requires the county prosecutor to inform school districts of school employees convicted of any felony or misdemeanor involving children.

■ **HB 5699** - Which creates an intervention and prevention grant program for juvenile violence and crime.

■ **HB 5702** - Which establishes an anti-gang assistance team using the community policing programs with schools.

■ **HB 5703** - Which allows a prosecutor to enhance penalties for crimes committed against a teacher, administrator, school employee, volunteer or student.

■ **HB 5707** - Which makes it a felony for a student to falsely report criminal sexual conduct or assault in order to change schools. Penalties include four years in prison and a fine.

Republicans, including House GOP leader Ken Sikkema of Grandville, had publicly pressured Democrats for a vote on the measures, unveiled in January.

Some Democrats accused Republicans of trumpeting the measures in order to discredit public schools and make election year campaign fodder.

Refer to the bill number when writing to your state senator, State Capitol, PO Box 30036, Lansing 48909.

OAKLAND DIGEST

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

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

Greats of the game: Tennis legends came out at the request of a basketball legend during the Mentadent Joe Dumars senior championships last week at the Bloomfield Open Hunt Club. John McEnroe defeated Jimmy Connors for the title and \$40,000 in prize money. Tournament proceeds benefited Children's Hospital of Michigan and Hospice of Southeastern Michigan.

CLARKSTON

Helping hand: Single mom Deb-

bie Anderson believes "there are good people out there," especially after co-worker Carol Culver, house and her husband built a ramp outside Anderson's Davisburg home to help her 3-year-old son who is confined to a wheelchair while recovering from a broken femur bone in his leg.

FARMINGTON

Jolted: A 66-year-old Farmington man is safe after reaching a near-deadly electrical jolt while trying to prop up fallen electrical wires from the roof of his shed. Farmington Fire officials said the man was extremely lucky to survive after receiving a charge of up to 7,600 volts. Homeowners

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OAKLAND TOWNSHIP

Illegal millage? An Oakland Township man says his community owes taxpayers \$500,000 from an expired parks millage. Attorney Mike Gagelard filed suit in Oakland County Circuit Court claiming the township collected the 0.75-mill parks tax for two years after its 1994 expiration. Township officials said the

millage was approved in 1974 without a sunset date, but was apparently required to be terminated - unbeknownst to them or county officials - under a "murky section of (state) law" concerning limits on total township taxes, including county and school taxes.

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SOUTHFIELD

Early start: Southfield school officials are sending word to parents not to schedule late summer vacations. The district is cracking down on late registrations and will assign any student who misses the first three days of class to another school. School

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TROY

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Detroit architectural firm has opening in architecture office. Minimum 5 years experience required. Must be personable, highly motivated, and have a polished appearance. Excellent benefits package. Send resume to:
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Detroit, MI 48226
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3000 Town Center, Suite 407
Southfield, MI 48075

RECEPTIONIST
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Receptionist
665 Elmwood
Troy, MI 48063
Fax: 248-566-1888
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23461 Industrial Park Dr.
Farmington Hills, MI 48335
Attn: Patsy Siemen
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NORTH OAKLAND SPORTS SCENE

Great Lakes medals

Two Lake Orion residents brought home three medals from the Greta Lakes Tae Kwon Do tournament at the Lansing Community College.

Cheryl Sigler won the gold in the 35-over Female Novice Sparring competition, and brought home bronze in the 35-over Intermediate Forms, Group B. Jeanne Sigler took the bronze in the 10-11 Female Novice Sparring competition.

All media winners advance to the first State Games of America in St. Louis in Aug. 6-9, 1999.

Dragon football

Student-athletes in the Lake Orion School District who plan on participating in football, including the varsity, junior varsity, freshmen, and middle school levels, this school year, must become familiar with the following schedule.

There will be a mandatory equipment-issue session and parent meeting for students in grades 9-12 on Thursday, August 6 at the Lake Orion High School Field House. The varsity will meet at 6 p.m., with the junior-varsity following at 6:45 p.m. and the freshmen at 7:30 p.m.

Practice for all high school students will commence at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 10 in the field house. All athletes must have a physical on file at the school in order to attend practice, with no exceptions granted.

Middle School athletes must report to their practices on Tuesday, Aug. 25, at 3:00 p.m. at their respective middle school campus.

For more information call the athletic department at (248) 693-5458.

Hole in one contest

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

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

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

Punt, pass & kick

The Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Department sponsors the annual local competition for the NFL Punt, Pass and Kick competition Sept. 11 at 5 p.m. at Shiawassee Basin Preserve. All participants must present a birth certificate for age verification. The competition is for players ages 8-15. Local winners have an opportunity to compete in regional and state championships at the Pontiac Silverdome during halftime of a Detroit Lions game.

Blazing youths

The Oxford Twp. Parks & Recreation Commission is sponsoring a track meet for both boys and girls ages 4-16 today (Thursday) 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 eighth-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.



Into the fire: New Lake Orion High School athletic director Jim Wood steps into the job with things to do, such as facilities projects and the hiring of coaches.

Old dog, new tricks

Veteran coach takes control of Dragon athletics



■ After a layoff from the coaching ranks, Lake Orion's Jim Wood is stepping out of the frying pan and into the fire, replacing Darin Abbasse as the Dragons' athletic director amid coaching changes and facility plans.

When Jim Wood applied to replace Darin Abbasse as Lake Orion's athletic director, he didn't worry much about whether he had the confidence of the school board or the administration.

He already had the necessary votes at home.

But he needn't have worried about the others, either. The Lake Orion school board approved Wood's hiring at its last meeting, and Wood has already gotten started on the job.

Wood, who has been a teacher in the district for 25 years, replaces Abbasse,

who asked the administration to reassign him to the classroom. Abbasse will also coach the girls' swim team, a new sport in the program Wood is taking over.

Wood, who for many of his 25 years coached various sports at various levels for the Dragons, had taken the last few years off to watch his sons, students at Troy Athens, in their various activities. When Abbasse took everyone by surprise with his request, Wood saw a chance at getting back into the athletic mix.

But he had given up coaching three

or four years ago to watch his children. Justin, a senior-to-be at Athens, plays basketball and runs track. Brandon, a junior-to-be, is in the band. Daughter Melina, headed into eighth grade, is also involved in sports. Wood was worried about how his children would react.

"The opportunity presented itself," Wood said. "The discussion was that it would take time from (his kids). They had to realize I wouldn't see everything I used to see. But they didn't want to hinder me if this is what I wanted. They would have been disappointed if I didn't apply."

So he applied, and won the job over several other candidates, most notably former basketball coach Chuck Mahoney. He didn't exactly meet the initial job posting, which included the requirement for a master's degree.

■ 'You have to learn to work toward something, and athletics is really good for that. It goes hand-in-hand with academics.'

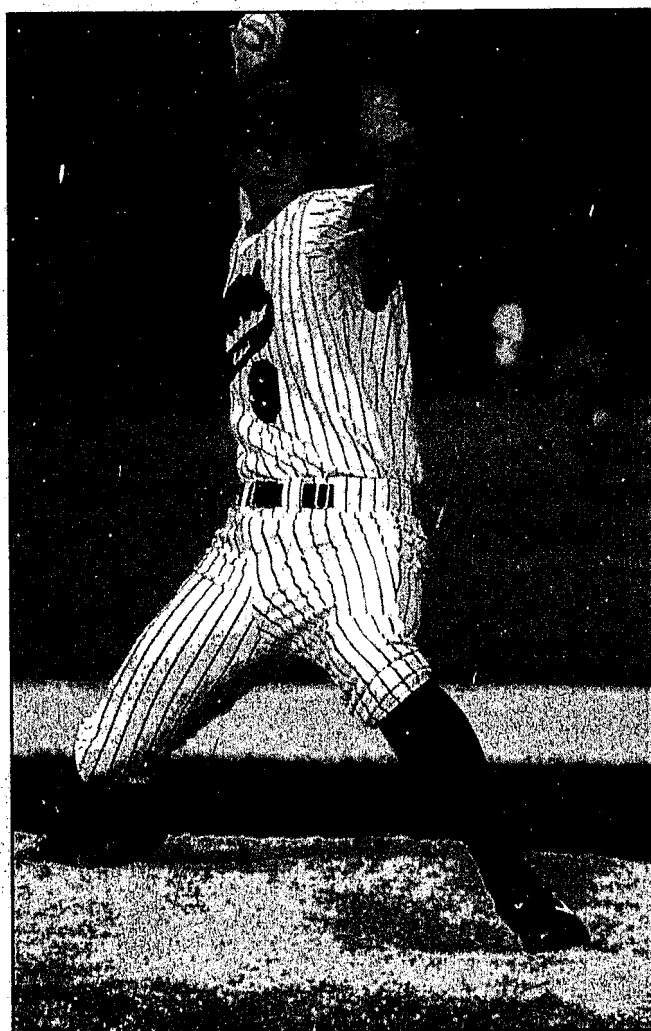
Jim Wood

—New Dragon athletic director

His lack of such a degree made for lengthy conversation at the school board level, where several members argued that Wood's didn't follow the district's procedure. The board agreed to look at the procedure, and approved Wood's hiring on a 6-1 vote.

It was a controversy Wood was happy to avoid.

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Star gazing: Bryan Crosier is one of the many pitchers the Stars are depending on to bring them post-season success.

Stars look to regional with title hopes in mind

After a rocky end to the regular season, the North Oakland Stars look to this weekend's National Amateur Baseball Federation Regional as a chance to get back on track.

Some key injuries and losses of two of their top players had the Stars in downward spiral, but following a 10-day lay-off, North Oakland manager Dan LaNoue feels his talent-laden squad is quite refreshed and ready for the long haul at the 12-team, double-elimination regional, which will be played in the Toledo area today through Sunday.

"Our goal is to go out and win this regional so we can make it to the World Series," said LaNoue, noting that the national tournament will be played Aug. 5-9 in Evansville, Ind. "We are completely healthy for the first time in a while, we've picked up three new players, and most importantly, our arms are rested. We really think we've got a great shot at winning (the regional)."

The three additions to the roster — all whom can pitch — are Tom Gallus, Phil Kommer and Jason Poppam. Both Gallus and Kommer played for Eastern Michigan University this past spring.

Poppam is also an experienced catcher. "They'll fit right in," said LaNoue. "Having those guys on our staff just gives us that many more options."

Staff ace Ryan Petoskey has fought a sore arm most of the season and pitcher/infielder Mike Bennion has recently returned to the team after suffering an off-field injury. Their health will also be key.

"Having Mike back in the lineup will be a big plus because he can help us in so many ways," boasted LaNoue. "And Ryan Petoskey is finally healthy again, and I think that will help his confidence."

With a 28-8 record and a highly-competi-

Younger Stars win district

After finishing in the runner-up slot in three consecutive tournaments, the North Oakland Stars 14-and-under baseball squad captured the first championship of the year — and it was in the most important tournament to date.

After sporting a 3-1 record in pool play, the Stars went on to capture the American Amateur Baseball Congress District in Jackson, Sunday, defeating Mount Clemens 8-4 in the title match.

"These kids are excited because they finished second in the league, and they finished second in every other tournament they've played in," said Stars Manager Dan LaNoue. "They are glad to have finally gotten over the hump because they have come close so many times."

In the championship match, the Stars got a sterling pitching performance from Danny LaNoue (Rochester

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tive schedule in the bag, LaNoue thinks anything short of a title this weekend will be utter disappointment for his players.

"Since the beginning (of the season), they've wanted to make it the World Series," continued LaNoue. "I know these guys are ready, and if they can play up to their capabilities, then this could very well be a successful trip for us."

Archers getting ready for national meet

Western Wayne County will be buzzing with archers over the next seven days as the National Archery Association of the United States holds its 114th annual National Target Championships at Heritage Park in Canton.

Upwards of 600 archers have already registered for this world-ranking event with approximately 90 of those participants coming from foreign countries including Argentina, Chinese Taipei, Ireland, Norway, Trinidad & Tobago, Ukraine and Mongolia, to name just a few.

Leading the list of contestants is the No. 1-ranked male archer in the world, Butch Johnson of Connecticut, and the No. 1-ranked female archer in the world, Natalia Nasaridze of Turkey. Olympic double-gold medalist Justin Huish (currently No. 3 in the world) is also registered to compete.

"We had a pretty good representation of the world's top archers last year and with both the No. 1 man and the No. 1 woman coming this year, it only makes it that much better," said Bill Kellick of the NAA.

Several local archers are also registered in the competition including Clarkston's Adam Wheatcroft, holder of three junior world records and winner of the 1998 Junior World Championships, July 25, in Sweden, and Jamie Van Natta, of Davis-

burg, the 1997 and 1998 Intercollegiate Champion.

The action runs Saturday, Aug. 1 through Friday, Aug. 7. The Second Annual National Traditional Tournament runs Saturday and Sunday while the National Target Championships will take place Monday through Thursday. On Friday, Aug. 7, the top 64 qualifiers from the National Target Championships will square off in head-to-head competition in the U.S. Open Elimination Round.

Spectators are welcome and there is no entry fee.

Bear of his dreams

For many years, Jeff Weisswasser has dreamed of bagging a "big bear" with his bow. A veteran of many years of bear hunting in Ontario, Weisswasser decided to try his luck a little further west this year and embarked upon a trip to Edmonton for a go-round with some Alberta black bears.

Upon arriving at his wilderness tent camp at mid-day, it didn't take the Bloomfield Hills hunter long to realize his dream.

"The first day there we went out about 4 p.m. and by 9 p.m. I was still sitting in my blind, watching shadows," said Weisswasser. "All of a sudden one of those shadows started to move and the biggest bear I've ever seen or dreamt of was coming in

to my bait."

But the bear didn't come right in for a text book shot. Instead he grabbed some food and laid down in a position that didn't offer a good shot. "A little voice in the back of my head said 'Jeffrey, if you let this one walk away you'll be kicking yourself forever,'" said Weisswasser.

He didn't let that happen. While trying to calm himself, Weisswasser watched the bear begin moving again. He drew his Mathews solo-cam bow and when the bear presented a brief opening Weisswasser made a lethal shot.

The monster bruin measured 7-feet, 8-inches from nose to tail and had a girth of 4-feet, 8-inches. The skull had a green score of 20 3/4-inches, well within the Pope & Young Club requirements.

"It was after dark when we finally found him," explained Weisswasser. "When my guide held up the light and said 'There's your bear,' I almost had a heart attack. I literally fell to my knees and gave thanks. I was overcome by sadness, joy, humility and exhilaration all at the same time."

Hot summer fishing

Fishing Buddies Fishing Club founder Harold Leider, of Rochester Hills, reports that steelhead action is cooking in

Erieau, Ontario (an hour east of Detroit).

We went on a trip over there last week and just hammered them," said Leider. "We caught nine steelhead between eight and 12 pounds each and four walleye, between eight and nine pounds each."

Leider also reported that he and his wife Audrey recently returned from a fabulous trip to Prince Edward Island where they fished for and caught flounder and cod.

"We had a fabulous time," Leider said. "We learned to dig clams and shuck oysters. It was a great time all the way around."

Deer, turkey deadlines approaching

Hunters are running out of time. The application deadline for the fall wild turkey season and for antlerless deer permits is Saturday, August 1.

Applications are available at license dealers statewide.

(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 bparker@oe.homecomm.net or call Bill Parker evenings at (248) 901-2573.)

Pistons' youth clinic to help mark Palace 10th

The Detroit Pistons Basketball Camp for Youth will be held Aug. 10-13 at the Palace of Auburn Hills, celebrating its 10th year anniversary as one of the finest sports venues in the United States.

Sessions for players in grades one through five will be held 8 a.m. to noon followed by afternoon sessions for sixth through 12th graders from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Players, coaches and staff from the Detroit Pistons and

Shock will be among the featured speakers. The camps are run by Steve Moreland, director of development for the Shock.

The Joe Dumars Attitude Award, the Lindaay Hunter Hustle Award, the Brian Williams Most Improved Player Award and the Grant Hill Most Valuable Player Award will be given to deserving players. Cost per player is \$149. Call (248) 377-0104 for more information.

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Adams) as the right-hander scattered seven hits and struck out 15. LaNoue also helped his own cause with two hits and three RBI.

Kirk Akers (Roch. Adams), Justin McNamara (Roch. Adams) and Kenny Smith (Sterling Heights) also contributed with two hits apiece, while Drew Crowder (Troy) had a pair of RBI.

In the district opener on July 23, the Stars (44-9) rolled past Jackson 8-3 as McNamara and Akers each supplied three hits in the attack, while John Dushane (Bloomfield Hills Andover) and Chad Elliott (Pontiac Notre Dame) each had two hits.

LaNoue was the winner on the mound, striking out 13 in five innings of work.

The Stars continued their winning ways on July 24 with a narrow 2-1 decision over Mount Clemens.

Akers was the ace on the mound by striking out 11 while scattering just five hits. Steve Kiehl (Roch. Adams) had two hits while Crowder drove in the

game-winner.

The status quo was still present in the third game on July 25 as North Oakland blanked Howell 6-0 behind the arm of DuShane, who fired a two-hitter with five punchouts.

Robert Elliott (Roch. Adams) led the way with two hits, Akers, Crowder and McNamara each contributed a pair of hits, LaNoue laced a two-run double, and Sean Sheaffer (Roch. Adams) supplied an RBI single.

Saturday evening saw the Stars drop their only contest during the district, 4-2 to Allen Park, but they overcame that adversity on Sunday with the championship win over Mt. Clemens.

North Oakland will open up AABC Regional play today against the host Oregon (Ohio) Bruins.

"These kids played extremely well in the district and they are looking forward to proving themselves in Ohio," concluded LaNoue.

'Ultimate' champion holds jui-jitsu training

Royce Gracie, the first-ever "no-holds-barred" Ultimate Fighting Champion and master of the Brazilian Jui-Jitsu, will visit Walled Lake. On Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 15-16, Gracie will host a two-day Gracie Jui-Jitsu training session at Walled Lake Western High School.

Classes in Gracie Jui-Jitsu will be offered 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday while an advanced class will be offered 2-4 p.m. Sunday.

Royce is the youngest son of the "father of Brazilian Jui-Jitsu," Helio Gracie, who developed the Gracie Jui-Jitsu fight-

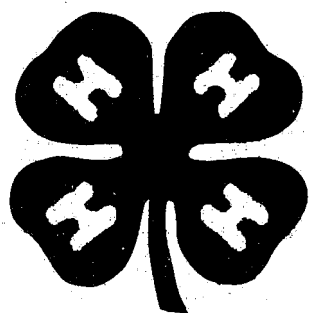
ing technique in Brazil in the 1920s. Gracie Jui-Jitsu combines the practices of traditional Japanese jui-jitsu with grappling techniques developed to suit Helio's smaller-than-most physique (he stands 5-feet, 8-inches tall and weighs 140 pounds).

Advanced admission for the two-day session is \$150 for both days and \$80 for one day. Same-day registration is \$180 for both days and \$90 for one day. For more information and to register, call Harvey Berman at (248) 960-4884.

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Thursday, August 6

"Oakland County Parks & Rec & Senior Day"
Free parking w/Oakland County Park Sticker
FREE Carnival Rides for Special Needs People - 11 a.m.-1 p.m.



Demolition Derby, 8 p.m.
(Adults \$7, Kids 5-12 \$3, under 5 FREE)

Friday, August 7

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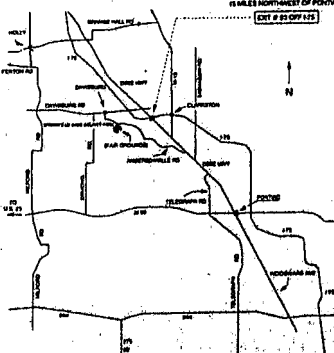
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Saturday, August 8

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Open Horse Show-8 a.m.-8 p.m.
Classic & Antique Car Show-9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Craft Show, Noon-6 p.m.
Heavy Weight Horse Pull, 2 p.m.



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Wood

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"I knew when I applied I didn't have the masters, and I was very up front about that," said Wood, who nonetheless had the support of the board members. "I think my other qualifications override that."

His new job is one Wood has long had an inkling he'd like to try.

His athletic career extends back to his high school days back in Springfield, a tiny town in the Lansing area.

At a school of some 300 kids, athletes get involved in many sports, and Wood was no different.

He played football and basketball, ran track and even tried a little golf for the Spartans.

"My high school football team had 13 kids on it," Wood recalled with a laugh. "On a team that small, you learn to work together pretty quickly, and you didn't get much time to rest."

Wood continued his involvement in athletics when he came to Lake Orion.

He's coached some football, a lot of basketball, track and even some recreation league soccer and little league baseball.

It's all a part of his devotion to athletics, which he thinks is more than an outlet for energy.

Wood believes athletics is as much a learning tool as a textbook or homework.

"I don't even call it extra-curricular," Wood said. "I call it co-curricular, because it's a learning experience for the athletes. You learn dedication, you learn how to handle adversity, and not just in winning and losing, but in playing or not playing."

"You have to learn to work toward something, and athletics is really good for that. It goes hand-in-hand with academics."

Wood is in a learning process himself. Instead of starting in a nice, calm situation, Wood has jumped into the frying pan.

He's got building projects, including finishing the new pool. He's also got coaching vacancies to deal with, most glaringly the recent resignation of boys' basketball coach Dave Collins.

"I was a coach for a long time, so I had some knowledge of what the job was about," Wood said. "I just didn't realize all the fine print of the job."

Then he smiled. "But I'm learning."

Outdoor Calendar

(To submit items for consideration in the Observer & Eccentric's Outdoor Calendar send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; fax information to (248) 644-1314 or send E-mail to bparker@oe.hometeam.net)

ARCHERY

NAA NATIONAL
The National Archery Association will hold the 114th annual National Target Championships Aug. 1-7 at Heritage Park in Canton. Shooting begins at 9 a.m. each day and the public is welcome.

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

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 Sportsman'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.

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OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

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

FREE WOOD CHIPS
Free wood chips from the Oakland County Parks Christmas tree recycling program will be available on Saturday, Aug. 20, at Orion Oaks at the Clarkston Road entrance. Individuals are asked to provide their own shovels and to load the chips by hand. No motorized equipment is allowed and no commercial haulers. Additional wood chip dates are scheduled for Sept. 26 and Oct. 31.

METROPARKS

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

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

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Mariners	9	0	1
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MPX	0	10	0
Boys 13-14	W	L	T
Meritor	9	3	0
Clarkston Auto Wash	9	3	0
Miracle Play	9	3	0
Prime Real Estate	6	5	1
Lee Cleaners	6	6	0
Cambridge	6	6	0
Clarkston Essex	5	7	0
S & L Auto Body	3	8	1
Edward Jones Investments	0	12	0
Boys 15-18	W	L	T
Armada	11	0	0
Clarkston-Ziler Electric	8	2	1
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Clarkston-Dairy Dream	6	5	0
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Girls 12-and-Under	W	L	T
Clarkston Synergy	12	0	0
Clarkston-Saturn North	7	5	0
Brandon II-Mann	5	7	0
Brandon I-Buhl	5	7	0
Clarkston-Burger King	4	8	0
Clarkston-Northwest Propane	3	9	0
Girls 14-and-Under	W	L	T
Oxford IV-Essenburt	10	1	0
Clarkston-DMG Building	8	3	0
Oxford-NDB Bank	8	3	0
Clarkston KBD Construction	6	5	0
Clarkston-Kleff Engineering	6	5	0
Brandon I-Thornburn	5	6	0
Oxford-BrickKicker Hm. Inspect.	4	6	0
Brandon II-Young	4	6	0
Clarkston-Delta Tooling	2	8	1
Oxford-B.H.S. Realty	0	10	1

The Eccentric Newspapers will publish league standings for summer recreational leagues for the Clarkston, Lake Orion and Oxford areas. To have this information appear each Thursday, please fax at (248) 693-9716 by Tuesday evenings.

Youth sports
writers needed

The Lake Orion, Oxford and Clarkston Eccentrics are looking for student writers to cover junior varsity, freshman and middle school sports for the 1998-99 school year.

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ATTENTION: MR. LARRY GRUBER

Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. local time on Thursday, July 30, 1998 and will publicly be opened and immediately read aloud at the LAKE ORION BOARD OFFICE, Lake Orion Community School Board of Education will not consider or accept any bids after the indicated submission time.

Bids shall be in sealed envelopes as per AIA "Instruction to Bidders" and enclosed in separate outer mailing envelopes addressed as shown above.

Lake Orion Community School's Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids and/or waive any irregularities in any bids received. The proposal is being requested for the following bid category:

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION
02830	Fencing

BIDDING DOCUMENTS
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 a bond with 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

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

Representative: Lowell Crandall
Telephone: (248) 693-5414
Fax Number: (248) 693-5464

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER:
Barton Malow Company
Jobsite Office - Room 316 @ the existing High School
455 E. Scripps Road
Lake Orion, Michigan 48362
(located in the southeast corner of the existing High School)

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FRIENDSHIP FIRST
This petite, slender, romantic professional DWF, 30s, brown hair, enjoys movies, theater, dining out and travel. Seeking tall, professional SWM, 35-42, with similar interests. #29104

SEEKING SOULMATE
DWF, 55, 5'9", brown/blonde, NS, financially secure, enjoys movies, sports, dining, travel. Seeking SWF, 45-55, no dependents, LTR. #29104

ANY LOVE GOING TO WASTE?
Fun, outgoing, professional, DWF, from the western suburbs enjoys music, travel, canoeing, movies, theater, etc. Seeking a LTR. #29104

MEN AT WORK?
Beautiful SF, blonde, building a fine structure, needs an attractive SWF construction babe, 30-42, to help finish the plans. It will be worth the call. #28820

MOTORCYCLES?
Loves Harley! Must be someone in the jeans! Romantic, passionate brunette, mid-40s, works out regularly, looking for strong, silent type. North Oakland Coast. #29104

SWEET AND SINCERE
SWF, 29, 5'3", brown/hazel, enjoys dining, dancing, quiet evenings, fun week-ends, and playing cards. Looking for SWM, 27-35, who's not afraid of commitment, for LTR. #29092

BEAUTIFUL, BLUE EYES
SWF, 28, 5'3", blonde, NS, must enjoy music, romance and animals. Serious replies please. #29090

DESIRE SPECIAL FRIENDSHIP
Intelligent, outgoing, financially independent DWF, 5'7", 120lbs, beautiful inside and out, willing to learn. Seeking fit, secure gentleman, 30-40, interested in travel, dining, theater, sports, etc. #29092

INTRIGUED?
SBF, 24, 5'4", dark-skinned, curvy, secure, female, who's not afraid of commitment, for LTR, and friendship. #29116

FRIENDSHIP
Pretty, down-to-earth, BF, 30, no dependents, financially secure, enjoys the arts, all types of music and food. Sunday drives. Let's just be friends. #29116

GENUINE AND LOVEABLE
SWF, 25, 5'7", 120lbs, enjoys the outdoors, dining, indoor, singing, dancing, comedy clubs and traveling. Seeking down-to-earth, Christian male, 24-28, with similar interests, for friendship, possibly more. #29116

ATTRACTIVE DOCTOR
SWF, 38, never married, worked hard, has time now for sincere relationship with similarly educated, honest, and secure WMA. #29116

WE'VE BEEN HIDING...
Now seek me. Born again, Middle Eastern-looking, Godly SF, 30, 5'3", seeks Godly, attractive, sincere WMA, 35-40, 6'4", for lasting relationship. #29116

SEEKING BEST FRIEND
SWF, 28, brown/blonde, honest, intelligent, outgoing, enjoys movies, concerts, playing golf, seeks SWF, 28-32, honest, easygoing. #29116

TOGETHER FOREVER
Attractive, outgoing, WMA, 35, 5'7", 100lbs, red/green, NS, no dependents, college-educated, enjoys rollerblading, skating, jogging, long walks, mountain biking, singing, tennis, movies, cooking, seeks cute, cuddly, physically fit, ambitious WMA, 28-38. #29116

CHANGE MY MIND
Petite DWF, 33, brunette, mother of two, seeks honest, sincere, fun-loving, responsible guy, who isn't afraid of a challenge. #29116

LET'S HAVE FUN
Attractive, affectionate DWF, 26, 5'2", brown/blonde, mom of 1, enjoys dining out, movies, trips north, and romantic evenings. Seeking SWF, 28-32, SOWM, 25-35, NS, who likes kids, for friendship, possible relationship. #29116

LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT
Active, outgoing SWF, 35, 5'5", 115lbs, NS, college-educated, enjoys rollerblading, singing, movies, staying in shape, dining out, seeks SWM, 32-35, similar qualities/interests, for LTR. #29116

GEMINI GIRL
DWF, 44, slender, attractive, blonde, seeks tall, happy, outdoors type, 40-50, outgoing, attractive, good qualities. #29116

STRIKINGLY PRETTY
Classy brown-eyed blonde, slender, intelligent, degree holder, NS, dependent, 47, who is emotionally/financially secure, sense of humor, for friendship, leading to LTR. #29116

CUTE & CUDDLY
Very compassionate, upbeat DWF, 44, blonde/blue, NS, ND, good sense of humor, enjoys music and the outdoors. Seeking someone to share good times and long summer nights. For friendship, possible LTR. #29116

DYNAMIC & DIVERSIFIED
Captivating, vibrant SWF, 30, blonde, enjoys seminars, sports, car events, the outdoors. Seeking sensitive, goal-oriented, spiritual, athletic SWM, over 30, NS, for good times, LTR. #29116

LIVONIA LADY
DWF, 51, 5'7", long blonde/blue, educated, enjoys simple things, movies, gardening, seeking sincere, honest, down-to-earth guy, 40-50, NS, for friendship and maybe more. Must have time for relationship. #29116

LUCK BE A LADY
She was never a lady who looked like an angel, but played cards with the devil, and always won. Slim SF, 54, 5'7", blonde/blue, seeks SWM, 40+, for possible relationship. #29116

PRETTY, FUN, FIT, FREE
SWF, 50, slim, red/hazel, seeks SWPM, 40-50, 6'4", NS, who's attractive, fun, romantic, and enjoys dancing, movies, theater, travel, sports, quiet times, for friendship, possible relationship. #29116

SEEKING ROMANCE
In 50, 5'5", blonde, intelligent, refined yet fun, classy yet eccentric, outspoken yet sensitive and a smoker. Seeking DM, 52-55, tall, intelligent, athletic, classy, confident and into romantic dating. #29025

THE ONE
Blue-eyed blonde, 23, seeks sweet, honest, funny, down-to-earth, good-looking SWM, 23-30, for possible LTR. Interests include: hockey, travel, music, comedy. Could you be the one? #29038

HAPPY, SINCERE, ACTIVE
Fun-loving, petite DWF, 54, blonde, seeks intelligent, male, 52-60, NS, social life, who's a participant in life and all the fun it has to offer, enjoys music, travel, arts, outdoors, walking, biking, etc. #29038

SHARE LIFE WITH ME
Pretty, petite, DM, DWF, 57, 5'4", 110lbs, blonde/green, enjoys dining, dancing, theater, and traveling. Seeking a romantic gentleman, to share life's pleasures. #29038

TAKE THE BAIT
Outgoing, energetic, caring SWF, 20, 5'4", 110lbs, blonde/hazel, enjoys travel, outdoors. Seeking college student, or done with college, honest SM, race open. #29038

LEGGY, SLENDER, & STYLISH
Blue-eyed, honey blonde, 40s, 5'8", active, independent, Birmingham home owner, looks 20s, intelligent, ambitious, attractive, seeks professional, witty, fit, handsome, unencumbered, fun-loving, LTR. #29038

ORIENTAL BEAUTY
Intelligent, educated SAF, seeks gentleman, 30-40, who's into dating, caring friendship, possible relationship. #29038

LOOKING FOR HONEST COMPANION
DWF, 43, medium build, seeks SWM, 43-50, must be employed, NS, like children, outdoor activities and sports, for possible LTR. #29038

LOOKING FOR THAT SPECIAL SOMEONE
SWF, 51, 5'3", 125lbs, brown eyes, intelligent, outgoing, enjoys movies, travel, quiet at home evenings, seeks sincere SWM, gentleman, caring, romantic, fun-loving, for a possible relationship. #29038

BEST FRIEND WANTED
Very classy, attractive, young PF, 45, 5'5", loves travel, day trips, antiquing, dining, movies, seeks outgoing gentleman, 40-55, to make my life easy smile. #29038

EXCITING CLASSY DWF
Intelligent, attractive DWF, 55, 135lbs, black haired, enjoys movies, many interests, seeks sincere, fit WMA, 45+, for monogamous, fun-filled relationship. #29038

HONEST AND LOVING
Full-figured, hard-working, blue-collar DWF, 48, 5'3", traditional values, NS, ND, seeks a true type of man to love, laugh, and build a future with. #29038

SMART SEXY & STILL SINGLE
SWF, 32, 5'5", 110lbs, who's professional, very classy and attractive, seeks similar, between 30-50. I'm adventurous, optimistic, and romantic. You must be kind, loving, active, and value family and friends. #29038

I'M READY, ARE YOU?
Can you relate to my dilemma? Attractive, active, open, honest, physically fit, intelligent SWF, 45-55, NS, loves life and challenges. If this fits, let's have a conversation, explore the possibilities. #29038

60-SOMETHING GEMINI
Humorous, spiritual, spontaneous, outgoing SWF, 60, NS, dependent, seeks tall, polished, intelligent, honest gentleman into doing things spontaneously, likes theater, music and travel. #29038

LOVE WILL BOWL YOU OVER
Catholic DWF, 37, NS, enjoys bowling, movies, theater, Red Wings, and more. Seeking honest, conservative SWM, 30-40, NS, to share interests; friendship first, possible LTR. #29038

A GREAT BEGINNING
Tall, attractive, active, enjoys movies, football, music and traveling. Seeking WMA, over 45, for a great beginning. Will answer your call. #29038

STAYING ON A KITTEN TYPE
...without the singing. Optimistic, fun female seeks single, 50-60, with a good sense of humor. #29038

STAYING ON A KITTEN TYPE
Seeking life-long partner, DWF, 40, 5'2", still fun, dark hair/brown eyes, educated, likes movies, travel, dining, movies, and family activities. Honest! Important! SM, 30-52. #29038

FIRST TIME AD
Fit, attractive DWF, 42, enjoys outdoors, 40-48, who is sensitive, caring, outgoing, physically fit, attractive, humorous. For friendship, leading to LTR. #29038

SUGAR AND SPICE
Cute, classy DWF, 40ish, 5'2", medium build, very passionate and romantic, seeks SWM, 35-45, NS, who's available for an intense LTR. #29038

WILL YOU MAKE ME LAUGH?
Do you have a unique sense of humor? Do you like to laugh, and enjoy life? Do you like to laugh, and enjoy life? Do you like to laugh, and enjoy life? #29038

CUTE AND CLASSY
DWF, 30s, with one child, seeks mature, professional gentleman, who is witty and fun to be around, for friendship and dating. #29038

LET'S MEET FOR COFFEE
WF, young, 30s, Farmington Hills area, seeks a companion/friendship with man of same age group. Loves animals, long walks/drives, dining out, movies and shows. Would like to meet for coffee conversation. #29111

PRETTY NATURE LOVER
SWF, 43, 5'7", 120lbs, studying alternative medicine into self growth, wood walking, singing, natural health, laughing, speaking truth, life. I'm spunky, unique, loving, seeking NS, good connection SWM, 38-48. #29099

SPECIAL
Inside and out SDF, 46, 5'4", seeks intelligent, kind, real, strong yet gentle SOWM, 40-60. Do you believe all things are possible? #29099

DOCTOR WANTED
Very pretty SWF, martial health care technician, 30s, 5'8", slightly overweight, blonde/blue, seeks attractive SW medical doctor, 40-60, for companionship. Troy area. #29099

FUN-LOVING, URBAN LADY
Attractive, honest, fit SWF, 40, 5'8", brown/blonde, NS, enjoys simple activities, golf, dancing, travel, and more. Seeking attractive SWF, 30-44, 5'10", with similar qualities, interests, for LTR. #29099

SEXY, SOPHISTICATED
Teacher/estate investor, 50ish, NS, wants to meet a mature, well-dressed, successful professional 40-50ish, for companionship and travel. #29249

EASY ON THE EYES
DWF, down-to-earth, former model, tall, great personality, NS, 30s, enjoys dining, dancing, theater, long walks, good conversation. Seeking tall male, 55-65, with similar interests. #29478

ROSE SEEMS JACK
Attractive SWF, 44, seeks attractive SWM, tall, honest, fun, loves animals, respects the fact that honesty is the best policy, for friendship, possible relationship. #29512

SUMMERTIME BLUES
SWF, 54, brown/blonde, petite to medium build, free-spirited, adventurous, seeks soulmate: cupping, youthful guy, with a nice smile. #29511

WHERE DID URBAN COWBOY GO?
DWF, 40, 5'7", 160lbs, brunet/brown, enjoys horseback riding, cross-country skiing, hiking, traveling, plays, concerts, seeks SWM, 35-45, NS, 6'4", similar interests, for LTR. #29483

HEART OF GOLD
Energetic, perky, kind-hearted DWF, 43, 5'2", 125lbs, brown/blonde, financially/mentally secure, enjoys walking, long cooking, dining out, movies, seeks SWPM, late 30s-50s, for best friend first, LTR. #29457

LADY IN WAITING
Good-looking, 40ish, 5'5", 140lbs, NS, enjoy traveling, movies, reading, exercising, outdoor activities. Seeking SPOM, NS, with similar interests, for friendship, possibly more. #29483

WANT COMPANIONSHIP
Employed SBF, 24, enjoys movies, dancing, outdoor activities, quiet evenings at home. Seeking a mature, with a romantic streak, similar tastes, for friendship, and long-term relationship. Race unimportant. #29458

LOOKING FOR A SPECIAL GUY
DWF, 43, 5'5", 120lbs, blonde/blue, in Garden City, mother of two, smoker, social drinker, seeks tall, financially secure gentleman, 45-55, who lives in surrounding area, to share an old-fashioned, romantic relationship. #29412

WALLED LAKE/NOVI
I'd love to be perfect. Young, thin, rich, fit, Can you appreciate a woman who is 50lbs overweight, who is faithful, loving, gentle? Perfect people get lonely too. #29248

LOOKING FOR A MAN
Attractive, employed, educated BF, 50 (looks much younger), ex-military, no dependents, seeks employed male, 45-55, who's into dating, dining, sports, travel, for a possible relationship. NS mandatory. Race open. #29292

SHARE MY HEART & SOUL
DWF, 52, 5'5", 120lbs, blonde/blue, NS, 50-58, NS, sincere, easygoing, for serious LTR. #29299

LOVE IS A STRANGER
SWF, 37, attractive, petite, blonde mother, seeks male, 35-45, likes classical music, theater, gardening, camping. #29297

LIGHT MY FIRE
Passionate, pretty DFW, 40, with medium build, Seeking SWM, 30-50, NS, ND, for dating, mating, and relating. Will play my cards right. #29152

GORGEOUS GREGARIOUS
Fit BF, 40, 5'7", 130lbs, MA degree, into hiking, reading, antiquing, giggling. Seeking SWM, NS, degree, fit, out-going guy. #29116

SEEKING SOULMATE
Attractive DWF, young 40s, 5'4", brown/blue, NS, financially/mentally secure, enjoys movies, dining, sports, travel, and romance. Seeking attractive, honest, caring, compassionate SWM, 45-55, financially secure, for friendship, leading to LTR. #29152

LOOKING FORWARD TO SUMMER
Divorced mother of one, 30, very shy, blonde/brown, blue eyes, 5'7", 110lbs, enjoys dancing, dining, true romantic, sensitive, old-fashioned guy. #29044

THE REAL THING
Fit, attractive SWF, 28, 5'9", with kids, loves adventure, outdoors, sports, and life, seeks attractive SWM, 26-30, for possible LTR. Sincere, outgoing, social, only please. #29385

ATTRACTIVE, ATHLETIC SWF
Tall, honest, graduate, enjoys sports, movies, concerts, dining, and laughter. Seeking tall, healthy, honest, sincere, fun-loving, humorous gentleman, for friendship. #29461

LET'S ENJOY
Dazzling, outgoing, 50s, 5'7", blonde, seeks SPM, 65-65, golfer, boater, fun-loving, humorous gentleman, for friendship. #29461

LET'S ENJOY SUMMER
DWF, 42, 5'5", blonde/hazel, full-figured, mom of two, NS, NS, enjoys dancing, playing cards, movies, easy listening music. Seeking caring, true romantic, SWM, 40-45, for LTR. #29155

CASINO ROYALE
DWF, 39, full-figured, shy, hard worker, smoker, enjoys bingo, Vegas, travel, and quiet times. Seeking employed male, 30s-40s, who is honest and caring. Nationally unimportant. #29885

ATTRACTIVE ASIAN
Non-smoking, petite, blonde, attractive, health-conscious, dependent-free WMA, 30-40, 5'9", for casual dating, possible LTR. #29011

MOTORCYCLE WOMAN WANTS
Motorcycle club, attractive, sexy, slightly overweight, passionate, single mom with long brown hair, is seeking you. Are you DFW, 20-30, 5'10", similar interests, for possible LTR. #29041

BIG, HANDSOME
SWM, 44, sporty, physically fit, seeks physically active yet feminine SWF, age 30-40, who's into dating, dining, travel, and quiet times. #29103

ACTIVE PROFESSIONAL
Intelligent, caring SWM, 25, 5'9", 170lbs, enjoys cycling, water sports, rollerblading, traveling, jazz/rock music. Seeking physically fit SF, 21-31, similar interests, for possible LTR. #29041

LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT
Honest, average-looking, easygoing DWF, 52 years, young, 6'1", 130bs, smoker, trying to quit, enjoys walks, talks, motorcycles, good food, value family and good friends. Seeking similar in a male. #28840

BEST CHOICE
Attractive, intelligent, educated, 42, 5'4", 128bs, loves music and writing, seeks a tall, educated man, to share feelings, understand, and enjoy life. #28453

DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH
Fit SWF, 52, 5'7", 120lbs, short dark/hazel, NS, no dependents, seeks fit SM with a nice smile, to walk, jog, bike, and cook with. #29384

MUSIC IS MY LIFE
Handsome, honest, musician SWM, 24 enjoys writing songs, romantic evenings, music (all types), outdoors, rollerblading, seeking music-loving, slender, attractive SWF, 18-33, musician or singer a plus; not required. Rochester area. #29120

ATTRACTIVE, FIT, HEALTHY
Financially secure WMA, 52, 165lbs, light brown/dark blue, seeks LTR with the right person, NS. Must be able to travel. #29119

BACK RUBS
I'll give more than I get! SWM, 45, 5'11", slender, seeks SWF, 35-45, who's warm, outgoing, intelligent, thinks young, enjoys good music, food, long walks, needs and gives TLC. #29374

THE PERFECT RELATIONSHIP
would consist of honesty, friendship, trust, communication, romance, passion, adventure, fun, handsome, articulate, confident, athletic SWM, 25, 5'11", enjoys music, people watching, outdoor fun, seeks sincere, pretty, slender SWF, 18-34, for LTR. #29884

EXCEPTIONALLY NICE GUY
DM, 35, 6'1", 215bs, brown/blonde, enjoys movies, dining out, seeks SWF, 30-45, with similar interests, for possible LTR. #29037

HERE'S LOOKING AT YOU
Athletic, sincere SWM, 60, 8'1", 190bs, grey/blue, NS, into being, being, weekend trips. Financially secure home owner seeks SWF, 45-55, with similar interests and values, for LTR. #29884

MATCHBOX 20
Beastie Boys, Pumpkins, Dopefiend (my favorite) Good-looking, tall, athletic, outgoing SWM, 22, great personality, enjoys concert, like outdoors, fishing, bicycling, seeking slender SWF, 18-29, with similar interests. Friendship first. #29845

MR. MOM
To two beautiful daughters, 13 and 7, DWM, 44, 5'9", 160bs, professional, we enjoy camping, outdoor activities and going for ice cream. Seeking honest SWF, 30-44, for LTR. #29879

IDEALISTIC GUY
Intelligent, witty, warm DWM, 39, looking for SOWF, 30-40, for coffee, movies, walks, stimulating conversation. Looking for friend first, won't run from you. #29033

LOOKING FOR JUST ONE
DWM, 40, 5'10", bilingual in German/English, enjoys cooking, baking, and quiet times. Seeking SOWF, petite to medium build, who understands mutual respect/affection, for monogamous LTR. #29038

LOVES NATURE
DWM, 50, 6'1", large muscular build, athletic, energetic, romantic, tall, dark hair, seeks beautiful, slender, outdoor, affectionate SWF, 18-32, for friendship, rollerblading, hiking, outdoor fun, romance, maybe more. #29028

CARING
Outgoing, caring SWM, 38, looks 25, 5'8", 160bs, enjoys working out, travel, movies, dancing. Seeking SWF, who can beat his time. #29116

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838 Cadillac

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840 Chevrolet

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844 Dodge

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DYNASTY 1988, well maintained, cruise, power windows/locks, 77,000 miles, \$2,200 best. (734) 522-6592

EAGLE 1995 'Vision ES' - green, 43, 77,000 miles, moonroof, new tires/brakes, \$7,100. 248-628-5509

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STEALTH 1992-5 speed, all power, alarm, AM/FM tape, good condition, 65,000 mi., \$9,400. 248-681-1777

846 Eagle

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MUSTANG 1993 4 cylinder, all power, loaded, 62,000 miles, Excellent condition, \$4,200. (313) 937-8271

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MUSTANG 1995 GT convertible, loaded, white on red, 20,000 miles, Automatic, \$15,500. (313) 385-0116

MUSTANG 1995 GT CONVERTIBLE 1 owner, CD, 41,000 miles, loaded, \$15,200. (248) 417-3499

MUSTANG, 1996 GT - T-tengeine Orange, loaded, very good condition, garage kept, 39,000 miles, \$12,800 or offer. 313-565-3974

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MUSTANG 1987 - GT, T-top, 75,000 miles, excellent condition, \$8,000 best. (248) 869-1994

MUSTANG 1988 - LX, 5.0, 83,000 miles, runs perfect, dependable, must see! \$4,500. (248) 645-5736

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PROBE 1991 GL - 5 speed, air, cassette, sunroof, well maintained, \$3,800. (248) 363-6104

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PROBE LX 1991 - loaded, V-8, sunroof, high miles, excellent condition, \$2,750 best. (313) 722-9728

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PROBE 1996 SE-Auto, air, loaded, only 15,000 miles, spotless, \$11,250 best. 248-349-0749, 313-440-1605

PROBE 1993 - SE, automatic, air, T-top, 11,000 miles, \$4,558. (734) 455-5568

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PROBE 1993 LX - Loaded, V-8, automatic, CD, premium sound, moonroof, like new, \$6,250. 248-471-3296

T-BIRD 1992 - LX, V-8, Automatic, Loaded, Highway miles, \$4,500. After 6 PM: (248) 553-6222

T-BIRD 1993 LX V-8, black/grey, all power, 57,000 miles, \$5,900. Day 248-616-5200; Even 248-662-9178

TEMPO 1992 - 4 door, 4 cylinder, automatic, air, power windows/locks, 92,000 miles, \$2,800. 734 513-4193, 313 255-6654

TEMPO 1994 GL 4 door, air, automatic, new tires, Super Clean! \$5,385. After 6pm, (248) 478-0252

TEMPO L 1991 - 4 door, air, automatic, cassette, front wheel drive, \$2,500. (248) 357-1324

TEMPO 1993 - LX, Loaded, 60,000 miles, Excellent Condition, \$4,900. 248-471-4888

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THUNDERBIRD 1995 LX, V8, automatic, 38,000 miles, Loaded, Excellent, \$10,300. 734 453-0462

THUNDERBIRD 1993 47,000 miles, Loaded, fully loaded, \$8,000 best. (313) 728-1451 or 313-457-1502

THUNDERBIRD 1989 SC - well kept, records, black/grey, many extras, \$3,800 best. 734-420-0942

850 Geo

GEO 1996 Metro - 11,000 miles, air, automatic, CD, \$7,000. (734) 495-0305

PRIZM 1994 LSI, 4 door, 102,000 miles, excellent condition, all power, including sunroof, 1 owner, well cared for. Like New! \$7,450. 248-682-1108

TAURUS 1992 GL, all power, 55,000 miles, \$5,000. Call after 6pm (734) 452-1878

TAURUS GL 1994 - 3.8L, air, loaded, excellent condition, highway miles, \$3,300 best. (734) 522-6444

TAURUS 1995 GL - 45,000 miles, 4 door, Loaded, New tires, \$10,300 best. (313) 522-6666

TAURUS 1995 GL - 30,000 miles, loaded, like new \$9,900 or best. Financing available. 734-453-5569

TAURUS 1997 GL Wagon - V8, full power, 28,000 miles, warranty, excellent condition, \$12,900. (248) 864-1228

TAURUS, 1995, SE, leather, ABS, Air, all power, 1 owner, 45,000 miles, excellent condition, \$9,000. (248) 380-1815

TAURUS SHO 1992 - Engine & body in excellent condition. Lots of miles. Best offer. Call: (734) 495-0314

TAURUS SHO 1995 - 26K, loaded, Z-bar warranty, red, excellent condition, \$16,700. (248) 472-7187

TAURUS 1994 SHO - Leather, JBL CD, sunroof, 28,000 miles, 5 speed, 45,000 miles \$12,200. 313-274-7387

TAURUS SHO 1993 - Loaded, green, leather, moonroof, 5 speed. Very clean. \$8,850. (248) 608-9076

TAURUS SHO 1994 - Loaded, 80,000 miles, \$7,300 or best offer. 734-591-3347

TAURUS 1992 - Station wagon, 65,000 miles, clean, excellent condition, \$5,400. (248) 681-6103

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T-BIRD 1988, 3.2 liter Turbo Coupe, automatic, loaded, Excellent condition, \$2,295. (734) 459-7514

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ACCORD 1992 - auto, white, 4-door, loaded, excellent condition, \$8,950. (248) 651-1072

ACCORD 1989 - Excellent condition, 5 speed, power windows, \$3,800. (248) 473-7078

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CIVIC 1995 DX 2 door, automatic, load 5 speed, power windows, \$3,800. (248) 542-7187

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CIVIC DX 1988, 88,000 miles, dealer service. New air this year. Company car for sale. \$2,500. 248-608-9978

CIVIC 1987 wagon, 60,000 miles, \$2,500. 734-261-2360

856 Lincoln

CONTINENTAL 1995, black, fully loaded, 55,000 miles, \$14,900. 248-443-2455

CONTINENTAL 1990 - 1 owner, non-smoking female, well maintained, \$6,100. 313-535-0110

MARK VII 1995 - Every Available Option, 71,750 miles. Absolutely New Condition. \$22,500. (248) 851-2938

MARK VII 1994 - Excellent condition, loaded, moonroof, \$8,300. \$14,000 offer. Call (248) 646-9322

MARK VII, 1993, loaded, leather interior, black, 68,000 miles, \$10,000. After 2pm. 734-261-3948

MARK 1994, VIII, power moonroof, fully loaded, P-Track, 59,000 miles, sacrifice, \$1100 below book. 599 down. 248-646-9322

MARK VII 1988, white, sunroof, new engine/transmission, good condition, well maintained, 1 owner, \$8,000 best. After 6: (248) 852-9466

858 Mazda

MAZDA 323, 1992 - 83,000 Miles, automatic, \$1700. 734-451-9555

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MX6 1993 LS - V6, automatic, air, leather, sunroof, \$8,900. 248-788-5378

MX6, 1993 - White, automatic, sunroof, cruise, air, alarm, mint condition, \$7,900. 248-288-5355

RXT - 1988, 72,000 miles, 1 owner, air, 1 family owner, Runs perfect. \$3,500. (734) 453-3187

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ROBERT M. MEISNER

Q: We have a problem in our condo where my neighbor and I have a disagreement about the use of our patio area behind our unit. The association doesn't want to get involved and I'm thinking about hiring an attorney. Do you have any recommendations?

There are instances where the association may not choose to get involved in enforcing a restriction when that restriction is within the exclusive domain of only two co-owners who have not affected any other residents in the condominium project.

Often times, the two neighbors in question should consider seeking some sort of alternative dispute resolution process which is available in various communities in an effort to resolve their differences.

There are certain disputes that cannot be settled without either one or the other completely acquiescing. There may be a basis to hire an attorney.

Also, there are instances where the association, itself, may consider utilizing dispute resolution procedures after consulting with its attorney regarding the propriety of that process in a given situation.

Q: Can you tell me what a plaintiff must show in a slander of title action in order to prevail?

The plaintiff must establish that the defendant "maliciously published false matter, disparaging the plaintiff's title to his property causing it to suffer special damages."

Obviously, this generally involves someone recording a lien or other encumbrance on the property inhibiting the clear title.

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What buyers want ...and how to get it

Garages and basements are often cited as necessary features for home buyers at the lower end of the price scale. For upper-end purchasers, it's jet tubs, sprinkling systems and decks.

But everyone along the spectrum wants updated, well-functioning mechanicals and structural elements, Realtors say.

"The typical home buyer is looking for, in my experience, systems of the house to be real sound, newer windows, newer roof," said Janice M. Morlock, a Realtor with Real Estate One in Westland.

"Even first-time buyers inquire about systems being sound," she added.

"A lot of them are looking for move-in condition," echoed Joan Char, associate broker and manager of Coldwell Banker Schweitzer in Farmington Hills. "They're two-income purchasers. Most don't have the time or desire to remodel a house."

"It's important if the roof, furnace, air conditioning have reached their natural life, that they recently have been replaced," Char said.

Home buyers today aren't necessarily pickier — just more aware, said Mari Forrer, a Realtor with the Prudential Chamberlain-Stiehl in Birmingham.

"I think they have an opportunity now to look at all the models of new homes and then get to the existing houses and see what they have to do to make them like the '90s," she said.

Sellers generally should update before listing, Forrer said, because buyers are extremely busy in their personal lives, contractors in their professional lives.

"So many kitchen have dark colors," she said. "Today, all are off-white. In winter, we don't get much light. You want something to brighten the interior."

"Updated baths are real important also," she said. "People are taken by updated fixtures. Old bath tubs removed, traded-in on a newer style will help. They (buyers) don't like all-pink-and-black bathrooms."

Only the very rich, apparently, get exactly what they want in a house. And sometimes not even them.

"Not often do I find something for buyers with everything on their wish list for what they want to spend," Morlock said.

That can be an especially cruel blow



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Janice M. Morlock
Realtor/Real Estate One in Westland.

for first-time buyers or buyers who have been out of the market for a long time.

"They have to re-evaluate their list — 'must have' versus what would be nice to have," Morlock said.

"They have a wish list. When they go out and see prices, when they see things not on there, they have to get on to reality," Char said.

But there are ways to maximize purchasing power.

"Sometimes, it helps to be open to areas close by but not precisely in the area they're asking about. It might be a better area for the money," Morlock advised.

"From where I work in Westland, I get calls to look at Westland and Garden City," she said. "They may find that their money goes farther in Wayne, a very nice community."

"Sometimes people want Livonia. There is (north) Westland with Livonia schools," Morlock said.

Sweat equity can also pay off.

"If there's a choice of a wonderful floor plan that's not quite up to date or settling for a lesser plan in move-in condition, maybe consider going for the first choice," Char said.

Furnaces, windows and fixtures can be updated. Floor plans generally can't.

Char speaks from personal experience. "I ended up on a dirt road with well water. I wanted the house, so I had to settle. It was the size I wanted in the area I wanted to be."

Years later, the road was paved and city water came to the area.

Forrer mentioned another strategy to get the biggest bang for the purchasing dollar.

"They can ask their Realtor to put in a target date (by computer) when the property listed. If they ask the Realtor to plug in everything active since the month of May, and some in April, those people (sellers) need to get to a point where they need to do something."

"They may be more willing to negotiate," Forrer said. "The more a house is on the market, the more the seller better be willing to negotiate."

Lyle Schaefer, a Realtor with Century 21 Today in Bingham Farms, suggests that prospective buyers lengthen rather than narrow their search for houses.

"With every criterion you put into the computer, it limits the search more and more," he said. "Try to keep it as general as possible. Keep all options open."

And ask yourself if you really, really need features you think you need.

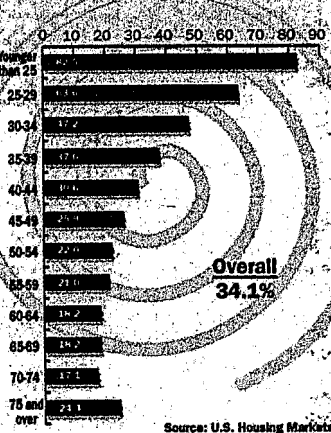
"A lot of people aren't even willing to look at a place without a basement," Schaefer said. "If you can't find something in your price range and want an area, consider a home without a basement."

"Take the criterion out and let the computer do a search," he said. "Many quality areas with quality homes don't have basements."

You might actually get more useable living space without a basement, Schaefer said.

And some houses without basements in communities like Bloomfield Township and Beverly Hills are served by quality school districts, he added.

Householders who rent



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Test your knowledge of closings

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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.

5. There are so many different documents and fees at the closing because:

A. The lender and the buyer need to be certain all aspects of the home and the property are in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

B. Homeowners usually lose important documents, so they have to be recreated at the time of sale.

C. Attorneys write the laws.

D. The federal government requires extensive documentation.

The right answer is A. A home is a complex, expensive structure, and a great many hidden problems can be lurking behind those apparently solid walls. As a buyer, you wouldn't want to inherit unknown problems — and the lender feels the same way.

Although a closing may seem to be an endless procession of documents thick with legalese, if you take them one by one, you'll find that each is really a fairly straightforward agreement or certification. Each also represents a fair amount of work by a researcher, engineer or other professional, which is the reason for all the fees and expenses of a closing.

Local and state governments do require some documentation at the closing, but the federal government isn't involved at all.

6. If you're the buyer, you'll leave your closing with:

A. An unbelievable headache.

B. Several important documents.

C. A great reason to have a party.

D. Several important documents AND a great reason to have a party.

Although A is possible, the right answer is D (I hope).

Among the documents the buyer receives during the closing are:

■ The settlement statement (form HUD-1), which lists all the important details regarding the sale and must be signed by both buyer and seller.

■ A truth-in-lending statement (TIL) from the lender, which lists the estimated monthly payment and the total cost of all finance charges involved in the mortgage.

■ The mortgage note, which provides legal evidence and financial details of the mortgage and includes the formal promise to repay the debt.

■ The mortgage or deed of trust, which gives the lender a claim against the house if the buyer doesn't live up to the terms of the mortgage.

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Builder touts a home's other values

If you're like most people, you spend half of your time at home enjoying leisure time, raising a family, working in a garden or entertaining friends.

Beyond enhancing quality of life and providing security, homes also typically increase in value and provide considerable tax advantages.

That's why builders say a new house can be one of the smartest purchases you can make.

"One of the best things about owning a home is that each monthly payment buys you more and more of that home while its value typically continues to increase," said Mark F. Guidobono, president of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan.

He's also CEO of Cambridge Homes in Northville.

"That increase in value belongs to you, and you can borrow against it or use it to increase your own net worth," Guidobono said. "Home ownership also brings you income tax savings each year because you can still deduct mortgage interest and property taxes."

Today's new homes are more comfortable and convenient than ever before. Builders use smart design and the latest amenities to bring buyers homes with maximum style and convenience since tastes and needs of homeowners change over time.

Successful builders study changes in consumer lifestyles and incorporate features into their new homes which accommodate the changes.

For instance, houses built in the 1960s catered to the needs of people in that time when a smaller percentage of couples had two wage earners and households were likely to have a larger average number of children.

In the 1990s, household sizes have fallen and there are more two-income families.

To accommodate the needs of a 1990s household, a house might need two bathrooms off the master bedroom or a bath with two sinks to allow the couple to get ready for work at the same time.

Fewer children might mean that houses should have fewer but larger

rooms.

In addition, today's homes are much more energy efficient than homes built 10 or 20 years ago. Extra insulation, double-glazed windows, tighter construction and more-energy-efficient appliances are just a few of the features that will save money in cooling and heating bills.

And because everything in the house is new, maintenance costs will be low.

Other advantages include:

■ Better designed kitchens with new appliances.

■ Energy-efficient furnaces and air conditioners.

■ More electrical outlets.

■ Safety glass in safety-critical areas.

"It's a great time to buy a new home," Guidobono said. "There's an ample supply of new homes on the market. Interest rates are historically low, and the benefits of home ownership are many."

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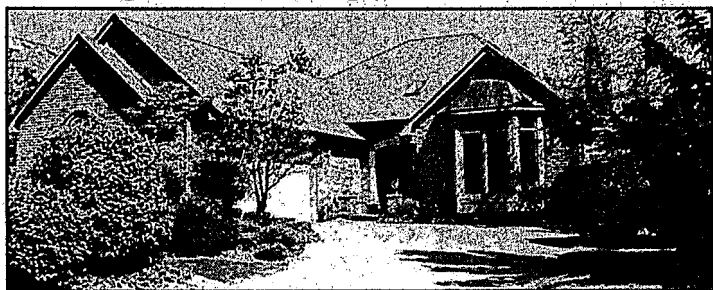


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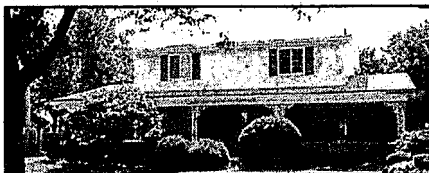
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BIRMINGHAM

- Truly darling brick home with hardwood floors throughout
- Lots of room with 4 bedrooms and finished basement
- Updated kitchen, newer vinyl windows & central air
- Two car garage. Nice size lot. Birmingham schools

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STERLING HEIGHTS - VALUE

- Four bedroom brick colonial in prime neighborhood
- This one owner home has been very well kept
- Hardwood floors under carpet, large foyer, 1st floor laundry, doorwall off family room leads to patio

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OAK PARK - NEW BUILD

- This brand new brick ranch shows quality throughout
- Spacious and well designed with cathedral ceilings
- Relax in the large family room or entertain in formal dining room. Four large bedrooms, 3 full baths!

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ROCHESTER HILLS

- Charming classic pillared colonial in University Hills
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- Redone ranch, move in condition, contemporary
- Custom kitchen, new Andersen windows, new doors
- Great room with vaulted ceiling - fireplace
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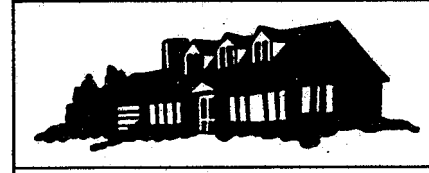
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- Mint condition and beautifully decorated in neutrals!
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ROCHESTER HILLS - ENJOY THE SCENERY

- Breathtaking view of huge wooded lot from the four seasons sun room in this three bedroom colonial
- Sharp decor, newer kitchen with hardwood floors
- Walkout lower level with newer full bath and more!

\$244,900 Ask For: Anna Percy 656-4400



PLEASANT RIDGE

- Spacious 3 bedroom, 3 bath sits on deep treed lot
- Living room with vaulted ceiling & natural fireplace
- Library/study, 1st floor master suite, some hardwood floors, doorwall leads to deck. Finished basement.

\$309,900 Ask For: Edwina Luckett 591-2006



WATERFORD - SYLVAN LAKE WATERFRONT

- 80 feet of water frontage on sparkling Sylvan Lake
- Hardwood floors throughout most of the home
- Fireplace, breezeway, utility room, pole barn
- Plenty of trees give a country feeling. Don't miss it!

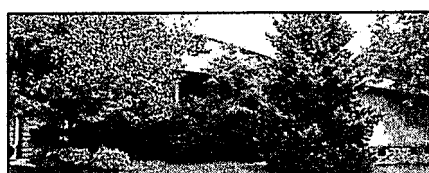
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TROY - LUXURY, PRIVACY & DISTINCTION

- Outstanding condo alternative without the usual compromises - extremely low maintenance exterior
- Fabulous master bedroom with sumptuous marble bath and huge walk-in closet. Lush perennial landscaping

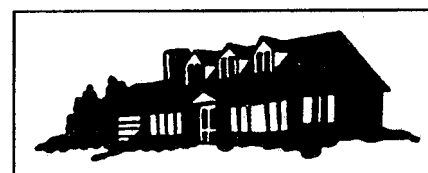
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ROCHESTER HILLS

- Contemporary home with great open floor plan
- Vaulted ceilings, four bedrooms, three full baths
- Master suite with sitting/dressing areas, 1st floor bedroom with adjacent bath. Three car garage

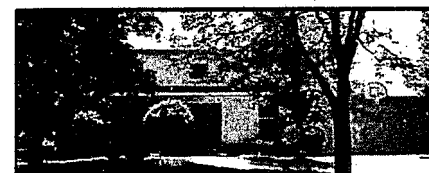
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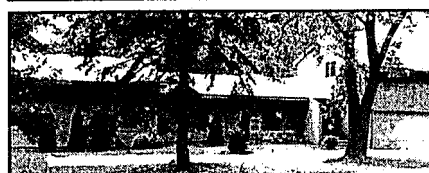
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FARMINGTON HILLS

- This 4 bedroom colonial has a great, open floor plan
- Doorwalls, window walls and deck overlooks common
- Family room with natural fireplaces and built-ins
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- Master suite with fireplace and Jacuzzi, firelit living room
- Sellers will consider offers between

\$309,000 547-2000 PO246



CLARKSTON - LAKEFRONT

- Exceptional views await the discriminating buyer of this feature packed lakefront contemporary ranch!
- Walkout with wet bar, refrigerator & island snack bar
- Office with 3 phone lines, formal dining.

\$294,900 Ask For: Robyn Lewis 620-4373 GR659



CLARKSTON - NEW CONSTRUCTION

- Beautiful home situated on 1/2 acre treed setting
- Natural fireplace in great room, hardwood floors in entry and kitchen, 1st floor master suite with Jacuzzi
- Merillat cabinets, formal dining, Walkout basement

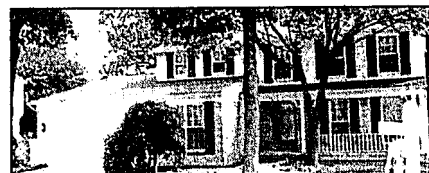
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SHELBY - QUALITY & STYLE

- Beautiful 3 bedroom ranch on corner lot in great area
- Stone fireplace in living room, large study, breakfast room
- Lower level has walkout plumbed for another bath
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ROCHESTER HILLS - BROOKWOOD GOLF CLUB

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BLOOMFIELD HILLS - SERENITY AWAITS

- Unwind in this beautiful home on gorgeous lot
- Unique style with fire lit great room and family room
- Formal dining, two updated baths, updated kitchen
- Three bedrooms, newer furnace with central air and more

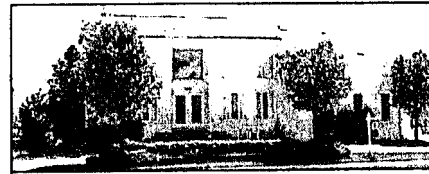
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ROCHESTER HILLS

- Marvel at the unique architecture of this ranch home
- Fireplace in living room & family room, 4 bedrooms
- Functional kitchen features all built-in appliances
- Four season ThermoPane windows throughout

\$419,900 Ask For: Don Misch 651-8850



SHELBY - PREMIUM HOME

- Fabulous white brick colonial on premium lot
- Large open foyer with marble floors through to kitchen
- Tastefully decorated in neutral with custom windows
- Finished walkout with wet bar, kitchen, Jacuzzi & more

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- Almost new transitional contemporary in popular sub with lot-lot pool - Over 3000 sq. ft.
- Walkout basement plumbed for full bath
- Master suite with sitting room and great bath

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FARMINGTON HILLS

- Dynamite location on the crown of a cul-de-sac lot
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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. Bunches and prizes also are included. Price is \$115.

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

PROPERTY INVESTORS

The Real Estate Investors Association meets monthly at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4, at the Southgate Holiday Inn, 17201 Northline, one block east of I-75. Speaker to be announced. Price 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. University. The classes and lunch are free. Call Karen at (248) 879-5730 with questions.

INVESTORS II

The Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland hosts a panel of experts on investor financing during a dinner/seminar 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, at the Royal Oak American Legion, 1815 Rochester Road. The dinner, \$14 for everyone, begins at 7 p.m. The seminar, which starts at 8 p.m., is free for members, \$10 for non-members. To register, call (800) 747-6742.

CROSSWINDS PROJECT

Crosswinds Communities has opened a center for pre-construction sales at Brentwood Square, (734) 677-7700. 80 attached units on Huron Parkway, a quarter mile north of Washtenaw in Ann Arbor.

Base prices start at \$129,990. A lower unit is 1,022-square feet, an upper 1,557.

HUD passes along reverse mortgage tips to senior citizens

(NAPS) — The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has a reverse mortgage program that can give homeowners 62 or older a stream of cash for greater financial security in retirement, or cash up-front to meet unexpected medical expenses or home improvements. You continue to live in your home, but you don't make payments on your reverse mortgage — instead, a lender will give you a lump sum of cash or make a monthly payment to you for as long as you live in the home. It's federally insured and

available through HUD-approved lenders.

1. How can I get a HUD reverse mortgage?

If you're 62 or older and your home is paid off or has just a small balance, all you need to do is contact a HUD-approved mortgage lender. Use caution if you receive a telephone call or letter offering to help you get a reverse mortgage for "a small percent" of the proceeds.

HUD has a toll-free number, 1-888-466-3487 — that you can call for information about

reverse mortgages, low-cost or free housing counseling agencies, and lists of HUD-approved lenders.

2. How can I find a HUD-approved mortgage lender?

You can get free names and addresses of HUD-approved lenders by calling the local HUD office (look under U.S. Government in your telephone book). In addition, many mortgage lenders advertise in the yellow pages or business pages of local newspapers; look for the HUD "Equal Housing Lender" symbol under

"mortgages" or "mortgage lenders." If you haven't paid off your entire mortgage, you can call your current lender to see if it offers HUD reverse mortgages.

3. Will this cost a lot of money?

You'll pay the ordinary costs that come with getting a mortgage — home appraisal and title insurance for instance — and the lender gets a fee for mortgage insurance. While your expenses will be similar to what you paid when you bought your home, you don't need cash up-front. You can

cover the expenses out of your home's equity. HUD strongly recommends against using any service that charges a fee just for referring a borrower to a lender.

4. How much money can I get from my home?

The maximum amount you can receive depends on your age and the age of any other borrowers (such as your spouse); the appraised value of the property; and the maximum FHA mortgage amount for the area. In general, based on a loan at recent interest rates, a 65-year

old homeowner could receive up to 26 percent of the home's value, a 75 year old could borrow up to 39 percent, and an 85 year old could borrow up to 56 percent. You can get more information from your lender or a HUD-approved housing counselor.

5. How can I get more information about a HUD reverse mortgage?

For free information from HUD about reverse mortgages and approved housing counselors, call toll free, 1-888-466-3487.

MORTGAGE SEARCH UPDATE

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Amelplus Mortgage Corp.	1-248-740-2323	6.875	0.25	6.525	0.25	6.00
Capital Mortgage Funding	www.homerates.com	1-800-LOW-RATE	6.50	3	5.125	3
Chase Manhattan	www.chase.com	1-248-645-6466	6.625	2.5	6.25	2
Community Federal Credit Union	1-734-451-3414	6.75	2	6.375	2	5.25
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Achieve attractive landscaping

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The landscaping you do outdoors can be as important in making a house a home as the decorating you do indoors. It may be even more important in terms of building equity.

But while most of us know the look we're after in the family room, fewer of us can conceptualize a well-styled and self-sustaining menagerie of outdoor plants that will add real comfort and street appeal. There's design to consider, of course, but plants are living things, with specific and sometimes limiting soil and sunlight requirements. And at today's prices, it pays to get it right the first time.

So how to proceed? You really have three options. You can do the job yourself. You can hire a nursery-garden center to draw up a plan and either do the plantings yourself, according to the blueprint, or contract the nursery to do it all. In this case, the planner is usually a certified landscape designer (CLD), with a background in horticulture. And, finally, you can hire a design specialist — a registered landscape architect.

While these approaches can differ significantly, there is also some overlap. A do-it-yourselfer, for example, will certainly seek out the extensive

free information to be found at every garden center. Moreover, while garden centers and nurseries usually employ horticulturists with design training, some also employ, or contract with, registered landscape architects. And though landscape architects are usually not associated with nurseries, a developing trend in the business is the "design-build" concept. In these cases, architects work with preferred subcontractors to provide turnkey services — plans, plants, plantings and all.

The difference between a designer and an architect, is that certified landscape designers are often horticulturists with secondary training in landscape design. Though not always the case, they tend to know more about plants and plant diseases than architects. In some areas, CLDs are tested and certified by the state, while in others, it's an industry certification.

A registered landscape architect masters most of the same things, but comes to the task from a different angle. He or she is a designer by training and temperament, but must also be versed, and state certified, in landscape principles, including grading and drainage, property laws, irrigation and erosion control. From the consumer's point of view, there's also a significant difference in the profes-

sional relationship.

A landscape designer usually works for a nursery and creates an inexpensive plan for about \$50 to \$200. This fee is typically credited to your account after you purchase a certain level of merchandise, say \$500 to \$1,000. It's understood that the nursery profits from the materials you buy. The plan is a big help to the consumer, but it's also an effective sales tool, and everybody knows it. In contrast, a landscape architect — except for the design-build variety — does not profit from materials or installations. On a practical level, this means that an architect has to charge more for his plan, but is more willing to accommodate exhaustive revisions.

In addition to superior design training, his or her willingness to work your thoughts and afterthoughts into the mix is likely to yield a more striking and satisfying plan. Which is the better choice? For most of us, a garden-center design will do just fine. Simple yards, simple plans. But if you're shooting for something beyond a proportional pleasantness, or if your property is large, with multiple elevations and complicated drainage requirements, then a registered landscape architect is worth the investment.

Follow your head as well as your heart for a second home

Before buying that dream vacation home in the mountains or on the beach, look at the numbers. Your home away from home may provide a cozy retreat with a spectacular view, but does it make good financial sense to buy a second house?

According to CPA Barbara Steinmetz, a financial adviser and member of the International Association for Financial Planning, you first should consider several financial issues related to owning a vacation home before signing on the dotted line:

■ Are you mortgaging your future just to have a second home? Determining the amount you want to finance and how buying a second home might harm your retirement goals. Keep in mind that bank lending rates and down payments are usually higher for vacation homes, and deferment of gains available on a primary residence are not available on a second home.

■ Can you afford to maintain a second home? Maintenance costs for a second home can be as high — or higher — as those for a primary residence. Costs may include pool upkeep; telephone, cable and utilities — even when you're not there; gardening and alarm services; home-

owner's association fees; and car maintenance. Also, know the current property taxes and check your insurance policy. Some insurance companies will consider a house vacant and charge higher rates or void coverage if you're not there a certain number of days.

■ Is the house in a "good" area? The old real estate axiom, "Location, location, location," still rings true. Determine if the property is in a good growth-rate area, which could affect your home's future value. You can do this by driving around the area, checking on property values and talking to neighbors. Ask a Realtor about zoning and rezoning or development plans. You don't want a trailer park popping up below the deck of your new mountain cabin. Also, are there neighbors to watch your house while you're gone?

■ Will the second home be a vacation spot or will it eventually become a primary residence? Those who retire to their second home within two years after its purchase often can roll the gains from the sale of their primary residence to defer capital gains tax. If the house is a vacation get-away, be prepared to spend most of your vacations there. "Most people who purchase a vacation home feel obligated to go there year

after year because of the financial commitment, so they miss out on other vacation destinations," Steinmetz said. "If you plan to rent the house periodically throughout the year, keep in mind that the prime rental time might also be the time you want to spend at the house. Also, depending on the length of the rental, you could have tax advantages or consequences."

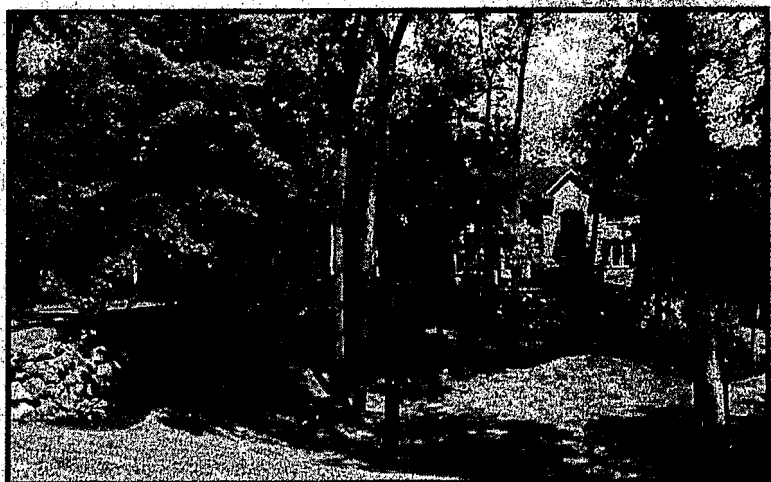
■ Should you set up a trust to hold the property? Review your estate plan to see if you should set up a trust to hold the property. "A trust can help your heirs avoid probate issues and minimize estate taxes," Steinmetz said. "If you don't have any estate plan, a professional financial adviser can help you draft one."

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The average increased slightly to 6.96 percent this week from 6.94 percent last week and a six-month low

of 6.91 percent two weeks earlier. Three months ago, the average hit a 5 1/2-month high of 7.22 percent.

The recent declines reflect renewed jitters over Asia, motivating investors to move money from the troubled region to the United States.

Fifteen-year mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, averaged 6.63 percent, up from 6.60 percent the previous week.

On one-year adjustable-rate mortgages, lenders were asking an average initial rate of 5.65 percent, up from 5.64 percent last week.

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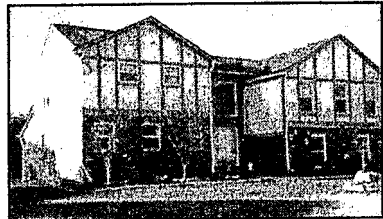
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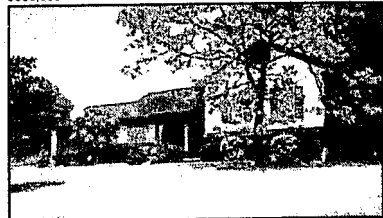


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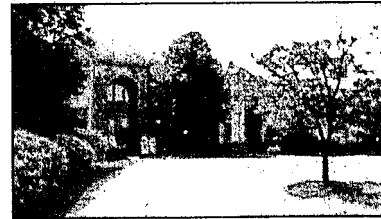
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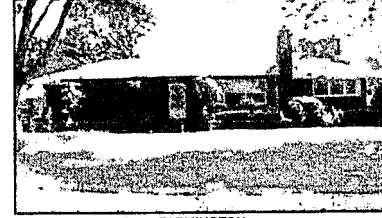
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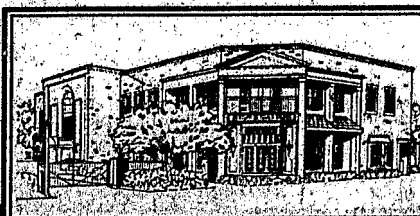
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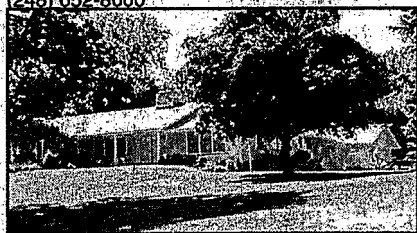
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STATELY. 4 bedroom Tudor in move in condition. Freshly painted exterior. Ceramic tile floors, crown molding, family room with wet bar, fireplace, open floor plan, tastefully decorated in neutral colors. Multi-level deck. Beautifully landscaped private yard. Home Warranty. \$254,900 (33ROS) (248) 652-8000



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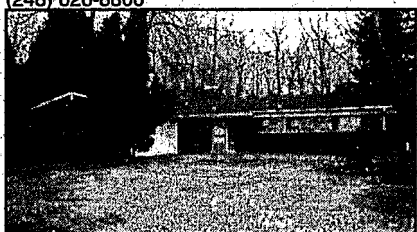
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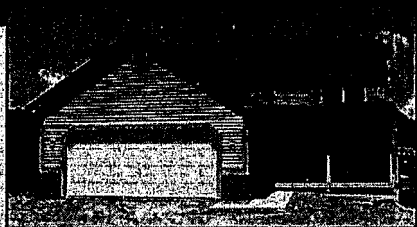
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RIGHT PRICE! 4 bedroom brick ranch with 2 baths, large lot, excellent location. West Bloomfield schools, many updates included. \$164,900 (59SHA) (248) 626-8800



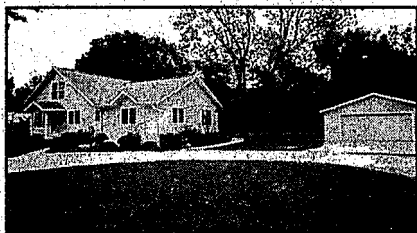
SPACIOUS 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths, with newer ceramic entry. Newer shingles. Finished basement features 2 additional bedrooms. \$194,900 (35SIX) (248) 626-8800



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UTICA. 3 bedroom brick ranch loaded with updates. New roof, central air, vinyl windows and siding. Finished basement. Fenced yard. 2 car attached garage. \$165,900 (05LIN) 524-1600



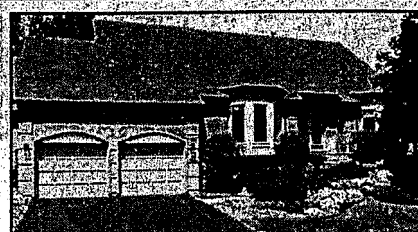
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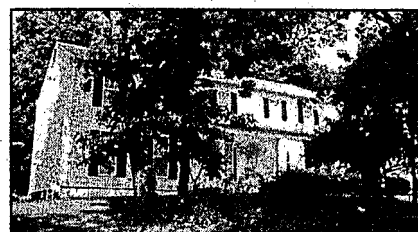
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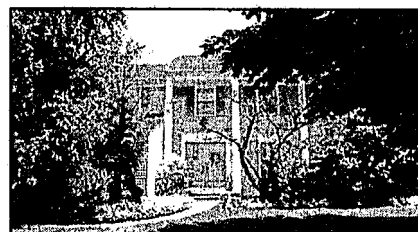
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ABSOLUTE BEST BUY in Cypress Gardens. 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths, basement. Updates included: kitchen, baths, windows, air conditioning. Move in condition. Neutral decor. Walk to school & park. Immediate occupancy. \$179,900 (72BAR) (248) 626-8800



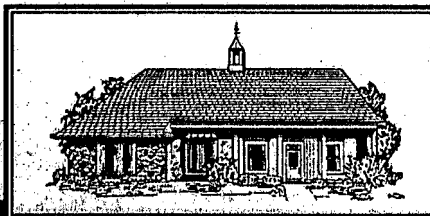
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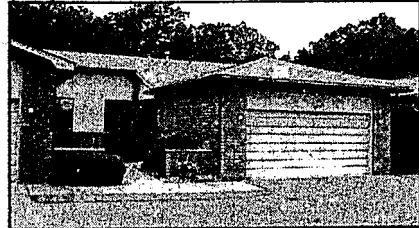


ELEGANT walkout colonial in charming Hawthorn Hills. Loaded with amenities. Rochester schools. Spacious rooms for luxurious living. 3 car garage. \$399,000 (57EDI) 652-8000

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HARD TO FIND ranch!! Over 2,600 sq. ft. 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths and lovely white marble foyer; crown moldings, custom decorating; huge family room, formal dining room and finished basement. Great master bedroom, newer roof and windows. \$389,900 (42MAR) (248) 642-8100



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WONDERFUL family room, four bedrooms, large family room with fireplace, library, formal dining room, basement, backs to commons, fabulous area, walk to Hillside elementary! \$289,000 (25HUN) (248) 642-8100



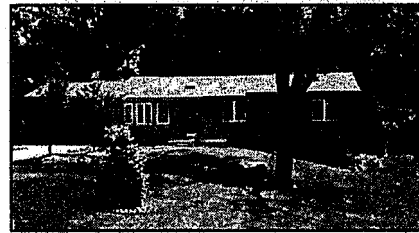
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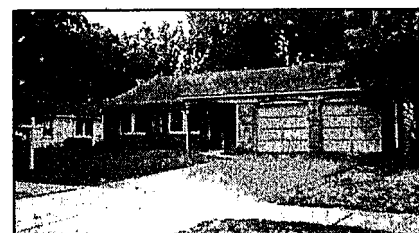
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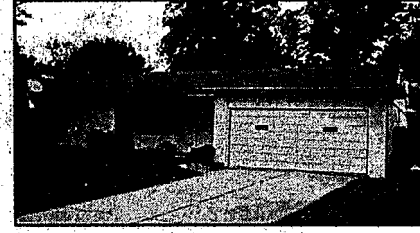
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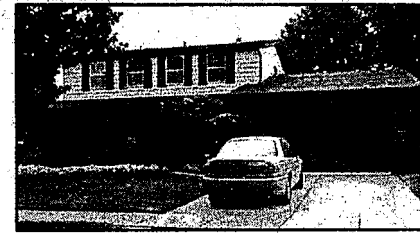
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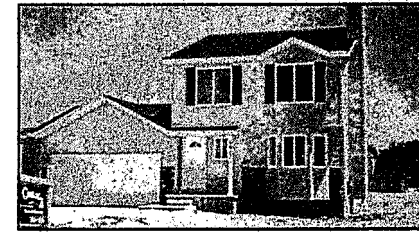
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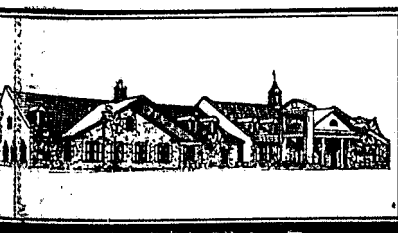
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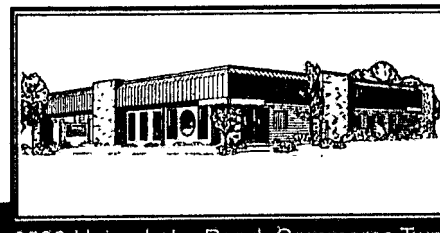
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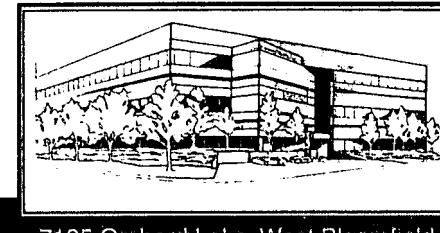
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- 14 _____ (line)
- 15 "Tales" _____
- 16 More delicious _____
- 19 "This is _____ Life"
- 21 Garland _____

DOWN

- 37 "O Sole _____"
- 38 Light brown _____
- 40 Charging _____ with gas
- 42 Bold _____
- 44 Repetitive _____
- 45 Corrode _____
- 47 Covers _____
- 48 Gam _____ merchant
- 52 Enliven _____
- 55 Joyful _____ exclamation
- 56 Hookup _____ (traph. vtd.)
- 58 Spanish _____ cheer
- 59 Chap _____
- 60 Singing voices _____
- 61 _____ Field

29 Alternative word
30 Ready for action. (2 wds.)
32 Marxist
33 Actress Novak
35 Donates

DOWN

1 Letter of the alphabet
2 A rose ——— rose
3 "Splash" star
4 Publishing

5 — Joe (doll)
6 Lawyer fabric
7 Meat of calf
8 Unsuccessful car
9 Siamese native

10 Symbol of victory
11 Timetable abbr.
16 ——— contenders
18 Aunt (Sp.)
20 Nerve network
22 Puns
23 Author Long
24 Hoarder
28 Abatement
27 Gitter
28 Orator
31 Danger
34 — Miniver
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39 Plaintiff
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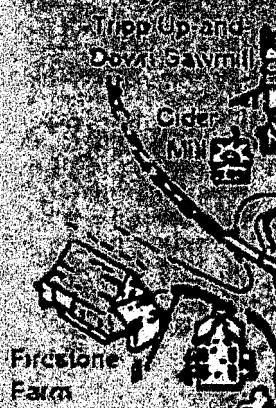
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LISA LUCKOW-HEALY

Grueling summer temperatures clash with the onset of back-to-school advertisements hinting at the reality that summer isn't endless.

As much as you might like to take advantage of the pre-season sales,

the thought of basking in the sun, floating down a northern river in an inner tube, or relishing a breathtaking sunset from the comforts of a sandy beach seems much more enticing than organizing your sweater chest or ordering school uniforms.

This is hardly the time to write off the splendors of summer when there's so much unexplored terrain to cover. When the local pool or beach suddenly seems all too crowded, perhaps it's time to break away from a stagnant routine and turn hot summer temperatures into cool activities your family will love.

Water parks — Break from traditional poolside fun and discover what's waiting for your family at the following water wonderlands:

■ **Waterford Oaks Waterpark**, 1700 Scott Lake Road, Pontiac: The Big Bucket (children's interactive water playground), Ragin' Rapids (group raft ride), The Wave (wave-action pool), Slidewinder (giant double water slide).

■ **Red Oaks Waterpark**, 1455 E. 13 Mile, Madison Heights: Largest wave action pool in Michigan, giant triple water slide.

■ **Four Bears Water Park**, 3000 Auburn Road, Utica: Kiddie rides, petting zoo, pony rides, bumper boats, splash pool, miniature water slide, triple water slide, miniature golf, go-carts, speed slide, paddle boats.

County parks — Your family will discover a wealth of fun for the taking that's just outside your back yard at one of your county parks. Highlights include:

■ **Wayne County parks**: Time to take up golf if you haven't already at Warren Valley Golf Course in Dearborn Heights. Elizabeth Park in Trenton is the state's oldest county park, offering a tourist lodge, a marina, a riverwalk, a handicapped fishing dock, a pony ranch, tennis courts, baseball diamonds and a picnic shelter.

■ **Oakland County parks**: Campers can take advantage of Addison Oaks and Groveland Oaks traditional camp

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sites and amenities such as swimming, boating, fishing, children's playscapes, volleyball courts and horseshoe pits.

Special events throughout the summer include bicycle motocross at Waterford Oaks and horse shows, a 4-H fair and hot air balloon festival at Springfield Oaks, Mobile Recreation, a new feature of the parks system, brings such fun as The Wall, a climbing wall, to residents.

■ **Macomb County parks**: Enjoy concerts and festivals at Freedom Hill in Sterling Heights from May through September. Grab a blanket and a spot up on the hill and enjoy.

Natural wonders — Summer is a wonderful time to explore your environment whether you visit a petting farm, rush down a waterfall, explore space or blaze the nature trails.

■ **Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve and Den**, 333 North Hill Circle, Rochester: This 16-acre, wooded parcel combines nature trails, an aquarium, hands-on artifacts and a den filled with nests, eggs, stuffed birds (but no dinosaurs, contrary to its name) and fossils for close viewing.

■ **Maybury State Park Petting Farm**, 20145 Beck, Northville: Meet the park ranger, the bunnies, cows, pigs and goats. Climb aboard for a hayride, bike the trails or allow the children to exert some energy on the playscape.

■ **Michigan Space Center**, 2111 Emmons, Jackson: Eat space food, check out the moon rocks and enjoy hands-on experiences amongst actual NASA artifacts, including an Apollo space capsule.

■ **Detroit Science Center IMAX Theater**, 5020 John R, Detroit: When the sweltering heat strikes, cool down inside the IMAX Theater and allow your senses to take over as the 360-degree domed screen takes you rushing down a waterfall or soaring above the Earth. Who needs extreme sports?

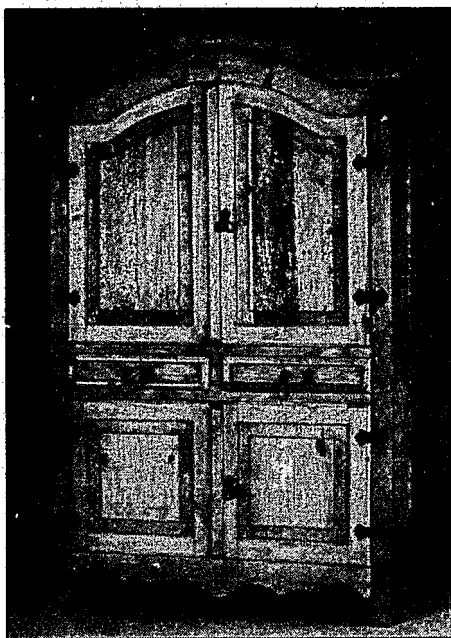
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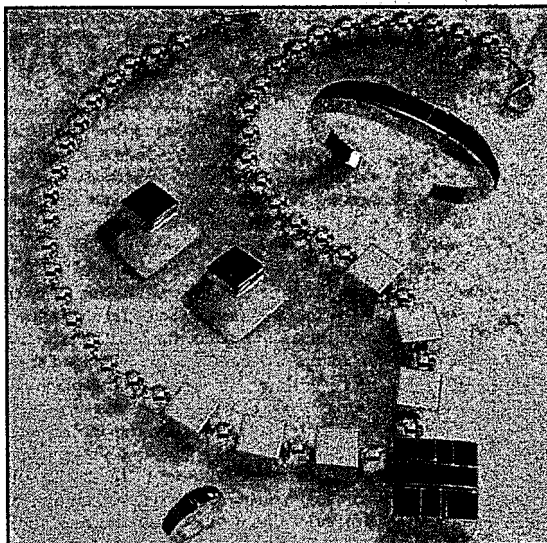
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Navajo style

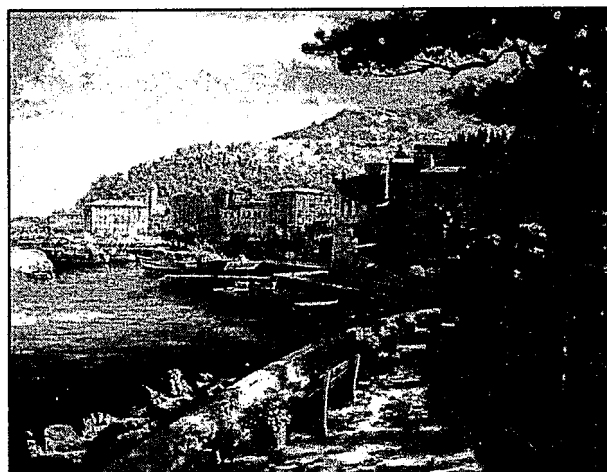
Artistic touch: The traditional beauty of Navajo art is blended with contemporary style in the award-winning creations of Ray Tracey, the latest fine jewelry artist featured at Native West Gallery, 863

W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. Tracey's art combines traditional Navajo styles with asymmetrical patterns and semi-precious stones such as lapis, coral, opal, sugilite and turquoise. His one-of-a-kind jewelry designs include rings, pins and bracelets. Call (734) 455-8838.



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Bloomin' illumination: Kelley Smith of Bloomfield Hills sells her handmade items through her business, The "Bow"tique. The product lines she creates and sells include silk flower lamps, priced at \$64. Call (248) 626-0203.



'Santa Margherita'

Featured work: This limited edition serigraph on canvas by artist Sam Park, hand-embellished in oil by Park, offers the look of an original oil painting at an affordable price. It is among the works on view at the Hermitage Gallery, 235 Main in Rochester. Call (248) 656-8559.

AT HOME, Mary Klemic, editor (248) 901-2569
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garden spot

Make your own magic in garden



MARTY FIGLEY

It's time to slow down a little bit and let the garden take care of itself in this hot weather. One way to pass the time is to learn more about gardening, and books are the perfect vehicle for doing just that. This month the

selection is varied.

"The Magic Land," Julie Moir Messervy (\$19.95, Macmillan), is a small book that draws on childhood memories, your home and your feelings to help create a garden that suits you.

"Magic lands are places to which you can withdraw ... you can learn to share them with others ... Others change a magic land into a place of wonderful richness and joy," she writes. "The goal is to have both places of community and places of retreat."

Messervy defines the seven original forms that we go through from birth 'til death that represent places meaningful to us and shows how to use these feelings for the garden. She suggests that we explore our grounds and take cues from nature to make plantings look realistic and to use the natural contours of the land.

Hardscapes are discussed as well as the proper plants for the proper place; a good time to assess the property is during the winter season. Whether your idea of a magic land is formal or informal, this book will guide and inspire when you study it carefully.

The second book in a trilogy of gardening, "My Garden in Summer," E.A. Bowles (\$24.95, Timber Press), takes us through this season through the author's garden at Myddelton House in England.

Bowles writes in a direct and easy manner that makes you wish he was still alive to escort you personally, but the book will have to do.

Bowles grew many different plants and pioneered several such as *Carex elata* "Bowles Golden," *Vinca minor* "Bowles Variety," and *Potentilla fruticosa* "Abbotsford."

Peter Barnes, formerly botanist at the Royal Horticultural Garden at Wisley, has updated all the names of the plants mentioned in the book, some of which you probably grow in your own garden. A delightful summer read.

"The Garden Design Book," Cheryl Mersey and editors of Garden Design magazine (\$50, Regan Books/Harper Collins Publishers), is an oversize book that isn't only beautifully done but gives practical advice.

We learn not to be tied down to outmoded garden designs but to branch out, to use our five senses to make a garden our own. We visit gardeners who have done just that, which will give inspiration to almost any style, from country living, courtyard, classic, kitchen and more. We are encouraged to study our gardens in all seasons and to make changes to suit our lifestyles; to adapt ideas rather than to copy.

Ideas include essential design elements necessary in the garden, and plant descriptions feature ways to incorporate them into the design. As should be expected, the photographs are simply wonderful. "You cannot express yourself by buying a garden. You have to make one," they write. Great!

"Making Gardens: An Essential Guide to Planning and Planting," Patrick Taylor (\$29.95, Timber Press), is a good guide to garden design, although most of the gardens are European.

Each garden is accompanied by a plan, painted by Charlotte Molesworth. They run the gamut from a formal front garden to an herb garden to a walled garden, etc.

Taylor describes the garden or special feature and points out why and how plants were used to best fit the site and the surroundings. He also includes seasonal maintenance and other practical advice.

Most of the gardens are modest in size, making the ideas adaptable to urban and suburban locations. Taylor demonstrates that by using old traditions, a garden can be personal yet follow tried and true rules.

All the plants mentioned in the plans are listed, by botanical name, in the plant directory. The forward was written by Rosemary Verey.

"A Tuscan Paradise," Marina Schinz (\$35, Stewart, Tabori & Chang), is a coffee table book for enjoying and dreaming.

"The prevailing theme of Valle Pinciole, as the place is called, is a prevailing relationship between the indoors and the outdoors, which balance each other to perfection."

It took Schinz three years and many visits to record the intricacies of this 10-acre hillside utopia. The owners have captured the natural scenery and enhanced it with the various gardens, while drawing them indoors with the use of paintings, sculpture and other artifacts.

You will be entranced by the author's enthusiasm, her telling of it and her photographs. Gardeners, interior designers and lovers of history will be captivated.

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then her mailbox number, 1859. Her fax number is (248) 644-1314.

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JOE GAGNON

I feel so good when someone comes up to me and tells me they read my column every week and even more so when they make a point of picking a certain subject I wrote about and want to ask a question.

For a person to say, "I always unplug my coffee maker since I read your article" makes me feel like I'm doing some good out there. If I had my way, every manufacturer of plastic coffee makers would put a label on their product which states that it is possible for a fire to occur whenever their product is left plugged in.

Take the case of a recent lawsuit filed by the Consumer Product Safety Commission against the Black & Decker Co. The commission revealed that their under-the-counter toaster caused 1,066

reported fires resulting in 656 cases of property damage and eight burn injuries. This is the Spacemaker Optima undercounter toaster. The model No. T1000 TY1 is on the back and if you have one of these, you should call Black & Decker at 1 (800) 746-2159. The company is offering to replace the product free of charge.

The lawsuit by the commission resulted because they felt that Black & Decker did not put an adequate effort into a recall of their product once it was determined that they could cause a fire.

Comment: The above mentioned lawsuit has been settled. They are now in good graces with the Product Safety Commission, but they are not with me.

I know that they make good products because I've owned a few in my lifetime. What I'm really mad about is the fact that they sold 234,000 of these toasters and because of their lack of doing a proper recall, only about 19,000 of these products have been returned since their announced recall dating back to October of 1997.

What's the matter with these people, don't they care about the other 215,000 customers who could have a house fire? Of the fires that will occur in the future, isn't it possible that the owners of their products might die? It's not only possible, it is almost a For Sure.

Let's just pretend that Joe Gagnon was the president of Black & Decker and what would he do in this kind of a case.

First of all he would fire whoever was in charge of the original recall effort. He would tell these people that because they couldn't do their job correctly, a lawsuit was filed against his company which hurt his image terribly. It hurt the image of the company so badly that he would fire the engineers who built this product in the first place.

He would spend several million dollars in the media to announce to every homeowner that a mistake was made and to create a positive for the company name by admitting error. To make sure that every owner of this toaster knew what was happening, he would offer an extra Free product of a certain dollar

value to every customer who returned the recalled toaster.

Comment: We as consumers are not stupid. We know what the difference is between right and wrong. We know that recalls are costly to manufacturers of whatever product and we know how many times things are hidden from the general public.

Not until the people we elect into politics do something like make it illegal to hide a product defect will we be truly protected. Not until manufacturers start to care with their hearts instead of their bottom line. Stay tuned.

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

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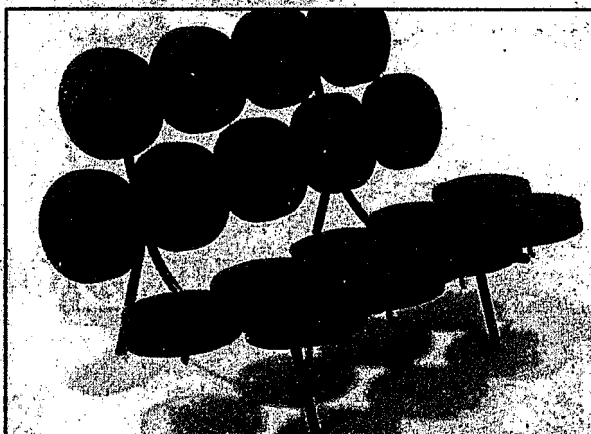
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Distinctive styles: Mary Todd Lincoln owned this chair (above), which features the ornamental carved wood of the rococo style. "Fully Furnished" presents modern styles too, such as this 18-cushion loveseat (below) that looks as though it consists of giant marshmallows. The loveseat was made by the Herman Miller Co. of Zeeland, Mich.



Furniture piece

Furniture offers more than comfort, use and style.

It can tell something about the owner, and something about the customs and standards of the society in which the owner lives.

For examples, visit "Fully Furnished," a new exhibit at the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn. The display contains contemporary pieces and objects from more than 100 and 200 years ago. When you compare features from different times, you can see similarities as well as differences.

Just as you'd look at current publications to see home styles of today's celebrities, you can visit "Fully Furnished" to see the styles of famous historical figures, including Mary Todd Lincoln and Edgar Allan Poe.

Old tradition

Painting furniture is an old tradition. A Schrank (pronounced "shronk") pine wardrobe from 1790 to 1800 is painted and marbled with flowers in its panels. The decoration is from an old Germanic tradition brought to the United States by immigrants.

Other pine or pine and maple furnishings from the early to mid-1800s also bear painted decor. A chest features three tombstone shapes that suggest wood; other adornment on its surface was created by a sponge dipped in paint. One armchair is stenciled to look like expensive wood, flowers are painted on another.

An oak and pine court cupboard from 1710 to 1720 displays the name of the owner, Hannah Barnard, on its front among its lively decor. It was unusual for a woman to own furniture at that time. This type of cupboard was used to store "moveables," items such as sheets and spoons that a bride brought to her marriage.

Functional forms

Washbowls and chamber pots were hidden in fancy pieces of furniture.

A stately furnishing in walnut, walnut burl veneer and mahogany by the American Patent Dressing Case Co. of Grand Rapids holds a complete, self-contained washing system that is neatly tucked away when not in use. A walnut chair from 1750 to 1770 features a low apron (the piece of wood in the front) that concealed a chamber pot on the floor.

Among the smaller but no less functional furnishings in the exhibit is a small, tidy, portable writing table used by Poe, who traveled often. The rectangular, folding desk has a drawer on either side of a pigeonhole at the top. Khaki felt covers the writing surface. The desk can hold paper, ink and pens. It was later attached to square tapered legs.

Other desks in the exhibit have attached "writing boxes," rectangular pieces that held equipment. Earlier writing boxes could be carried by the writer from desk to desk. A Windsor chair from the mid to late 1700s in maple, pine and oak has an arm for a writing surface and drawers for paper and candle.

A white pine and maple table from 1745 to 1770 has Delft tiles on the top, enabling hot drinks to be placed there without damage to the surface. Light stands have tops that tilt up when not in use.

Another table has a top that tilts back to form the majestic back of a chair underneath. A mahogany desk from 1805 to 1825 features a fabric bag to hold needlework. Examples of tables designed for dining include drop leaf and extension dining tables, from 1740 to 1770 and from 1925 to 1930 respectively.

Lolling (lounging) chairs were used by fashionable men and women in the 1700s. One style in mahogany and walnut in "Fully Furnished" could have been used by George Washington. In the exhibit it is paired with a footstool, an item that originally was designed to allow people to lift their feet above the drafts on the floor.

Descendants of lolling chairs are reclining and easy chairs, and the lounge chair and ottoman by the Herman Miller Co. of Zeeland, Mich. The Miller set, of plywood, leather, rosewood veneer and aluminum, cradles the user's body in luxurious comfort.

es offer more than style

Show pieces

Chests were designed to be display items themselves as well as for storage. One features a little stepped platform on top where ceramic decorative pieces could be placed for show. Another mahogany chest has a bombé (pronounced "bombay") or swelled bottom drawer. This was just for appearance; it didn't make extra space.

An elegant maple and walnut highboy that belonged to Mary Ball Washington, the president's mother, has six trumpet-turned legs, ball feet and rectangular and square drawers.

Backs of chairs show elements of different styles: architectural arches of the gothic style; fruit, leaves and scrolls of rococo revival; military shields and other motifs of ancient Rome of the federal style; the S curve of Queen Anne.

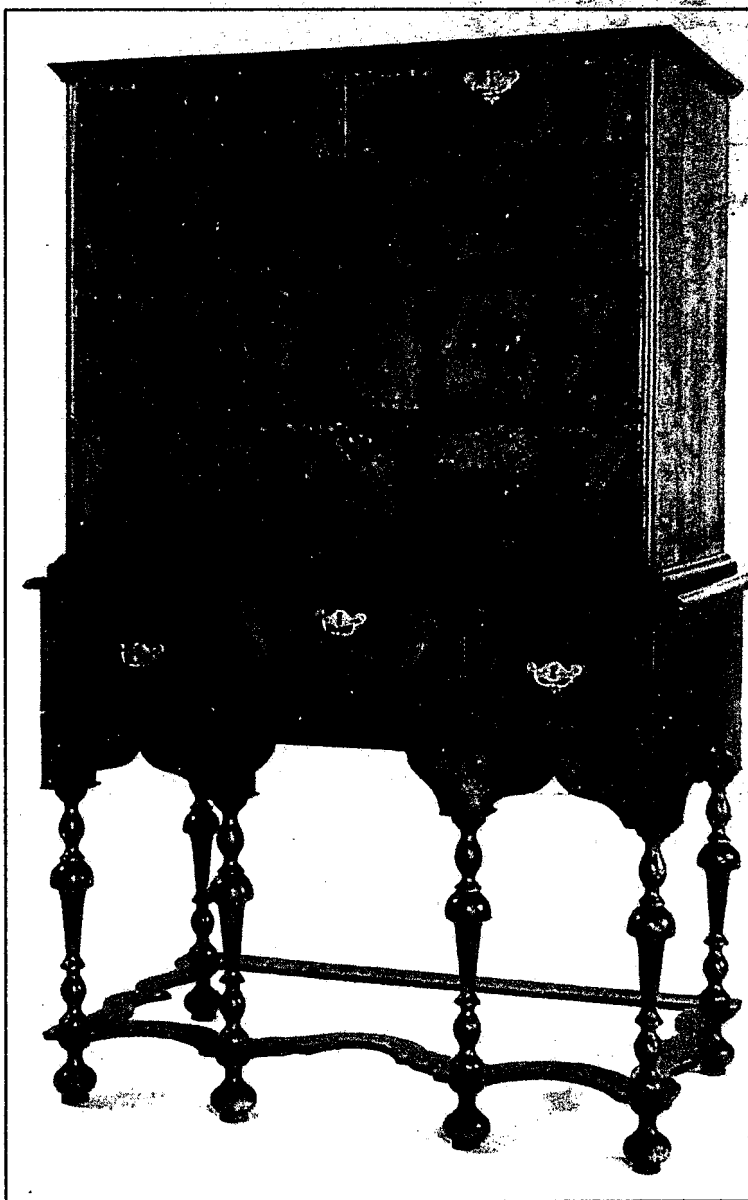
After President Lincoln's assassination, Mrs. Lincoln bought a rococo style setting to show she was in fashionable society. The plywood chair features ornamental, carved wood. A Charles Eames "potato chip" chair, also of plywood, is sleek and smooth.

A sign of status in the mid-1800s was a sheet music stand, such as the ebonized, painted and gilt mahogany stand in the exhibit.

A ladderback chair from the mid- to late 1700s is more comfortable than might be expected. The row of slats in its high, narrow back is shaped to fit the user's back, and the flexible seat is made of a marsh plant called rush.

Other furnishings with flair in the exhibit include an 18th-century loveseat by the Herman Miller Co. that resembles an arrangement of giant, puffy marshmallows; a sofa by the Lloyd Manufacturing Co. of Menominee, in which paper stretched around wire gives the look and feel of wicker; and a "homemade" armchair of birch horns, glass ball and claw feet and an oak plank seat.

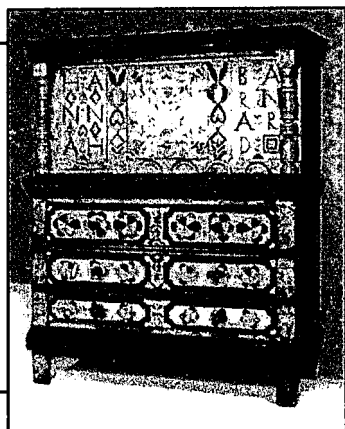
The Henry Ford Museum is at 20900 Oakwood Blvd. Call (313) 271-1620.



High society: George Washington's mother, Mary Ball Washington, once owned this stately maple and walnut highboy, one of the items in "Fully Furnished" at the Henry Ford Museum. The exhibit arranges for lessons about society and history as well as for displays of style. Edgar Allan Poe wrote on this rectangular folding desk (center).

On the cover:

The name of the owner of this cupboard is featured in the decor on its surface. The cupboard, from the 1700s, is among the pieces in "Fully Furnished," an exhibit at the Henry Ford Museum.



inviting ideas

Cereals are super beyond the bowl



RUTH MOSSOK JOHNSTON

Meeting Debbie Maugans, author of "Beyond the Bowl," published by Contemporary Books, 1997 (paperback \$12.95), on a bus in Portland, Ore., seemed a karmic occurrence.

Being the carbohydrate addict that I am, 200 recipes using your favorite breakfast food piqued my interest in a big hurry. My entire family loves the crunchy boxed stuff—even Chevie, our pygmy goat, has a daily treat or two of Golden Grahams!

Debbie uses breakfast munchies in snacks, appetizers, main courses, breads, midnight snacks, beverages and desserts. Easy, clear and concise (along with lots of fun cereal trivia and tips), this book is definitely the "cat's paja-

mas" for any cereal lover and adventuresome hurried cook.

As I perused "Beyond the Bowl," cereal thoughts continued to enter my mind:

- Take along a container filled with Cheerios for a preschooler's treat. They actually sell plastic containers specifically for this idea. Great and not too messy in the car.

- String Cheerios or Fruit Loops as an edible strand of beads, or on a string or yarn strand to make a garland for a holiday tree. Great for children's eye-hand coordination.

- Cereal is a great crunchy (and healthy) topping for ice cream sundaes.

- Make corn flake-coated crispy fried chicken, or use any favorite cereal, processed to bread crumb-size. We always had corn flakes or potato chips!

- Cereal is a great ingredient for stuffing.

- Cereal is a great textured topping for a casserole. I use crushed cereal on

top of my Bison Kugel in The Buffalo Cookbook.

- Cereal is delicious when crushed and used as a crust for a fish entree. Guests usually can't tell what you've used!

- Try cereal as a stuffing ingredient in a twice-baked stuffed potato.

- Crushed cereal can be a fun flavor and texture to add to old-fashioned popcorn balls.

Use some of these ideas or grab a copy of Debbie's book for some delicious recipes:

SAVORY CHILI RANCH CHEESECAKE

This cheesecake requires overnight chilling, and can be prepared up to three days ahead.

These cereals make a finer, more delicate crust than bread crumbs: Kellogg's Complete Bran Flakes, Corn Flakes, Toasted Corn Flakes, Product 19, Special K; General Mills' Country Corn Flakes, Whole Grain Total, Total Corn Flakes, Wheaties; Post Toasties.

Yield: one 9-inch cheesecake or 24 appetizer servings

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 cups crushed cereal
 - 1 (1-ounce) package ranch-style salad dressing mix
 - 1/4 cup butter or margarine, melted
 - 19 ounces cream cheese, softened
 - 2 large eggs
 - 2 1/2 cups (10 ounces) shredded Monterey Jack cheese with peppers
 - 1 (4-ounce) can chopped green chilies
 - 1 (8-ounce) carton sour cream
- Toppings: seeded, diced tomato; chopped green, red or yellow bell pepper; sliced ripe olives; minced cilantro

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.

Combine the cereal, 2 teaspoons of the salad dressing mix, and the butter in a large bowl; press into the bottom of a lightly greased 9-inch springform pan. Bake for 10 minutes. Let cool. Reduce the oven temperature to 325 degrees F.

Beat the cream cheese and the remaining salad dressing mix until fluffy with an electric mixer at medium speed; add the eggs one at a time, beating after each addition. Stir in the Monterey Jack cheese and chilies.

Pour onto the crust; bake for 35 minutes. Remove from the oven; gently spread the sour cream on top. Let cool completely; cover and refrigerate overnight. Arrange the desired toppings over the cheesecake before serving.

COCOA CRISPY CANDY

Yield: 5 dozen

These taste like Reese's Peanut Butter cups with chocolate crispies in them. If you've got to have them now, skip the chocolate coating. They'll firm up in the refrigerator in about 5 minutes. Kellogg's Cocoa Krispies makes them extra chocolaty.

Ingredients:

- 3 3/4 cups powdered sugar
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened
- 2 cups peanut butter
- 3 cups cereal
- 6 ounces German sweet baking chocolate, chopped
- 6 ounces semisweet chocolate morsels

Directions:

In a large bowl, beat the powdered sugar, butter, and peanut butter with an electric mixer on low speed. Stir in the cereal. Roll into 1-inch balls; place on a baking sheet and refrigerate 1 hour, or until cold.

Melt the chocolate in a heavy saucepan over low heat, stirring frequently. (Or place the chocolate in a large glass bowl; microwave for 2 minutes on HIGH and stir until smooth.) Insert a wooden toothpick into each candy ball and dip it into the chocolate, coating the ball thoroughly and allowing the excess to drip back into the bowl. Place on a baking sheet lined with waxed paper and chill. (Don't leave the toothpicks in the balls.) Store in an airtight container in the refrigerator.

To leave a voice mail message for Ruth Mossok Johnston, dial (313) 953-2047, then her mailbox number, 1902.

Lighthouse motif shines in shop

Land & Seas, a nautical gift and clothing shop, has a vast array of decorative accessories for the home, cottage or boat.

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MONTÉ NAGLER

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These shots are OK for their purpose but they certainly lack pictorial impact and stopping power.

Imagine how thrilling it would be to produce portraits with a flair of excitement, pictures that say something about the subject, pictures that really tell a story about the subject. Wouldn't this type of portrait stand apart from the rest and command attention? You bet! Well done environmental portraits contain a special touch not found in standard head shots.

Environmental portraits are taken in the subject's surroundings using elements and props that are part of the person's interests or field of expertise.

If photographing a string musician, doesn't it make sense to show the person, violin or other string instrument in hand, in perhaps a room setting conducive to the mood?

If your son is hooked on baseball, a portrait of him in full uniform right after the game when he's covered with sweat

■ Well done environmental portraits, taken in the subject's surroundings, contain a special touch not found in standard head shots.

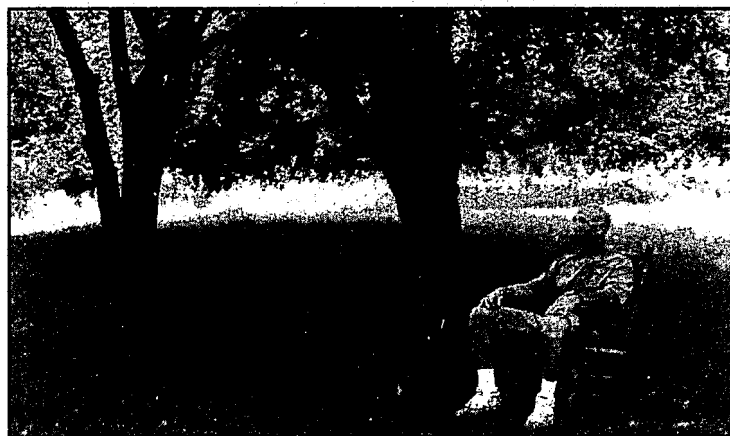
and dirt will be filled with photographic impact.

In the photograph shown here, much thought was given to how best to depict master cabinet and furniture maker Dave Szwast.

Rather than a standard portrait, Dave and I thought it would be effective and appropriate to use a woods setting. A pensive mood and a rustic wood chair as a prop combined to produce this expressive picture of Dave.

Two acknowledged masters of the environmental portrait are Yousuf Karsh and Arnold Newman. It would certainly be worth your time to browse through their books during your next visit to your library or bookstore.

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.



Field of expertise: What better setting to photograph a master cabinet and furniture maker than in the woods? Monte Nagler took this environmental portrait of Dave Szwast near his home in Leonard, Mich.

Spice up your life: Gather sage advice at Herb Fest '98

Taste buds and noses get ready: It's "thyme" for Herb Fest '98 at the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor.

Learning the practical and fanciful uses of herbs is part of the ingredients of this popular annual event, taking place 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15.

Admission is \$15 per person, \$12.50 for MBG members. Space is limited and registration is required. Call (734) 998-7061 for reservations.

Here is what is on the menu:

■ Registration, 9:30 a.m.

■ "Raising Standards," 10-11 a.m. - MBG's senior horticultural assistant, Adrienne O'Brien, will guide participants through the art of sculpting a favorite herb, such as rosemary, scented geraniums and lantanas, into miniature trees.

■ "Mint: The Symbol of Hospitality,"

11 a.m. - Culinary professional Constance Rosenthal will introduce the uses of mint in cooking and table design.

■ Herbal box lunch, noon.

■ Tour, 12:30 p.m. - The MBG Herb Study Group will lead tours of the Alexandra Hicks Herb Knot Garden.

■ "Your Healing Garden," 1 p.m. - Peter Kaufman, UM professor emeritus, will explain the medicinal side of herbs.

■ "Scented Gardens and Aromatic Botanicals," 2 p.m. - The proprietors of Southern Exposure will travel from Battle Creek to lend their expertise on how to grow, dry and preserve aromatic botanicals.

The day will also include slide tours of exceptional herb farms noted for their excellence and unusual features. Participants will take home herb standard starters, bookmarks and a variety of literature handouts.

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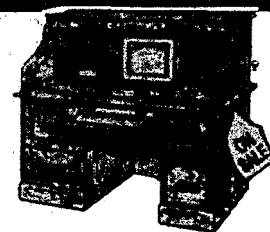
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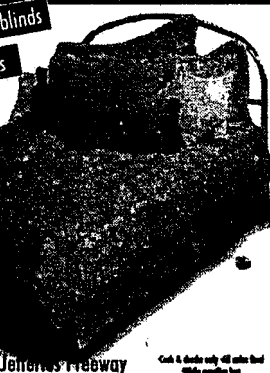
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Winning authors named in short-short rose story competition

Both the first and second place winners in Brickscape Gardens' "Rose By Any Other Name" story contest live in, and work for the same company in, Bellaire, Mich.

Mary Ann Wade of Farmington Hills won third place in the contest, which kicked off at Brickscape's Rose Fest '98 on Mother's Day and ran through May 31. Wade received a prize of thorn-resistant rose gloves valued at \$20.

First place winner Mary Ann Schuckel cut out the contest article, got the list of 115 registered rose names from Brickscape and took them to work at

Anchor Laminate in Bellaire.

Any of the list could be used to "write a captivating short-short story of 100 words or less," the contest rules said. The rose names were to be put in capital letters in the story.

Schuckel, a cost accountant, encouraged co-worker Dawn Hurd to enter the contest also and she turned out to be the second place winner.

Winners were announced by the chief judge of the contest, Carol Dipple, feature editor of the Northville Record and Novi News, and Brickscape Gardens owner Joe DiRado.

The prize for first place was a rose trellis and a Jackson & Perkins climbing rose, with a combined value of \$100. The prize for second place was Corona pruning shears valued at \$35.

Brickscape Gardens is on Brickscape Drive, just north of Eight Mile and just east of Novi Road on the limit between Northville and Novi.

Wade's story reads:

"At FIRST LIGHT of a NEW DAY in SUNNY JUNE, the RAVEN family, ESTHER and PASCAL, arrived in AMERICA. Welcomed by WHITE DAWN and GOLDEN SHOWERS, they were BREATHELESS. Soon, they put their SIGNATURE down and moved into their little home on BLUEBERRY HILL. They decorated in STAINLESS STEEL and CRYSTALLINE, a TOUCH OF CLASS, yet with SIMPLICITY.

"Little ANGEL FACE, the CARE-FREE WONDER, amused herself with pen and paper. Mama came in and said, 'Oh no! INKSPOT on my PINK FLOWER CARPET! Papa, quick! Get the COLOR MAGIC!'

"Uh oh," said the BLUE GIRL. 'This is my GRAND FINALE.'"

Schuckel's story reads:

"ABRAHAM DARBY was sitting in the TROPICANA's VOODOO lounge listening to the INK SPOTS sing SWEET

SURRENDER for their GRAND FINALE when EVELYN strolled by in a FRAGRANT CLOUD of FRENCH PERFUME. He downed his glass of WHITE LIGHTNIN' then crossed the WHITE FLOWER CARPET to the side of the RAVEN-haired beauty. With a TOUCH OF CLASS he took her BLACK GARNET ringed wrist as he BREATHELESSLY asked the TIMELESS question, 'Will you HONOR my request for this dance?' She closed her eyes and inhaled his ALL-SPICE cologne as the rays of the WHITE DAWN streaked across the sky."

Hurd's story reads:

"One hot SUNNY JUNE day in DUBLIN, near DUBLIN BAY, two notorious thieves from AMERICA, named BONICA, aka, ANGEL FACE, and GRAHAM THOMAS, aka OLD SMOOTHIE, decide to seek out the FORTUNE TELLER down by FOUNTAIN SQUARE. They were going to find out from the DREAM WEAVER their GRAND FINALE in jewel heists. After working her VOODOO, it was determined that the BLACK GARNET located in the TIFFANY jewelry store in AMERICA would be their BLAZE of glory. Turns out that they made their heist while the BRASS BAND was playing during the GOLDEN CELEBRATION of the Thanksgiving Day parade."

Contest seeks Best Scarecrow

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 cer-

tificates for \$100 (first prize) and \$50 (second prize) and display the photos of the winning scarecrows in its West Bloomfield store. The winners will be announced in October.

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!

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Tours of the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens' Conservatory will give insights to "How Plants Cope With the Heat" every Sunday in August at 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor. The tours will begin 10:30 a.m. and also give visitors an update on renovations going on in the Conservatory's Warm Temperate House.

The Trail Tour, also 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 2, will pick up the same theme as the Conservatory tours. Those wish-

ing to join this free tour should meet their docent guide at the reception desk in the main lobby.

Conservatory admission is \$2 for adults, \$1 for students K-12, and free for preschoolers, UM students and Members of Matthaei. For more information, call Liz Elling at (734) 998-7061.

The grounds are open 8 a.m. to sunset seven days a week; the Conservatory is open 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily except Christmas, New Year's Day and Thanksgiving.

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at home calendar

Send information about programs, classes, receptions and other events in Wayne and Oakland counties related to the home and garden to: Mary Klemic, At Home Editor, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009; fax (248) 644-1314. Calendar items must be submitted in writing.

■ 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. Featured are unusual wind chimes, birdbaths, garden stakes, artful sprinklers and just plain art for the outdoors by local and out of state artists. There's even a St. Francis bird feeder. The metal, wood and clay creations are designed to withstand the elements. Objects of Art is at 6243 Orchard Lake Road, just north of Maple in the Sugar Tree shopping center. Call (248) 539-3332.

■ Eastern Art Arcade has been evaluating African artifacts for more than 25 years and has developed one of the most extensive collections of African art in the world. Curator Rajiv Khatau will bring a large representation of his collection to Art Van Furniture, 22555 Greenfield in Southfield, for a special presentation. During his appearance 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2, he will visit with guests and share information on the origin and spiritual meaning associated with individual pieces, and give advice on starting or expanding personal collections. An array of African textiles, musical instruments, animal figures, handcarved wooden artifacts, masks and Kisi stone pieces will be available to guests. These authentic African items, priced from \$20 to \$200, are individually crafted and aren't mass-produced in factories. Guests may register to win a Kisi stone plate.

■ The Hardy Plant Society will meet 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 3, at Congregational Church of Birmingham, 1000 Cranbrook Road at Woodward in Bloomfield Hills. Marshall Baekeroot will speak on "Selecting Shade and Ornamental Trees for the Home Landscape." Guest fee \$3. For information, call Maryann Whitman at (248) 652-4004.

■ English Gardens conducts free seminars on various gardening topics during August at its four locations. The next topic, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5, at 6370 Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield, is "Create Great Gardening Effects with Foliage." Ann Kushner will explore unusual foliage plants, such as hostas and ornamental grasses, that will help you add texture and depth to your garden, and solve design problems. Call (248) 851-7506.

■ The Frank H. Boos Gallery, 420 Enterprise Court in Bloomfield Hills, will have an auction 6 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, Aug. 11-13, featuring a large selection of Hummels and Boehms; Steuben, Galle and Tiffany; sculpture; victrolas; paintings; graphics; a Tiffany Studios table lamp; antique weapons and more. A three-day preview will take place noon to 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Aug. 6-7, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 10. Call (248) 332-1500.

■ The Metro Detroit Hosta Society will present "The World of Hostas: Past, Present and Future" with Tony Avent of Plant Delights Nursery of North Carolina 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16, at Birmingham First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple in Birmingham. Avent is one of the country's most knowledgeable and entertaining garden speakers as well as being in the forefront of hybridizing. The program will be followed by an auction of collector plants, including recent introductions by Avent. Tickets are \$10 at the door. To pre-order tickets, send a check and a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Metro Detroit Hosta Society, 1453 Iroquois, Detroit 48214.

■ 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.

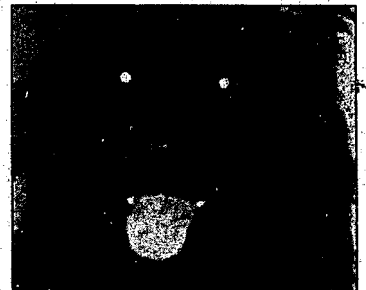
■ The University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens' Environ-

mental Learning Fund ends its ELF speaker/workshop series with "Bird Language: Awareness and Invisibility" 1-8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, with a potluck dinner break. Cost is \$10, free for students with valid ID. Tracker and naturalist Jon Young of the Wilderness Awareness School is guest coordinator. For more information, call Serena Schwartz-Larson at (734) 998-7061, Ext. 31.

■ Homeowners interested in learning to lay their own brick patios, walks and driveways can attend classes 3 p.m. every first and third Saturday of the month through September at Brickscape Gardens on Brickscape Drive, which runs north off Eight Mile just east of Novi Road, on the limit between Northville and Novi. Call (248) 348-2500. Registration for the one-hour class is \$5 per person, refundable with any brick purchase. The sessions, taught by Brickscape owner Joe DiRado, usually run 15 to 30 people.

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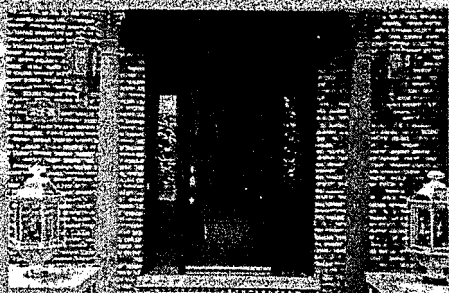
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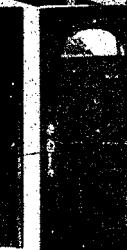
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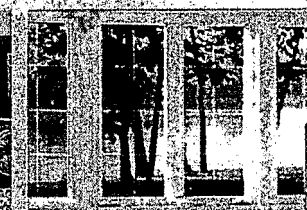
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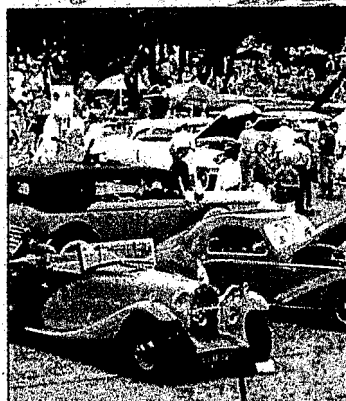
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SATURDAY



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SUNDAY



The 20th annual Meadow Brook Hall Concours d'Elégance takes place 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester. Admission is \$20 adults (including a souvenir program), teens 13-17 (\$10), children 12 and under (free). Call (248) 370-3140.

HOT TICKET



Hot Tix: Frank Stasa III will be competing in the athletic events at the 149th Annual Highland Games, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1 at Greenmead Historical Park, Newburgh (at Eight Mile Road), Livonia. Tickets \$8 at the gate. Children under 12 free with adult. Call (313) 832-1849. See schedule inside.

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A Ring of truth

Terminal romantics might consider a flourishing flower as the appropriate emotional metaphor for marriage. But those who've been around to debate the travails of raised toilet seats, the level of dirty dishes before a washing is needed, and whether in-laws should be actually considered as relatives surely know better.

Undoubtedly, the more accurate metaphor for marriage is a literal context for verbal sparring. For some, a minefield might fit the bill.

For the purposes of dramatic tit-for-tat effect, however, a boxing ring is more apropos, not to mention more practical.

Local composers Mike Vigilant and Gerry Castle, one of the most prolific songwriting duos in the region, have set to meter the exasperating joy of marriage in their new musical, "The Wedding Ring."

The play opens Thursday, Aug. 6, for a two-week run as the featured production at Heartlande Theatre Company's festival of new plays, "Playscape '98."

Hit by love

The entire musical takes place within the confines of a boxing ring with a matchmaker who doubles as a referee. (Every relationship should have one.)

"People can't wait to fall in love, and usually they don't know what hit them," said Vigilant of Troy, who, with partner Castle has pub-



Still standing? Lyricist Mike Vigilant's new play, "The Wedding Ring," is a contemplation of what it takes for a marriage to succeed.



Musical comedy: Actors David Peckens (far left), Stephanie Nichols (second from right) and Danny McNie (far right) are working with director Renee Sawson (center) and stage manager Kelly MacDonald (second from left) on Heartlande Theatre's workshop production of the musical comedy "The Wedding Ring."

lished 12 musicals in the last nine years.

The choreography remains a skeleton of what might be seen in a full production, said Vigilant.

But apparently that won't dilute the play's message.

"The ideal is to think that all you need in any relationship is love," said Vigilant, who confesses to being a hopeless romantic.

He and partner Castle list Lennon and McCartney, Cole Porter, Irving Berlin, Ira Gershwin

WHAT: "The Wedding Ring," a new musical comedy written by Mike Vigilant and Gerry Castle, directed by Renee Sawson, presented as part of Heartlande Theatre Company's Playscape '98

WHEN: 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 6-8, Friday & Saturday, Aug. 14 & 15; 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9

WHERE: Meadow Brook Theatre, Oakland University campus, Rochester

TICKETS: \$10-\$15; Opening night 8 p.m. Aug. 6 and afterglow \$25; Staged readings, any play, \$5 suggested donation, call (248) 377-3300.

PLAYSCAPE '98

Reading Series

■ "The Pender Arrangements" by Elaine Kaiser, directed by Beth Rexroat - 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8

■ "Mainstream" by David MacGregor, directed by Mary Locker - 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9

■ "Second Chances" by Ronald Jay, directed by Joseph Haynes - 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15

■ "Bullets and Bears" by Janet Torreano Pound, directed by Dean Acheson - 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16

All readings will be followed by moderated audience talk-backs

WORKSHOP

Writing for Musical Theatre

10 a.m. to noon - Saturday, Aug. 15, taught by Mike Vigilant and Gerry Castle. Cost \$10, (248) 988-1094, Ext. 1.

and Stephen Sondheim as major influences.

Vigilant was inspired to write the play after completing his master's thesis, "Divorce in Oakland County." He found that while Oakland County is one of the wealthiest areas in the country, it has one of the highest divorce rates. One of the songs in "The Wedding Ring" features a young child singing about the confusion caused by his parents' divorce.

"The question is: Can you evolve to make a commitment to a relationship? It's not that marriage is a struggle, but it's more like life is a battle," said Vigilant.

While the broader theme in "The Wedding Ring" might not be adaptable to a traditional pop songwriting format, it can be developed through a series of songs, said Vigilant.

The entire script of "The Wedding Ring" is sung, including transitions. The songs are written in major keys. They are crafted to have the immediate accessibility and familiarity of a pop song.

"Our intent is to write humable melodies with well-crafted lyrics," said Vigilant. "Lyrics make dialog stick in your head."

Excluding their foray into producing with the local blockbuster "Forever Plaid" in 1991, Vigilant and Castle have written about one

Please see COMEDY, E2

Youth theater building new audiences



Featured production: American Family Theatre brings the story of "Pinocchio" to life.

When she's not breaking down walls, Laurie Wagman and her crew are busy building theater audiences for tomorrow.

"There's a fourth wall in theater - the wall between the audience and the actors," said Wagman, founder/CEO of American Theater Arts for the Youth, Inc. and its division American Family Theater, which is bringing two shows to Meadow Brook Theatre in August - "Pinocchio," on Aug. 3 and "Wizard of Oz," on Aug. 18. "We break down the wall to engage our audience in

the wonder of theater. It's important that we reach out and grab them. You know the theater audience is getting older. We've got to capture them for audiences tomorrow. This is one of the most effective ways."

There's nothing like live theater argues Wagman, a former teacher who traded her classroom for the stage. "I'm still a teacher that uses theater, another media of outreach. It's a great teaching tool, and it's fun."

When Wagman, whose company is based in Philadelphia,

speaks of theater, "wonder" and "magic" are words she uses to describe it.

"There's a magic connected with theater," she said. "Anyone who has a love affair with theater remembers the first play they went to as a child. There is an energy that comes out of theater. Since ancient times the theater has been used as a teaching tool and motivator."

There are a lot of lessons to be learned from classic stories like

Please see THEATER, E2

On Stage

WHAT: American Family Theater presents:

■ "Pinocchio" - noon Monday, Aug. 3.

■ "Wizard of Oz" - noon Tuesday, Aug. 18

WHERE: Meadow Brook Music Festival, campus of Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester.

TICKETS: \$10 pavilion, \$5 lawn, call (248) 645-6666

BOOKS

Musician professes love for rock and roll

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

John Covach has had rock and roll dreams ever since he was a seventh grader at Livonia's Holmes Junior High School in 1971.

"I got together with a bunch of guys in the same grade, we played activity nights, dances for kids. Our parents had to drive us and our equipment," Covach said.

The band played on, through Battles of the Bands at Eddie Edgar Arena, Tuesday and Thursday night gigs at the junior highs during summer and on to Stevenson High School.

"Every summer we did Music Under the Stars and always played the Spree.

That went on until I graduated from high school," Covach said.

But the dream never led to stardom and Covach turned his musical interests to academia. Now, as a professor of music at the University of North Carolina, Covach is combining his scholarship with his love for rock and roll. He teaches general and technical classes in rock music and has recently edited a book of essays "Understanding Rock," with Graeme M. Boone (Oxford University Press).

At Stevenson High, Covach took music classes with Lowell Everson,

WHAT: John Covach signs his book "Understanding Rock," (Oxford University Press)

WHERE: Barnes & Noble Bookstore, Six Mile Road and Haggerty, Northville.

WHEN: 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7.

whom he credits with steering him toward a serious interest in music.

"It was a great music program at Stevenson," Covach said. "The Symphonic Choir was the top group, that was the one you wanted to get into. Because I played guitar and Mr. Everson always wanted to include some pop

tunes, that's how I got in."

At Stevenson, Covach studied music theory and composition for the first time. He worked with Everson on special projects and took special classes at

Please see MUSICIAN, E2



Teacher: John Covach combines scholarship with his love for rock and roll as a professor of music at the University of North Carolina.

THEATER

Spirited SRO cast shines in Shakespeare spoof

SRO Productions presents "The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society's Production of Macbeth," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, through Sunday, Aug. 9 at the city of Southfield's Theburgh 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.

BOB WEIBEL
SPECIAL WRITER

Southfield's SRO Productions current show is a mad, mad world of farcical fun and theatrics. The title is clue enough that you're in for the spoof of your life: "The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society's Production of Macbeth."

The idea of course is that the good ladies are theatrically challenged and anything that can go wrong, will. And does it ever.

During opening remarks, a spotlight doesn't work. The first scene is played backward, instead of toward the audience. When they finally get things turned around, you have three curtains (not unlike the TV show "Let's Make A Deal") and as performers appear from each curtain, they're not unlike some of the audience's outlandish getups for that show.

Under the effervescent direc-

■ You don't necessarily have to know your Macbeth to enjoy the humor, but it helps.

tion of Nancy Harrower (who obviously knows her Shakespeare), one hilarious scene after another cascades over the audience, each one more preposterous than the previous one, complete with a dazzling array of costumes, props and special effects.

You don't necessarily have to know your Macbeth to enjoy the humor, but it helps. Briefly, three witches hail Macbeth as the future king. To assure their prophecy comes true, Macbeth (with encouragement from his wife) kills the present king, Duncan, and assorted others who might stand in his way, including his friend and fellow warrior, Banquo. Lady Macbeth is haunted by the blood on her hands, hence the line, "Out damn spot." Duncan's son, Macduff, gains revenge as he challenges Macbeth in mortal combat, hence the line, "Lay on Macduff."

It's Shakespeare at his bloody best. In the hands of this spirited and talented cast, it's rollicking good fun. The ensemble, in various roles, includes Marc Rosati, Emily McSweeney, Barbie Amann, Ralph Rosati, Marge Wetzel, Dennis Hubel, Joan

Boufford, Kathy Booker, and Robin DeMaagd.

Barbie Amann is full of energy and a comic delight as Macbeth. The original Lady Macbeth couldn't make it so a stagehand, Ralph Rosati, has to step in at the last moment. His hairy chest, finely trimmed mustache and sumptuous wig are a visual hoot, and his comedy is never better than when he takes a pie in the face, a la Soupy Sales. His real-life son, Mark Rosati, scores as an over-the-top adjudicator who finds the show "daring" and "gripping," and in drag he makes a lovely Gwynneth.

Joan Boufford, Kathy Booker and Robin DeMaagd are a laugh riot as the three witches dancing about the kettle to the tune "That Old Black Magic" instead of the famous speech "Double, double, toil, and trouble."

Emily McSweeney is playful as Lady Macduff. Marge Wetzel is wonderful as the ghost of Banquo, and an even bigger scream on roller blades as Lady Macduff's son. Dennis Hubel has his moments as the harried director attempting to create order out of chaos.



Just a farce: Kathy Booker (left), Joan Boufford, Robin Demaagd, Emily McSweeney and Marc Rosati in SRO Productions' presentation of "The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society's Production of Macbeth."

No power doesn't stop the show at Players Guild of Dearborn

Players Guild of Dearborn presents "First Dates and Fickle Hearts," a collection of classic comedies and farces, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 31 and Aug. 1; 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2, 21730 Madison (southeast of Monroe and Outer Dr.) Dearborn. Tickets \$10, call (313) 561-TKTS. BY RYAN MALKIN
SPECIAL WRITER

The show must go on. That is the best way to describe Friday evening's performance of "First Dates and Fickle Hearts" at the Players Guild of Dearborn. As many people know, many areas in Dearborn have been without power since the large storm swept through the metro-Detroit area on July 21.

Despite the lack of electrical power, the Players Guild was full of energy. "First Dates and Fickle

Hearts" was a collection of four one act comedies directed by Kirk Haas.

Despite Mother Nature's inconveniences, the cast acted out their first performance without the benefit of technical rehearsals the prior evenings. In fact, they performed without the comfort of a stage or for that matter a building. The lack of electricity in the building forced the performance to be held outside in the parking lot. The Guild was apologetic for the inconvenience. In fact, they refunded the ticket price or exchanged the tickets purchased for Friday's performance to another day.

After the black stand-up backdrop was in place, and the car windows rolled down to allow the music to be heard, the first act began.

Anton Chekov's "A Marriage Proposal" was first on the agenda for the evening.

Gavin Milner played Ivan who asks Stephan, played by Nick Szczerba, for his daughter's hand in marriage.

At first it seemed as though the actors were a bit nervous, as may be expected, but they seemed like they were acting. The true test of an actor is to make the audience believe that they are that character.

At times the actors couldn't be heard, but outside forces were more to blame than the actors. Milner began screaming so much that he began to sweat profusely. As he was getting into his character, he seemed to relax a bit.

The topic of the play, a family arguing about land, was not extremely interesting, and the

acting matched. Not to worry, there were three other plays in the evening.

Moving on to the second one-act play, Bernard Shaw's "How He Lied to Her Husband." Henry, played by Dan Dobrovich, has written several love poems to Aurora, Kim Donovan, and she has lost the letters. The two fight about what would happen if Aurora's husband had found out. Once the husband finds the poems, the rest can be left to the imagination. The acting in this play was much more believable.

After a short intermission, the

performance continued with "Red Carnations." Hands down the best performance of the evening. This hilarious one-act about two men meeting the same girl, whom neither have seen before, leaves the audience laughing, especially with the unexpected twist at the end. The audience believed the performances by the cast, which included Dan Dobrovich, Don and Brooke Andres. In fact, as the scene closed with a kiss, the audience burst into laughter mixed with clapping.

Nature called again, as birds

began chirping consistently throughout the final one-act, Chekov's "The Brute." The widowed Mrs. Popoff, played by Maria Kovac, owes money to Mr. Smirnoff for her husband. Yet in the midst of their quarreling, the two seemed to fall in love despite threats to murder one another. Kerry Plague as Mr. Smirnoff, played his role to perfection.

All in all, the performance of "First Dates and Fickle Hearts" was an experience. The very accommodating crew seemed to be proud of their work as they should be.

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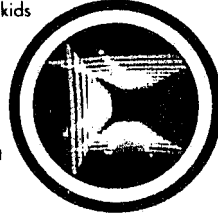
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PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN

"First Dates and Fiddle Hearts," a collection of classic comedies by Chekov and Shaw, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 31-Aug. 1, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2, at the theater, 21730 Madison, southeast of Monroe and Duter Drive, Dearborn. (313) 561-TKTS/(313) 277-5164.

SRO PRODUCTIONS

"The Farmdale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society's Production of Macbeth," a farce by David McGilivray and Walter Zerlin, Jr., continues 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, through Sunday, Aug. 9, at the City of Southfield's historic center Theburgh, in the renovated 1854 church on the northeast corner of Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, one block east of Telegraph, Southfield. \$8, \$7 senior adults and children under 12. (248) 827-0701.

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"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.

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BENEFITS

"A NIGHT OF GOOD TASTE GOES TO THE MOVIES"

Featuring a screening of the movie "The Avengers" starring Ralph Fiennes, Uma Thurman and Sean Connery, a light summer supper, and beer tasting courtesy of Copper Canyon Brewery, 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 17, Star Southfield Entertainment Center and Galleria Office Centre, 25333 W. 12 Mile Road (between Telegraph Road and Northwestern Highway), Southfield. \$50 patron tickets include supper and screening, \$25 movie tickets, benefits the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. (800) KARMANOS.

WIDOW

With Blue Cat, and an open mic jam session, 3 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Aug. 1, VFW Hall, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. \$5, \$10 includes admission and raffle ticket for a chance to win an Eddie Van Halen Wolfgang Special guitar.

Benefits the family of guitar teacher/blues musician Pat Patton who was recently diagnosed with cancer. (734) 722-5512 (rock/blues).

FRIENDS OF FOSTER FARMHOUSE

2-10 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2, tent party featuring food, raffle and music by City Limits Blues Band, at Al's Copper Mug, 1704 W. Maple Road, Walled Lake. 21 and older. (248) 624-9659.

"LAUGH TO LIVE"

A benefit for the cure for sickle cell anemia, with comedian Bryan McCree, Thursday, July 30, Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle, 250 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. \$10. (248) 542-9900.

MOTOWN "REGATTA" CRUISE

Begins at 6:30 p.m. with a send-off party on the deck of the Roostertail, followed by a 1 1/2-hour race beginning at 8 p.m. down the Detroit River, a "Motown Cup" Celebration Party from 9:30-11 p.m. on the Roostertail deck with music by Impact VII, all Thursday, Aug. 6. Lila Lazarus of WDIV TV-4 challenges "The Mystery Captain." \$60, \$500 for a corporate table of 8, proceeds benefit pediatric cancer research at Children's Hospital of Michigan. (248) 473-5755.

"REGGAE ON THE RIVER"

A fundraiser for the Fanclub Foundation for the Arts featuring music by Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band, an exotic island buffet from the Roostertail, and a summer-themed art auction sponsored by Gallery Function Art of 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 Fanclub members. (248) 559-1645.

FAMILY EVENTS

DIXBORO FAIR

Ice cream social, carnival games, silent auction, juried arts and crafts show, guided tours of 1858 Dixboro United Methodist Church, live entertainment, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, at the Dixboro Village Green, Plymouth Road and Cherry Hill, Ann Arbor. A portion of proceeds benefits Habitat for Humanity, Huron Valley. (734) 761-5068/(734) 665-5632.

LIVONIA WOOD CARVERS CLUB SHOW

More than 100 carvers from the U.S. and Canada display everything from wildlife to figure carvings, a highlight of the show is the Michigan Chainsaw Carving Championships both days, carving supplies, tools, woods, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 1-2, at Eddie Edgar Sports Arena, 33841 Lyndon at Farmington Road, Livonia. \$1, \$2 for families. (734) 421-8310.

OAKLAND COUNTY 4-H FAIR

Featuring Lumberjack show, racing pigs, car show, gospel talent search, and "big events" monster trucks, rodeo, demolition derby, motocross, figure 8 car race and demolition derby, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Sunday, Aug. 3-9, Springfield Oaks Activity Center, Davisburg. \$6 per car, \$7 adults, \$3 children ages 5-12, and free for children ages 4 and younger for "big events" (248) 625-8133/(248) 634-8830.

RATHAYATRA PARADE AND FESTIVAL

India's ancient Parade of the Giant Chariot on Belle Isle beginning on the island side of the bridge 11 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 2, followed by festival of dance, drama and music from noon to 5 p.m., (Belle Isle Shelter #5). (313) 331-6740/(313) 885-8999.

SUMMER CONCERTS

BANDS OF MICHIGAN

7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, July 30, Wilson Barn, Livonia. Free. All ages. (734) 421-2000, ext. 351.

DAVID BENNETT

The clarinetist performs Wednesday, Aug. 5, at Nardin Park Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile Road, just west of Middlebelt Road, Farmington Hills. (313) 331-6740.

CLOWNS AROUND REDFORD

Perform for National Clown Week, noon Saturday, Aug. 1, Performing Arts Pavilion behind William Faust Public Library, 6123 Civic Center Parkway, Westland. Free. All ages. (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.

THE COURTIERS

7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5, gazebo at Burgh Historical Park, northeast corner of Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, Southfield. Free. (248) 424-9022 (big band jazz).

WILLY GEORGE BAND

7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, gazebo next to Village Commons on Grand River Avenue, downtown Farmington. Free. All ages. (248) 473-7283 (big band).

PHIL GRAM COMBO

6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2, Performing Arts Pavilion behind William Faust Public Library, 6123 Civic Center Parkway, Westland. Free. All ages. (734) 326-6123 (American Jazz).

HARPBEAT

Noon Wednesday, Aug. 5, in Kellogg Park, Main Street, (between Ann Arbor Trail and Penniman). Free. (734) 416-4ART.

THE HOPE ORCHESTRA

7:30 p.m. Friday, July 31, gazebo next to Village Commons on Grand River Avenue, Farmington. Free. All ages. (248) 473-7283 (alternative pop).

HOT ICE

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, in the amphitheater in Heritage Park, on Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill, Canton. Free. All ages. (734) 397-5110 (Motown soul).

JAZZHEAD

6-8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, Greenfield



Scottish tradition: Alexandra Bennett 7, dances as Harold Higgins plays. They will be participating in the 149th annual Highland Games Saturday at Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia.

Scots gather for Highland Games

They're calling it "The Fling in the Motor City," 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.

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. The United States Inter-Regional Highland Dance Championship competition begins in the afternoon. 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. To qualify for this competition, the dancers had to win regional competitions.

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.

The games are a good place to dig for your Scottish roots. Over 80 clans will be represented. 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.

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, and Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church on Six Mile Road (west of Haggerty). There is no charge for parking in these lots and 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 Competitive Awards, Raffle Drawings.

Ongoing:

■ Heavy Athletics - Amateur, Professional

■ Highland Dancing Championships - Novice, Intermediate, Advance, Open, Broad-sword Dance Competition

■ Drum Major

■ Piper and Drumming, Individual, Pipe Band

■ Scottish Fiddle Demonstrations

■ Scottish Arts and Entertainment

■ Children's Events

■ Vendors of Scottish Goods

■ Food & Drink Vendors

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 a.m. to 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 Fieldhouse.

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. (313) 271-1620 (acid jazz).

THE MIXX

Formerly known as the Antoine-Parsons Band, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5, at the Troy Civic Center, 500 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy. Free. (248) 524-3300.

EDDIE NUCILLI PLURAL CIRCLE

6-8 p.m. Monday, July 27, presented by the Graystone International Jazz Museum, at Hart Plaza, Detroit. Free. (313) 963-3813.

ONE BEAT BACK

7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, Municipal Park behind Rochester City Hall. Free. All ages. (248) 652-7762 (big band).

ROBERT PENN

7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2, on the lawn in front of Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen Road (at Civic Center Drive), Southfield. Free. (248) 424-9022.

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. Thursday, July 30, Municipal Park behind Rochester City Hall. Free. All ages. (248) 652-7762 (folk).

MAUREEN SCHIFFMAN

The Songstress/puppeteer and her puppet pal Coco perform "Animal Fair" 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4, at Bell Creek Park, corner of Five Mile and Inkster roads,

Redford. Free. (734) 261-9087.

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.

YA TAFARI

8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, Heritage Park, west side of Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 473-9570 (Caribbean).

DON WALDEN QUARTET

6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5, near the wolverine exhibit at the Detroit Zoo, 8450 W. 10 Mile and Woodward Avenue, off I-696, Royal Oak. Free with zoo admission, \$7.50, \$5.50 students/seniors 62 and older, \$4.50 children ages 2-12. (248) 398-0903.

PAUL VORNHAGEN QUARTET

8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5, Performing Arts Pavilion behind William Faust Public Library, 6123 Civic Center Parkway, Westland (rain location the Bailey Center). Free. All ages. (734) 326-6123 (Jazz).

ED ZELENAK BAND

7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, Wilson Barn, Livonia. Free. All ages. (big band) (734) 421-2000, ext. 351.

CARILLON

PATRICK MACOSKA/RICHARD GISCZAK

Carillonists perform "Serenade I" and an original composition by Ronald Barnes, 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 3, University of Michigan's Ann and Robert H. Lurie

Tower on the school's north campus. Free. All ages. (734) 764-0594.

BEVERLY BUCHANAN

4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2, at Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-5210.

CLASSICAL

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

"The Great Grieg Concert," with conductor Neeme Jarvi and pianist Sergei Babayan, 8 p.m. Friday, July 31; "Bravo Beethoven!" with conductor Neeme Jarvi and violinist Mark Kaplan, 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1; "Summer's Fantastique" with conductor Neeme Jarvi and clarinetist Ted Olen, 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2; and "Top Down Pops!" with conductor Erich Kunzel and the Cortes Alexander Trio, 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7. Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. Tickets at Ticketmaster. (313) 578-5100 or http://www.detroitssymphony.com.

POPS/SWING

BOSTON POPS "AMERICAN VISIONS" TOUR

With the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra and conductor Keith Lockhart, 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, Fox Theatre, 2111 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$37.50, \$50, \$75. (248) 433-1515.

THE NEW MORTY SHOW

9:30 p.m. Friday, July 31, Blind Pig, 208 S. First St., Ann Arbor, \$6 in advance, \$8 day of show, 19 and older. (734) 998-8555 (swing).

IV J ORCHESTRA
9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, July 31, Bacchi Abbracci, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. (swing) (248) 253-1300.

BRASS MUSIC

THE MOTOR CITY BRASS BAND

As part of Oakland Community College's "A Little Night Music" series, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4, OCC, 7350 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford. Free. All ages. (248) 349-0376.

ORGAN

MOTOR CITY THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

Movies and concerts series continues with "An Affair to Remember," starring Cary Grant and Deborah Kerr, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, and 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, the Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser at Grand River, Detroit. Organ overture precedes film, guest organist evenings John Lauter, matinees Gil Francis. \$2.50. (313) 531-4407.

AUDITIONS

BARBIZON SCHOOL OF MICHIGAN

The school is offering "The Play's the Thing," a series of summer acting workshops for special needs children and handicapped young persons taught by Detroit actor Bob Catagna at the school, 6230 Orchard Lake Road, Suite 110, West Bloomfield. Topics include improving their speech, movement, coordination and confidence through acting. (248) 855-5660.

FARMINGTON PLAYERS

Auditions for two men each of whom portrays 11 characters (male and female) for "A Tuna Christmas," 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 10, at the barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. (248) 476-3781/(248) 926-0056.

HARTLAND PLAYERS

Auditions for "A Chorus Line," 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2, and 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 3, Hartland Music Hall, 36

8 days a week

Making contact: Please submit popular music items for publication to Christina Fuoco; all others to Linda Chomin, two weeks in advance to the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or by fax (734) 591-7279

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Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass)

MAINSTREAM QUARTET

8 p.m. Friday, July 24, Duet, 3663 Woodward Ave. (at Martin Luther King Boulevard), Detroit. (313) 831-3838

"MATT MICHAELS TRIO

With trumpeter Johnny Trudell, 8-11:30 p.m.: Thursday, July 30, at the Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River, Farmington Hills. \$5 cover waived with dinner until 9 p.m. \$5 drink minimum. Reservations recommended. (248) 474-4800

WILBERT PAEGLER QUARTET

8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 31-Aug. 1, Duet, 3663 Woodward Ave. (at Martin Luther King Boulevard), Detroit. (313) 831-3838

WILLIAM PARKER AND PATRICIA NICHOLSON PARKER

8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5, Gold Dollar Bar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$10. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873/(248) 548-9888

CHUCK SHERMETARIO TRIO

8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 30, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

LOUIS SMITH TRIO

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUSSON

With Dan Kolton, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays and Fridays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

ALLEN WEISERMAN

8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Aug. 1, Agape Caffe, 205 Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 25-cent surcharge on drinks during entertainment. All ages. (248) 548-1400

WORLD MUSIC

FOUR SHILLINGS SHORT

7-p.m. Thursday, July 30, Borders Books and Music, 612 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-7100 (Celtic)

IMMUNITY

9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, July 31, The Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-9110; 10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 421-2250 (reggae)

"WINDSOR CELTIC FESTIVAL"

With non-stop Celtic music, dance and food, 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, July 31, and noon to 1 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, Dieppe Gardens along the Detroit River, Windsor. \$2 (Canadian) each day. (519) 977-9942

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

BANJOES OF MICHIGAN

7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, July 30, Wilson Barn, Livonia. Free. All ages. (734) 421-2000, ext. 351

ANNE HILLS

8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

JAN KRIST

8:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-1600

MUSTARD'S RETREAT

Celebrates its 25th anniversary with a concert, 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$8 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

DUSTY RHODES

8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 30-31, at the Botsford Inn, Grand River west of Eight Mile, Farmington Hills. (248) 474-4800

POETRY

PLYMOUTH POETS

Hosts readings by Rod Reinhart, Marc Maurus and Cindi St. Germaine, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 30, at the Coffee Bean Company, 844 Penniman at Harvey, Plymouth. (734) 459-7319

DANCE

ANN ARBOR CONTRA

8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, at the Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor Saline Road, south of I-94, Ann Arbor. \$6. (734) 665-7704/(734) 332-9024

COMEDY

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

Kirk "Fabio Man" Noland, Pete LaDuque and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday, July 30-Aug. 1 (\$12); Joey Bleilaska, Jim Hamm and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 6-8, 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

Leo Dufour, 9 p.m. Friday, July 31 (\$6), and 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1 (\$8), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

"MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE

Bill Thomas, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 31-Aug. 1 (\$9); Billy Ray Bauer, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6 (\$7), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 6-8 (\$9), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Bryan McCree with Mark Boyd, Thursday-Sunday, July 30-Aug. 2, Mike Bonner and Jon Ueberth, Wednesday-Sunday, Aug. 5-9, 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 (\$8). (248) 542-9500 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

AMERICA

With Blood, Sweat and Tears, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$22.50 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com (rock)

JOHN ANDERSON

With Drivin' Sideways and Hot Walker, 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2, originally scheduled at Oak Ridge Natural Amphitheater now rescheduled for Pine Creek Golf Course, 50521 Huron River Dr., Belleville. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (248) 645-6666 (country)

ARAB STRAP

8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5, Burns Room in St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6 in advance, \$7 day of show. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (alternative rock)

BIG DAVE AND THE ULTRASONICS

9:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, Karl's Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450 (jump blues)

THE BIKHLMAN BROS.

9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 (blues)

BIZER BROTHERS

8 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday, July 31-Aug. 1, The Rattlesnake Club, 300 River Place, Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 567-4400 (pop)

BLACK TAPE FOR A BLUE GIRL

6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 in advance, \$13 at the door. All ages. (313) 833-POOL (rock)

BLAZE

With Quasar Wut Wut and Packaged Bliss, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)

"BLIND PIG SHOWCASE"

With Aftershok, Central Sun, Las Vegas Tumbleweed Connection and Minnow Flickers, 9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Free. 18 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)

BLUE CAT

10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, The Lodge, 2442 Orchard Lake Road, Sylvan Lake. Free. 21 and older. (248) 683-5458; 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

BLUE SUIT WITH ALBERTA ADAMS

9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (blues)

BLUES IN THE NIGHT

10:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5080 (blues)

BRIDGE

With Blue Cat, and an open mic jam session, 3 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Aug. 1, VFW Hall, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. \$5. \$10 includes admission and raffle ticket for a chance to win an Eddie Van Halen Wolfgang Special guitar. Benefits the family of guitar teacher/blues musician Pat Patton who was recently diagnosed with cancer. (734) 722-5512 (rock/blues)

BUSTER'S BLUES BAND

9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, Local Color Brewery, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-2600 (blues)

CHEAP TRICK

With Candlebox, Brother Cane and The Hunger, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$20 pavilion, \$10 lawn. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com (rock)

CITY LIMITS BLUES BAND

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 7-8, Hennessey's Pub, 49160 Grand River Ave., Wixom. Free. 21 and older (248) 349-4404 (blues)

CLUTCH

With Stuck Mojo and Phunk Junkeez, 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron St., Pontiac. \$12 in advance, \$15 day of show. All ages. (248) 333-2362 or http://www.961melt.com (rock)

THE CREATURES

With Siouxie 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. (313) 961-5451 (alter napop)

CATIE CURTIS

With the Murmurs, 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicicbag.com (pop)

DELUXTONE ROCKETS

With The Project, Patron Saints, Easyfill, 7 p.m. Friday, July 31, as part of the alcohol free "Cage" night at Knights of

Columbus Notre Dame Hall, 35100 Van Born Road (1/4 mile east of Wayne Road), Wayne. \$7. All ages. (734) 729-7092 or http://www.bandinfo.com (surfabilly/punk/ska/rap)

DETROIT BLUES BAND

9 p.m. Friday, July 31, Bad Frog Tavern, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 624-9400 (blues)

DOWG BAND

With Harmonica Shah, 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, Carriage House Blues Alley, 24200 Grand River Ave., Detroit. Free. 21 and older. (313) 535-3440 (blues)

DEEP FOREST

With Anggun, 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor. Canceled. All ages. (734) 668-8397 (instrumental, ethereal pop)

DETROIT BLUES BAND

9 p.m. Friday, July 31, Bad Frog, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 624-9400 (blues)

EASYFILL

With Red Letter, D.B.G.'s, and Louie Old Man, 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, as part of alcohol-free "Cage" night at Knights of Columbus Notre Dame Hall, 35100 Van Born Road (1/4 mile east of Wayne Road), Wayne. \$7. All ages. (734) 729-7092 or http://www.bandinfo.com (punk)

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8 p.m. Thursday, July 30, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

ELIZA

8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 7-8, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-1600 (pop)

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With Rustic Overtones, 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicicbag.com (pop)

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8 p.m. to midnight Saturdays through September Johanson-Charles Gallery, 1345 Division, in Detroit's Eastern Market. Free, donations accepted. All ages. (313) 567-8638 (alternative rock)

NEIL FINN

Former lead singer of Crowded House, 9 p.m. Friday, July 31, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron St., Pontiac. \$20 in advance, \$23 day of show. All ages. (248) 333-2362 or http://www.961melt.com (pop)

FUNKTELLENCE

9 p.m. Friday, July 31, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 18 and older. (734) 485-5050 (funk)

KEVIN GEO

8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

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9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 18 and older. (734) 485-5050 (rock)

GRR

10 p.m. Thursday, July 30, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 421-2250; 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, as part of radio station CIDR's Garden Party at the Whitney, 4421 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 832-5700; 10 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-9110; 9:45 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, The Cavern, 210 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 332-9900 (rock)

THE GRUESOMES

With Linus and 60 Second Crush, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)

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With Bullet Boys, Enuff Z'nuff, Bang Tango and Pretty Boy Floyd, 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$17.50 in advance, \$20 day of show. All ages.

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9:30 p.m. Thursday, July 30, Tap Room, 201 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 482-5320; 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, Lonestar Coffeehouse, 207 S. Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 642-2233; Hosts open mic night, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2, Gargoyles, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. All ages. (248) 745-9790; 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, Java Master, 33214 W. 14 Mile Road, West Bloomfield. Free. All ages. (248) 626-7393 (acoustic rock)

ROBERT JONES

With Jo Serrapere, 7 p.m. to midnight Friday, July 31, Soup Kitchen Saloon, 1585 Franklin St., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 259-1374 (blues)

MIKE KING

8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5080 (acoustic rock)

THE LOOK

7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, Hazel Park Racetrack, 1650 E. 10 Mile Road, Hazel Park. (248) 398-1000 (rock)

STEVE MILLER

With Little Feat, 7 p.m. Thursday, July 30, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$37.50 pavilion, \$21.50 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com (rock)

MISSING MAN FORMATION

Featuring Vince Welnick, keyboardist and vocalist for the Grateful Dead, 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-POOL (Deadhead)

THE MOFFATTS

With Al Carmichael, 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 31, Center Stage, 39940 Ford Road, Canton. \$15 at the door. All ages. (734) 397-0862/(734) 728-1497 (pop)

NEW RIDERS OF THE PURPLE SAGE

With Mike Keneally and Beer for Dolphins, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$12. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicicbag.com (rock)

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6 p.m. Friday, July 31, Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. \$17.50. All ages. (248) 546-7610 (pop)

MIKE NOLAN

6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, as part of CIDR FM's Garden Party at The Whitney, 4421 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 832-5700 (pop)

RON OSTER

9 p.m. Thursday, July 30, Carriage House Blues Alley, 24200 Grand River Ave., Detroit. Free. 21 and older. (313) 535-3440 (blues)

ROBERT PENN

8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 31-Aug. 1, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800; 9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, Bad Frog Tavern, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 624-9400 (blues)

RON PRINCE AND HARD TIME

Celebrate release of CD with party and performance, 9 p.m. Thursday, July 30, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. \$4. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 (blues)

JODY RAFFOUL AND GARY RASMUSSEN

8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5, Local Color Brewery, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248)

'Saving Private Ryan' brutally honest look at war

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

The landing boats rock and bounce on the rough waters off Normandy. Soldiers vomit from fear and seasickness. The boat gates drop too soon, under the barrage of gunfire, and soldiers jump into water over their heads, brought down by enemy fire or drowned by the weight of their own equipment.

Time condenses and expands. The noise is unbearably loud and then, numbingly quiet. And everywhere is the acrid smell of gunpowder, the wails of the dying, blood, gore, body parts and fear, heroics and cowardice.

This is what war looks like,

sounds like and feels like.

The opening sequence of Steven Spielberg's "Saving Private Ryan" recreates the landing on Omaha Beach, June 6, 1944, from the perspective of one platoon with a brutal honesty rarely seen in fictional war movies. Unlike Daryl Zanuck's "Longest Day," Ryan's D-Day landing has no stirring martial music, no gallant John Wayne and no bloodless, easy deaths.

Spielberg brings his unequalled technical mastery to bear on this visually graphic and emotionally complex look at "the last good war."

Richard Rodat's script is deceptively simple and somewhat contrived. Shortly following

the invasion, the War Department learns that an Iowa farm family has lost three sons within days of each other. Gen. George Marshall orders that the last surviving son be retrieved from somewhere in northern France and returned to his mother. The eight-man platoon we have watched suffer the horrors of the landing are assigned the task at great risk to their own lives.

Rodat's platoon has that typical World War II ethnic and personality mix — the Italian, the Jew, the hot-headed Brooklyn Irish kid, the bookworm, the bear-like and stalwart sergeant. But he gives these characters individual personalities and never makes them falsely heroic.

Spielberg takes this material and makes it into perhaps the best movie of his long and distinguished career. As a master of manipulation, he finally brings all that magic into focus to actually put us into the danger and agony of war.

One critic said he couldn't figure out what Spielberg was trying to do. Is this a flag-waving, All-American movie or an anti-war movie. He couldn't understand that it is neither and both. This isn't a sermon, it's a meditation.

This was not a war of professional soldiers. These men were autoworkers and store clerks, teachers and farm boys. They never planned to become soldiers and they weren't prepared for what they experienced, no one could be. Rodat and Spielberg present war as experienced by non-warriors, by ordinary people swept up by history. They meditate on the thin line between courage and cowardice.

Tom Hanks proves again that he is an actor of exquisite subtlety and insight. His performance as platoon leader Capt. John Miller is arguably his best yet. This secretive man with a bad case of the shakes is our surrogate through hell. He is alternately strong and terrified, a man thrust into his position because of his education and steadiness.

A scene in a church that is similar to the pre-battle scene in "Henry V" explores the special burdens of leadership. Hanks projects a humanity that speaks volumes.

Spielberg draws fine performances from everyone — Edward Burns as the cocky Brooklyn kid; Tom Sizemore as the loyal Sgt. Horvath; Giovanni Ribisi as the



Warlike: Captain John Miller (Tom Hanks) leads a squad of soldiers behind enemy lines to find and retrieve one man, Private James Ryan, in the wartime action drama "Saving Private Ryan."

compassionate medic; and Jeremy Davies as the weak, childlike Upham. But it is Matt Damon who is especially convincing as Ryan. He underplays the emotions with exactly the right Midwestern stoicism.

And a special word should be said for Harrison Young as the old soldier with so many unspeakable memories.

The real star, though, is Spielberg. The opening sequence and the final battle for a bridge are works of stunning film choreography. Using special film stock, varied time sequencing and Dolby sound as you've never experienced it, Spielberg puts the audience into the war as close as any film has ever come. There is a sequence in the opening where Hanks momentarily loses touch with the world, as if

deep underwater, his face glazed over, eyes locked, face flushed and blood splattered. This sequence tells us everything about the man we are going to follow and much about the brutality of battle.

Cinematographer Janusz Kaminski and editor Michael Kahn combine to make these sequences play out like visual symphonies. And, speaking of music, Spielberg has mastered the use of silence. The John Williams score is typically impressive, haunting at times, but never used in the battle scenes or to pump up the action.

Those looking for a condemnation of war or those looking for a stirring, flag-waving celebration will be disappointed. Yet, Spielberg curiously, and fairly, accomplishes both.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Opened 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 everyone 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.

"WHATEVER"

Exclusively at the Landmark Main Art Theatre, a bold, retro exploration into the rights of passage for a young woman, set in the 1980s. Stars Liza Weil, Chad Morgan.

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.

Plowshares celebrates heritage

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

ent experiences; why conversation among women is so totally different from conversation among men; why conversation between genders can be so completely frustrating.

But nope, we're all born and bred on the same blue marble. We come up with glib interplanetary origins to play with our inability to connect with one another across all the lines we've drawn between us — gender, race, culture and religion among others. And as we've seen so often on *Backstage Pass*, when we're faced with the problems of "same planet, worlds apart," we turn instinctively turn to the arts for work it out.

Maybe that's why some of the most compelling theater in Southeast Michigan comes out of Plowshares Theatre in Detroit, which is committed to presenting African American life, trends and traditions on stage — Plowshares celebrates the uniqueness of a community while exploring its underlying, universal humanity at the same time.

Plowshares' producing artistic director also happens to be a *Backstage Pass* correspondent — our pal Gary Anderson, who has hosted performances from theaters all over the Metro Area. We've also frequently pestered him to appear on the show as a guest, bringing his performers to

the studio to appear on the big show, always with fabulous results.

Like many people in the artistic community, Gary's busy preparing for the upcoming season. I gave him a call to see what's coming up at Plowshares. As always, Gary sounded excited about his work. "Our season opens Nov. 5 with 'Bourbon at the Border' by former Detroiters Pearl Cleage. Pearl's father was the Rev. Albert Cleage who started the Shrine of the Black Madonna, an Afrocentric Christian denomination church in Detroit."

"Bourbon" takes place in Detroit in 1995. It's a love story between two former civil rights activists who participated in the Mississippi Freedom Summer of 1964, when activists were going down to register voters. They're college students who get caught up in the events, and what happens to them down there impacts them and their relationship with one another all the way into 1995.

"In October, we're presenting our first-ever children's play, 'Sala Cinderella,' an African-centered retelling of the Cinderella tale. We're doing it because there's really no alternative for children to see children's theatre from an African American perspective."

"For February, which is Black History Month, we're presenting 'In Living Colors,' a dance theatre musical. The play deals with the history and traditions of the Gullah people in the sea islands off the coast of South Carolina. The Gullah are the African Americans that have the most pure African heritage. Off on these sea islands, they who weren't as influenced by the mainland culture; although they were enslaved, they were rela-

tively left to themselves. The drum wasn't taken away from them like they were everywhere else. The play talks about the history of that heritage, and power of it."

"In March, we're putting up 'The Trial of One Short-Sighted Black Woman V. Mammy Louise and Safretta May,' a satire about a black female Hollywood executive who puts on trial the stereotypes of the Mammy and the Saffire for the havoc they've wreaked on her life."

"Our season wraps up with August Wilson's 'Jitney.' It takes place in 1977 at the Gypsy Cab Company in Pittsburgh. It's really a play about legacy and about commitment. The cab company is being threatened with extinction — they're going to put a highway through the neighborhood. Sounds familiar: urban renewal. In another issue, the company owner deals with unresolved issues with his son, who's been in jail for 20 years for murder. It's a pretty intense play."

I asked Gary if there's an overall theme to the season. "The theme is really struggle, triumph and celebration. Sure there are obstacles. It's about taking time to celebrate the rich heritage and the triumph over those obstacles." Sounds like theater everyone on our blue planet should see.

On the big show this week: Gary Graff hosts a performance by the Pat DiNizio Trio. Nkenge Zola visits the studio of interactive artist Robert Martin. We'll see a feminist updating of the Greek classic "Antigone." Plus a performance from former Rolling Stone songwriter of the year Freedy Johnston. That's all on *Backstage Pass* tonight at midnight, repeated Friday at 7:30 p.m. on Detroit Public Television.

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STREET SCENE

Candlebox finds happiness with new drummer

It's been a busy time for the rock band Candlebox, so frenetic in fact that lead singer Kevin Martin has been "trying to get married" for two years to his longtime girlfriend, Renee.

"We were supposed to get married two years ago but that fell through, and then we were supposed to get married last year, and we were busy. We were going to get married this summer, but she has to work," Martin said with a laugh.

On top of that, Candlebox has just released its third album "Happy Pills" (Maverick). Martin explained that there's a lot of work ahead for Candlebox.

"We're coming back with a rock 'n' roll record at the tail end of a lot of pop music. Rock 'n' roll is making a comeback and that's the kind of band we are," Martin explained.



Dose of happiness: Candlebox will perform songs off its latest release "Happy Pills" during "WRIF Fest" at Pine Knob Music Theatre on Wednesday, Aug. 5.

"It's very inspirational when you find everybody's looking at the same page and the same line. That's when the magic starts to happen," Martin explained.

experience, Candlebox recruited ex-Pearl Jam drummer Dave Krusen to replace departing drummer Scott Mercado.

"We had experienced a lull for a long time with Scott, and what he wanted to do was a different thing," Martin explained.

"Dave is a musician's musician. He knows where you're going. He's self-taught like we are. That's from playing the French horn to singing to playing bass to playing piano to playing drums. We're four musicians who are finally on the same page. We were inspired by Dave, and Dave was inspired by us."

The trio of Martin, guitarist Peter Klett and bassist Bardi Martin immediately clicked with Krusen. The first day of rehearsal, the group wrote four songs together.

"It's very inspirational when you find everybody's looking at the same page and the same line. That's when the magic starts to happen," Martin explained.

One of the results of the "magic" is the song "Blinders," featuring the slide guitar work of

Klett, encouraged by Krusen.

"The funny thing about that song is we were trying to write it with Scott during the 'Lucy' project," Martin said of the band's last album. "We actually just had the opening melody of the song and it never really developed itself. Scott was mentally not in the space we were in to really work on that song," Martin added.

The song resurfaced during pre-production of "Happy Pills."

"We just took that and wrote a whole song out of that. We developed it in one day - lyrics and music and everything. That's the magic of being on the same page."

The first single from "Happy Pills" is the melancholy "It's Alright," a simplistic yet heartfelt song about the individual relationships of the quartet.

"The song's just about communication. It's really about experiencing life together and the necessity of talking to one another whether it be Renee and myself, Dave and his daughter, Pete and his parents, whatever. It's about the necessity of communication and how important it is to allow yourself to get lost in who you feel your communication is with."

Candlebox, Brother Cane and The Hunger perform as part of "WRIF Fest" Wednesday, Aug. 5, at Pine Knob Music Theatre, 1-75 and Sashabaw Road, in Independence Township. Tickets are \$20 pavilion and \$10 lawn. Showtime is 6:30 p.m. For more information, call (248) 377-0100 or visit <http://www.palacenet.com>. Candlebox's web site is <http://www.candlebox.com>.

Orlando's 'N Sync proud of being musicians first

One could say that the all-male pop group 'N Sync is a real Mickey Mouse operation.

The quintet - James Lance "Lantzen" Bass, Joshua Scott "J.C." Chazey, Joseph "Joey" Anthony Fatone Jr., Christopher "Chris" Alan Kirkpatrick, and Justin Randall Timberlake - was drawn from its hometowns to the electric light shows and intense heat of Orlando, Fla.

Chazey and Timberlake's first major gig was with the Disney Channel show "Mickey Mouse Club" which paved the way for 'N Sync. The organization lent its support to the group which recently scored the dancefloor hit "I Want You Back."

"We met (the group's now executive director) Lou Pearlman and said, 'We've got a group. Would you be willing to back us.' He put the money behind us and introduced us to our manager Johnny Wright," Kirkpatrick explained.

That association has garnered a lot of flak for the Orlando fivesome.

"We were working with a lot of Backstreet Boys people," he said of the fellow Orlando fivesome.

"We got a lot of flak for that. Everyone said we were trying to be like them. Actually, we were together before we associated with any of the Backstreet Boys people. We had a lot of Mickey Mouse Club backing," he firmly added.

A friendly rivalry has ensued between 'N Sync and the hugely popular Backstreet Boys, who played a sold-out show at The Palace of Auburn Hills Friday night.

"We always keep up with them and see them every time we go home. I know that we watched them on 'Saturday Night Live' and we're so happy for them that they've gotten so big. But we're

not gonna lie. There's a little bit of jealous inside and we think, 'Man, we wish we were there.'"

"It's like when you're growing up and you have a brother and your brother gets a medal for doing something. You get a little jealous and wish you could get the medal. It just makes you work harder for yourself."

Fellow Orlandans the Backstreet Boys played instruments during its song "Quit Playing Games with My Heart" at The Palace. Kirkpatrick stressed that 'N Sync's members are musicians first.

"On our last tour I played keyboards. There was a time when we take over on 'Giddy Up,' a song that we wrote, where we went back and took over the instruments. Our band went out and tried to sing it, but let's just say we played the instruments better than they sang," he said with a laugh.

"We're all master musicians. That's the way we write our music. That's what I did to make money before the group. I'd play guitar and sing downtown with a friend of mine."

Kirkpatrick explained that although they play instruments 'N Sync is bringing along a five-piece band.

"One for each of us," he said. Like 'N Sync's self-titled debut on RCA Records, its shows are filled with upbeat dance numbers, which, Kirkpatrick explained, is something that pop music is lacking.

"If you look at all the Boyz II Men songs and other R&B groups they usually do slow songs. (They believe) ballads are for the groups with vocal harmonies, and fast ones are for the rock groups. We're bringing both to the table."

The shows, he added, are all about keeping it real - vocally.

Although there's dancing involved, 'N Sync refuses to sing to taped vocals.

"It makes for a really tough show sometimes. If you come to our show, you'll definitely see 'N Sync live. Maybe every once in awhile somebody will be a little bit winded and go out of breath during a note. That's what keeps it real."

If the Backstreet Boys' show is any indication of what 'N Sync's

performance will be like, bring earplugs. The deafening screams of young girls reduced the group's songs to a swirl of noise.

But for Kirkpatrick, that's the most flattering part of his shows.

"I love it. Justin's only 17. He's around their age. He's the one they scream for the most," said Kirkpatrick, 26.

"I get the biggest smile on my face. He's so flattered by it. It's

just a lot of fun. The best satisfaction we get, though, is when somebody really and truly comes to us and says, 'I really appreciate you as musicians.' That's what it's all about."

'N Sync performs at 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 31, at the Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Tickets are \$17.50 for the all-ages show. For more information, call (248) 546-7610.

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Whether you're in the mood for a "mess of fried clams," or oven-grilled pizza, Beau Jack's aims to please. The appetizer menu features a homemade rumaki, onion loaf, baked spinach and artichoke dip. Chilled Jumbo Gulf Shrimp Cocktail is a new item.

If chili is what you crave, you'll definitely want to visit Beau Jack's soon. On Wednesdays they serve Bob Vargo's famous white chili. An award-winning chili cook, Vargo, former executive chef, and now general manager, is a "Chilihead," and proud of it.

"I'm on a roll he said referring to his recent victory in Windsor. Vargo beat 35 other cooks to win the Canadian Championship Chili Cookoff trophy, which qualifies him to cook in the World Chili Cookoff in Reno, Nevada this fall.

Vargo started making chili in 1980 when his boss asked if he wanted to compete in a chili cookoff in Saline. Not knowing what he was getting himself into, but game for an adventure, Vargo set out with his recipe, ingredients, a big pot, camp stove, and TV tray to put it all on.

"I just had so much fun," he said laughing at the memory. "I didn't win, but I learned a lot."

If you've ever been to a chili cookoff you know they're big time parties where cooks and fans get into the spirit. There are even prizes for best booth and showmanship.

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Beau Jack's
Where: 4108 W. Maple (between Telegraph and Franklin Road)
Bloomfield Hills; (248) 626-2630.

Hours: 11:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 4-9 p.m. Sunday.

Menu: Something for everyone - fajitas, salads, sandwiches, soups & chili, pasta, steaks, chicken, fish, oven-grilled pizza.

Cost: Moderate; salads \$7.25-\$11.95; dinner entrees \$12.95-\$19.95; pasta \$9.95-\$14.95; burgers and sandwiches \$5.95-\$9.95.

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Entertainment: Piano bar - 7:30 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday

of being the only cook to show up with a TV tray for a table, Vargo went back the next year and won first place.

"Then I got into it after that," he said. "I qualified for the World." This fall will be Vargo's eighth time competing in the World Chili Cookoff. He has won the Michigan Chili title twice, the Midwest Regional twice, the Canadian title twice, and even been the chili champ of Indiana.

"I cook until I qualify for the World," he said. "I'm on a winning streak now. For five years I didn't qualify. I changed my recipe and messed it up so bad. Now I'm back on a roll."

Vargo's Championship Chili is on the menu at Beau Jack's. "The secret is, I've just got a taste for it," he said. "You have to taste as you go, I don't measure. Sometimes the peppers will be hotter, and you adjust for that."

For 32 years, Beau Jack's has been Vargo's home away from home. He started out as night cook, and then took over the chef's job. For the last 19 years he's managed the restaurant.

Longtime patrons might remember when Beau Jack's was Western's Beef Buffet, a cafeteria. The restaurant did well as a cafeteria from 1965 to 1975, but times were starting to change.

"Cafeterias were going downhill," remembers Vargo. "So the owner Mr. Cochran and his son

got a liquor license. It was a very scary thing to do, but they did a lot of thinking about it. It worked real well. I think our food is superior to many restaurants, we come up with new ideas daily."

Gary Cochran calls Beau Jack's a restaurant with a liquor license, not a bar with food. "We felt our new format needed a liquor license to enhance the food."

Like Vargo, a lot of the staff have worked at Beau Jack's for a long time. They know their customers, and what they like.

"We have a great staff, and consistent food quality," said Cochran. "The food comes out the same, every day, and it's priced right. We think of our customers as members, and this is their club. You can feel comfortable in a jeans or a suit."

Long hours, weekends and holidays, this is restaurant work, but Vargo enjoys it. "My father, Louis, was one of the top 10 chefs in Michigan. He tried to talk me out of it. I like it, that's what I want to do," he said. It's been fun all these years.

Besides chili, Beau Jack's is known for their "Superior" whitefish served Charlevoix-style on a sizzling platter surrounded by homemade duchess potatoes.

Their beef is Certified Black Angus, and there are some



Chili champ: Bob Vargo, former executive chef, and now general manager of Beau Jack's, is a champion chili cook. He recently won the Canadian Championship Chili Cookoff to qualify for the World Chili Cookoff in Reno this fall. Vargo's Championship Chili is just one of the many items on the menu at Beau Jack's.

heart-healthy, and vegetarian items on the menu too. Be sure to ask about the daily specials.

"Our salads are very popular," said Vargo. In addition to the usual Classic Caesar, grilled chicken, Cobb and Greek, they offer an imported Scottish smoked salmon salad, Chopped Vegetable Garden Salad - "guar-

anteed there will be 10 fresh daily vegetables chopped fine with iceberg lettuce, then garnished with tomato wedges, red onions and alfalfa sprouts, and a Canyon Spa Salad.

New York Strip Steak is a popular menu item, and fajitas "off the grill," are "great," said Vargo. All burgers are a full half

pound, and you can make it "Gourmet," by adding your choice of toppings. A heart-healthy ground fresh turkey burger is available.

Beau Jack's serves a variety of wines and specialty drinks. Ask to see the "Dirty Dozen Martini List." They also offer an extensive offering of ports and cognac.

EATING OUT IN THE SUBURBS

In case you missed it. Here are some restaurants recently featured in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Send recommendations for restaurants to feature to: Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax (734) 591-7279.

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■ Encore - 1801 South Telegraph Road (east side north of Square Lake in the Quality Inn), Bloomfield Hills (248) 335-3790. Open: Tuesday through Saturday

6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Menu: American cuisine with fresh daily fish special. All entrees include bread basket, salad, appropriate starch and vegetable. Cost: Appetizers \$6-8; sandwiches \$6-7; entrees \$14-18. Reservations: Accepted. Credit cards: All majors accepted.

■ Eurasian Grill - 4771 Haggerty Road (north of Pontiac Trail in West Wind Lake Shopping Center), West Bloomfield (248) 624-6109. Open: Monday to Thursday 4:30-10:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday until 11 p.m., Sunday until 9:30 p.m. Menu: Fusion or cross-culture cooking where East meets West in creative and unique dishes. Cost: First tastes \$2-8.50; fusion dishes \$13-20; Asian cuisine \$7-14. Reservations: Accepted. Credit cards: All majors accepted.

■ Cafe Hawaii - 22048 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, (west of the Southfield Freeway) (313) 724-2233. There is a rear entrance on Garrison. Open: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Wednesday; 11 a.m.

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