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State House, 16th District

Republican
Mat Dunaskiss 16,079 (62%)
Thomas Middleton 10,001 (38%)
Democrat
Mike Odette 8,819 (71%)
Dave Lillis 3,567 (29%)

State Senate, 46th District

Republican
Ruth Johnson 3,639 (41%)
Jeff Gallant 3,141 (35%)
Patricia Woods 1,885 (21%)
John Laive 270 (3%)

Millage proposals

Independence Township

LIBRARY
Yes 3,418 (71%)
No 1,369 (29%)
SAFETY PATH
Yes 2,637 (55%)
No 2,133 (45%)

Springfield Township

POLICE
Yes 966 (68%)
No 459 (32%)

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Don Gerber and William Kellogg were two of Michigan's greatest success stories in the early part of the 20th century. But who was the first in Michigan to find the American dream? To answer that question we must travel back to the 1700s and revisit the life of John Jacob Astor.

Astor came to the United States from Germany in 1784 to sell flutes and violins, but quickly became interested in the fur trade. At that time, fur was one of the largest commodities in the country, but the trade was run almost entirely by the U.S. government. The system, which consisted of trapping and processing furs then shipping them to Washington to sell at auction, was inefficient and unprofitable. Astor knew he could make it work better, and came to Michigan in the early 1800s.

Astor set up a sophisticated system, building log cabins filled with goods all over Michigan. The traders used the goods to barter with different Indian tribes. The traders actually lived with the tribes, so that trades could take place anytime, anywhere. The government, on the other hand, had just recently built trading posts and expected the Indians to find the posts and venture to them, which at the time meant a long walk.

Astor had his traders ship the furs to Mackinac Island, and on to New York, Europe, and even China. In return for the furs that the Chinese used for blankets, Astor brought back tea to America. Astor's success was stunning, but the government didn't like it. Come back next week to see what the government did.

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



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Stage set for November showdown

Dunaskiss cruises to easy primary victory in GOP 16th District Senate race; Johnson captures Republican Party nomination for House seat in 46th District.

Political experience and track records won out Tuesday for Republicans seeking to represent the Clarkston area in the state House and Senate.

Incumbent Mat Dunaskiss handily beat out his Republican opponent, Tom Middleton, in the 16th District state Senate race; and Ruth Johnson, an Oakland County Commissioner, triumphed over political newcomer Jeff

Gallant in the Republican race for the 46th District state House.

"Voters know I can hit the ground running," said Johnson of her victory in the four-candidate primary for the House seat, which is being vacated by Middleton due to term limits.

Voters know that many "rookies" will be elected to the Legislature because of term limits, Johnson said. Therefore, having a track record and political

experience gives you an edge, she said. "For some voters, that is a factor."



Dunaskiss

"Voters want continued stability," said Dunaskiss of his strong win — 62 percent of votes cast in the race against Middleton. "The Michigan economy is doing well, and I definitely think that was a factor."

"The economy is good, so why change," said Middleton.

Dunaskiss, 46 and a resident of Orion Township, has served as the

16th district's state Senator for eight years. He will face local attorney Michael Odette — winner in the Democratic primary for the seat — in November.

A resident of Independence Township, Odette, 46, also fared well in the primary, garnering an overwhelming 71.2 percent of the vote against Democratic opponent David Lillis.

"It's also an affirmation of a job well done," Dunaskiss said. "It's a show of support for the policies and the work and the representation I've been able to provide to the area."

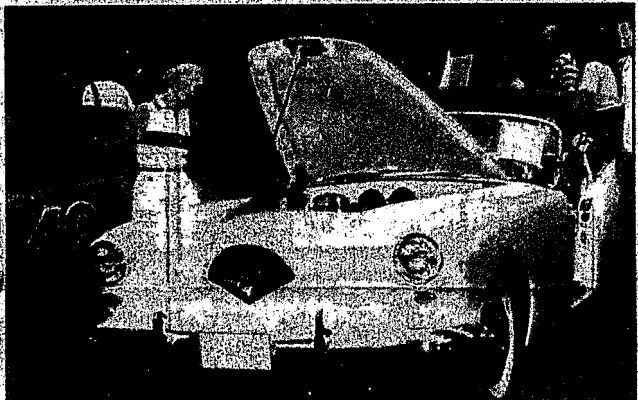
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Old-fashioned treats

Last weekend local and out-of-town residents came in record numbers to Depot Park in the City of Clarkston to participate in Concours in the Park. More than 3,500 people showed up to browse the vintage, street rods, and sports cars on display in the park. Organizers said the park show, which annually accompanies the Meadow Brook Concours d'Elegance event, attracts more spectators each year.

This year, 130 cars cruised from Canterbury Village to Depot Park in the Tour d'Elegance car parade, which precedes the gathering and ice cream social.

Twenty-one tubs of ice cream, each holding 3.5 gallons, were sold at the event to benefit SCAMP, a special needs children's camp in the area. Concours in the Park raised more than \$6,500 for SCAMP. That figure represented an increase of \$1,000 over last year's totals.



Show in the park: Clarkston and out-of-town residents gathered Friday in Depot Park to look at vintage vehicles during Concours in the Park, an annual event held in conjunction with the Concours d'Elegance car show.



Car art: Derek Bush, of Clarkston, eyes a corrugated cardboard sculpture of a Porsche sports cars in Clarkston's Depot Park at Concours in the Park.



Scoopin' for SCAMP: Volunteer Jack Hunt dished out ice cream sundaes for patrons at Concours in the Park. Proceeds from the ice cream social benefitted SCAMP.

Galloway ends tenure of incumbent commissioner

David N. Galloway may have run into a term-limit dead end as a state representative, but that won't stop the 48-year-old former police officer from working to improve Oakland County.

In Tuesday's primary election, Galloway walked away with 66 percent of the vote in the republican bid for Oakland County Commission District 2 against incumbent Donna Huntoon.

She received 1,592 votes, or 34 percent of the ballots cast.

Rather than seek a state Senate seat, Galloway chose to run for county commissioner because he said he wanted to

work at the county level. "Becoming a county commissioner is a very important position, especially in



Oakland County Commission

2nd District
Republican
David Galloway 3,027 (66%)
Donna Huntoon 1,592 (34%)



Galloway

Oakland County" he said. "It's a prevalent and powerful county."

Gaining a total of 3,027 votes, Galloway will face Michael Kohut, the sole Democratic candidate for the District 2 seat in November.

District 2 covers Springfield Township and the northern two-thirds of Independence Township.

In the race for county commissioner in District 4, which represents the City of Clarkston, Republican incumbent Frank Millard ran unopposed.

Votes cast in the Clarkston area mirrored the overall results in the county

commission race in District 2:

In Springfield Township
-Galloway, 518 votes
-Huntoon, 476 votes
In Independence Township
-Galloway, 691 votes
-Huntoon, 527 votes

"I'm pleased with the final results," Galloway said after the race.

Galloway attributed his victory to the volunteers and people who worked with him during the campaign. But he hasn't lost sight of the fact that this is just the beginning, he said, calling the coun-

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Lumber mill purchased by local couple as site of new home

On an especially hot day in July, the musty smells in the former Clarkston Lumber building are especially pungent. The odors of old wood and tools, and even older dust, greet visitors as Michael Odette forces open doors.

Sunlight rushes into the dark rooms before the curious visitors can take their first steps, while shadows — and the resident raccoons — bide their time. They are the shadows of the past.

The saws of the Clarkston Lumber Co. were silenced last November, when owner R.D. "Bill" Kelley died of a heart attack after pulling his car out of his driveway, following a full day at work.

Interior business signs reporting "good buys"

and various prices still dot the walls of Kelley's office, presumably where he hung them.

One especially poignant note tells a visitor in over-sized handwriting that he will be closed from the "21st until? Gone to hospital. Bill."

Kelley's death brought an end to an era in the Clarkston. A native son, Kelley began working for the lumber yard as a general worker in 1944 when it was known as the Miller & Beardslee Lumber Co. He stayed on when the business changed hands, and bought it himself in 1955. He renamed the business Clarkston Lumber in 1963.



Proud purchase: Michael Odette, of Independence Township, stands by the Clarkston Lumber Co. building, which he plans to transform into a home.

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Springfield residents vote for Miller, millage

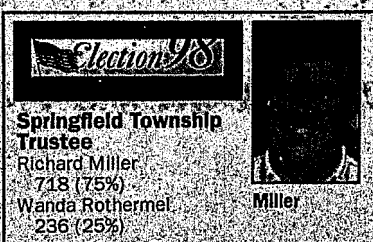
A fraction of the registered voters in Springfield Township elected to maintain the status quo in their community during Tuesday's primary.

Just 1,890 of the township's 9,571 registered voters cast ballots on several county and statewide issues as well as a township trustee's position and a police millage.

Trustee Richard D. Miller, 54, who was appointed to fill a vacancy by the board last September, took 75 percent of the votes in his race. He received 718 votes to challenger Wanda Rothermel's 236 votes. By state law, Miller had to seek election in the primary because he was an appointee.

"I'm pleased with the outcome," he said Wednesday morning. "Another two years remains of this term. There's plenty to do. I'm looking forward to working with the board. I think we're in for some pretty interesting times."

Miller, a graduate of Wayne State University and Harvard University, will



hold the seat until November 2000, when several trustee positions will be up for election.

A resident of Caribou Lake Lane, Miller is the founder of RDM Associates, a management and tax consulting firm based in Springfield Township. He has lived in the township since 1996.

Rothermel, a long-time resident who has been an outspoken member of the community and who has faithfully attended board meetings in the past, said she would continue to attend meet-

ings and express her voice.

"I congratulated Mr. Miller yesterday," she said, emphasizing that she would like to thank the voters and residents who supported her campaign.

Rothermel, who declined to give her age, is a former apartment complex owner and also owns the Old House Inn on Dixie Highway.

In Springfield, the voters also decided to renew their police millage, totaling 1.5 mills, for another 10 years. The police millage was passed with 966 votes in support of the proposal, or 68 percent, to 459 "no" votes.

The rolled-back rate of 1.3483 mills will cost the homeowner of a house with a \$100,000 taxable value \$134.84 in taxes the first year.

The millage rate is rolled back because of a requirement in the state's Headlee Amendment, which limits the income of a taxing authority based on the rate of inflation.

The 1.5 mills funds 60 percent of the

police budget, which includes one sergeant and six deputies. Police staff members cover three shifts, seven days per week, and are under contract through the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

The millage is expected to raise approximately \$487,000 in the first year it is levied.

"I'm glad we can keep on working," said Sgt. Pat Miles, the head of the sheriff's substation following the election. "We appreciate the continued support of the community."

Township Supervisor Collin Walls, who expressed disappointment with the low voter turnout, said he was happy but not surprised that the police millage passed and would be glad to welcome Miller to the board for another two years.

"Unfortunately, there was not a very good turnout," he said. "But the end result at the township level seemed to be very appropriate."

Beaumont OB-GYN starts local practice

Clarkston-area residents who want to deliver their babies at William Beaumont Hospital now can stay nearby for those monthly and weekly prenatal visits.

Brian Torok, M.D., a Beaumont-affiliated obstetrician-gynecologist, is opening his practice this week at 6483 Citation Drive.

Dr. Torok first became interested in medicine when, at age 6, he helped clean and bandage his older sister's cut arm. "I realized I enjoyed helping people," he said.

A man of many interests, Dr. Torok is as enthusiastic about his hobbies as he is about his work—especially fishing. "I love to fish, and it gives me the opportunity to spend time with family and friends," says Dr. Torok.

Dr. Torok is concentrating on providing a full range of obstetrics and gynecologic care for the women in the surrounding area. His services include general gynecology, prenatal care, infertility treatment, PMS and menopause treatment, and treatment of chronic pelvic pain and endometriosis.

Dr. Torok graduated from the University of Notre Dame and the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine in Ohio. He completed his postgraduate training at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Affiliated with Beaumont, Dr. Torok participates with most insurances and has some evening and week-end appointments available. Call (248) 922-0856 for an appointment.

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In the Republican state House race, which proved more competitive than the Senate primary, Johnson received 40.7 percent of the vote; Gallant took 35.2 percent; Pat Woods, received 21 percent, and John Laue took 3 percent.

Opposing Johnson for the seat in November is Democrat Roxanne La Montaine, who ran unopposed in the Tuesday primary.

Johnson, 43, resides in Groveland Township and has been representing North Oakland County as a county commissioner since 1988. She is also a lifetime resident of North Oakland County.

Communities represented by the 46th District House include the City of Clarkston and the townships of Independence and

Springfield. All three communities fall under the 16th District state Senate, as well.

When broken down by community, local race figures, however, did not always mimic the end results of the two Republican primaries. Races in which the losing Republican candidates garnered overall community support include:

- Independence Township – 16th District state Senate – Dunaskiss, 1579 votes
 - Middleton, 1712 votes
 - Springfield Township – 46th District state House – Johnson, 403 votes
 - Gallant, 481 votes
 - Woods, 178 votes
 - Laue, 33 votes
- Voters in Clarkston also supported Middleton over Dunaskiss, 143 to 56 votes.

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The Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield ordains that the Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to rezone the following described property to Planned unit development (PUD) from R-2 (1.0 acres One Family Residential) and OS (Office Service):

Approximately 44.50 acres located south of Davisburg Rd., west of Andersonville Rd. and east of Ormond Rd. P.I. 07-17-301-015.

Said amendment having been conditionally adopted in accordance with the provisions of the Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance No. 26 at a regularly-scheduled meeting of the Township Board held May 14, 1998, which conditions have now been met. Further, said amendment shall become effective seven (7) days after publication of this Notice of Adoption.

The PUD and site plan and the entire Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance may be examined at the Clerk's Office, Charter Township of Springfield, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, Michigan, during regular office hours Monday through Friday. Anyone needing a special accommodation should contact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) days in advance.

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And Gallant also beat out Johnson in nearby Highland Township, according to Gallant's campaign manager and wife Angie Gallant, who spoke on the candidate's behalf after the election.

These results, Gallant said Wednesday, show that political experience did not play as large a role in the local legislative races as some have suggested.

"I don't think the lack of political experience had much to do with it," she said. "When you look at the way the numbers came back," a different picture surfaces, said Gallant.

"We won Springfield ... and we took second in every (other) community," she said. "Name identification (affected us) in Holly, Groveland and Rose townships."

"We started out and people told us ... that we didn't have a

'We'll campaign real hard throughout the fall'

Mat Dunaskiss
Republican primary winner

chance. But we took on this race in what turned out to be just a couple hundred votes – and made it very, very competitive."

Both Dunaskiss and Johnson said they were confident about facing their Democratic opponents in November, given the two respective districts' historic support of the Republican Party.

"But you never take it lightly," said Dunaskiss. "You work hard. We'll campaign real hard throughout the fall," he said.

"It's a strong Republican district," added Johnson. "But I don't take anything for granted."

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Independence residents approve millage proposals

Voters give thumbs up to library, safety paths

Independence Township residents showed their vested interest in the community Tuesday by passing a millage renewal for the township's library and a millage increase to fund the safety path system.

The critical library millage renewal for 0.7436 mill passed with 3,418 supporting votes. A total of 1,369 votes were cast against the millage.

"We were really pleased that it passed," said Mollie Lynch, director of the Independence Township Library. "And it passed by a nice margin."

Indicated as proposal one on the township's ballot, the millage would have expired this year. The renewed tax will be levied for a period of four years beginning in December and is estimated to collect \$632,774 in the first year levied.

Lynch stressed that the millage is only a renewal and the funds are necessary to keep the library operating as it has been.

"It really is the status quo," said Lynch. "We won't generate any new funds."

Under the millage, Independence Township residents living in a home with a market value of about \$181,000, will pay approximately \$67.20 annually for library services.

The millage covers 71 percent of the library's current operating budget. It funds most library services from building maintenance to the stock of books. The remaining 29 percent of the budget is obtained from a combination of sources. The township's general fund, state aid, and donations help cover costs of operating the library, said Lynch.

Residents of Clarkston and Independence Township have demonstrated a need for the services in statistics — 60 percent of the population own library cards, Lynch said.

Township residents also supported a millage increase to fund the community's safety path sys-

tem. The request for a safety path millage passed with 2,637 favorable votes, which will both renew a previously authorized levy of 0.3646 mill, and raises it by 0.1354 mill.

The current total of 0.5 mill will fund the construction and repair of township safety paths for the next 10 years.

"I'm pleased to see people in the community continuing to support the safety path program," said Dale Stuart, township supervisor and Safety Path Committee spokesman. "It's a program that has proven to be

important to the ambiance of the community."

As proposal two on the ballot, 2,133 voiced opposition. Stuart said he would've liked to see a wider margin, but he

appreciates the support of the residents.

The millage will allow the township to continue building an interconnected system of safety paths along the main thoroughfares, he said.

The Safety Path Committee has identified more than \$6 million in projects.

Over the next 10 years, the millage will raise about \$4.5 million toward those projects, Stuart said.

What does that mean to the average homeowner?

For individuals living in a home with a market value of \$181,000, the millage will cost \$45.19 per year. It poses an increase of \$12.24 per year in taxes.

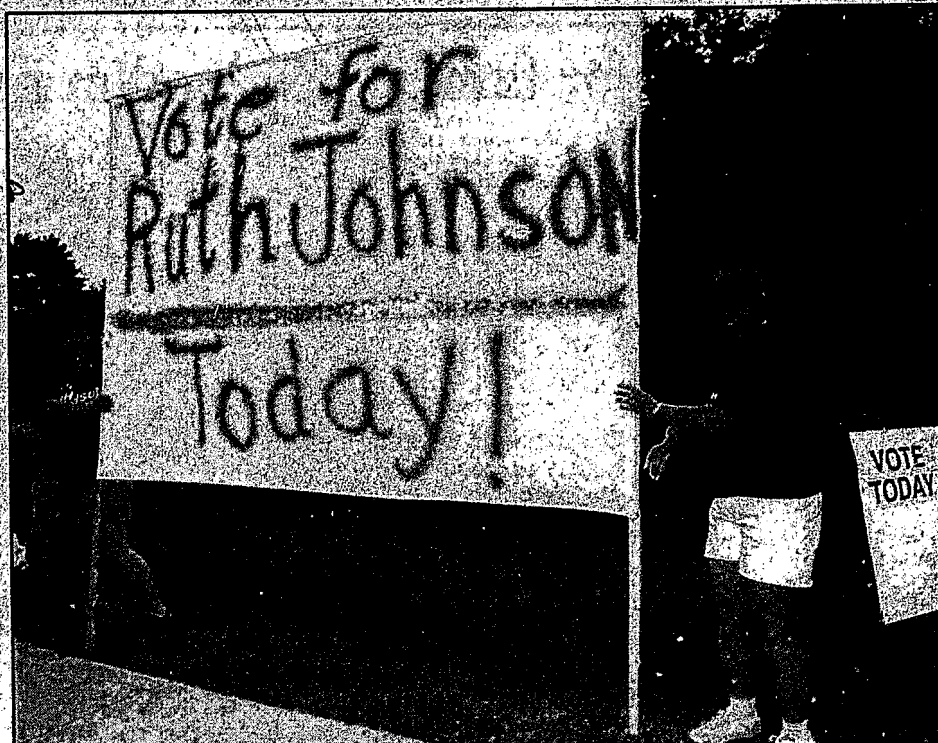
While Stuart himself declared that he is reluctant to see taxes "creep up," he said that the millage will only benefit the community.

"The advantage is that this is a means of recreation," he said. "The paths are inexpensive and people are benefiting from exercise."

"People can leisurely go from one area of the community to the other and enjoy some good exercise," Stuart said.



Decision time: Clarkston area voters prepare to cast their ballots on Tuesday at precinct nine at Clarkston Middle School.



Hard at work: Campaign workers for Ruth Johnson, who won her bid for the 46th District's state representative seat, were getting the word out at the corner of Waldon and Main in downtown Clarkston on voting day.



The vote: Former federal prosecutor Jeff Gallant, who finished second in the Republican race for the 46th district's state representative seat, casts his vote Tuesday at Clarkston Middle School.

No contest in Clarkston as four file for city races

The primary election may have wrapped up earlier this week, but in Clarkston election time has just begun.

As county- and state-level politicians vie for seats in government, the City of Clarkston seeks candidates to fill four local offices. With three trustee positions and one mayoral position on the ballot, the candidates hoping to fill those spots could impact the future direction of the city.

Three incumbents and one newcomer filed to run for office by the deadline of 4 p.m. Aug. 4.

Mayor Sharron Catallo has announced she will run for re-

election, as will trustees Anne N. Clifton and Karen L. Sanderson.

Trustee Douglas Roeser will not seek re-election in November. Clarkston resident Michael S. Kelley has filed for the vacant position created by Roeser's decision not to run.

All four individuals are running without opposition for city offices. Each office involves a term of two years.

The election will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 3. Write-in candidates may compete for the available offices. Those candidates must file for positions by Friday, Oct. 30.

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On May 24, the family of Kevin and Cathy Bouchard, lifelong Clarkston residents, suffered a great tragedy. Cathy, 8 months pregnant with a son, Matthew, and their daughter, Rachelle, 7, were the victims of a multi-vehicle accident on Dixie Highway, just north of I-

75. Matthew and Rachelle were killed. Cathy sustained injuries requiring months of rehabilitation.

The Bouchard Memorial Benefit will be held Aug. 30 to help the family with expenses associated with the accident. The event will take place at the

Clarkston Creek Golf Course, 8060 Maybee Road, Clarkston. The benefit will include an 18 Hole, 4-person team scramble with a shot-gun start, including a cart, followed by a New York Strip Steak dinner, raffle and silent auction.

Anyone interested in provid-

ing donations or to obtain information about the golf and dinner is asked to place contact Lisa Anderson, Americare Home Health Care, at (248) 322-9426.

Payments for the dinner and/or dance are needed by Aug. 7.

County from page A1

ty commission results an "unexpected" win.

"We still have the general election," Galloway said. "I don't take that lightly."

While completing his third term as state House representative, Galloway will have to continue to juggle his legislative work with the campaign.

"I look forward to working with Huntoon during the next few months," said Galloway, who considers his former political opponent to be a friend.

Although Huntoon will not return to the board after December, she said she is proud of her accomplishments within county government.

Huntoon is the only current commissioner to have served on

I can hold my head high. I served my people well. I've always run a clean campaign.

Donna Huntoon

Oakland County Commissioner, commenting on her election loss

all standing committees. She cites her work in the area of public safety as having resulted in a lower crime rate.

"I can hold my head high," said Huntoon. "I served my people well. I've always run a clean campaign."

In previous interviews, Huntoon touted the achievements of her opponent. She

referred to him as a "fine and successful businessman."

After a 9-year career as county commissioner, the 68-year-old Clarkston resident said she has already received several job offers. But she's not sure what the future may hold. She does anticipate spending more time with her grandchildren, she said.

"I've got a lot of catching up to do after having worked at the county," she said.

For Tuesday's winner, the work is just beginning.

Galloway cites years of experience as his key qualification for the position. The business owner and former White Lake Township trustee said he's willing and able to represent the interests of Oakland County residents.

Galloway has been endorsed by County Executive L. Brooks Patterson. If elected in November, Galloway would represent a larger geographic area than he has in the state House.

Galloway said he is familiar with the key issues facing Oakland County because he worked on many of them at the state level during his three terms in Lansing. His primary goal remains the same — to represent everyone impartially, he said.

If he assumes the commission seat in January, Galloway said he looks forward to hearing from the people in his community and will work toward promoting Oakland County as "the great county that it is."

POLICE NEWS

The following incidents were reported to police and fire agencies in Springfield and Independence townships between July 29-Aug. 3.

Springfield Police

Vandalism

On Aug. 1, a boat hoist cover, dock and landscape lighting were reported damaged at a residence on Embury.

Thefts

On July 31, a cellular phone was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Davisburg Road.

Independence Police

Thefts

On July 29, stereo equipment was reported stolen from a vehicle that was parked on Sun Valley.

On July 30, golf clubs were among the items reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Meadows.

On July 30, a cell phone was reported stolen from someone at Pine Knob Music Theater on Pine Knob Road.

On July 31, a spare tire was reported stolen from a vehicle that was parked on Mohawk.

On July 31, a wallet and pouch containing various credit cards and money were reported stolen from a site on Dixie Highway.

On July 31, recycling bins were reported stolen from a residence on Reese Road.

On July 31, a back pack, purses and cellular phone were among the items stolen from a

vehicle parked on Sashabaw Road.

Burglary

On July 31, a business on Ortonville Road was reported illegally entered. It was not immediately known if anything was taken.

Vandalism

On July 31, air conditioning units and refrigeration units were damaged at a business on Flemings Lake Road.

On July 31, construction equipment was reported damaged at a site on Maybee Road.

Independence Fire

Between July 29-Aug. 3, firefighters responded to 28 calls. Among them were 16 medical runs, three personal injury accidents, one fuel spill and two grass fires. They included:

On Aug. 1, firefighters assisted a 75-year-old woman who was experiencing a possible stroke at a residence on Elk Run Court. She was transported to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital by ambulance.

On Aug. 1, firefighters assisted an 84-year-old man on Robertson Court. He was transported to North Oakland Medical Center by ambulance.

On Aug. 1, firefighters assisted a cat that was stuck in the engine compartment of a vehicle that was parked on East Princeton.

On Aug. 1, firefighters responded to a house fire on Perry Lake Road. There were no occupants in the home during the fire.

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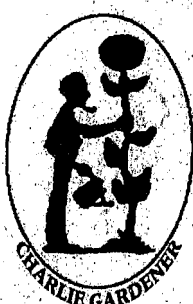
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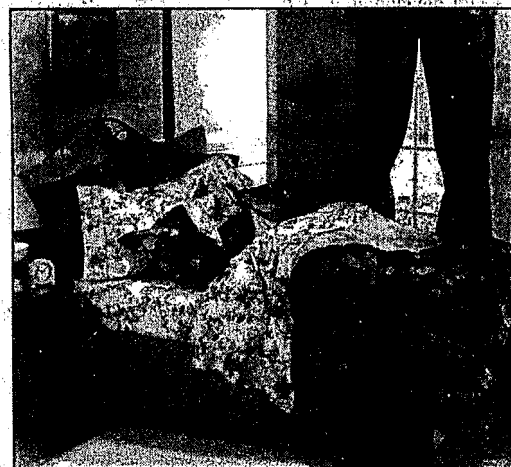
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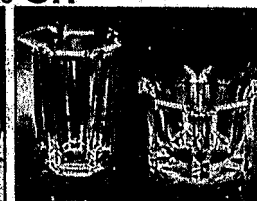
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OCC counselors help people at the crossroads

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Counselors have new tools at Oakland Community College. They also have new responsibilities. And they've always had the fun and challenge of "meeting people at the crossroads of their lives," in the words of Ruth Grass.

"The job is unique at a community college," said 20-year veteran Grass, who works at the Highland Lakes Campus, "because the counselor handles such a wide variety of people — people from 18-80. The kid from high school. The divorced mom. The senior citizen. The laid-off worker seeking retraining. People who want to re-career."

She said she loves the challenges she faces.

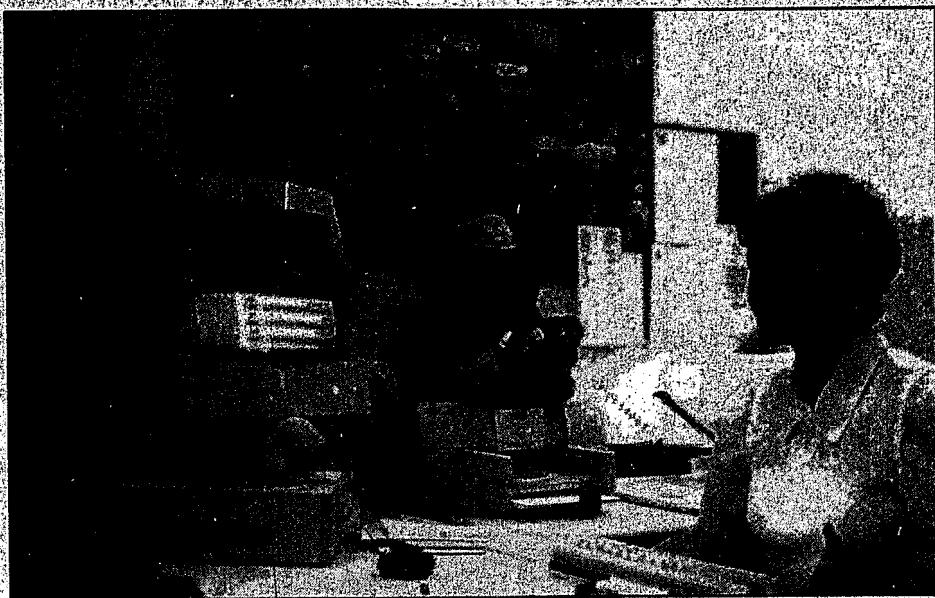
"How do you help people get unstuck? I love that work! When a light bulb comes on," she said, using the comic strip analogy, "that's pretty powerful stuff. People bring in their lives: work schedules, families, (lack of) support at home, test anxiety. Some I refer to the financial aid office. Ours is right across the hall," she said, nodding across a corridor in the campus Highland Hall.

Unlike universities

That makes counseling at a two-year, open-admissions college far different from counseling at a university.

"Such support is not commonly available in higher education," said OCC Chancellor Richard T. Thompson, himself a former counselor. Community colleges are "opportunity institutions" so "transitions are a large part of our students' lives," he said.

Grass elaborated: "At a university, a counselor is a faculty advisor, and it's organized around an academic curriculum. Here it's on a more personal level — social development, academic advising, career planning. We have so many partnerships with business and industry (retraining and upgrading existing workforce members). It's not



Offering guidance: Oakland Community College counselors must deal with a wide range of people, everyone from 18-year-olds straight out of high school to adults training for a new career.

an easy job."

She uses another analogy: A counselor is like a naval navigator who is supposed to know the waters, the reefs, the shoals, the passages. "Everything is goal-centered and student-centered. We (counselors) are not here to fill classes. Students' goals vary — and change."

New tools

"Counselors see themselves as high-tech, but in the last five years we've become high-tech," she said, patting the keyboard of her computer with its VCR program. VCR stands for verified counseling record.

Grass records every interview with a student, the advice she gives and gives the student a printout.

"They (students) leave with a printed plan of work. They love it. They have something tangible. And I'm accountable," Grass added that a later counselor also

can look up the advice she gave that student.

"It's the most exciting thing in counseling in a long time," she said — "once you learn the system."

Most counselors are generalists, but a few are specialists, such as Roger Zapinski, who knows the computer information system curriculum, and Larry Gage, who helps the impaired. Both hold doctorates. Foreign student advisors, who know the immigration rules, are in a separate office.

Computers also help counselors look up the programs and requirements of universities to which students might transfer.

"More students are university-bound," said Grass. "That percentage has increased. Some of our students are university students who come here for the summer. A student may come in and say, 'I want to transfer to Michigan State, and I want to know exactly what courses will

transfer.' We also have a lot of undecided students. My question to them usually is, 'What do you want OCC to do for you?'"

Options are plentiful, she said. "We have career planning classes. We have career centers on every campus that give assessment tests, do a personality and interests inventory, look for patterns."

New emphasis

OCC has put greater emphasis on counseling, in part because it guides students away from failure, in part because it helps student retention.

Take the literacy program. Previously, a student who finished at Level 1 on the ASSET test in English and needs developmental English course must see a counselor. Now, anyone finishing at Levels 1 and 2 must see a counselor. "That's a whole other group we've been asked to see," Grass said.

"At a university, a counselor is a faculty advisor, and it's organized around an academic curriculum. Here it's on a more personal level — social development, academic advising, career planning. We have so many partnerships with business and industry (retraining and upgrading existing workforce members). It's not an easy job."

Ruth Grass
OCC counselor

Also, students registering in the same course for the fourth time must see a counselor. "The student may have dropped out. There may have been a job change, or he may have been ill. He needs to articulate his commitment," Grass said.

She said 95 percent of students are receptive, open and motivated. "They said, 'I need you.' Some are frustrated because they're on a hold."

MA required

OCC has about three dozen counselors, who rank with faculty. A few teach, too. Counselors tend to come from the ranks of teachers and social workers or psychologists.

"All possess master's degrees," Thompson said.

"I taught eighth grade English for two years while my husband was in the seminary," said Grass, a Walled Lake resident. "It was the hardest work I ever did. I had the leader of a

women's gang in my class" in a town near Dayton, Ohio.

"When my husband got his first church, I decided to get my MA in guidance and counseling (from Ohio State)." At OCC she won an "outstanding faculty" award in 1991.

Grass also has been tapped for other work in the college. She was an interim academic dean and recently she retired as president of the Academic Senate, which decides on new courses, new programs and the grading system.

Said George Cartsonis, OCC's director of college communications and himself a former counselor: "You can't have administrators doing that."

Each of OCC's five campuses has a counseling office. Phone numbers, all in the 248 area code, are: Auburn Hills, 340-6574; Highland Lakes, 360-3069; Orchard Ridge, 471-7569; Royal Oak, 544-5574; and Southfield, 552-2650.

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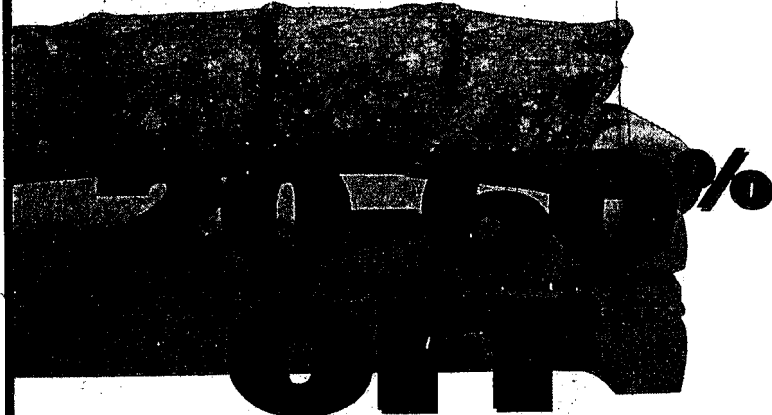
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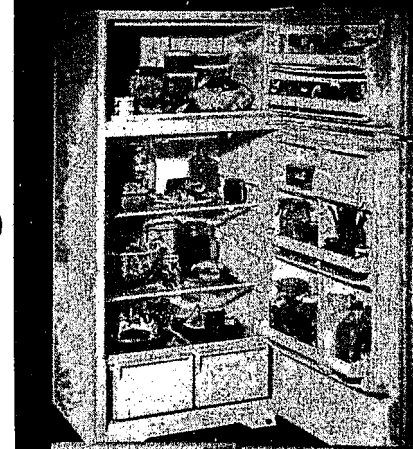
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- Wednesday, Aug. 19, 9-11 a.m. — Senior orientation.
- Wednesday, Aug. 19, 1-3 p.m. — Junior orientation.
- Thursday, Aug. 20, 9-11 a.m. — Sophomore orientation.

■ Friday, Aug. 21, 9-11 a.m. — Freshman orientation.

■ Thursday, Aug. 20, 7 p.m. — Parental meetings for ninth graders and all students new to the district.

During orientation, students will receive their class schedules. In addition, students may:

- Receive parking permits and parking information.

■ Purchase athletic home season tickets.

■ Have ID pictures taken (ninth grade/new students and students who need IDs).

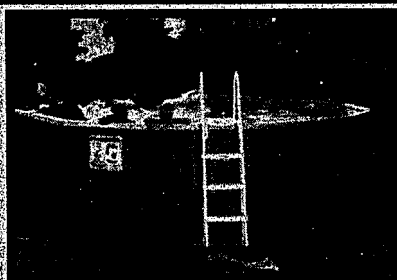
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OBITUARIES

Cecil T. Wilmot

Cecil T. Wilmot, a lifetime Clarkston resident, died Aug. 2, 1998, at age 95.

Mr. Wilmot was a member of Clarkston Community Church and retired from Pontiac Motors as a pipe fitter.

He is survived by his daughter, Margie Olliffe of Clarkston, and sons, Paul (Marie) of Clarkston and John (Florence) of Davisburg, 11 grandchildren, many great grandchildren and brother Lester (Elise) of California.

Funeral arrangements were made by Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home in Clarkston. Interment took place at Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may

be made to the Clarkston Community Church of God, 6300 Clarkston Road, Clarkston 48346, or the Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6800 Waldon Road, Clarkston 48346.

David Richard "Rags" Ragatz

David Richard "Rags" Ragatz of Clarkston died Aug. 1, 1998, at age 56.

Mr. Ragatz retired from Pontiac Motors after 30 years as an electrician. He had been a UAW committeeman and had coached Clarkston Chiefs Little League football. He also recently worked at Springfield Oaks Golf Course.

He is survived by his wife, Judi; daughters, Wendy (Hank) Roehl of Clarkston and Dee Dee

(Michael) Welch of Davisburg; son, David II (Nancy) of Waterford and five grandchildren. He is also survived by his mother, Rosanna; brothers, Paul (Betty), Phil (Esther) and Carmen (Jan) and sisters-in-law Kay and Barbara.

Funeral arrangements were made by Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home in Clarkston. Services were held at Christ Lutheran Church, Waterford, with Rev. Richard C. Nelson officiating. Interment took place at Ottawa Park Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the church at 5987 Williams Lake Road, Waterford 48329-3280, or to the Leukemia Society, 21617 Harper Ave., St. Clair Shores, MI 48080-2254.

Lumber from page A1

On July 17, attorney Michael Odette, 45, and his wife, Geri, 44, signed the papers on the \$125,000 deal that made the lumber yard property theirs.

They plan to raze at least two of the buildings, and renovate others, while constructing a home on the site, which measures just over one acre in size. They will probably not begin building until next year, said Michael Odette, due to the amount of sorting, demolishing and cleaning that needs to be done.

"I'm going to have a little Clarkston Lumber museum," Odette said, while giving a tour of the empty buildings to a Clarkston Eccentric reporter and a photographer.

Odette said he plans to put lumbering and store memorabilia he finds on the property in the basement of his future home. Already, he has found relic

machinery such as a 1920's era saw and a paint shaker, old bottles, an antique refrigerator and written logs that date back to when the lumber yard was owned by Miller & Beardslee.

"I will save them as souvenirs," he said. "It's a neat old building. There's some stuff that's still good in here."

Odette has already razed one 110-foot, open-style building, called a "lumber rack" on the property. He intends to demolish what he calls "the barn" — the ramshackle centerpiece of the former business — and to take off additions that were previously built on the end of the office.

Odette and his wife plan to refurbish the knotty-pine office into a guest home and possibly renovate two other outbuildings. They also plan to erect a brick fence and stately gate across the drive.

For their residence, Odette

said, "I'll build a big one that matches the stuff on Holcomb Street. Like a little estate. I think this area will justify a big house. I think as an investment, I could never go wrong. I love doing this kind of stuff."

The Odettes have experience building a home before. Michael Odette said he and his wife did most of the work on a residence they once owned in Springfield Township. Currently, they reside with the three youngest of their five children in Independence Township — barely a log's roll away.

Odette said he and Geri purchased the lumber yard property the same day it went on the market.

"We met them here and, boom! — gave them their asking price," he said. "We always come down here for trick-or-treating. It's the nicest street around."

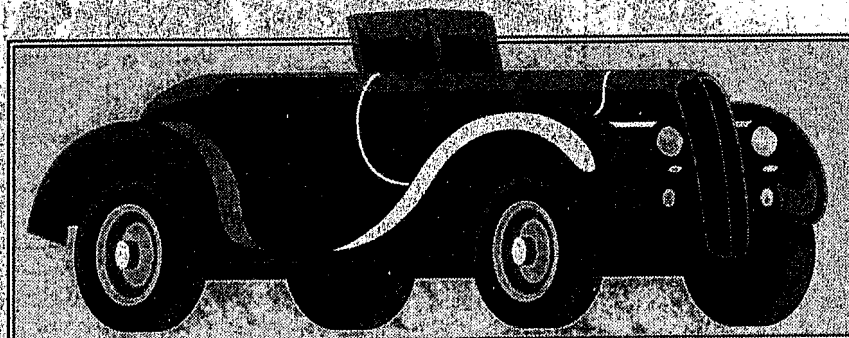
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Communities say bill would make it too easy for businesses to leave

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Cities in southeastern Michigan are putting the heat on Gov. John Engler to veto a bill they say grants too much power to "pirate" communities to lure away business.

An Engler spokesman said the governor will sign Senate Bill 733 by the end of the week.

"There are 60 communities with local enterprise zones," said Paul L. Tait, executive director of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments as he spread word of the veto effort.

"The target bill began life as an effort to ease taxes on charitable trusts but was amended in the House.

As Farmington Hills Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi put it in a letter to Engler: "The measure can lead to the pirating of businesses from one community to another without the safeguards that the benefits will go to communities with need."

'Sneak attack'

He likened lawmakers' tactics to a "sneak attack" because they bypassed the normal committee process. Vagnozzi quoted from the House Republican search staff which said, "This bill does not require an exit visa like other legislation offering tax breaks for locating in distressed areas ... This bill does not allow local government units to exert such influence when businesses leave their area ...

"Any of these municipalities (those seeking to lure businesses by exempting 100 percent of newly acquired personal property) can establish a new industrial development district by resolution. In addition, it is not that difficult to declare an area distressed, so more local government units may follow.

"This bill does not restrict the exemption to new personal property ... So personal property exempt under PA 198 (the indus-



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*Aldo Vagnozzi
Farmington Hills Mayor*

trial facilities tax), for example, could be moved into a new exempt district when its current exemption expires and maintain the property's exempt status."

Rochester Hills Mayor Kenneth Snell had a similar complaint. "Under current laws," he said, "when a company wishes to relocate jobs in order to receive a tax abatement from another community, the host community must review and approve the relocation. Rochester Hills has been the recipient and giver of such company moves ... In fact, we've never refused such an employment transfer...

"SB 733 would allow communities to lure companies without this approval step. This bill will create unfair results and long-term liabilities for all communities," he said, urging Engler to veto it.

Passed in February

SB 733 passed the Senate Feb. 25 on a 37-0 vote. On May 27 it was reported out of the House Tax Policy Committee, headed by Rep. Kirk Profit (D-Ypsilanti). But on July 3, it was amended several times on the House floor and passed 61-20.

On the same day, the Senate

concurred in House amendments on a 31-2 vote with four absent.

The bill allows the governing body of a local assessing unit (city or township) to exempt "all new personal property of an eligible business located in an eligible district."

It says the state treasurer, "with the written concurrence of the Department of Michigan Jobs Commission, shall advise the State Tax Commission as to whether exempting the new personal property of the eligible business is necessary to reduce unemployment, promote economic growth and increase capital investment in the state."

Eligible districts to receive such investments include industrial development districts under PA 198 of 1974, "renaissance zones" under a 1996 law, "enterprise zones" under a 1985 law, "brownfield development zones" under a 1996 law, "empowerment zones" under the 1986 federal Internal Revenue Code "tax increment finance authority" zones under a 1980 law, an authority district under the Local Development Financing Act of 1986, and a "downtown development district" under the 1975 law.

Partnership benefits OCC students

A partnership between Oakland Community College and Eastern Michigan University will enable OCC students to acquire the technical and management skills and qualify for employment in the general contracting field.

The new construction management option of OCC's management development program can lead to an associate's degree in applied science. It was developed by the two schools in cooperation with industry experts and follows guidelines established by major construction associations. Graduates will qualify to work in such entry- and middle-level management jobs as scheduling, planning, surveying, construction safety and assisting project managers.

Students will be able to take the OCC classes at any of the college's five campuses. Twenty credit hours of major requirements in construction are taken through EMU, but those classes are all offered at OCC's Orchard Ridge campus

in Farmington Hills. Two EMU classes will be presented at Orchard Ridge this fall — CNST 125 (Introduction to Construction) and CNST 201 (Construction Systems). The two courses may be taken concurrently.

The associate degree in Construction Management is conferred by OCC, but students who wish to continue their education may be able to apply up to 100 OCC credits toward a bachelor's of science degree in construction from EMU. All necessary classes to complete the EMU bachelor's degree may also be taken at OCC's Orchard Ridge campus.

Students who declare a major in construction management are also eligible to apply for the recently announced Governor's Scholarship Program which covers one half the cost of books, fees and tuition for two years of full time study, or four years of part time study.

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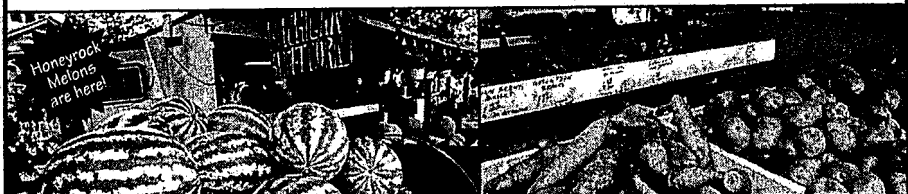
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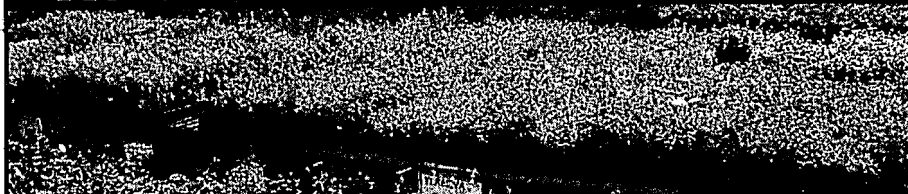
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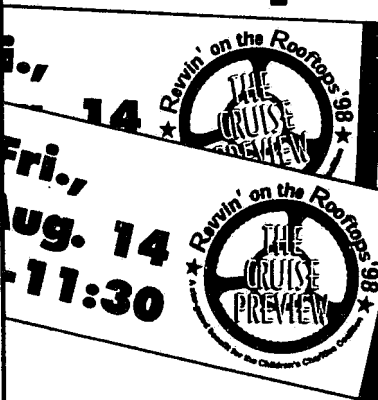
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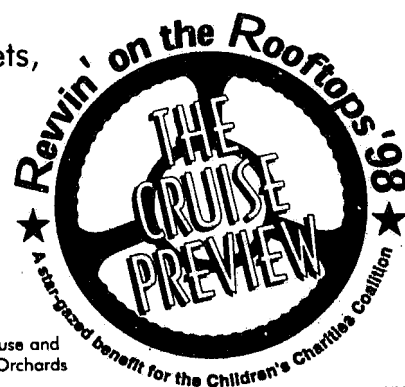
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It has been more than 30 years since Simon and Garfunkel came out with "The Sounds of Silence." It begins, "Hello darkness, my old friend. I've come to talk with you again."

Simon and Garfunkel were telling us that all true communication arises out of silence.

Silence is hardly ever mere silence; rather, it is expressive of many moods. There is the deafening silence that occurs between married partners when conflict between them charges the air with tension.

There is the stillness of a warm summer's night, when every moment seems to fade into eternity and the silence seems to go on forever.

There is the cosmic silence, out beyond our earth's atmosphere, that echoes into the next galaxy. There is the silence of two lovers who gaze into each other's eyes, being content to know one another without the need for words that would only get in the way. There is the golden silence of hateful words never spoken, and there is the cowardly silence of those who stand still in the face of injustice.

Silence has many moods, and it is true that all real communication requires silence.

When disputes arise between labor and manage-

ment, between husband and wife, between parent and child, between haves and have-nots, it takes silence for people to listen and wisely reflect before responding. Intelligible speech, itself, is not possible without the punctuation of silence.

When there is no silence to separate the words into sentences, speech breaks down as all the syllables run together. Silence is required for the making of music; for the rhythms of any piece of music are defined by the silence that breaks the sound.

We live in a society in which silence is little appreciated or respected. It is a society that is a swirl of noises and distractions. We break the silence of sleep with a noisy alarm, as if getting up is an alarming thing.

We fill the air with the din of mechanical noises that all come together in an indistinguishable groan.

We fill the room with voices shouting, while no one is listening. It seems that we will do almost anything to kill the silence.

Perhaps this is because we are afraid of any true communication.

After all, when we really communicate, we are exposed for who we really are.

There is nowhere to hide in the midst of silence, and the truth will come out. This is why it is written, "Be still and know that I am God..." God speaks to use out of the silence, but we must have the courage to enter into silence so that God's truth may speak to our need.

Lunch and learn program coming to Shir Tikvah

BY BARR PIRT TEMPLETON
SPECIAL WRITER

Congregation Shir Tikvah in Troy will host a lunch and learn program, welcoming business people and others in and around the area to take their lunch break and enjoy an on-going invigorating weekly discussion in a new series entitled, "Jewish Spirituality: Our Sages Speak."

"We sent out invitations to lots of the conservative and reform congregations in the metro-Detroit area," Janet Schenk, publicity chairperson, said. "We want them to tell their congregates who work in our area to stop by during lunch on Mondays."

Sessions will begin on Monday, Aug. 10 at 12:15 p.m. Modeled after a lunch and learn format, the discussions will represent a liberal approach to the study of pre-modern Jewish texts through active learning.

The sessions will take a participatory approach,

rather than a passive one, as guests discuss their own insights from the text. "This is not a lecture series," Schenk said. "And there is a lot of text to read but this is not a book club."

The group's main idea is to bring people back to the Jewish doctrines by reading the text and framing their own opinions about it.

"We want to say, 'Hey guys, we don't have to listen to what other people are saying all the time. It's not just about listening, let's actively participate in a roundtable discussion about it,'" Schenk said.

The text, "Pirke Avot" (Ethics of the Fathers), is edited and translated by Leonard Kravitz and Kerry Olitzky who present a fresh, new approach to a Jewish classic. The book also includes traditional commentaries from Rashi and Maimonides as well as selections from more contemporary Jewish philosophers.

"And this is pretty rare to invite congregates from another church to attend things, but our building is brand new and we want to try new things and get the word out that we are here," Schenk said.

Congregation Shir Tikvah was founded 15 years ago and held services, social events and educational functions at various locations before opening their own facility off Wattles between Crooks and Coolidge, last April.

"We are about the only reformed congregation east of Woodward," Schenk said. "And we feel very blessed to be here."

Those interested in attending the lunch sessions can purchase their food at the church or participants may "brown bag" it. There will be no charge to participate.

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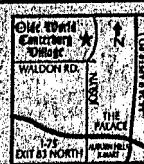


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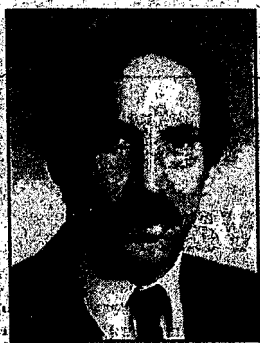
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Circuit court race focuses on O'Brien, Kaplan

The real work is just beginning.

That's what Steve Kaplan and Colleen O'Brien said Wednesday after briefly savoring their primary victories in a tight, three-way race to become the newest judge on the Oakland Circuit Court.

O'Brien of Rochester Hills and Kaplan of West Bloomfield finished first and second, respectively, in the primary election to replace retiring Judge Robert C. Anderson. Finishing third was Richard D. Kuhn Jr., of Waterford.

O'Brien pulled 49,199 votes, or 35.5 percent of the total, according to uncertified results from the Elections Division of the county clerk's office. Kaplan pulled 46,283 votes, or 33.5 percent of the total, and Kuhn got 42,875 votes.

"I was pretty confident most of the night," said O'Brien, who watched election returns with friends and supporters at her home in Rochester Hills. "But I didn't realize I was going to finish first until about 3 a.m. I was elated."

O'Brien, 42, credited her strong showing to voters, who she said recognized that she has the diverse background required to be a good circuit judge.

That's also an essential part of her strategy going into the Nov. 3 election, she said. "I'm

going to continue to talk to voters and to educate them about what a circuit judge does and why I'm the best candidate."

O'Brien, a member of the Cummings, McClorey, Davis & Aho law firm, said she planned to take a couple days to unwind, after which she would resume efforts to contact voters.

Kaplan, 45, said he was happy about finishing second. "I'd rather have finished first," he said. "But with a difference of fewer than 3,000 voters, it really doesn't matter who finished first or second. What really matters is what happens between now and November."

Close elections are nothing new, Kaplan told supporters at Snooker's Pool and Pub in Royal Oak. "It just means we have to work harder," he said.

Kaplan took Wednesday off, but planned to be return to his job as a Macomb County assistant prosecutor on Thursday. But there won't be much time away from the campaign. "I've got a 'friend-raiser' Sunday in Ferndale," he said.

Kuhn, who spent election night at the home of his parents in Waterford, said he had no regrets about his campaign. "We ran a good, clean campaign," he said, "we just came up a little short."

OAKLAND DIGEST

Oakland Digest provides a summary of headline stories from around the county during the week leading up to Aug. 6.

BIRMINGHAM

One more time: Birmingham's Fourth of July fireworks show will apparently continue next year despite concerns from city fire officials. Fire officials said there were safety problems at this year's show at Lincoln Hills Golf Course, but noted they could be alleviated by moving spectator seating areas further from the site where fireworks are set off.

CLARKSTON

Classes coming: Lawrence Technological

University has announced plans to hold Clarkston-area classes beginning this fall. Southfield-based LTU will hold classes at the Oakland Technical Center in Springfield Township.

FARMINGTON

Racial slurs: Three teenagers face ethnic intimidation charges in Oakland County Probate Court for posting two cardboard signs filled with racial slurs outside Rainbow Rehabilitation in Farmington.

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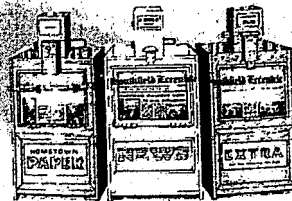
De-railed: The Grand Trunk and Western Railroad is filing abandonment plans for track stretching between Adams and

Dequindre Road in Rochester and Rochester Hills. Local officials are considering whether to convert it into a hiking trail or keep it open for a proposed dinner train or continued freight transport.

SOUTHFIELD

Good neighbor: Carolyn Armstrong is credited with saving the life of neighbor Herbert Andrews after he failed to respond to her knock on his door during a sweltering June day. Armstrong said she was concerned the 79-year-old Andrews was locked inside his Westland Street home without air conditioning or open windows. She then called paramedics who found the man collapsed on the floor, unconscious from dehydration.

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Enough already

Candidates should hasten to remove signs

By now, the dust has mostly settled and we all have a pretty fair idea who will be representing us in government during the next several years. We say "fair idea" because with few exceptions the primary election has pretty well determined the outcome of the general election in November.

Only a few races promise actual competition when districts are dominated by one party or another, a nasty side-effect of the synergy between post-1990 census reapportionment and term limits.

All the rules were thrown out the window this time around and despite predictions of chaos, things were about as orderly as anyone could have hoped. The campaigns were fairly clean and above board.

By and large, not a bad start.

A post-election request:

We would ask that candidates please pick up their signs, even if they are still in a contested general election race in November. Indeed, many communities have ordinances requiring candidates to pick up signs within a specified time following an election.

It is not for legality's sake that we plead, however.

For many candidates, signs have already been dotting the landscape for more than a month and while we are the first to defend the First Amendment right to free speech, we also expect common courtesy.

It should also be noted that political signs serve a purpose and for now that purpose has passed. Three months is too long a time for an intense political campaign and while we appreciate the thought and design elements that go into political signage, we prefer nature

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to multicolored, polymer-based placards.

Finally, though, we remind people that responsible self-government is the best way to ensure that candidates are free to run campaigns as they see fit.

More often than not, it is when a right is abused that government seems to come down on the side of regulation. In recent years, we have seen a deluge of ordinances designed to curb the flood of political signage.

Officials argue the ordinances are necessary because candidates seem incapable of controlling their urge to plaster a sign on every lawn, corner and vacant lot.

Candidates argue restrictions limit their freedom of speech.

The result has been a flood of lawsuits over the ordinances.

While we tend to think that free speech is paramount, we think it would be far more practical and civil if candidates would simply police themselves so government isn't compelled to enact even more stringent regulations.

Besides, a short respite between now and the November general election will do everyone — the candidates and voters — a lot of good.

Leadership vacuum still unfilled

The new millennium's coming, but I'm worried over what part metro Detroit will play.

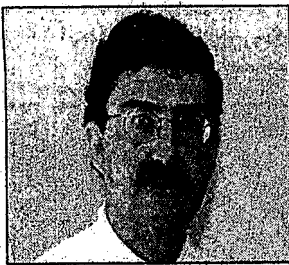
Several events this summer point to an ominous future for our state and region. The GM strike is over — hurrah! — but the recent Detroit casino vote, the awful Democratic gubernatorial primary and, most important, the potential Northwest Airlines pilots strike bring a clear focus on just how unprepared our state and region is to meet the future.

Some say Tuesday's casino vote was about minority empowerment. Others call it a reflection of one man's ego and political aims. No matter. The issue really is this: after all these years, people in our region would still rather argue than take action. I'm no fan of casinos. I'm concerned Detroit can get three casinos, but no new auto plants or, for that matter, supermarkets. Still, just across the river, Windsor set out to build a casino, built one and watched the money roll in. If I were a businessman, I'd much rather do business in a city like that.

Then, there's that fiasco of a gubernatorial primary. It's doubtful the three-headed race between Geoffrey Fieger, Larry Owen and Doug Ross even deserved a winner. Fieger stirred passions and even raised issues, though in a scatter-shot way. But he never showed that he would be anything more than one man alone, someone who could argue but couldn't effect action. Owen's own passions were at long last stirred in rebuking those who linked him with casino interests (See how this is all tied together?), but offered he no reason at all as to why anyone should elect him to any office. Ross, by all accounts a decent, if stodgy, politician, hurt only his own credibility with his attack ads. Ugh.

Republicans can take little solace. Last year's Republican-dominated Legislature will go down in history for spending on prisoners but not college students, for trying to arm the public while gutting other governmental protections.

The answer is leadership. The question is who, in either party, can provide it on even the most rudimentary level.



WAYNE PEAL

Last, we come to the potential airline strike. This one's personal. Maybe like you, I'm one of the thousands of metro Detroiters whose travel plans are on hold, perhaps indefinitely, as a result of the potential walkout by Northwest pilots.

Such a strike would bludgeon our local economy and leave it comatose. There's anger to be directed toward Northwest, a textbook case in how to serve investors while alienating customers. There's anger to be directed at the pilots union, which seeks better wages and job protection but could cripple the airlines.

Yes, contracts could be settled peacefully. If not, President Clinton could step in and order everyone back to work. Right now, there's little indication either will happen.

Even if either does, there's anger to be directed at local officials who let one airline take so much of the local market. With nearly four of every flights out of Detroit, Northwest has a strangle hold on local travel. Labor unrest at Northwest Airlines translates to uncertainty for Detroit travelers.

Our state and our region need new approaches, on job creation, on race relations, on labor relations and on transportation. Otherwise, the future will belong to someone else.

Wayne Peal is Oakland County editor.

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

What country outside the United States would you like to visit and why?

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



'Probably England, because I've never been there.'

Dorothy Trim
Springfield Township



'France, I've visited before. I like the culture and the architecture.'

John Powe
Independence Township



'New Zealand. (It's) supposedly the most beautiful, diverse country in the world.'

Steve Smith
Independence Township



'I've been to most of them and I don't like any of them.'

Joe Nepling
Waterford Township

LETTERS

Amendment would do more harm to flag than burning it

The Senate is poised to vote on a proposed constitutional amendment to prohibit flag desecration, a radical approach to a near nonexistent dilemma, akin to the atomic bombing of a city because there may be a felon in the area.

The flag is a beautiful and inspiring banner representing freedom and justice for all Americans. It is freely displayed, and can be protected only by us, the people. Each citizen can gaze upon it, and it can mean what our heartfelt patriotic beliefs tell us individually.

Government "protection" of a nation's banner only invites scorn upon it. A patriot cannot be created by legislation. Patriotism must be nurtured in the family and educational process. It must come from the heartfelt emotion of true beliefs, credos and tenets.

Our beautiful flag represents those beliefs, credos and tenets that are outlined by the Constitution of the United States of America.

Yes, the Constitution can be amended. But will an amendment that is in obvious conflict with the First Amendment accomplish a purpose, or will it bring further confusion and discontent, diminishing the beauty the flag has today as it hangs free, revered by us the people, not ordered by government edict?

Our nation was not founded on devotion to symbolic idols, but on principles, beliefs and ideals expressed in the Constitution and its Bill of Rights.

American veterans who have protected our banner in battle have not done so to protect a "golden calf." Instead, they carried the banner forward with reverence for what it represents — our beliefs and freedom for all. Therein lies the beauty of our flag.

The proposed amendment would stain the image of our banner, as it would no longer wave free, unprotected by government and freely held high by the citizens of the United States of America.

Are we now, after 209 successful and glorious years, going to knuckle under to the pressure of modern lobbying techniques to pursue pseudo patriotism? Organizations exploiting high tech lobbying, spending millions pressuring lawmakers and pandering to a false patriotism, should rethink their priorities and not succumb to the temptation of this "golden calf."

We must not delegate to government our responsibility of citizenship lest we endanger our most precious freedoms. Teaching in the home and in our schools the principles evident in our Constitution and Bill of Rights requires responsibility and sacrifice. That energy enhances pride in our heritage.

Respect for our beautiful flag can only come from the hearts of the people. Attempts

to bestow honor by government decree upon the flag are idle myths and must not prevail.

Keith A. Kreul
U.S. Army Veteran and Past National Commander, the American Legion (1989)

Spend time going after the real danger to the Constitution

While those in congress beat their chests about flag burning they ignore what the president has been doing. If they are really concerned about the country's symbols I would hope they would wake up and start protecting the one they were elected to protect — the Constitution!

Our elected representatives need to first read the Constitution (so they remember why they are in Washington) and then stop allowing the president to make laws by executive order, instead of going through the constitutional system.

I suggest to those of you in Congress that you start protecting the document that protects our basic freedoms, instead of allowing someone who burned flags to subvert it!

Jeffrey Scott
Troy

Columnist is clueless

Columnist Tim Richard purports to care for Michigan's children, yet he feverishly opposes any attempt to allow parents more options for improving their children's education.

Tim rejects all forms of school choice, from charter schools to vouchers. He erroneously claims that the Mackinac Center "is pushing vouchers, hard."

Tim needs to rent a clue. The Mackinac Center has proposed a tuition tax credit, not a voucher. There is no transfer of public funds to private schools, as Tim maintains; parents and businesses simply get a credit against their own tax liabilities when they pay a child's school tuition with their own money.

Rather than belittling parental involvement in their children's education, Tim should check his ideological agenda at the door and embrace school choice as a real way to improve education.

Steven P. Schaller
Clawson

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POINTS OF VIEW

Home grown ambassador serves proudly



Mr. Ambassador: Oakland County resident David Hermelin has been a successful businessman, philanthropist and avid supporter of the Democratic Party and its causes. Since January, he's also been U.S. Ambassador to Norway. By appointment of President Clinton, the Bingham Farms resident will serve three years in the diplomatic post. As such, he's the chief American representative to a pro-U.S. country of 7-8 million and "mayor" for the 150-person U.S. embassy staff, as well as their families.

OSLO, Norway — Close to home, Bill Clinton and Geoffrey Fieger tried my patience.

Far away in Norway, David Hermelin renewed my shaky faith in our government.

On a recent trip which included Scandinavia, we spent a couple of hours with Hermelin, a resident of the Oakland County suburb of Bingham Farms, who was appointed U.S. Ambassador to Norway late last year.

A successful businessman, generous philanthropist and loyal Democrat, Hermelin is one of a small percentage of ambassadors who serve by appointment of the president rather than advancement through the foreign service.

He and his wife Doreen began their three-year assignment Jan. 4 after Hermelin completed two weeks of Ambassador School.

They thought they'd be returning to Detroit on a regular basis. But, "You don't come back," he said. "You come into that office and it's an awesome responsibility when you realize you represent the United States of America."

On a tour of the embassy, we see that Hermelin's name has been recently added to the list of "Chiefs of Mission Oslo," etched into the wall. The building is strategically located directly across the street from the Royal Palace and Park, home to Norway's king.

Although it was designed by Eero Saarinen, the embassy is rather nondescript from the outside. "The Norwegians don't like this building," one of the embassy secretaries confided, on our way to the Ambassador's office. However, that must be one of their few criticisms of the United States.

"Norway is a country that is as great a friend to the United States as exists," was Hermelin's opening statement as he ushered us into an office large enough to accommodate a desk, sitting area, large conference table, and walls of bookshelves with ample room to spare.

That's partly because 7-8 million people of Norwegian ancestry live in the United States. It's also due to the relationship that developed between the two countries during World War II, when Norwegians heroically resisted the German occupation. And strategically, "Norway is the only NATO country that shares a border with Russia," Hermelin pointed out.

Today, thanks to its oil deposits, Norway is a wealthy country that enjoys a very high per capita income. "They are the second largest net oil exporter behind Saudi Arabia," he told us.

But what most impresses Hermelin is that



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despite their new-found fortunes, "They have not tampered with their culture." They continue to provide birth to death social services through a heavy tax structure. "They subsidize certain industries — such as agriculture — to maintain their basic culture."

This is a great country, great people, great commitment to culture — and they have a vision," he said. Part of that vision includes reaching out to other nations and promoting dialogue. It's no fluke, according to Hermelin, that Norway sponsors international conferences on care for the elderly and relationships between mothers and children.

Or that meetings for the Oslo Peace Accord and Ottawa Treaty on Land Mines were held in Oslo. "They use their money for good," he said. "God couldn't have put it in better hands."

As ambassador, Hermelin is empowered to represent United States policy, its commercial and strategic interests, to answer queries (the U.S. Information Agency is based at the embassy) and to assist U.S. citizens both living in Norway and who visit there.

"When the Iraqi conflict erupted, Norway once again demonstrated its strong relationship with the U.S., by being one of the coalition partners and supporting the American position," he said. Hermelin and the embassy staff were involved with the government of Norway during that period.

He reports directly to Secretary of State Madeline Albright. "There can't be any person more respected, more admired," he said. "She's on an airplane all the time. She has sharp focus and great enthusiasm."

Another aspect of his position, is as "mayor."

"I have 150 people who work for me and they have families, so that's 300-400 people. They go through all of the life cycle challenges and part of the responsibility is making sure that

embassy staff and their families get help when they need it."

They are, he says, "a country team." Consequently, "when my public information officer's house burned down, we were out there with 30 people."

Hermelin isn't one to sit for very long. So, it's off to the Ambassador's Residence, originally designed for a niece of Alfred Nobel. The stately home and grounds take up a full city block, particularly unusual in Oslo.

The residence is a "high volume dwelling," as Hermelin put it. It's used to host major functions more nights than not. All must be directly related to the interests of the U.S. government. "The control is unbelievable," he said. "You're in the accounting business. You have to justify everything."

The Hermelins brought with them many of their own furnishings, rugs and artifacts, including collections of antique English hat molds and silver salt and pepper shakers. Some of the art is through the Art in the Embassies program which allows ambassadors the loan of major works.

So far, what has impressed him the most has been "the caliber, the quality, the commitment and the sacrifice of our career foreign service workers. You walk away energized."

Just six months into his assignment, he is optimistic that he'll be just as energized at its end. And then what?

"I don't know what I'll do," he said. "But it won't be hard. It'll be different. I'll never look at things the same way. I don't read newspapers the same way. I see the world differently. I see business differently."

He has enjoyed the opportunity to be part of another culture, see government in action, interact with people such as Elie Weisel, author and winner of the 1986 Nobel Peace Prize, and United Nations Ambassador Richard Holbrook.

"It's such a wonderful adventure for us. It's a great life. We're such a great country. And we are really truly proud to represent the United States."

I hope Hermelin's enthusiasm renews your faith in government too.

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Innovation must become business as usual for our local governments

For most folks, what goes on at SEMCOG (Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments) and MAC (Metropolitan Affairs Coalition) is of, well, marginal interest.

But they've put out a remarkable booklet in recent months, entitled "Award Winning Joint Projects." It describes a number of projects undertaken at the local level in communities in Southeastern Michigan.

It makes great reading, if only because it strikes to a historic problem embedded at the heart of our politics. Historically, governments — whether local, state or federal — are good at doing more and more things when they get more and more revenue. But governments are lousy at doing more things when they get less revenue, being in other words more productive.

Hence the term "entrepreneurial government" (thanks to Tim Richard, who covers government and politics for this newspaper), the faintly radical idea that governmental units ought to think and act like entrepreneurs. Experiment. Be innovative. Try new things. Even (gasp!) take risks.

The "Award Winning Joint Projects" booklet offers us a slew of neat examples of what governments can do when they think like cost-cutting, productivity-maximizing entrepreneurs.

A case in point comes from the Plymouth community, a wonderful combination of an old-fashioned downtown in the city of Plymouth surrounded by high-growth subdivisions in Plymouth Township.

For years, relations between the city and the township were jagged at best, both communities competing to offer services like fire protection. But as time went on, governmental leaders began to realize that duplicating services merely cost taxpayer money without providing any corresponding gain in safety.

So somebody got the bright idea of consolidating city and township fire departments. The City Commission and the Township Board negotiated a deal in 1995 whereby:

- The city contracted with the township for fire service.

- Costs were shared according as a rolling three-year weighted average of state equalized



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value (33 percent), population (33 percent) and runs/use (34 percent), with the city's share never to be lower than 25 percent of defined costs.

- Both bodies adopted a single set of ordinances, building codes and policies.

- Firefighter unions agreed to allow the township to hire city firefighters at their existing seniority levels.

The results are outstanding.

A total of \$6 million in cost savings are estimated over the 10-year life of the joint contract, while at the same time response time to fire calls has been reduced dramatically. Citizens in both city and township are benefiting from better fire protection at reduced taxpayer expense.

This joint project is a perfect example of how governmental leaders, once they start thinking outside the box, gain the courage to take risks in order to reap rewards for their communities. It's a perfect example of entrepreneurial government in action.

Both the city and the township of Plymouth won an "Outstanding Project" award. They deserve congratulations from all sides.

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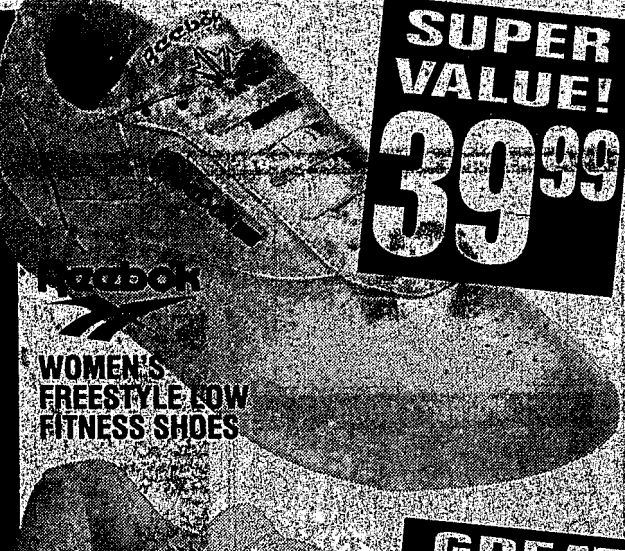
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ROCHELLE SMITH

Live long. Stay married

If the old saying, "You're only as old as you feel" is correct, I recently spent the evening surrounded by a group of youngsters.

As I mentioned last week, my in-laws recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a group of family members and friends at a hall in the farming community where they were married. One hundred and twenty people, from all different walks of life, gathered to help them celebrate the happy occasion. Approximately half of the party's attendees were over the age of 70.

While preparing for the big event, I never thought about the fact that there would be many mature guests in attendance. I was more concerned with remembering to have enough decorations, plates, cups, napkins and so forth.

The caterer, however, had given it some thought. After the party was well under way, she admitted in a sheepish manner, "I got here a little early so I would have time to unload the food and move my vehicle to the back of the parking lot so the older folks could park close." A bit embarrassed she added, "I expected to see walkers and wheel chairs."

Not only were there no walkers or wheel chairs, this vibrant group of approximately 60 seniors had traveled from all over the country to attend the party. One couple in their mid-seventies even flew in — literally.

No I'm not going to use the old line "and boy were their arms tired," but

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'Puppy love' is commitment to a cause



At play: Jeremy Thompson, and his mother Carol, who live in Independence Township, play with soon-to-be leader dog Tucker, at center, and the puppy the family recently acquired and will raise to lead the blind.

They are, as they say, "not yet ready for prime time" — but — the puppies that find their way in and out of Carol Thompson's home are adorable, anyway. And, while they may be feisty, they have promising futures ahead.

Someday, they will be ready. They'll be fully-trained working dogs, well-loved and priceless to their blind owners.

"I guess when I was little, I always wanted a puppy and I couldn't have one," remembers Thompson, of Independence Township, as she explains how she got involved with taking in puppies who have not yet been officially trained as guide dogs from Leader Dogs for the Blind, Inc.

"Sometimes when I pray, I thank God that I love puppies."

Thompson and her husband, Tom, along with their four now-grown children, have taken 15 puppies into their home over a 13-year period.

Their most recent addition is a fluffy, rambunctious, still-unnamed golden retriever pup, which will spend between 12 and 15 months with the family before being returned to the Rochester-based organization for serious guide-dog training and eventual placement with a blind person.

The unnamed pup is fearless and reckless, as he romps with Tucker, the year-old Labrador retriever the Thompsons expect to soon return to Leader Dogs.

Sometimes, like this summer, the Thompsons have puppies coming and going.

Thompson says

the organization has graduated 11,000 dogs since its inception in 1939. Dogs that do not graduate, whether because of birth defects, shyness, aggressiveness or the like, are adopted out to non-blind families from a waiting list.

"We mostly socialize them," Thompson says of her charges. "We name the puppy and they keep the name at least through the training, and then it's up to the blind person if they want to keep the name."

According to Thompson and her eldest son, Jeremy, they, like other host families, are responsible for introducing their puppies into the real world of vacuum cleaners, lawn mowers, elevators, umbrellas and stores, so they will not be afraid of these types of noisy items and places when they are placed with blind owners.

They also teach the puppies basic commands such as "sit" and "stay" — though they do not provide official guide-dog training.

In the Thompsons' case, they also take the puppies to the family church, the Waterford Church Of Christ.

"We take them to church. Everybody's always really receptive," says Thompson.

The Thompsons heard of the puppy-raising program through a teaching friend of Tom's.

Returning the dogs to the organization after bonding with them was hard at first, Thompson recalls.

But letting go of her charges became an easier task over the years, as she came to realize that someday the puppies would be helping others, Thompson says. And Jeremy agrees.

"I think over all, I liked it," he says of the cycle of caring for and releasing puppies. "There were some dogs that I didn't like to see go back. Some would get closer. It's never been too hard to give up a dog because you know what they're going to do. It's very rewarding."

Remembering all the puppies she has raised over the years, including the never-ending puppy toilet-training sessions, Thompson compares the effort to

raising and nurturing her four children. "Of course, it is a dog, so it's not at all like having a child and raising a good, Christian person."

"But when they're little and they cry at night, it's like having a kid," she says.

Carol Thompson says the Leader Dogs organization estimates that it costs \$17,000 for one puppy to be raised and graduated from their program for helping the blind.

The families who take in puppies agree to pay for the puppies' food, care and veterinary costs, she says. The services are free to blind individuals.

"You have to sign a contract that you agree to provide the veterinary care and food," says Thompson.

The reality of the various needs that disabled people face was driven home for the family when Jeremy, 24, was diagnosed with a mass at the base of his brain stem last December. For a period of time, the mass left him para-

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A dog's life: Jeremy Thompson takes time out to bestow a little affection on 1-year old Tucker, a soon-to-be leader dog.

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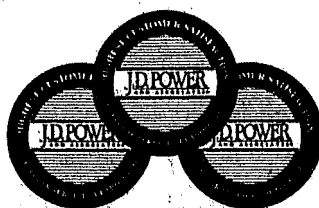


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THROUGH AUG. 9

OAKLAND COUNTY 4-H FAIR
11 a.m. Thursday & Friday, Noon-11 p.m. Saturday, Noon-9 p.m. Sunday, Springfield Oaks County Park, Andersonville Road near Hall Road, Davisburg. Free daily events include pig races, petting zoo, chain saw artist, hayrides, 4-H exhibits, animal exhibits and horse shows. Arena events which are \$7 adults and \$3 children (ages 5-12) include Monster Truck Show, Dodge Truck Rodeo, Demolition Derby, Motocross and Figure 8 races. For more information call 634-8330, 625-8133 or TDD: (248) 858-1684.

THURSDAY & FRIDAY, AUG. 6 & 7

ECO-EXPLORERS DISCOVER NATURE'S MUSIC MAKERS
1:30 - 4 p.m. Lewis E. Wint Nature Center, Independence Oaks County Park. Eco-explor-

ers ages 6-8 will become "sound scientists" during this mini-class. Each session will include demonstrations, experiments, crafts, games and a snack that will help uncover the secrets of the sounds around us. Cost: \$10 per child per day. To register call 625-6473.

SATURDAY, AUG. 8

INSECTORAMA
1:30 - 4 p.m. Lewis E. Wint Nature Center, Independence Oaks County Park. Be amazed by common and weird insects. Fun activities will include make-n-take bug collectors, live insect displays, bug Olympics, tips on bug rearing and more to help you understand and appreciate these six-legged creatures. Cost \$3 per person. Call 625-6473 to register.

SUNDAY, AUG. 9

ANIMATION CELEBRATION
3 p.m. Cohn Amphitheater, Independence Oaks County Park. The Oakland County Parks Traveling Musical Review sings and dances, celebrating some of your favorite animated films. Cost: \$2.50 per person. Park is located on Sashabaw Road 2 1/2 miles north of I-75, near Clarkston. For more information, call 625-6473 or TDD (248) 858-1684.

TUESDAY, AUG. 11

SUMMER PICNIC
6-8 p.m. Clintonwood Park Pavilion, Clarkston Road between M-15 & Sashabaw Road, Clarkston. Annual event enjoyed by people with disabilities from the entire Northern

Oakland County area. Games, food, fun and prizes. Registration must be in Friday, Aug. 7. Rain date, if needed, is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 13, same time, same place. \$4 per person.

SUNDAY, AUG. 9-THURSDAY, AUG. 13

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

MONDAY, AUG. 10

SENIOR CENTER PICNIC
Noon, Baycourt Park, Andersonville Road between Dixie Highway and White Lake Road. Take a break from the dog days of summer and spend a relaxing afternoon with the Independence Township Seniors. Great menu in store. Great place to relax. Special entertainment. Limited space so register early. Call 625-8231.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 12

SENIOR APPRECIATION DAY
10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Kensington Metropark near Milford/Brighton off I-96. Free park admission, boxed picnic lunch, wood carving demos,

blood pressure screening, Island Queen ride, musical entertainment, historical performances, exercise/nutrition tips, hayrides, arts and crafts, prizes, casting contest. If you need transportation, call the center at 625-8231. If enough people are interested, we will arrange a van.

THURSDAY, AUG. 13

MIGRAINE AWARENESS PROGRAM
7 p.m. Learn the signs and symptoms that will help identify a migraine. Learn how migraines are triggered and about available treatments. Speaker: Theodore G. Englemann, D.O. Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston. For further information call 674-7433.

SATURDAY, AUG. 15

SUMMER STAR PARTY-METEOR MADNESS
8:30 - 11 p.m. Lewis E. Wint Nature Center, Independence Oaks County Park. Look up and look out at this star-studded astro-event that will feature the Perseid meteor shower and seasonal constellations. The nature center's Starlab planetarium will be set up and the Oakland Astronomy Club will bring telescopes for sky viewing (clear skies permitting). Not suitable for preschoolers. Cost \$2 per person. To register call 625-6473.

THROUGH AUG. 31

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TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, AUG. 18 AND 19

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2 days/1 night. Independence Township Senior Center. Trip includes: deluxe motorcoach transportation, 1 night accommodation, center rows 5-10 seating for show, tour of Toronto, 1 dinner, Shoreline Tours Escort, luggage handling & taxes/tips on the included meal. \$249 per person based on double occupancy. Call 625-8231.

TUNING YOUR TOT IN TO SUMMER

10-11:45 a.m. or 1-2:45 p.m. Lewis E. Wint Nature Center, Independence Oaks County Park. The program for 3- to 6-year-olds and their parent, adult friend or grandparent offers songs, stories, a nature hike, craft and snack focusing on summer "sense"-sations. Cost \$3 per tot. Younger children are discouraged from attending. Park is located on Sashabaw Road 2 1/2 miles north of I-75, near Clarkston. For more information call 625-6473 or TDD (248) 858-1684.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 19

THE BAN-JOES
7:30 p.m. Cohn Amphitheater, Independence Oaks County Park. The group plays old time

favorites. Cost \$2.50 person.

SATURDAY, AUG. 22

TUNING YOUR TOT INTO SUMMER
1-2:45 p.m. The program for 3-6 year olds and their parent, adult friend or grandparent offers songs, stories, a nature hike, craft and snack focusing on summer "sense"-sations. Cost \$3 per tot. Younger children are discouraged from attending. Park is located on Sashabaw Road 2 1/2 miles north of I-75, near Clarkston. For more information call 625-6473 or TDD (248) 858-1684.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, AUG. 28-30

13TH ANNUAL HOT AIR BALLOON
A Festival of Lights balloon glow at dusk Friday. Balloon flights are scheduled for 7:30 a.m. & 7:30 p.m., Saturday & Sunday weather permitting. Springfield Oaks County Park, Andersonville Road near Hall Road, Davisburg. Family fun activities include tethered balloon rides, a petting farm and a demolition derby Saturday night. Entertainment includes visits by the Oakland County Parks Puppet Show, Dunk Tank and The Wall, portable rock climbing wall. Charity Fund-raiser for the Children's Miracle Network. Event is sponsored by the Oakland County Parks, ReMax Today and the Beaumont Foundation. An event fee of \$5 per vehicle will be charged. Springfield Oaks County Park is located on Andersonville Road near Hall Road in Davisburg. For more information call 620-1000.

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the husband, who is a retired airline pilot, flew his own airplane to the closest airport and rented a car to drive another 45 minutes to the party. Another guest, who is nearly 80, flew in from his retirement home in Hawaii, alone, on a commercial airline. Before returning home, he went sightseeing in Utah, then to visit a son and daughter-in-law in California.

One couple stopped by the party on their way from Tennessee to Minnesota. Another couple took time away from planning their cross-country,

inter-coastal boat trip from Michigan to Florida to attend the event. Yet another couple drove up from Florida for the party.

All of the guests, even the ones who were well into their 80s, drove themselves to the parties and, after an evening of fun, departed under their own abilities.

What I also found amazing about the diverse group of guests was the number of people who have either just recently celebrated their 50th anniversary, or

will be, Lord willing, within the next year.

In any group of 120 people, I would have been surprised to find more than one or two couples nearing that momentous anniversary. But in this group there were six couples - 12 people - one-tenth of the people in attendance.

Personally, since the party, I have been thinking of the guests as a large study group. Do you think it is just a coincidence that these seniors are still so healthy and vibrant and still happily

married after all these years?

Other than age and marital status, most of the guests had little in common. Some have lived on a farm most of their lives, others spent their lives in big cities. Many had high-stress careers, while others enjoyed a more relaxed life. Some lived in one community their entire lives, others lived in several different countries. Some enjoy boating and other hobbies, others have spent their years working hard on dry land.

My findings are, of course, not medically founded and, since based upon only one study group, are not ready for any textbook. I have, however, come to the conclusion that the secret to enjoying a long healthy retirement is staying married.

Originally I would have declared the requirement to be "staying happily married." But, while talking to one of the guests who was approaching her 50th anniversary, I commented on how wonderful it was that she and her husband had been "happily" married for nearly 50 years.

She smiled and with a gleam in her eye said, "Don't get carried away. Nobody said anything about staying happy. We just stayed married."

Although it was obvious that this senior was just joking, I also

wonder if that might be part of the secret.

The pastor of our church has told a story about a woman who decided that she was leaving her husband and went to her clergy for counseling. She complained that the marriage just wasn't working anymore and she had to get out.

After listening to the woman's complaints the pastor, sensing some underlying anger, decided to offer some advice. "Instead of just leaving, would you like to really make him realize what he will be missing once you're gone?" asked the pastor.

Intrigued the woman listened closely. "Don't leave now," the pastor said. "Wait for a month. During that month do everything you can to be loving and caring to your husband. Pretend that you are truly in love with him. Make his favorite meals, tell him how much you love him, listen to what he likes to talk about. Then after a month of making him feel totally loved, leave him. He will be devastated."

Apparently, the lady loved the plan. That would really teach her husband a lesson.

A few months later the pastor saw the lady on the street. He asked if she had left her husband. "Left him? Why, no," she said. "We are happier now than

we have ever been."

During the month of pretending to really love and care for her husband, he had started to show his love for her; and she had realized that she wasn't pretending. She really does love him. Their marriage was stronger than it had ever been.

With so many marriages being abandoned without a fight nowadays, I wonder if there is a simple solution to the dilemma. Is it possible that our parent's generation had the answer? Don't give up, don't walk away.

Stay there and make your partner realize what he or she will be missing if you leave (without pointing out that you may leave). In the long run, you may be doing yourself a favor.

If my small study group is any example, some day you may be enjoying a happy, healthy retirement with the partner of your dreams. If the plan doesn't work and, after showing love and care to your partner, the marriage still isn't worth saving, dump your partner the day after your 50th anniversary.

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

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Local resident and independent consultant with PartyLite Angie Klebba of Clarkston attended the annual PartyLite National Conference in Washington, D.C., July 22-25. PartyLite Gifts Inc. is the world's leading direct sales marketer of candles and candle accessories. More than 8,700 consultants gathered in the nation's capital to celebrate PartyLite's 25th anniversary conference, which was themed "The Dream Lives On."

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Volunteers are life blood of service organizations

Lighthouse has a 26-year history of accomplishing miracles because of the help of volunteers. When President George Bush initiated the Points of Light award it seemed logical to tell Washington about all the volunteers who help to keep Lighthouse efficient and running smoothly while maintaining our mission to the poor. In 1990, Lighthouse was awarded the 376th Point of Light by the White House in honor of our volunteers.

Everyday in every community in America, volunteers push the wheelchairs, rock the babies and clean up abandoned houses. Everyday volunteers make a difference at Lighthouse. Volunteers interview the abused, drive seniors to medical appointments and pack food bags for the hungry.

Without volunteers, Lighthouse would not be able to fill the needs of those less fortunate. Volunteers are the catalysts for everything we do.

These volunteers, by doing their respective tasks, form a network of helping hands. When clients come in for assistance, perhaps they don't realize their food has been driven to Lighthouse from a church group that organized their volunteers to stage a food drive. A Lighthouse volunteer then placed all the groceries on our shelves. Another volunteer had picked up donated meat, and other volun-

teers pick up day-old bread from local bakeries and groceries each week. The client is interviewed by a volunteer who then personally packs groceries for that needy family.

It is truly an amazing process to see, as those who need help are serviced by those volunteering their time and skills.

We must not forget these volunteers as they go quietly among us. Lighthouse Clarkston has many such volunteers who give of themselves with no thought of selfish gain or recognition. Their efforts are representative of the kind of work and volunteerism that the Points of Light award embodies. They do not seek the limelight — their reward is in the good they do for others.

Don and Sally Gurk are two such volunteers who exemplify this spirit at Lighthouse Clarkston. Don, a retired shop teacher for the Waterford Schools, and Sally, from the world of banking, donate some of their retirement hours to Lighthouse.

Don and Sally are regulars every Thursday. Sally works the front desk while Don picks up our food from the Food Bank. It is not unusual to see him with a few tools or a paintbrush in hand. Their volunteering is not always limited to Thursdays. Working as a high performance team, they are always willing to lend a hand for various special events and holiday programs.

Just recently, they helped out



at the Concert in the Park benefit for Lighthouse, sponsored by the Clarkston Area Chamber. At the 1997 Lighthouse Emergency Services Golf Classic, Don and Sally raised over \$800 selling 50/50 raffle tickets. For the holiday program, Don organizes, packages and distributes over 600 food baskets for families that could use help during Thanksgiving and Christmas. These projects require a tremendous amount of volunteer hours and wouldn't be possible without the help and assistance of people like Don and Sally.

In these times, it is good to know that volunteerism is alive and well.

Lighthouse honors all those who serve their community. Many thanks and praise are in order for all the volunteers who donate a part of their lives to their favorite cause. From giving their time to the PTA, Cub Scouts or Girl Scouts, or becoming involved with animal or ecology issues, every volunteer helps to make the world a better place for everyone.

This column is shared by local community groups. Up next week: Task Force for Youth.



Scrub down: Raising leader dogs requires giving the full range of care, including bathing a restless puppy. Above, Jeremy Thompson scrubs down the family's Labrador retriever, Tucker, and the new puppy the family has yet to name.

Dogs from page A13

lyzed on one side.

"I feel like I've always tried not to take things for granted," Carol Thompson says and Jeremy responds, "Our lives are not really meant to be lived for ourselves. We're meant to live them

for others and God. This service of what we do with the dogs, it's just one aspect of what my mom does for other people."

On Aug. 8, Leader Dogs For The Blind will host their 11th Annual Puppy Program Field

Day, where members of the public who are interested in becoming puppy raisers can, by invitation, view the facility and see the dogs. For additional information on the program, call 888-777-5332.

Benefit planned for local family

On May 24, the family of Kevin and Cathy Bouchard, lifelong Clarkston residents, suffered a great tragedy. Cathy, 8 months pregnant with a son, Matthew, and their daughter, Rachelle, 7, were the victims of a multi-vehicle accident on Dixie Highway, just north of I-75. Matthew and Rachelle were killed. Cathy sustained injuries requiring months of rehabilita-

tion.

On Aug. 30, the Bouchard Memorial Benefit will be held to help the family with expenses related to the accident. The event will take place at the Clarkston Creek Golf Course, 6060 Maybee Road in Clarkston.

The benefit will include an 18 Hole, 4-person team scramble with a shot-gun start, including

a cart, followed by a New York strip steak dinner, raffle and silent auction.

Anyone interested in providing donations or in obtaining information about the golf and dinner outing is invited to contact Lisa Anderson, Americare Home Health Care at (248) 322-9426. Payments for the dinner and/or dance are needed by Aug. 7.

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

SPECIAL LADY

You'll have a great time with this outgoing, loving SWF, 35, 5'3", N/S, who enjoys church, movies, concerts, sporting events, quiet times and more. If you are a secure SWM, 35-42, N/S, who shares similar interests, call now. Ad# 1963

FRIENDS FIRST

Meet this energetic, outgoing SB mom, 38, 5'3", who enjoys long moonlit walks, dining out and meaningful conversation, is in search of a SBDM, 30-45, who likes children. Ad# 1437

MY SPECIAL SOMEONE?

Professional, brown-eyed WWWF, 51, 5'3", who enjoys traveling, the outdoors and quiet evenings at home. She seeks a caring, romantic SWM, under 58, for a possible relationship. Ad# 4641

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She's an outgoing, attractive SBDF, 45, 5'4", 135lbs., who enjoys personal growth, traveling, reading and is in search of a spiritual, educated SBDM, 40-53, with similar interests. Ad# 1652

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Interested in Bible study, this outgoing, attractive DWCF, 48, 5'3", brunette, also enjoys church, biking, dining out, movies, card games and more. She'd like to hear from a similar, down-to-earth SWCM, 44-53. Ad# 7081

INTERESTED?

SBF, 29, 5'6", looking to spend quality time and share a relationship with an employed, mature SBM, 25-35. Ad# 2468

RESCUE MY HEART

She's a SBF, 60, 5'6", who enjoys going to church, jazz concerts, dining out and is in search of a kind, gentle SM, 55-62, for friendship first. Ad# 1221

SPECIAL

Inside and out, SBF, 46, 5'4", looking for real SBM, 40-60; intelligent, kind, strong yet gentle, is sure of himself and God, are you special too? If you believe, all things are possible, call me Ad# 2803

FAMILY-ORIENTED

I'm a full-figured, 34, 5'1", SW mom of one, with blonde hair and green eyes. I enjoy animals, outdoor sports, horseback riding and country music. If you are you open-minded and honest D/SWM, then give me a call. Ad# 5564

DON'T MISS OUT

A down-to-earth, professional, Catholic SW mom of one, 42, 5'7", with blonde hair, has a great sense of humor and she is searching for a tall, fit, handsome, professional SWM, 42-48, for a possible relationship. Ad# 1431

CHARMING

Here's a friendly DW mom, 44, who wants to find a humorous N/S, non-drinker DWM of any age. She's 5'11" and enjoys art, music and the outdoors. Ad# 4293

DESERVING

She's an active, professional SWF, 38, 5'11", who enjoys music, art, church activities and is in search of a SWM, age unimportant, to share life with. Ad# 6755

REACH FOR THE STARS

Attractive, professional, Catholic DWF, 50, 5'9", looking for a retired SWJM, 50-70, 5'9" plus, who is outgoing and has a good sense of humor. I love dancing, walking in the parks and biking. Ad# 4847

IS IT YOU?

She's in search of a SWM, 42-50, for friendship first. She's a DWCF, 46, 5'2", who enjoys movies, dancing and concerts. Ad# 7693

HIGH STANDARDS

Say hello to this shy DW mom, 45, 5'8", seeking an old-fashioned, clean-cut, stable SWM, 45-52, who enjoys family-oriented fun. Ad# 3813

TELL NO TALE

She's a DBCF, 60, 5'6", who enjoys the theater, Gospel music, walking and is in search of a gentle SM, 55-62, who is in search of Jesus. Ad# 2125

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

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

WAITING TO HEAR FROM YOU

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

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SPECIAL REQUEST

Here's a professional Catholic DWF, 50, 5'8", who is seeking a Catholic SWM, 48-60, to spend quality time with. She loves walks on the beach, dining out and antiques. Ad# 9768

SIMPLY PUT

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

HONESTY COUNTS

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

BE KIND TO MY HEART

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

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

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

LEAVE YOUR NAME

A professional, educated SWCF, 45, enjoys reading, long walks, the theatre and dining out. Is seeking a SWCM, with similar interests. Ad# 7846

FAMILY-ORIENTED

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

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

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WITH HOPE

Catholic SWF, 33, 5'7", is looking for a friendly, sincere, Catholic SWM, 28+, with a great sense of humor and similar interests. She's a Red Wings fan and animal lover. Her hobbies are biking, tennis and walks. Ad# 1211

MISSING YOU

Are you looking for a bright Catholic DWF with a beautiful heart? She is 44, 5'11", with brown hair, who enjoys outdoors, dining out and walks in the park. She is looking for a Catholic SWM, 34-51, to share life. Ad# 3804

FEEL AT EASE...

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

LOOK NO FURTHER

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

MAYBE YOU & ME

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

WAITING TO HEAR FROM YOU

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

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SO HOW ARE YOU?

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

GET TO KNOW ME

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

WELL-EDUCATED

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

PRINCE CHARMING

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

GOD COMES FIRST

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

THIS IS IT

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

MAKE A WISH FOR ME

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

ACTIVE LIFESTYLE

Personable SWCF, 46, 5', participates in Christian activities, enjoys square dancing, listening to music, playing cards, boat races, singing, going to church and sports. Seeking a SWCM, 43-53. Ad# 7328

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VERY FRIENDLY

Outgoing SWF, 22, 5'3", full-figured, brown hair/eyes, enjoys the outdoors and more, seeks an intelligent, down-to-earth SWM, 22-29, for friendship first. Ad# 1572

TRUE & SINCERE

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

BE REAL

SBF, 45, 5'8", enjoys traveling, sports, movies and dining out, seeking an honest, sincere SBM, 40-55, without children, for friendship first. Ad# 1945

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Understanding, professional, Catholic SWM, 28, 6'2", 180lbs., with light brown hair and blue eyes, enjoys sports, biking, music and would like to meet a slender SWCF, 23-32, who has good values. Ad# 8888

TIME TOGETHER

I'm a professional, educated, outgoing SWM, 39, 6'1", I'm seeking a slender SWF for a monogamous relationship. Ad# 4765

CHRISTIAN VALUES

Born-Again SWCM, 35, 5'10", who enjoys working out, outdoor activities and Bible study, is interested in meeting a SWCF, 29-35, with similar interests. Ad# 8335

STILL LOOKING

SBF, 45, 5'8", enjoys traveling, sports, movies and dining out, seeking an honest, sincere SBM, 40-55, without children, for friendship first. Ad# 1945

OUTGOING

This friendly SWCM, 55, 6'1", 155lbs., brown hair, green eyes, would like to meet a slender SWCF, 23-32, who is interested in a long-term relationship. Ad# 1546

IF GIVEN THE CHANCE...

I could be the one you've always dreamed of. I'm an handsome, professional SBDM, 37, 6'2", 215lbs., in search of an attractive, established, emotionally mature SWCF, 24-43. Ad# 1998

GIVE ME A CALL

Born-Again, musical SWCM, 35, 5'10", who enjoys volleyball, teaching Sunday school, bowling, golf, bicycling, travel, animals and more, seeks a SWCF, 25-37, with similar interests, leave a message and we'll talk soon. Ad# 9631

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Locals shine in prep gridiron all-star game

It was certainly a rude awakening for some, but well worth it in the end.

Some eight months after suiting up in pads and helmets, a total of 88 former high school gridiron stars from across the state, including five from the Eccentric area, took part in Saturday's highly spirited 18th Annual Michigan High School All-Star Football Game played on the sun-drenched turf of Michigan State University's Spartan Stadium.

Aided by contributions from Javin Hunter (Birmingham-Detroit Country Day), Jeff Phillips (Orchard Lake St. Mary's), Jamyon Small (Birmingham Brother Rice), Frank Stanford (Walled Lake Western), Jason Zurbrick (Oxford) and Brian Schaffer (Birmingham Groves), the East All-Stars turned in some late-game heroics to escape with a 20-15 win over their West counterparts.

"This was a complete joy," beamed Small, moments after watching his East teammates tally the winning points on a Joe Alis 18-yard touchdown run with 13 seconds to play. "The whole experience of being here with so many great players, and coming together as a team, and winning it at the end is a perfect ending to a high school career."

Small, who saw extensive playing time at linebacker for the East, said the week leading up to the game would go a long way in preparing him for upcoming practices at Duke University.

"We had three days out here, so it got your attention really fast," said Small, who was in on a number of hits, despite being credited with only three tackles. "It more than exceeded my expectations of what it was all about, and I know I'll leave here with friends for the rest of my life."

Zurbrick, who played nearly half the East's offensive series at tackle, echoed many of the same sentiments.

"It was a blast," summed up the 6-2, 260-pound Zurbrick, headed for Eastern Michigan University and the Eagles track team. "There was so much intensity out there because you had so many

'Cats Zurbrick has 'a blast'

For a young man who was stunned to even be there, Jason Zurbrick had a surprisingly good time at Saturday's East-West high school all-star football game.

Zurbrick, a first-team all-Flint Metro League offensive lineman for Oxford last year, played about three quarters of his East team's 20-15 victory.

The Michigan High School Football Coaches Association and the state's coaches combined to put 88 of the state's best players on the field, 44 on each team, and Zurbrick was the Wildcats' lone selection.

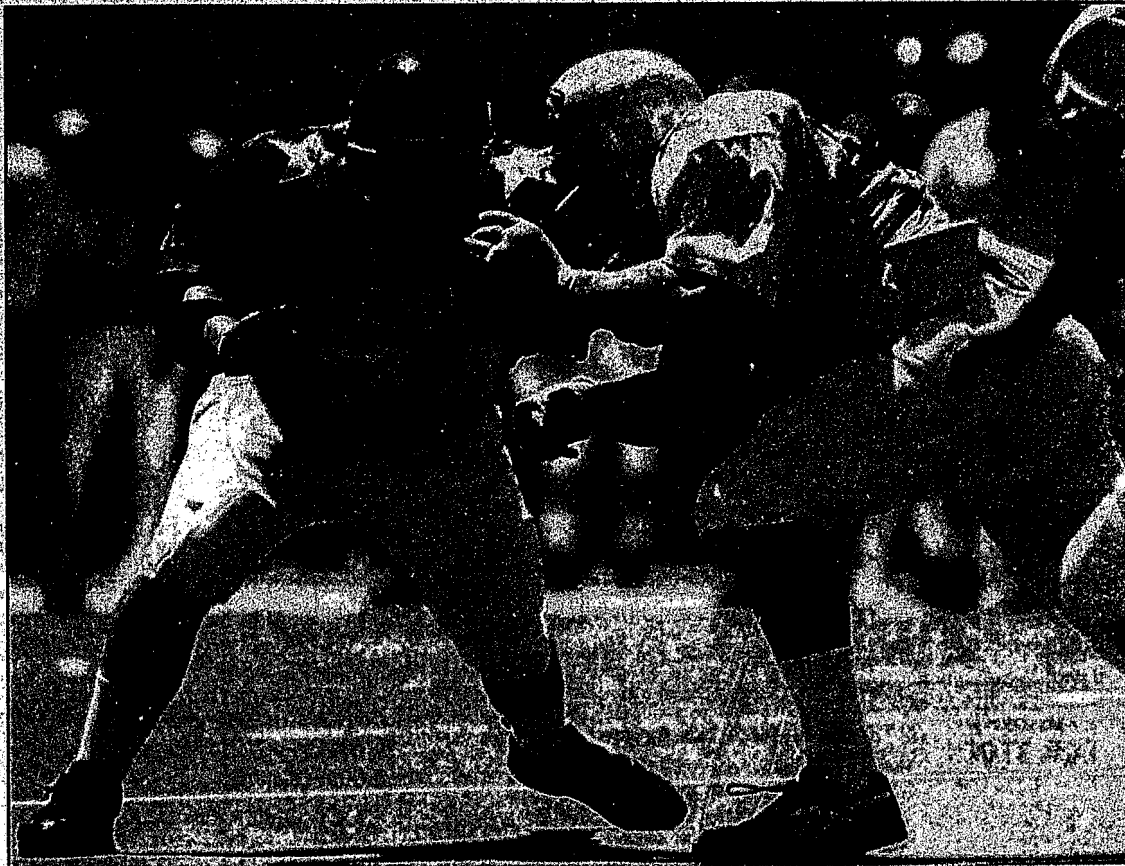
He played more than he expected to, because one of the team's four tackles withdrew from the game. It was an opportunity to play with a host of talented players, according to Zurbrick.

"It was amazing how good they all were," he said. "The guy next to me was good, and the guy on the other side of him was good. Something happened on every play because our running backs were that good."

Zurbrick said he played about three quarters, which amazed him because he was surprised to be on the team in the first place.

"I never thought of myself as one of the best 88 players in the state,"

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Wildcat all-star: Oxford's Jason Zurbrick (74) played about three quarters of Saturday's prep all-star game in East Lansing.

talented athletes, all wanting to win. It was great to see guys working hard and coming together as a team."

Two guys who really made an impact on the game's final outcome were Stan-

ford and Hunter. The fleet-footed Stanford, en route to Western Michigan University in the fall, worked his way free in the West secondary to haul in a long scoring pass from quarterback Derek

Gorney in the third quarter. The score enabled the East to break away from an 8-8 deadlock and take a 14-8 advantage into the final period of play.

"We ran that play in the first quarter

and I was wide open — the ball just didn't get there," said Stanford, who found himself part of the East's three-man rotating quarterback alignment. "I told

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National champions

Oxford star helps Vardar team to soccer crown



Wildcat soccer player Kellen Kalso helped his Vardar III team shed its underdog label, moving from his traditional spot up front to the defense and helping lead Vardar to a 4-2 win in the title game.

Although true, it doesn't seem likely that a team of the nationally-recognized Vardar soccer club would ever be considered an underdog. Within the past few weeks, however, the Metro Detroit-based Vardar III '82 squad had to quickly shed that label.

Now they are simply known as "Top Dog."

In what seemed like an unlikely, Cinderella tournament run, the Vardar III contingent captured the 1998 United States Youth Soccer Association U-16 J.D. Niotis Cup in Phoenix, Ariz., this past weekend, putting an end to nearly two months of grueling competition against some of the nation's finest select teams.

It was the second national title for Vardar, which also claimed the top prize in 1994 with its U-17 team.

"I knew that in the back of the mind, we might be able to pull it off," said Vardar III coach Rick Christensen. "But there were so many good teams

out there that it would be difficult. It takes so much hard work, time and commitment to even win your (state title), let alone make it to the national tournament."

"In the summer, these kids have jobs, girlfriends, and they want to hang out at the beach," he continued. "But these kids made the sacrifice and commitment and they earned it. I'm proud of each and every one of them."

Of the 16 members on the squad — five hail from the Eccentric coverage area, most notable sweeper Kellen Kalso (Oxford) and goalkeeper Mike Robinson (Troy Athens).

The other three from the region were midfielder Michael O'Toole (Birmingham-Detroit Country Day), forward Craig Penn (Rochester Adams) and midfielder/fullback Ben Walker (Rochester Adams).

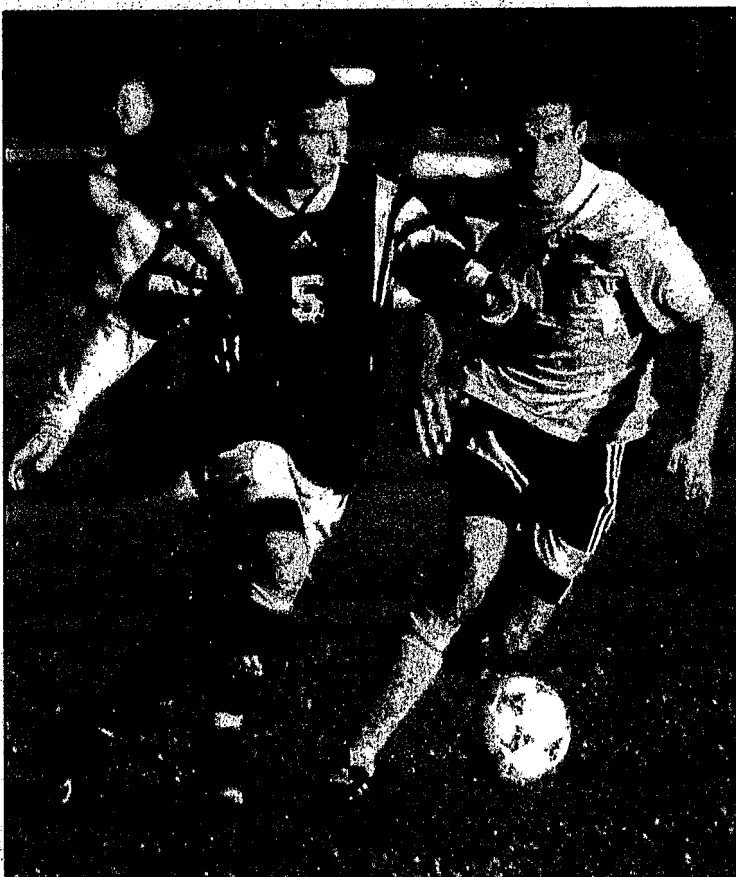
"It is an amazing feeling knowing that you are national champions," said Kalso, a tri-captain. "We knew if we gave it everything that we had, then we could pull it off. But when we got to (Phoenix), we were not the favorites. We had to prove ourselves."

Representing the Midwest at the J.D. Niotis Cup, Vardar III opened up with a semifinal match against the South Region champion, the Dallas (Tx.) Texans Select — the team labeled as the heavy favorites to take home the gold.

Vardar, however, simply had other plans in mind and walked off the pitch with a 2-0 upset triumph under triple-digit temperatures.

Forward Kevin Robinson (Burton Genesee Christian) — the tournament's offensive MVP — scored just two minutes into the game on a blast from the corner of the box.

Keller sealed the upset with a penalty-kick goal



Vardar star: Kellen Kalso, Oxford's top scorer, helped his Vardar team to the USYSA national title.

midway through the second half. Robinson — the defensive MVP of the cup — was rock solid in between the pipes with 12 saves, playing his "finest game of the tournament," according to Christensen.

Vardar then put the finishing touches on their title with a thrilling 4-2 victory over the Claremont (Calif.) Stars, where they scored twice in final 20 minutes with Robinson coming up with some clutch saves in the waning moments to preserve the win.

"We were all pretty nervous going into (the national tournament), but once we settled down we were all right," said Kalso. "We went out there and played the way we are capable of,

and proved that we were the better team."

Joining the above-six mentioned players on the roster were Joe Irimescu (Novi), Jeffrey Krass (Brighton), Jason Leppi (Brighton), Jamal McClendon (Ann Arbor Pioneer), Jason Murdock (Woodhaven), Anthony Sanchez (Lapeer West), Nicholas Sanchez (Belleville), Patrick Tuohy (Center Line), and Robert Turpin (Detroit Jesuit) — a collection of players that Christensen calls a unique group.

"These guys all have a lot of heart; they are great kids," he beamed. "They believed in themselves and they accomplish something great."

NORTH OAKLAND SPORTS SCENE

Dragons practices

Athletes participating in fall sports at Lake Orion High School will follow the following practice schedule next week. Athletes must have a physical form on file in the athletic office to participate.

■ **Girls basketball** -- (Varsity) Aug. 10, 9 to 11 a.m.; 6 to 8 p.m., Aug. 11-14, 6 to 9 p.m.; (junior varsity) Aug. 10-14, 9 a.m. to noon; (freshmen) Aug. 10, 8:30 to 11 a.m.; Aug. 11-14, 7 to 9 a.m.

■ **Boys soccer** -- (at Walden Middle School practice area) Aug. 10, 7 to 10 a.m.; Aug. 11-13, 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 7 to 8:30 p.m.; Aug. 14, 7 to 10 a.m.

■ **Cross country** -- (high school track) Aug. 10-14 at 9 a.m.

■ **Boys golf** -- Aug. 10-11, 8:30 a.m., Oxford Hills, \$15 greens fees; Aug. 12, 6:30 a.m., Bald Mountain, \$12 greens fees.

■ **Girls tennis** -- (Seymour Lake Township Park, Oxford) Aug. 10-14, 9 a.m. to noon.

■ **Girls swimming and diving** -- (meet in the high school Kiva) Aug. 10, 8 to 11 a.m.

Soccer tryouts

Tryouts for the Oxford High School varsity and junior varsity soccer teams begin Monday at 6 p.m. Practices will be conducted on the practice field located between Oxford High School and Lakeville Elementary School (formerly the middle school).

Arthritis benefit

Indianwood Golf and Country Club in Lake Orion will be the site of the 1998 Industry Challenge Classic, a benefit to help the Arthritis Foundation Michigan Chapter.

The Arthritis Foundation is looking for as many as 264 corporate, community and civic leaders to challenge each other on the links at the event, which will be held Aug. 31 at 12:30 p.m.

Registration fee for the event is \$500 per golfer. Corporate sponsorship packages are available at costs between \$1,000 and \$7,500.

To register, or for more information, contact Mollie Conway at the Arthritis Foundation, (248) 424-9001, Ext. 40.

Run for the Gold

The Metro Detroit-based Vardar III U-16 boys soccer team, which features five players from the Observer/Eccentric coverage area, earned the title as "National Champions" by winning the USYSA J.D. Niotis Cup in Phoenix, Ariz., this past weekend. Here is a look at their tournament run over the past two months.

Michigan State Cup

Kalamazoo	W 4-0
Canton	W 2-1
Farmington Fury	W 4-0
Grosse Pointe	W 6-0
Novi	W 2-0
Roch. North Metro Rangers	W 3-1

Midwest Regional

Lexington (Ky.) Jazanon	T 3-3
Nebraska Gold Nemesis	W 3-0
Indianapolis (Ind.) Inferno	W 2-0
St. Louis (Mo.) Gallagher	W 4-2
Lexington (Ky.) Jazanon	W 3-2

USYSA/J.D. Niotis Cup

Dallas (Tx.) Texans Select	W 2-0
Claremont (Calif.) Stars	W 4-2

Stars finish 2nd at Toledo regional

Having a dream brushed away at the very last moment. That is the ugly feeling currently looming in the stomachs of each member of the North Oakland Stars baseball club.

The Stars (32-10) had dreams of advancing to the National Amateur Baseball Federation 18-and-under national tournament Aug. 6-9 in Evansville, Ind., but the Stars came up just short at the 12-team NABF regional tournament in Toledo, Ohio, this past weekend, taking home the runner-up trophy.

It was disappointing, the kids are disappointed because we came so close of making it (to the world series), offered Dan LaNoue, the Stars' manager. "We played some very good baseball against some very good competition, but we came up short and that is a little tough to take."

The Stars, who opened with victories over the Toledo Irish

and Lincoln Park on July 29 and 30, respectively, were dealt their first defeat of the double-elimination tournament on July 31, as they dropped a 5-4, 10-inning heartbreaker to the Chicago (Ill.) Blues.

North Oakland did regroup to defeat the Kenosha (Wisc.) Indians in its next game, but once again fell prey to the champion Chicago Blues, 6-2, to conclude the tournament. The Stars needed back-to-back wins over the Blues in order to advance.

Against the Blues, Chris McQuiston (Birmingham Seaholm/Michigan State) decided to stretch a triple into an inside-the-park home run in the seventh to win the game for the Stars, but called out at the plate, and Chicago rallied to win in the 10th.

Mike Bennion (Rochester/Oakland University) had three hits, while Brett Wattles (Rochester) and Tim Frankhouse

(Rochester/Toledo) had had two singles and an RBI.

"We really felt we had a great chance, luck just wasn't on our side," said LaNoue. "We couldn't win the first game against (Chicago), but there was a play at the plate where we felt the (Chris) McQuiston was safe, but he was called out. It was a very controversial call, and had the call gone the other way, who knows what might have happened. We were just a little unlucky."

Perhaps the most unlucky of all was right-handed pitcher Keith Perez (Holly), who took the loss against the Blues. Perez went all 10 innings, scattering just six hits — five which were infield singles — against 11 strikeouts.

"That was one of his best outings," said LaNoue of Perez. "They never hit him hard, they had five infield clunkers off him and that was enough to help

them out. You couldn't have asked Keith to throw much better."

In the win against the Kenosha Indians, McQuiston scored the winning run in the sixth on a double by Bennion to lift them into the championship round. Chris Crowder (Troy/Michigan) led the attack with two hits and three RBI, while both McQuiston and Bennion each finished with two hits and an RBI. Phil Kommer (Sterling Heights/Eastern Michigan) picked up the win on the mound in relief.

In the Stars' last game against Chicago, Ryan Petoakey (Davison/Mott CO) took the loss despite scattering just eight hits.

"Again, they never really hit Ryan hard, they just had a couple of innings where they hit the ball where we weren't," said LaNoue. "They were a good team and they deserved to win. Overall, I have no complaints."

Oxford adults hit gridiron

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

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

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

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

Gone camping



Hoop hero: Michael Vagts of Clarkston recently attended the University of Michigan basketball camp, where he met coach Brian Ellerbe. Michael also helped his spring team at Basketball America to a first-place win with an average of 10 baskets per game. The other team winners were Nick Meola of Clarkston, Tony Lopez of Lake Orion, Josh Rutkowski of Oxford and R.D. Vanhouten of Rochester.

Diamond Dragons get chance to play fall ball in Rochester

Lake Orion baseball players who aren't involved in other fall sports are going to get the chance to extend their season.

Assistant coach Tom Stauffer is looking for players who would like to play in the fall baseball

league in Rochester, an attempt to help build the Dragon program by getting the players more innings.

For more information, call Stauffer at 391-3704.

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them at halftime to go ahead and try it again because it was open. All I had to do was catch it."

"I think it hurt some of our timing (rotating quarterbacks play-to-play), but it all worked out at the end," said a smiling

Hunter, who hauled in a couple of passes on the day, including a two-point conversion following the first East touchdown. "Our execution in the second half was much better."

Hunter, eager to begin his college career at the University of Notre Dame, was involved in one of the game's more unusual plays.

With time running down and the East trailing 15-14, Gorney lofted a pass down the middle of the field that was tipped three different times before landing in the arms of Hunter near the goal line.

The gain was nullified as an illegal procedure penalty was whistled against the East.

"The game pretty much summed up how the week went," Hunter said. "We went three days, so that didn't leave much time for anything else, and the pace of the game was so fast that it kept you in it to the end. I'm glad I could be a part of it."

Phillips, who will join Small at Duke, did a solid job in the East secondary, racking up a pair of tackles and limiting the West All-Stars to a single offensive touchdown.

Zurbrick

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said Zurbrick, who is headed to Eastern Michigan to run track. "I didn't make first or second team all-state (he was honorable mention) and that's a lot of players right there. I was shocked."

That doesn't mean he was disappointed in his play. Just the opposite.

"I thought I fit right in," Zurbrick said. "I felt I played well. It was fun just being out there on the Michigan State field. It was cool."

Zurbrick starts this fall at Eastern, where he will throw the shot put and hammer for the Eagles. He won't try to play football, at least not in his freshman year.

"I want to see how track goes," Zurbrick said. "They go year round, and I don't want to do two sports in one season, at least not in my first year. I think that would be too much for me."

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Combined effort aimed at saving osprey chicks

The Metroparks have some new residents.

In a combined effort between the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the Huron-Clinton Metroparks and the Detroit Zoological Institute Authority, four osprey chicks were recently relocated from the Upper Peninsula to a hacking box overlooking Wildwing Lake at Kensington Metropark. These majestic fish-eating raptors will be cared for and monitored until they can fly and feed on their own. The hope is that they will return to Kensington to nest in future years.

Osprey were once abundant in Michigan but the use of DDT and other harmful pesticides as well as habitat destruction reduced their numbers so much that Osprey were placed on the endangered species list in the mid 1960's.

Adult osprey weigh approximately four pounds and have massive wing spans that reach six-feet. Bullhead and carp are their main staple food and the new residents of Wildwing Lake should have little trouble finding food once they learn to fly and feed on their own.

The birds will be hacked (or raised) in these hacking boxes for several weeks until they fledge (fly). Biologists and volunteers will monitor the birds daily and feed each bird up to two pounds of fish per day. As the birds mature and begin to fly the "free hand outs" will be cut back to encourage the birds to feed on their own.

Osprey migrate to South America for the winter and return north when the weather warms. Traditionally, the male birds return to the area they were raised when they are sexually mature to nest. The hope is that these birds will return to Kensington and make it their permanent summer home.

Early goose season

An early September Canada goose season will once again be held throughout most of the state in an effort to control the growing population of resident

Giant Canada geese. This fall the early season will run Sept. 1-15 in the Lower Peninsula and Sept. 1-10 in the Upper Peninsula. The daily bag limit is five. The counties of Tuscola, Saginaw and Huron will be closed to early September goose hunting to avoid harvest of early arriving migrant geese from James Bay, Ontario.

Last year hunters harvested over 91,000 geese during the September hunt and this year should produce similar results with an estimated population of 440,000 locally produced giant Canada geese.

"Hunters that get out now and scout areas that birds use and secure permission to hunt on private land should do very well," said Greg Soulliere, waterfowl specialist with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Grouse limits increased

Ruffed grouse hunters in the Upper Peninsula will have an increased bag limit this fall, but a proposal to restore the December season in the U.P. failed to gain support of the Natural Resource Commission.

In a 4-3 vote the Commission agreed with the DNR's recommendation to increase the daily bag limit in the U.P. from three birds to five. DNR research shows that liberal grouse hunting regulations are not detrimental to grouse populations in northern Michigan during times of moderate or high grouse abundance. Wildlife biologists feel the increased bag limits in the U.P. will not adversely affect grouse numbers.

A review of the ruffed grouse regulations was prompted by the fact that grouse populations in the U.P. and northern Lower have recovered substantially over the past few years. Grouse hunters in the northern Lower have enjoyed a five-bird daily limit and a split season (Sept. 15-Nov. 14 and Dec. 1-Jan. 1) for several years while Upper Peninsula hunters have been restricted to three birds per day and no December season.

(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 bspark@oe.homecomm.net)

ARCHERY

NAA NATIONAL
The National Archery Association will hold the 114th annual National Target Championships through Aug. 7 at Heritage Park in Canton. Shooting begins at 9 a.m. each day. The public is welcome and there is no charge.

BOWHUNTER SHOOT
Detroit Archers will hold a bow hunter 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, on its walk-through range in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 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.

MORE 3D
Royal Oak Archers will hold a 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, August 16, on its walk-through range in Lake Orion. Call (248) 693-9799 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

FLY TYING
Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and

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

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

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

CLUBS

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

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

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

FOUR SEASONS
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first

Wednesday of each month at the Senior Citizen's Center in the Livonia Civic Center. Call Jim Kudej at (313) 591-0843 for more information.

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

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

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

FISHING TOURNAMENTS

OAKLAND BASS MASTERS
Oakland Bass Masters will hold a 50-boat open tournament on Sunday, Aug. 30, on Pontiac Lake in Oakland County. Registration is \$80, \$85 after Aug. 26. Call (248) 542-5254 for more information.

SEASON/DATES

GOOSE
The September Canada goose season will be Sept. 1-15 in the Lower Peninsula and Sept. 1-10 in the Upper Peninsula. (The counties of Huron, Tuscola and Saginaw will be closed for the early season.) The daily bag limit is five.

WATERFOWL
Waterfowl hunters have until Aug. 28 to apply for a reserved hunt permit.

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN
Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-

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

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

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

STATE PARKS

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

FISHING IN THE PARKS
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"Jiffy" Mix—Chelsea Milling Company — <http://www.jiffymix.com>

BICYCLES
Wahul Bicycle Company — <http://rochester-hills.com/wahul>

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BIG E-Z Bookkeeping Co. — <http://www.bigez.com>

BOOKS
Apostolate Communications — <http://www.apostolate.com>

BUSINESS NEWS
Insider Business Journal — <http://www.insiderbiz.com>

CERAMIC TILE
Stewart Specialty Tiles — <http://www.specialtytiles.com>

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE
Livonia Chamber of Commerce — <http://www.livonia.org>
Birmingham/Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce — <http://www.bboc.com>
Redford Chamber of Commerce — <http://redfordchamber.org>

CHILDREN'S SERVICES
St. Vincent & Sarah Fisher Center — <http://oeonline.com/svsc>

CLASSIFIED ADS
AdVillage — <http://advillage.com>
Observer & Eccentric Newspapers — <http://observer-eccentric.com>

COMMERCIAL PRINTING
Colortech Graphics — <http://colortechgraphics.com>

COMMUNITIES
City of Birmingham — <http://ci.birmingham.mi.us>
City of Livonia — <http://oeonline.com/livonia>

COMMUNITY NEWS
Observer & Eccentric Newspapers — <http://observer-eccentric.com>

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Beverly Hills Police — <http://www.beverlyhillspolice.com>
Sanctuary — <http://oeonline.com/websoo/teenhelp>
Wayne Community Living Services — <http://www.wcls.org>

COMPUTER GRAPHICS
Logix, Inc. — <http://www.logix-usa.com>

COMPUTER HARDWARE/PROGRAMMING/SOFTWARE SUPPORT
Applied Automation Technologies — <http://www.capps-edges.com>
BNB Software — <http://www.oeonline.com/bnb>
Mighty Systems Inc. — <http://www.mightysystems.com>

COMPUTER PRODUCT REVIEWS
CyberNews and Reviews — <http://oeonline.com/cybernews>

CONSTRUCTION
Frank Rewold Construction — <http://rochester-hills.com/rewold>

EDUCATION
Fordson High School — <http://oeonline.com/fordsonh>
Global Village Project — <http://oeonline.com/gvp.htm>
Oakland Schools — <http://oakland.k12.mi.us>
Reuther Middle School — <http://oeonline.com/rms>
Rochester Community Schools Foundation — <http://rochester-hills.com/rcsf>
The Webmaster School — <http://rochester-hills.com>
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Caniff Electric Supply — <http://www.caniff.com>
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Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of SW Oakland Co. — <http://oeonline.com/rrasoc>

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Village Mortgage — <http://www.villagemortgage.com>

NOTARY SERVICES
Notary Service & Bonding Agency, Inc. — <http://www.notaryservice.com>

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REALnet — <http://oeonline.com/realnet.html>
American Classic Realty — <http://americanclassicrealty.com>
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Hall & Hunter Realtors — <http://s0a.oeonline.com/hallhunt>
Langard Realtors — <http://www.langard.com>
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Sellers First Choice — <http://www.sfcrealtors.com>
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Property Services Group, Inc. — <http://www.propserv.com>

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Envision Real Estate Software — <http://www.envision-res.com>

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Presbyterian Villages of Michigan — <http://www.pvm.org>

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Fine Art Models — <http://fineartmodels.com>

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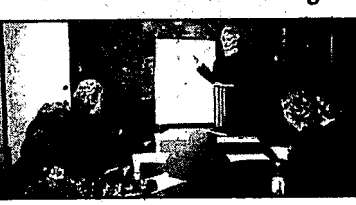
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
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ROBERT M. MEISNER

Q: I am the president of a condominium association board, newly elected to the board, and recently found out about the various classes that are being offered, one of which you were the instructor. Unfortunately, our management company didn't provide us that information and when I confronted our manager, he indicated that he didn't think that these classes in general were "worthwhile." I was dismayed at that and wanted to advise you of that type of attitude that may be permeating some community association managers. Do you have any comments?

A: The role of a professional management company is to assist the association in running its activities including the education of its board members.

Management companies shouldn't attempt to shield board members from educational opportunities, regardless of who is offering that educational opportunity in the context of a community association.

Some management companies may feel that certain co-owners who are too enlightened may be difficult to "handle" from the manager's point of view.

In any event, I appreciate your comments and would suggest that you write your management company to advise it of your concern about its professionalism and diligence in regard to discharging its duties to the association and the board.

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Loading Up: Reliable Moving and Storage handles all kinds of relocations.

Challenges movers face

By NORMAN PRADY
SPECIAL WRITER

You probably won't be able to slip the grand piano onto the truck while the movers aren't looking.

You'd told the moving company you were going to sell the piano or perhaps give it to Cousin Lonnie, who always wanted to write a concerto. But here it is, moving day, you've had no buyers and Lonnie's gone North to breed sled dogs.

So the piano sits in the living room - which is otherwise being hollowed out by the movers' removal of sofa, tables, chairs, lamps and your genuine imitation Ming vase. What role will the piano now have in the cost and complications of your move?

"Number 2 problem," said John Golembiowski, a veteran moving services salesman, is that some customers "don't represent what they want to move."

Walking the moving company's estimator through the home they're planning to leave, customers might indicate furniture and other items that won't be making the trip with them.

"They say they're going to give it away or sell it, but they don't," said Golembiowski of Reliable Moving and Storage, Canton.

While an extra soup pot won't be an issue, something large or bulky or heavy is going to affect work time, truck capacity and weight of the load. And the weight is of special concern in cross-country moves for which rates are based on poundage.

Local moves generally are based on time and materials.

Biggest problem

"Number 1 problem" on Golembiowski's list of customers' moving time mistakes: "They don't give the mover enough time to plan."

He likes to have three to four weeks in what he thinks of as the movers' off season - mid-September to the end of April. During the peak moving days from May 1 to Sept. 15, he wants more time.

"We're selling space on trucks," Golembiowski explained. During the summer months, "We're putting 10 pounds of sugar into five-pound bags." Customers should be aware of the demands and help themselves by getting the move into motion as early as possible, he said.

Golembiowski's number 3 problem is "customer packing." There is, he said, a tendency to "overpack, with 70-80 pounds being too much for the structural capability of the carton." It's not that the box will be too heavy for his movers to move, he said, "It's that the box can break, burst, collapse."

What's more, he said, that much weight in a box can't be healthy for the items near or on the bottom. "Limit to 30-35 pounds and use smaller cartons to pack denser items," those which are heavier relative to their sizes such as books, business files and your cobblestone collection.

What kind of company

As if the idea of moving isn't enough of a challenge all by itself, you also need to think, if you want to

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John Golembiowski
Reliable Moving and Storage
Canton

about the type of company you hire: a mover or van line. Generally speaking, a van line is authorized to operate in all states, having certified that it has the resources to get you and your stuff where you want to go, said Ken Wendland.

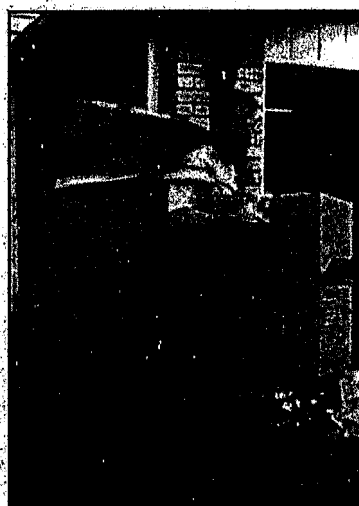
Wendland, vice president of sales and marketing for Stevens Worldwide Van Lines, Waterford, said that some local companies are agents for national companies, just as his company is an agent for Belkins Van Lines. The consumer advantage, he said, is assurance that the local company is operating on the high standards associated with its national partner.

Moving often is stressful, with money matters intensifying the tensions, Wendland said.

Since the moving industry was deregulated in 1980, prices have been controlled by the marketplace. "We all start with similar rate structures, but varying discounts and estimating methods affect totals, so if you call three companies to price your move, you'll likely get three different numbers."

You can protect yourself from price changes during the job, Wendland said, by asking for a "not-to-exceed" price or a "binding price." He cautioned, however, that any estimate is based on the information made available at the time the estimating is done, so the piano will forever be the same agony for you.

Golembiowski's company requires, as is the general practice, payment in cash, traveler's checks or certified



At the limit: Weight isn't a problem for the workers; it's a problem for the boxes

check for the amount of the estimate. If the move should cost less than the estimate, the crew will provide a receipt guaranteeing the refund.

Talk insurance when the estimator stops over. Companies licensed to operate in Michigan, Golembiowski said, carry basic coverage worth 50 cents per pound, making your 10,000 pounds of appliances, sofas, bunk beds, reclining chairs, TV tables, little black dresses and sheepskin parkas worth \$5,000 as smoldering ashes or floating debris. But, as with your homeowners insurance, there are options and varying levels of coverage and comfort available to you at added cost.

Yes, Wendland said, summer is the busy time for moving companies, probably because families want to be settled in time for the start of the school year. But he thinks it "might be better to move during the school year when all the support groups are in place" for children moving into a new area.

Common complaints

The most common complaint received at the Better Business Bureau about movers, according to Carmel Weems, bureau spokeswoman, is "they didn't show up" when they said they would: especially bad, she said, on the last day of a lease.

Weems, too, advises to "get everything in writing. Be specific about what is moving where and when." She recommends use of a checklist obtained from the mover or of your own making, whatever it takes to avoid incomplete communication.

If you're moving, say, from Farmington Hills to Novi, and have a "typical" house with the usual five or six tons of furniture, towels and toys, you'll likely spend about \$2,200, including packing services, Wendland said.

Instead of hiring professionals such as a Golembiowski crew of three, which, he said, can load and unload one room per hour, you might try to save money by being your own mover. Or you might coerce your son-in-law and his two brothers into schlepping your washer, dryer and freezer up from the basement.

In this case, you'll need to borrow or, more likely, rent a truck. Rental rates usually vary by the size of the truck, how long you use it and how many miles you drive it.

For example, the April 1998 Yellow Pages ad for U-Haul offers vans ranging from a 10-footer, for moving one room, at \$19.95, to a 26-footer, for moving a house of four or more bedrooms, at \$39.95. You'll also need to rent furniture dollies and buy packing materials.

For about \$350, said Kimberly Mulcahy of Budget Car and Truck Rental, you can pay for all the packing supplies and equipment you'll need and two days' use of a 24-foot van to locally move the contents of a three-bedroom house. She recommends study of Budget's free guide for self-movers.

And at Budget's office in Livonia, Doug Diebert, manager, said he'll show you how to drive the truck.

Castle Kings

Here's the rate of home ownership rounded to the nearest percentage point, for selected metro areas in five-year increments.

Area	1997	1992	1987
U.S.	66	64	64
Atlanta	69	63	59
Baltimore	72	63	58
Boston	60	58	56
Chicago	65	57	55
Cleveland	73	63	65
Dallas	59	52	50
Denver	68	59	61
Detroit	72	69	71
LA/Long Beach	48	49	49
Long Island	81	80	84
Orlando	63	61	69
Philadelphia	71	72	69
Phoenix	66	65	63
San Francisco	49	54	48

Sources: U.S. Housing Markets

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Coping with rejection

MORTGAGE SEARCH



DAVID C. MULLY

Part 1
It ranks right up there with the worst news you can get: After searching for a home and negotiating a sales contract you can live with, you learn that your application for a mortgage has been denied. Talk about raining on your parade!

Like many storm clouds, this one can have a silver lining. In

many cases, there's something you can do to make it better. Like most changes, it may not happen quickly. But experts in the field of mortgage lending agree that if you take the right steps, you have a good chance of turning your rejection around.

The first and most important step is to find out exactly why your application was denied. And that shouldn't be hard. Your lender is required to notify you within 30 days of your application if your mortgage is not approved - and this notification must include the reason or reasons your application was turned down.

Equally important at this phase is to make sure you understand the reason or reasons your application was denied, according to the Mortgage Bankers Association of America, an organization that represents mortgage lenders from all across America. If you're not sure you understand, call the person you worked with and ask for an explanation.

Knowing why your mortgage was turned down is crucial for taking the right steps to change the situation for the better - so next time you apply, you'll have a better chance of hearing "yes."

Here are some of the most common reasons mortgage applications are turned down - and what you can do about them.

The appraised value of the home is too low. In this situation, the appraised value of the home is lower than the purchase price - and as a result, the relationship between the amount of the loan and the value of the house, called the loan-to-value ratio, is beyond the limits set by the lender (or in some cases, allowed by law).

If it's a case of the purchase price being higher than the prevailing prices being paid in the area, you might simply try renegotiating the price with the seller. If that's not possible, another alternative is to accept a smaller mortgage - but then you'll have to make up the difference with a larger down payment.

The information about how to make the best of a bad situation was supplied by Mainstreet Mortgage, (800) 834-4200.

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AUBURN HILLS

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- Updated bath, some new carpet and hardwood floors
- Gas fireplace, winter porch, first floor laundry room
- Situated on a well kept, private lot in nice area

\$124,900 Ask For: Mary Ellen Haan (248) 656-4424 RO191



ROYAL OAK - CHARMING!

- This near downtown three bedroom home has character
- Oak trim interior, fabulous formal dining room has bay window, updated bath and kitchen, fenced yard
- Deep lot, basement & newer roof

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- As spacious as a home with less maintenance!
- Enjoy serenity from the secluded patio, relish the beautiful white brick fireplace and updated kitchen
- Walk to heated pool, clubhouse, two car carport

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ROYAL OAK

- Neutral decor, hardwood floors, & many updates
- This North Royal Oak colonial has family & dining rooms plus a potential third story now used as attic
- Two car garage, appliances, fenced yard

\$138,900 (248) 646-6000 FE110



SOUTHFIELD

- Newer colonial boasts large bright kitchen with breakfast nook and doorwall to wood deck
- Master bedroom has direct access to bath
- Treed lot, close to schools and expressways

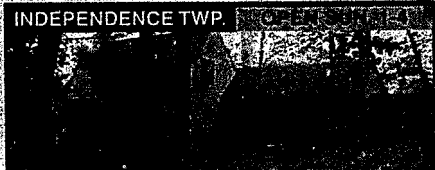
\$139,900 Ask For: Christine Hennings (248) 647-6081 DU252



SOUTHFIELD

- Well maintained brick ranch will fit your lifestyle!
- Open kitchen and dining area opens to large family room with doorwall to patio, Master bedroom w/full bath.
- Living room, three bedrooms, large basement, garage

\$142,000 (248) 547-2000 PE160



INDEPENDENCE TWP.

- 8780 Mohican - N. of Clarkston, W. of Easton
- Charming updated beauty on corner lot in Thendora Park
- Stone fireplace in great room, three bedrooms, two baths
- Tastefully done top to bottom! Newer furnace and septic

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FARMINGTON HILLS

- Completely updated Farmington Hills Bungalow
- Freshly painted inside and out with many updates
- Three bedrooms, family room, first floor laundry
- A true gem with almost 1,500 square feet on large lot

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ROYAL OAK - WHITE PICKET FENCE

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- Three bedroom colonial - walk to downtown!
- Updated kitchen and bath, three car garage
- White picket fence and all!

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STERLING HEIGHTS

- Spacious four bedroom Colonial with lots of nice updates
- Hardwood floors in living room and dining room
- Large kitchen with breakfast area, fire lit family room
- Newly finished basement, fenced backyard

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- TROY OPEN SUN. 1-4**
- 2053 Sterling Dr., N. of Square Lake, E. of John R.
 - Enjoy the privacy of country living with quick access to the city in this fabulous three bedroom, two bath home
 - Skylights & fireplace brighten & warm the family room
 - Breakfast room, master with bath, fenced, treed lot

\$174,900 (248) 641-1660 ST205



WEST BLOOMFIELD - LAKE PRIVILEGES

- This brick & wood ranch has newer interior throughout!
- Two ceramic baths, oak kitchen, hardwood floors
- Fire lit family room, three bedrooms, large living room
- Two decks, close to schools! Dab Lake privileges!

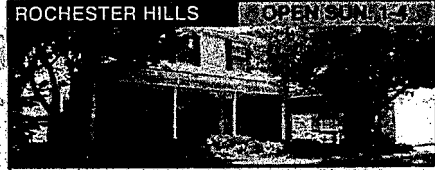
\$174,900 (248) 851-4400 WI598



ROYAL OAK TRI-LEVEL OPEN SUN. 2-4

- 3106 Elmhurst - S. of 13 Mile, W. of Crooks - Shrine Area
- Nice living area, family room with fireplace
- Loads of "new" including roof, central air & privacy fence, three bedrooms with hardwood floors, 1 1/2 baths
- Eat-in kitchen, 2 car garage, seller motivated!

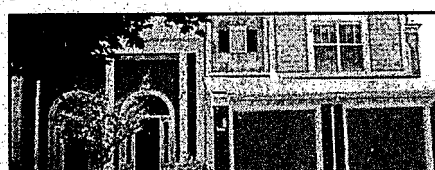
\$169,900 (248) 646-6000 EL310



ROCHESTER HILLS OPEN SUN. 1-4

- 513 ROLLING GREEN - W. of Adams, N. of Walton
- Beautiful hardwood foyer welcomes you to this home
- Oak floor continues in living room, formal dining
- Family room features natural fireplace and wet bar
- Four large bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, covered patio

\$224,900 Ask For: Eleanor Feeley (248) 656-4404 RO513



BLOOMFIELD - THE HEATHERS!

- Bright & airy describes this nicely decorated condo
- Spacious kitchen with Corian counters, upgraded sink & faucet, formal dining room, updated bathrooms
- Great room with vaulted ceilings and fireplace

\$227,000 (248) 641-1660 EA190



ROCHESTER HILLS COLONIAL

- Private wooded yard with deck & gazebo, four bedrooms
- Updated decor and appliances, jetted tub
- Just five minutes to I-75 or M-59

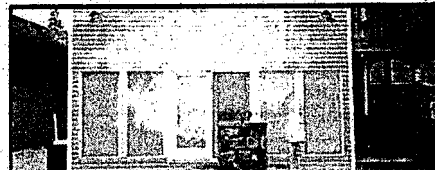
\$229,900 Ask For: Joyce Dobbs (248) 656-4422 AQ323



ORION TOWNSHIP - MUST SEE

- Attractive newer home built by Pulte Construction
- Spacious family room features natural fireplace
- Four bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, finished basement
- Walk to swimming pool, tennis courts, Great area!

\$249,900 (248) 851-4400 TA356



WALLED LAKE - LAKEFRONT

- Beautiful almost new two story with view of Walled Lake and 200 foot lakefront park. Three bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths
- Fieldstone fireplace in living room, Master with bath
- Den, dining room, deck and balcony, Central air

\$265,000 (248) 651-8850 CO150



SOUTHFIELD - MAJOR REDUCTION

- Very unique reversed colonial on wooded cul-de-sac
- Each of four bedrooms leads to deck, terrace & pool
- Features many custom amenities: marble floors, fireplace in great room, breakfast room & finished basement

\$319,900 (248) 547-2000 LA232



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- Hunters Pointe Colonial
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SOUTHFIELD - WASHINGTON HEIGHTS

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- Hardwood floors, modern kitchen, neutral carpet
- Beautifully finished lower level with wet bar & sauna
- Florida room, lovely setting

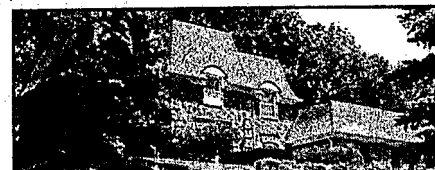
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- Discover luxury in this custom three bedroom brick ranch
- Open floor plan & vaulted ceilings plus island kitchen with premium appliances, breakfast room & large pantry
- Full finished lower level with kitchen. Many extras!

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- Master suite has separate closets & dressing rooms

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TROY - UNCOMPROMISING ELEGANCE

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- Gourmet kitchen w/special features opens to living room.

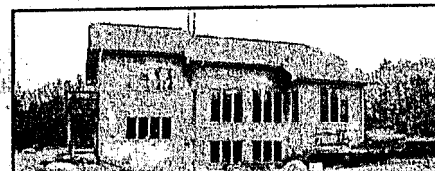
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- Premium wooded setting in very desired Troy sub
- Executive colonial has four large bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths
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- Finished basement with mirrored bar, Bloomfield Schools.

\$549,900 Ask For: Jyoti Gupta (248) 647-8082 BE345



NORTHVILLE - ALMOST NEW

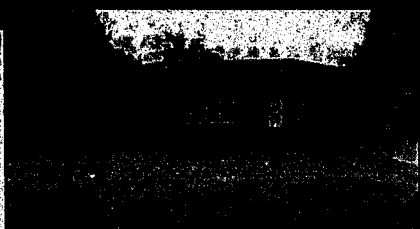
- This custom Cambridge Cape Cod sits amidst prestigious homes & has its own extras to offer
- Features extra large rooms, spectacular lower level
- Three car garage, lush landscaping and brick pavers

\$649,900 Ask For: Arlene Proy (248) 639-8111 ST174

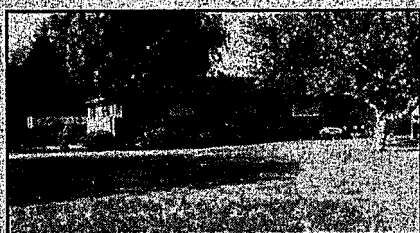


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TROY 3 BEDROOM ranch home with many updates that include roof, furnace, central air, elevated rear patio. Beautiful interior decor. 2 car attached garage. Call today! \$174,900 (95TOR) 524-1600



TROY 3 BEDROOM brick ranch on extra large corner lot. Finished basement with full bath. All appliances stay. One year Home Warranty included. \$169,900 (14DAN) 524-1600



TROY Many updates in this 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath colonial. New paint and carpet throughout. Newer kitchen floor, lights, disposal, dishwasher and vinyl windows and more. Large deck with hot tub. Home Warranty! \$279,900 (44LAN) 524-1600



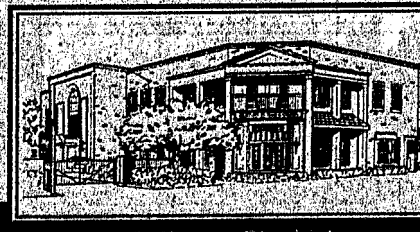
CLARKSTON 3 bedroom contemporary home with 2 full baths. Great room with cathedral ceiling. Loft library overlooking great room. Large open floor to ceiling windows plus more. 1 1/2 acres of property. \$245,500 (46RID) 524-1600



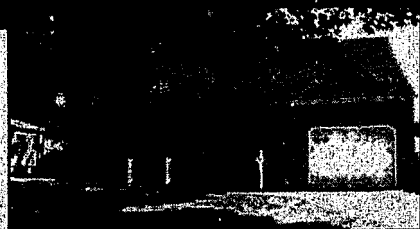
TROY 3 bedroom ranch home on park-like setting. Above ground pool with deck. Large cement apron for parking. 2 car attached garage. \$189,900 (65MAP) 524-1600



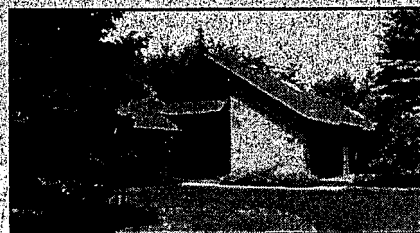
TROY 3 bedroom colonial located in Windmill Pointe Subdivision offers newer kitchen, roof, wood floors, hot water heater, central air and garage door. New built-in appliances. A great family home. \$166,900 (76WIN) 524-1600



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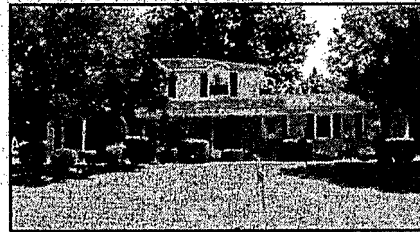
1900 SQUARE FEET Expanded Cape Cod offers a lot of space for family. 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, over 1,900 square feet! Quality and charm throughout. \$238,000 (24FER) 248-642-8100



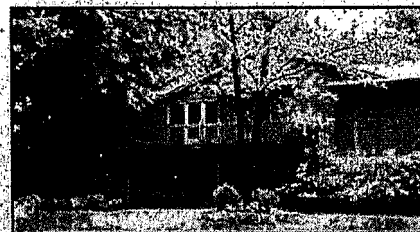
FABULOUS HOME! Custom transitional beauty set in 2 1/2 acres of wooded land, huge living room, gourmet kitchen, two way fireplace, den, 4 bedrooms, walk-out, 4 car garage! \$649,000 (50HOW) 248-642-8100



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FRENCH COLONIAL GEM Nestled between tall pines, across the fresh paved street from the golf course, sits this well-maintained brick 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath in move in condition. \$254,900 (76TEQ) 363-1200



OUTSTANDING CEDAR RANCH Crooked Lake access, knockout walkout basement, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, great decks, 3 patios, built 1991. Jacuzzi, gas lot fireplace, sprinklers, appliances. \$234,900 (30ANC) 363-1200



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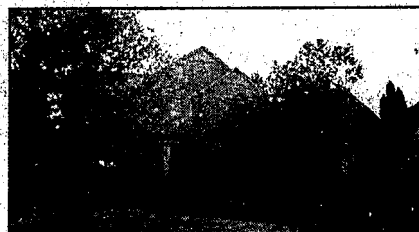
TRANQUIL, SCENIC SETTING Canal front condo, views of Dixie Lake & commons, oak cabinets and trim, fireplace in great room, finished walkout, 2 full baths, 3 bedrooms, cathedral ceilings. \$179,900 (67CED) 363-1200



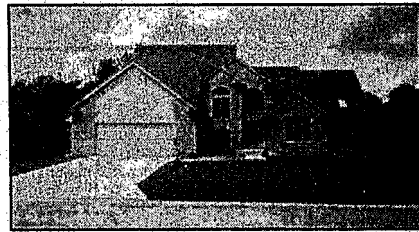
110 FOOT WATERFRONT RANCH Close to main body of Cooley Lake, immaculate house, all appliances stay, 2 car garage for all the toys. Newer carpet shows pride and care of this nice ranch. \$163,900 (74HIL) 363-1200



LOTS OF ROOMS IN BERKLEY 5 bedrooms, 1 bath, garage and basement. Gorgeous bungalow in great location. Close to expressway. Many updates and in more in condition. \$159,900 (12ROY) 363-1200



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



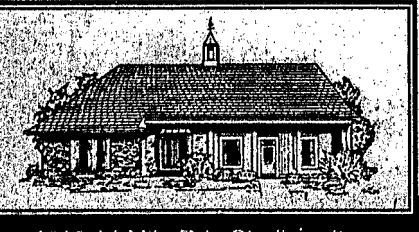
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RANCH with walkout with separate in-law suite. Double lot, two car garage. Living room with fireplace. Zoning is two family. 2 full baths in lower level. Large deck in back of home. \$209,900 (39ALI) 652-8000



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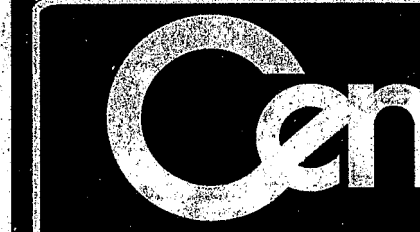
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CUSTOM HOME w/great room, formal dining room, Oak island kitchen w/large nook. Den w/glass French doors. Ceramic 2 story foyer. Master bedroom w/cathedral ceiling. Master w/shower, tub, 2 sinks. Large 1st floor laundry. \$499,700 (98RIV) 652-8000



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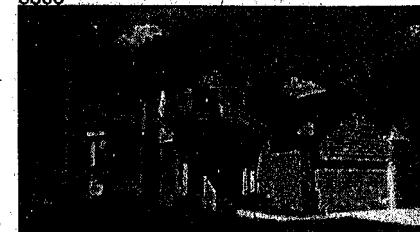
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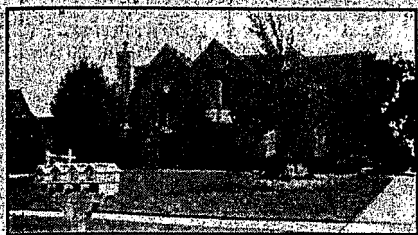


NEWER 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 baths, extensively updated. Great deck with hot tub, finished basement features rec. room, 5th bedroom, full bath, cul-de-sac site with large back yard. \$264,900 (21ARB) (248) 626-8800

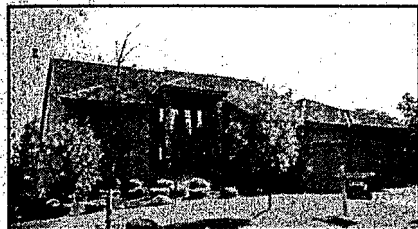


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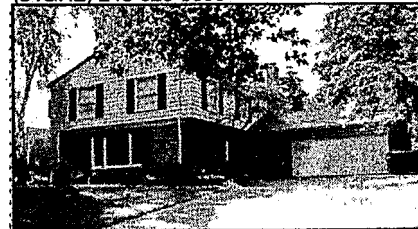


CHARMING 4 bedroom, 4 bath contemporary. Great room, fireplace, library, finished lower level with kitchen, bath, office, 2 master suites, Birmingham schools, 1st floor laundry, 2 car attached garage & more. Built 1993 \$511,000. (29OAK) 248-626-8800

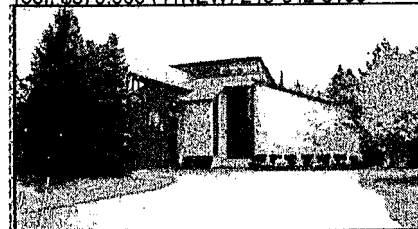
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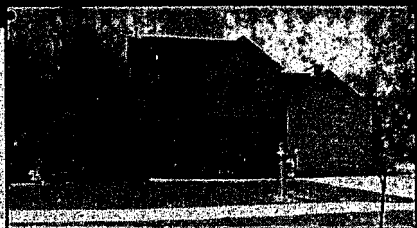
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SHINNING AND SPOTLESS. Pristine 3 bedroom, 2 bath, ranch with gorgeous landscape and walkout lower level built in 1996, ceramic entrance, top quality throughout. \$152,000 (69ROL) 363-1200



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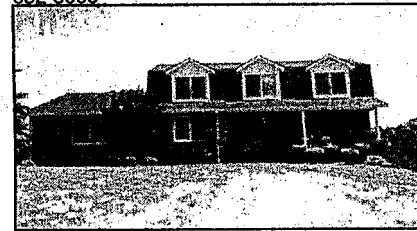
HOW SOON CAN YOU MOVE? This special home has 2 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, partly finished basement and attached garage. There's a library too! Many updates include kitchen & bath. \$124,000 (29BEE) 363-1200



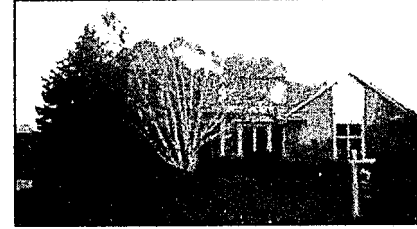
CUL-DE-SAC. Three car garage, master with 2 walk-in closets plus bonus room, see-through fireplace in kitchen/family room. Basement has garden level windows, plumbed for bath. \$399,000 (30ROS) 652-8000



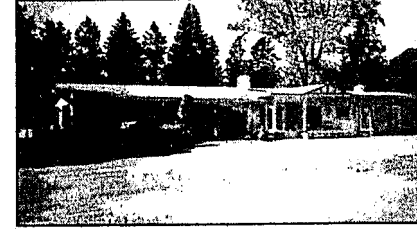
GORGEOUS detached condo! On premium lot backing to woods. Completely neutral throughout, great room with cathedral ceiling & 2-sided marble fireplace. Sunny kitchen with cathedral ceiling & nook with door wall to deck, cozy hearth area. \$264,900 (72FAL) 652-8000



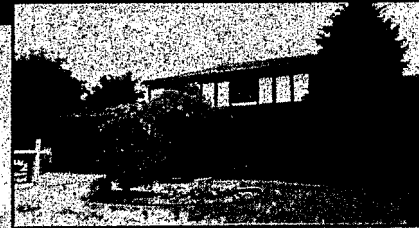
3.8 ACRES. Brick walkout colonial. Great views, apple trees & deer! A true "family" room with fireplace, wet bar and door wall to deck. Spacious kitchen with built-in cooktop & ovens. A great master with over 2,600 sq. ft. Many updates! \$249,977 (61KLI) 652-8000



ADAMS WEST. 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, partially finished basement. Hardwood in foyer, kitchen, nook. Family room with cathedral ceiling & fireplace. 17'x41' Fox in-ground heated pool. \$274,900 (79QUI) 652-8000



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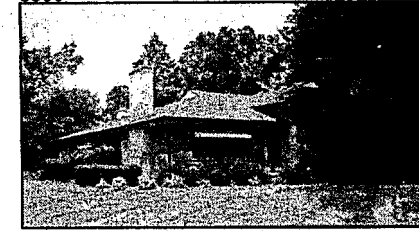
LARGE LOVELY COLONIAL on beautiful lot, circular drive, formal living and dining rooms, full wall fireplace in family room, master suite, great kitchen with large eating area, full basement, first floor laundry. \$189,000 (40RUG) 248-626-8800



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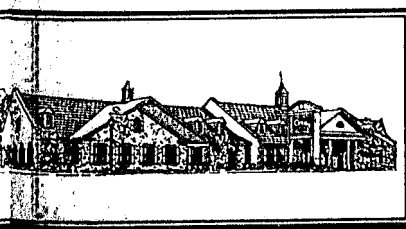
GREAT QUAD on a great lot! 3 bedrooms, bonus room, 2 1/2 baths, family room, 2 fireplaces, and much more! \$200,000 (19WIL) 248-626-8800



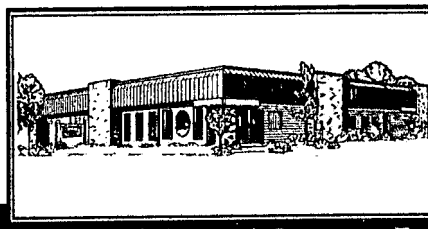
ROYAL OAK - Beverly Hills of Royal Oak Colonial w/2 fireplaces, eat-in kitchen, finished basement, 3 large bedrooms, extra wide lot & immediate occupancy. \$223,500 (24AMH) 642-8100



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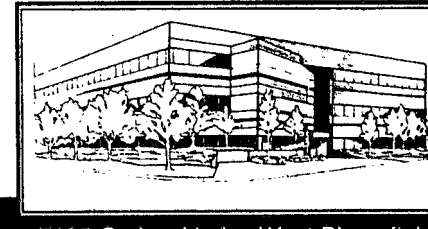
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1,759 sq. ft. Brick Ranch in Novi. Three bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, 24x12' living room, 22 x 19' great room, 2 fireplaces, 2 car attached garage. Huge yard. Beautiful home! \$157,900.

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MONTE NAGLER

What's one of the best ways to improve your photographs and receive positive acclaim from family and friends? Be on the lookout for the unusual! You need to develop your skills in seeing the unusual and then produce

the image on film in the most enhancing way.

Listed below are some things to look for that will help you capture something different on film.

As you look through the viewfinder of your camera, really begin to "see." For example, a backlit shot can transform your subject into an unusual, dramatic silhouette. Early morning or late afternoon light can cast uncommon shadows that will add impact to your shot. Look for an unusual cloud formation or perhaps an approaching thunderstorm.

A keen photographer's eye can isolate a small detail such as a reflection in a puddle or the pattern in a stack of firewood. These and many more subjects

will produce photographs of unusual quality.

And keeping your eyes open for an exciting splash of color may be the final ingredient for that special picture. Pay close attention to careful framing and composition. Watch your subject placement in the viewfinder and use depth-of-field creatively.

Using your camera's controls imaginatively can add the unusual to pictures, too. Slow shutter speeds can blur the action and give a misty, dreamlike appearance to subjects such as flowing water. Fast shutter speeds will, of course, freeze the action at its peak.

Use candid shots to capture unusual shots of people. You'll get those fleeting, spontaneous expressions that are so elusive in posed portraits.

For you vacationers, put your traveler's vision in gear and be on the lookout for the unusual. An obscure street scene or other out-of-the-way image will add impact and interest to your travel photographs.

In summary, it's OK to deviate from the "norm" in your photography. Being a little "unusual" in your photographic thinking will reward you with pictures that carry the stamp of your own individuality.



Reflection on photography:
Monte Nagler saw this unusual, almost artistic reflection in British Columbia's Lake Tutshi. Very careful composition produced this truly dramatic photograph.

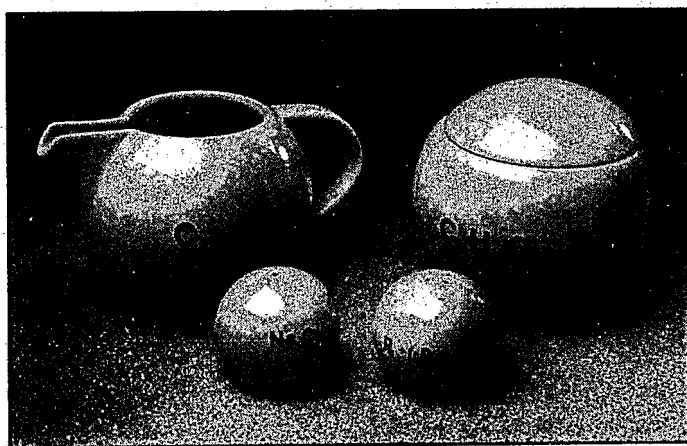


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Tiles that bring smiles

Commentary: These handpainted, one-of-a-kind tiles by artist Nina Cambron reflect about life in the '90s. Hang them up to decorate your kitchen, or use them as trivets. Each tile includes a catchy phrase, including "If you're standing up when you eat it, it doesn't count ... wear comfortable shoes," and "Friends don't let friends drive without lipstick ... or very cool shades." Each tile art retails for \$38 at Jacobson's.



Good chemistry

Fashionable formula: These fun but functional accessories are sure to be a conversation piece in anyone's kitchen. Decorated with its chemical composition symbols, an expressive alternative to its written names, these educational tools will add conversation to anyone's table. The salt and pepper shaker set is \$15 and the creamer and sugar bowl set is \$25 at Chiasso, at the Somerset Collection, north of Big Beaver Road at Coolidge in Troy. Call (248) 643-6550.

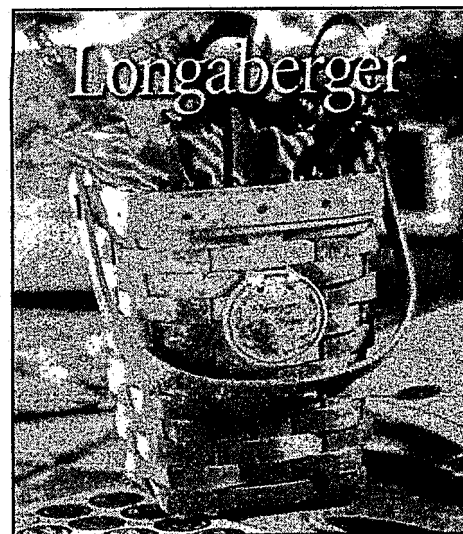
Banding together

Ribbon vases: Flowers are works of Nature's art. And just as a great painting deserves a great frame, flowers deserve a beautiful vase. An inspired way to display a summer bouquet is with these dramatic ribbon vases designed by Peter Hewitt from MOMA. A curved aluminum band is pressed between two pieces of glass to produce a stunning effect. The tall vase is \$40 and the square vase is \$46 at Chiasso, at the Somerset Collection, north of Big Beaver Road at Coolidge in Troy. Call (248) 643-6550.



Basket of hope

Gathering support: The Longaberger Company has made a five-year commitment to support the American Cancer Society in the fight against breast cancer. Now in its fourth year of the Horizon of Hope® campaign, Longaberger offers the 1998 Horizon of Hope Basket, available this month. Two dollars from every basket bought will support breast cancer research and education projects. The basket has one swinging handle and the ACS logo burned into the bottom, and can be accessorized with a dusty rose stripe liner that coordinates with the first-ever Horizon of Hope tie-on. Costs are \$31 for the basket, \$10 for the liner, \$3 for the protector and \$8 for the tie-on. For information, call Carol Griffith at (248) 652-7628.



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appliance doctor

Business teaches lessons in 20 years



JOE GAGNON

On Jan. 1, 1979, I purchased a company called Carmack Appliance in Garden City and began a whole new way of life. It was the beginning of a small business owner who thought he knew it all but in reality

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I worked so many hours that I helped destroy any possibility of a normal home life, and I let the business become my one true love. If I only would have had the maturity and wisdom of today, things would have turned out different in my personal life. Enough said of the past in a negative tone, let me tell you some of the positives.

For many years, I stood behind the counter and met thousands of consumers who came in or called for help on their appliances. That was the real joy of being in business and what it was

all about.

I will never be able to explain the feeling I got in my heart when a customer would come in and thank me for showing them how they were able to do it themselves. I could write volumes about this aspect of my business and how close I became with many of my customers.

Lord knows that I didn't do everything correctly, like the time I sold a customer a motor for his dryer, and he installed it and burned it up. I wouldn't give him a refund or another motor because I thought he did the installation improperly. I got so fed up with him, I decided to go over to his house and show him what he had done wrong. You can color me red, folks, I had sold him the wrong motor.

What about the time a lady came in to buy parts her husband had sent her for? She had a bag full of parts and half of them were not needed. I only sold her what I thought she needed and felt good about saving them money, but I made a smart aleck comment about her hus-

band not being too smart. An hour later she came back with this guy who weighed 350 pounds and stood 8 feet high, and he wanted an apology about my comment. To make matters worse, she was standing there crying because I made fun of her husband's intelligence.

You learn real quick in life, unless you are paid to be a comedian, don't try to be one. I like to think that I learned a lesson from my mistakes, and I did because I made so many friends by always putting myself in my customers' shoes. I lost more money than I ever made but then again, money was never that important.

In the months ahead, things will change at this little business which has consumed my life for the past 20 years. The caring for consumers will continue just as it has these many years, and the business will prosper and grow because of new, modern ideas. As for the guy writing this column, he has doors opening which are leading to bigger and better ideas. In the weeks ahead, I will give you more detail through this newspaper

as to exactly what's happening and how you became such a big part of it.

In closing, let me give you all a big thank you for reading this column. I plan to write it for a long time to come. To all of you who have made contact with me in the past, I owe a debt of gratitude. While you may have thought I was helping you, YOU were doing the same thing for me. You taught me that love and caring for other people's problems were more important than my own. I learned the true meaning of a "thank you" and how total strangers can truly speak from the heart. To so many of you that I touched, YOU made life all worth living and I OWE YOU. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon 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." He can be reached at (313) 873-9789.

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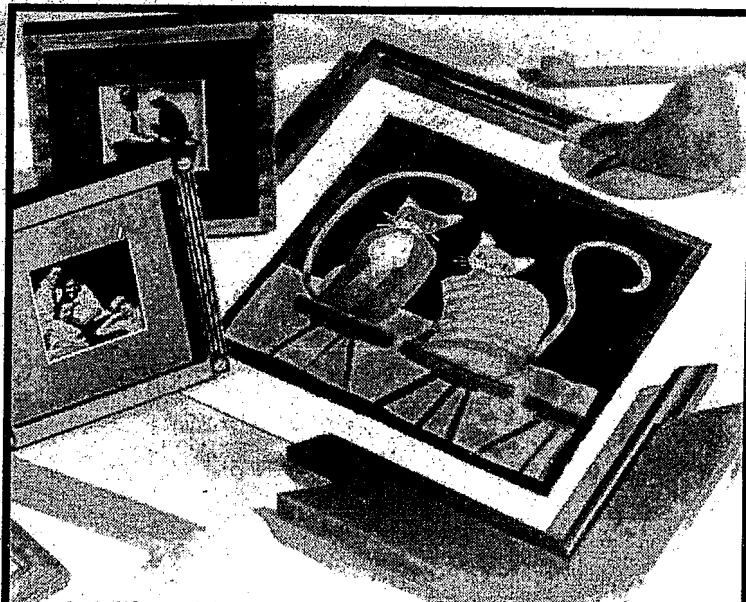
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Rainy day fun eases boredom blahs



LISA LUCKOW-HEALY

Rain often brings out the most creative spirit within you because it quite often forces you to put on your thinking cap and devise an indoor "Do List."

When chaos outside your home prevents you from catching up with household tasks, you welcome the rain because it is your excuse to stay inside and feel good about baking for a relative in need, fixing things that are in a state of disrepair, or actually sitting down as a family to play a board game.

Next time your family comes down with the rainy day boredom blahs with not a clue about what to do other than turning on the television or talking on the telephone, think back to some of the activities you may have enjoyed as a child when simple pleasures were void of high technology.

Learn about your library. The trip you remember taking to the library as a child has changed quite a bit thanks to the computer age.

Take advantage of a rainy day to spend some time looking up the fascinating writer whose work you've always wanted to read. Your children will enjoy discovering sites on the Internet or a new CD-ROM. If you aren't proficient on the Internet, perhaps your child can take the time at the library to get you up to speed.

Set aside some time to talk to the reference librarian about special events the library may offer free of charge, including story time for young children, teen reading programs, and a variety of Internet classes.

Discover a new restaurant. When your teen takes off to a friend's home on a rainy day, it's nice to set a plan to reconvene as a family at a new restaurant in town, or one you haven't frequented in some time. Let your teen make the decision where to eat. Find a table in the corner of the restaurant where you won't be as easily disturbed

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when you want to catch up on family chat.

Turn your home into a temporary bed and breakfast. When rainy days fall on the weekend when all the family is home, take turns being guests in your own bed and breakfast. Hang out in your pajamas as long as your heart desires. Invite everyone to pile into one bed and take turns serving each other breakfast in bed.

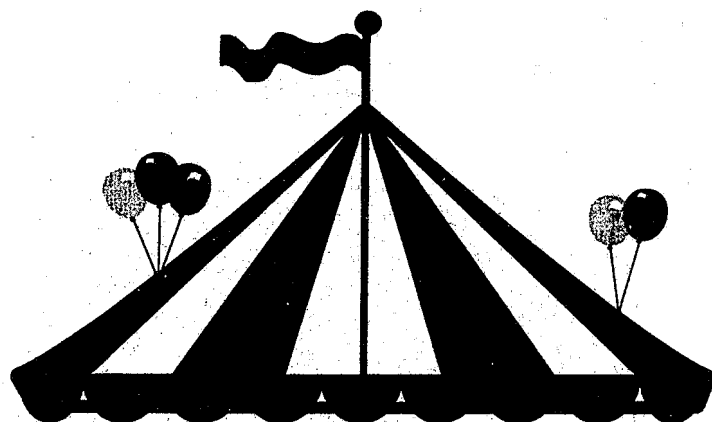
When your children are too young to appreciate spending a lengthy amount of time in bed, opt for breakfast in front of the tube watching classic cartoons such as "The Flintstones" on cable television while you dine on a blanket on the floor picnic style.

Soothe your family's mood with foot massages and favorite snacks you might otherwise say "no" to on a busy weekday.

Read the newspaper. Divide the paper up and share it amongst yourselves. Allow teens to share lead news stories with you and ask them how much they know about the discussion topic. Turn circulars into seek and find games for younger children. Ask the youngsters to find images of a red car, a box of laundry detergent or a weather map.

Travel to faraway places. Pull out an atlas of the world and ask older children to select a place in which they would like to take a family vacation. Talk about what makes the destination so enticing. Ask your children to describe what they would pack, what activities they would participate in upon their arrival, and what type of food they think would be popular to the region.

To leave Lisa Luckow-Healy a message about how you celebrate family, call (734) 953-2047, then her mailbox number, 1903; or e-mail your suggestions to LIHealy@aol.com



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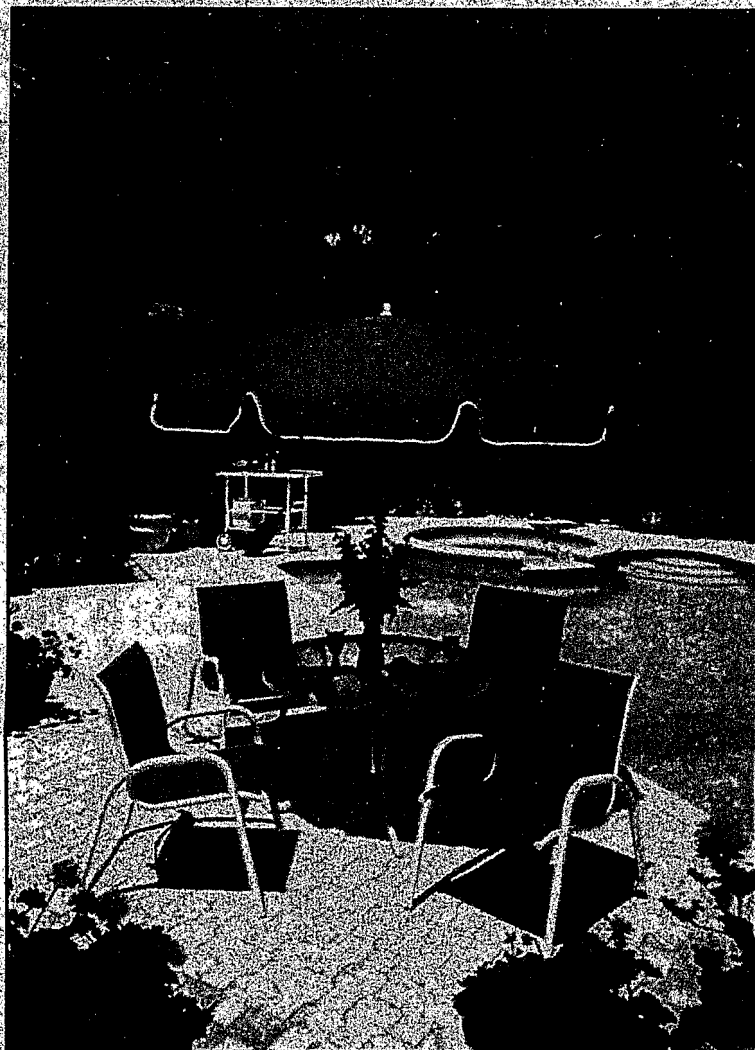
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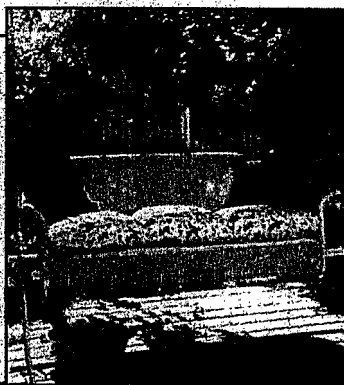
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Sling suggestion: Fabrics on sling furniture have replaced cushions in many outdoor sets. Buff sling furniture with a standard car wax at the beginning of the season to protect the finish, advise the experts at Telescope Casual Furniture.

On the cover:

Canopy and glider swings are among the wide variety of outdoor furnishings available today.



Sophisticated s

Enjoying the great outdoors doesn't mean "roughing it" when it comes to furniture. As people are using their yards, porches and decks—as well as su— as another "room" of the house, furnishings for these sites have gone beyond a picnic table.

The pieces are comfortable and stylish, sophisticated in design and manufacture, but with a natural look that isn't too far removed from the surroundings.

Four years ago, large sets accounted for less than 10 percent of patio furniture sales at English Gardens; today, that figure is almost 40 percent.

"Houses are getting bigger, people are entertaining (more) ... using the space," said Dean Darin, buyer of patio furniture for English Gardens.

Styles

Today's garden furniture includes benches, canopy and glider swings, and other furniture sets consisting of a table and chairs accommodating six people. Large tables are 60 inches round or oval and up to about 80 inches rectangular. "We're selling" far more large sets today than just a few years ago."

Among the smaller sets is the bistro style, with the intimate look of a cafe patio. The set consists of a 30-inch diameter, green-tinted glass top, and chairs featuring galvanized metal backings that reflect the sunlight.

For example, Gorman's offers a set in muted green for the sunroom or patio. Among the styles at Cornwell Pool & Patio, 874 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth, are furnishings in wicker that is both strong and smooth. The pieces include loveseats, sofas, lounges and end tables. Seats may be glider style as straight. Racks and tea tables are available.

Materials include tubular aluminum, which is maintenance-free and durable, wrought-iron and teak. Colors come in a wide variety. They are natural, such as greens and browns that help pieces blend into the landscape.

Ten years ago (popular colors) were white and vanilla with a glossy finish. Today with all the powder coating technology in the automobile industry, have 10 or 15 colors to choose from."

The textures as well as the shades of surfaces come in a wide range. They can be smooth, or have a hammered, almost sandpaper-like feel to them. Many are glass-topped.



Outdoor style: The picnic table isn't the only piece of furniture these days. This cafe bistro set of Gorman's for the back patio is an example of the sophisticated style offered.



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Also, protect your investment with covers. A large assortment of covers is available in nylon, polyurethane and other materials to guard from sun and dirt.

Routine maintenance and care keep your outdoor furniture looking good and help it last. The Home Furnishings Council, a national, non-profit organization of manufacturers, suppliers and retailers, offers these suggestions:

■ **Wood** - Don't neglect quality hardwood furniture, such as teak, shorea or Australian jarrah.

"We recommend oiling wood furniture a couple of times over the season," said Janet Wansor of Jensen Jarrah. The company sells its own oil, or recommends a widely available clear tung oil. "Periodically, you should also tighten the hardware."

Less costly cedar furniture could benefit from a protective coat of stain or wood preservative. Pine or oak furniture - director's chairs, for example - should be sheltered from rain.

■ **Sling** - A few simple steps can prolong the good looks of sling furniture.

"Each spring, give it a nice buffing with a standard car wax," said Jim Urch of Telescope Casual Furniture. "The wax will protect the finish and keep it looking new."

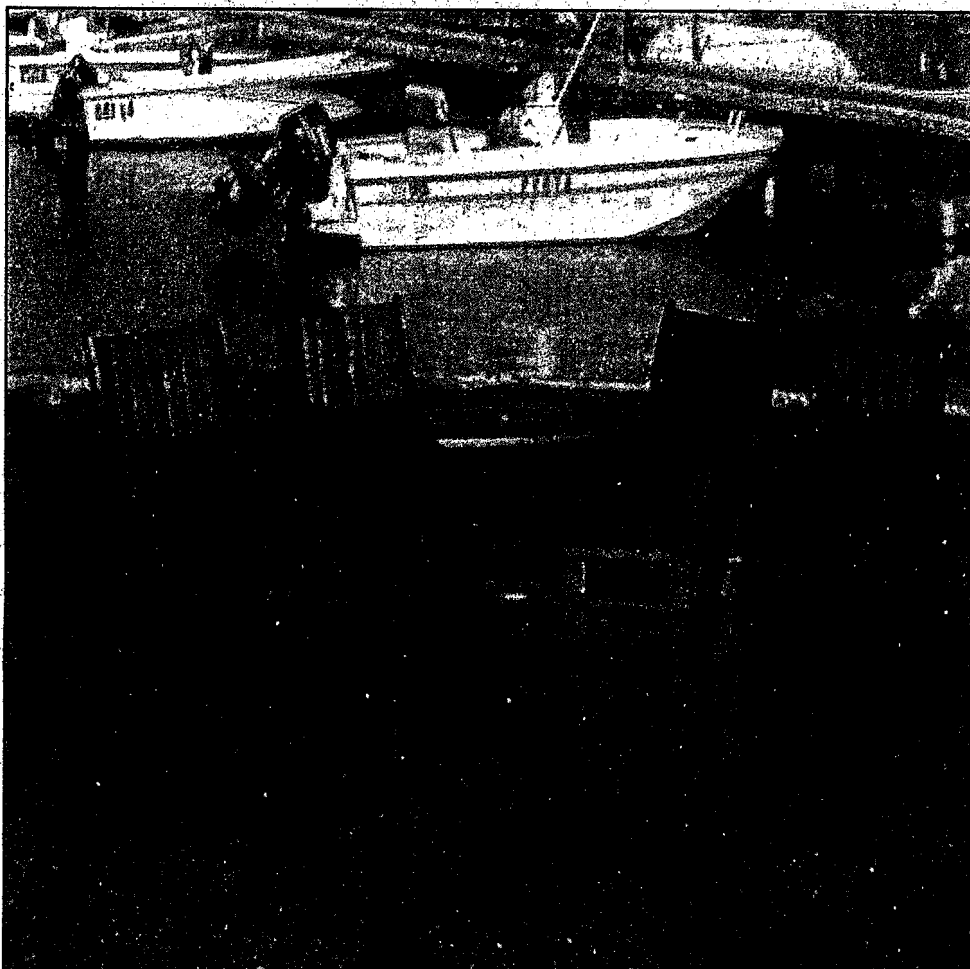
"For a weekly cleaning, I tell people to just toss it in the pool. The chlorine has a gentle abrasive action and cleans it right up. Hose it down after and you won't see any bleaching of fabrics."

■ **Cushions** - Some cushions allow rainwater to drain through, but most should be sheltered from the elements.

■ **Umbrellas** - Look for market umbrellas with snap-off covers that can be thrown in the washing machine, then sun-dried on the frame. Standard drape umbrellas can benefit from an occasional scrub down with a soft brush and hose.

■ **Indoor/outdoor wicker and wrought-iron** - "There's a real misconception about patio furniture that you can just throw it out there and never clean it," said Dale Campbell of Lloyd/Flanders Industries. "You have to think of your furniture like a car - you wash it frequently."

Clean off any spills or soil right away so they don't promote mildew. Use a mixture of bleach and water on textured materials, and just mild soap and water on smooth finishes. Sand away any rust spots on wrought-iron and paint over them. Look for special solvents designed to clean patio furniture; most reputable dealers carry several brands.



Oil's well: Oil hardwood furniture periodically to keep it from drying out, says a representative of the Jensen Jarrah company.

Outdoor furni-
sunroom or
red.

Create a litany of luscious leaves



RUTH MOSSOK JOHNSTON

While my Indiana-born husband, David, prides himself as the tomato gardener extraordinaire, this year he gets double points for his persistence in growing salad greens.

We have been enjoying the fruits of our labors, and creating a litany of luscious summer leaves:

■ Some pungent Cilantro (the leaves of the coriander plant; commonly used in Mexican and Asian cuisine, and looking like parsley) added to a fresh green salad.

■ Some young Mizuna (on the light side of the mustards, Japanese mustard) to give salad a nice light zip. This leafy green is often found in Asian grocery stores and upscale produce markets. If you can't find young Mizuna, older greens are best steamed!

■ Salad greens lightly sprinkled with seasoned rice vinegar for a delicious,

light and fat free salad, topped with black sesame seeds and edible flowers.

■ Stuffed squash blossoms deep-fried and placed on top of a full bed of salad greens.

■ Favorite salad greens topped with a dollop of fruited yogurt and peppered with fresh berries.

■ Fresh salad greens topped with a flaking of skinless and boneless sardines, paper-thin slices of onion and a olive-oil based dressing.

■ A real burst of color added to salad greens: some lollo rossa (an Italian looseleaf lettuce), or some red radicchio (a red chicory), and topped with edible flowers.

■ Young Sorrel (a hardy salad herb with a sharp flavor) added to salads, or cooked like spinach.

FETA CHEESE AND CUCUMBER DRESSING

Delicious on hardy salad greens or a terrific dip - this dressing tastes like summer!

Yield: 2 cups

Ingredients:

2 cucumbers, peeled and seeded, then

coarsely chopped

1/2 cup drained feta cheese (about 4 ounces), at room temperature

1 cup plain yogurt (if making a dip - you can use Laban (heavy strained yogurt for a thicker texture)

1-2 cloves garlic, chopped, then mashed to a paste with 1/4 teaspoon salt

Mixed anchovies (optional)

Freshly ground black pepper to taste Salt (if desired)

Directions:

Place cucumber, feta cheese, yogurt and garlic (anchovies optional) in a blender or food processor (fitted with the steel "S" blade), process until smooth. Transfer the dressing to a bowl and add freshly ground black pepper (and salt if desired). Refrigerate dressing until well chilled or make one day ahead and keep well covered.

Feta cheese can be bought at most grocery stores. A good selection of different fetas can be found in Middle Eastern Markets (Arabic Town on Coolidge in Oak Park has a great selection!).

CILANTRO-LIME VINAIGRETTE

Spicy and delicious, this summer favorite is terrific with any type of salad greens - a mixed field green is perfect. Add some paper-thin slices of lime on the side, and top your green salad with a slice of mango or papaya.

Yield: 1 cup

Ingredients:

1/4 cup freshly squeezed lime juice

3/4 cup oil (half olive, half vegetable)

2 cloves garlic, peeled and minced

1-2 small hot peppers, finely chopped (or to taste)

1/2 cup chopped fresh cilantro leaves Salt and freshly ground black pepper (to taste)

Pinch of sugar or sugar substitute

Directions:

Combine all ingredients in small bowl and whisk thoroughly to blend. Season to taste with salt and freshly ground black pepper, then add a pinch of sugar or sugar substitute to sweeten slightly.

LIGHT WALNUT OIL VINAIGRETTE

Yield: 1-1/2 cups

With the interest in fats, walnut oil has been thrown into the ring as a contender. Try it for a new twist on old favorites. For an extra crunch and flavor, add some chopped walnuts to top off your salad!

Ingredients:

1/2 cup walnut oil (can be found at upscale grocery stores and specialty food shops)

2 garlic cloves, peeled and minced

1/2 cup chicken stock (homemade or prepared)

2 teaspoons white-wine Worcestershire

3 tablespoons mustard (Dijon)

3 teaspoons sherry vinegar

4 teaspoons fresh flat leaf parsley, trimmed and chopped

4 teaspoons fresh chives, minced

3 teaspoons fresh dill, finely chopped

Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Directions:

In a blender or food processor (fitted with the steel "S" blade), combine the walnut oil, garlic, chicken stock, white-wine Worcestershire, mustard and vinegar. Process until well mixed and creamy.

Transfer to a mixing bowl, and whisk in herbs, salt and pepper (to taste).

Ruth Mossok Johnston is an author and food columnist who lives in Franklin. To leave her a voice mail message, dial (734) 953-2047, then her mailbox number, 1902.

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■ English Gardens conducts free seminars on various gardening topics during August at its four locations. The

next topic, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12, at 6370 Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield, is "Perennial Gardening." Call (248) 851-7506.

■ Yuppy Puppy, a division of Trainers Academy, will present a free "Think, Learn and Communicate" seminar 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 8, at its Madison Heights location. Learn how your dog views its interactions with you. Owner Barbara Bocci's presentation is part stand-up comedy routine, part intense dog psychology course. Advance registration is requested; call the Trainers Academy office in Farmington Hills at (248) 442-2224, Madison Heights at (248) 616-6500, or Keego Harbor at (248) 681-7900.

■ The Iris Club of Southeast Michigan will have an iris sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, at the Royal Oak Senior Community Center, 3500 Marais, three blocks east of Crooks and three blocks north of 13 Mile. The public may attend. Admission is free. Call Ann at (248) 280-0848.

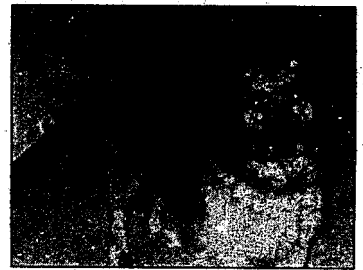
■ Seminars on growing, harvesting and using herbs will take place at Herb Fest '98, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, at the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor. Admission is \$15 per person, \$12.50 for MBG members. Space is limited and registration is

required. Call (734) 998-7061. Topics include "Aromatherapy," "Your Healing Garden" and "Mint: The Symbol of Hospitality." A fresh herbal box lunch and a guided tour of the Alexandra Hicks Herb Knot Garden will also be featured.

■ The Ypsilanti Heritage Foundation's 21st annual Historic Home Tour, featuring five sites, will take place noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 on the day of the tour. Advance tickets are available at Saxton's Garden Center in Plymouth; Materials Unlimited, Norton Durant Florists and Gifts, and Remington's By Design in Ypsilanti; and the John Leidy Shop and the Dixboro General Store in Ann Arbor. On tour day, tickets will be available only at the booth in front of the Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron, beginning 10 a.m. Call (734) 482-8666.

■ Global Relief of Michigan, a statewide volunteer tree planting organization, will host a tour of Tollgate Education Center, 28115 Meadowbrook Road in Novi, 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 17. The tour will encompass the 160 acres of fields, mature woodlots, beautifully landscaped grounds and woods trails, and preview Global Relief of Michigan's Memorial Tree Grove. Admission is free and the public may attend. Call (800) 642-7353 for reservations and a map.

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garden spot

Gardener plans perpetual blooms



MARTY FIGLEY

Greg Shuraleff of Beverly Hills has designed a very pretty garden with lots of bloom.

"My goal is to have perpetual blooms with perennials and a few annuals," he said. "It's an experience."

Many different kinds of plants are artfully arranged. In early spring an Imperial Crown yellow lily, other bulbs, and yellow daylilies added a bright note to the front garden.

On my visit, two tall floribunda roses glowed in red/orange and caught my eye as they were center stage in the front garden. Annuals, a plant Greg called Zing Rose (resembles dianthus) and red and pink dianthus bloomed at their feet as did pink and white cosmos and salvias.

Several lime green spirea bushes added a perfect accent to the garden. Among the other shrubs is Pieris Japonica "Mountain Fire," which has deep red new growth that turns light green then darkens as it matures.

Included is a large rhubarb plant, "because it's an interesting plant from the leaves to the tall seed pods." A deep maroon Joe Pye grows here, too, as do purple-leaved coral bells. A tall purple allium grows alongside deep orange, tall daylilies and Russian sage. Last year one of the orange daylilies had a double bloom.

English Ivy growing on the gray brick house needs to be kept in bounds, but the effect is stunning.

Hostas are intermingled throughout the bed and are carried around the corner of the house, along the drive, and grow beautifully with large ferns. Across the drive, Greg has planted several plants for his neighbor so he can have a pretty view from his window.



MARTY FIGLEY

"Water flute": Greg Shuraleff built this unusual water feature for his shady garden.

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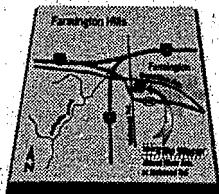
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"I grow a plant in different locations and divide it to see where it does best."

This then is a good way to increase the stock, but it also allows Greg to repeat the flowers and colors to coordinate the whole landscape, front and back.

Along another fence "road daisies," yellow primroses and other plants grow as does a large purple clematis that was blooming prolifically.

Behind the house I saw Joe Pye, lamb's ears, lavender, sage, lemon balm, red cosmos, black-eyed Susans, yarrow and an interesting Fern Elder tree that bloomed last year with white flower clusters and then died off. Greg judiciously pruned it and this year it is about 5 feet tall. A white Chinese Tree peony had finished its show.

In a shady area many hostas and "wild plants" such as spiderwort and beard's tongue grow, as do several kinds of astilbes and a Japanese maple. A big old maple tree is festooned with English Ivy and a climbing hydrangea.

Greg's sense of humor shows with his "Tibetan Water Flute." He saw it in a catalog and decided he could construct his own. It is made of red cedar, and the liner is a plastic storage container. The bamboo spout is from a Tiki torch and a small pump is used to recirculate the water.

The sunny part of the garden is planted with phlox, hollyhocks, royal blue and lavender iris, hot pink spireas and "Bridal veil" spirea. A tall purple bud-

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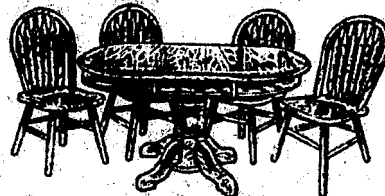


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The National Association of the Remodeling Industry likes to think of it as creativity in process. Yes, it may be noisy and dirty; it may be disrupting to an otherwise normal household environment; but the results are definitely worth the inconvenience in the end.

To help you survive, NARI has come up with some tips to minimize the surprises and prepare you for a contractor in your home:

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delea is included, a trumpet vine grows up a tall maple and goldenrod keeps it company.

Several of the plants came from Greg's grandmother's garden, to his mother and then to him, so they are really pass-along plants.

Greg has been gardening here for four years and has had to fight a clay soil. In many areas he dug out the clay and replaced it with topsoil and peat. In the fall he gathers leaves, and he and his son grind them up and scatter them on the beds. In the wintertime he sprinkles the snow with a dry fertilizer high in nitrogen that helps the leaves break down quickly.

Each spring he uses preen with fertilizer in it and repeats the application in early fall. Now his biggest problems are maple and elm seedlings and tree roots.



■ Before work begins, ask your contractor what inconveniences may occur and plan for them. Discuss the contractor's working conditions – estimated time subcontractors will begin work, mode of operation, etc. And do this before work begins so you understand what to expect ahead of time.

He applies Round-up on grass when he wants to enlarge a bed.

"Little by little the garden is growing. I still plan to expand."

GOODGARDEN TIPS

■ Cut back perennials that have finished blooming; leave foliage.

■ If color is fading in the garden, grow bright annuals in pots and set them among the plants in the garden.

■ Cut back hedges and thin shade trees.

■ Replace mulch under plants to maintain soil moisture and reduce weeds.

■ Thin side shoots of dahlias; disbud for larger flowers.

■ Cut out raspberry and blackberry canes that have fruited.

Clearly spell out any special considerations you may have; for example, asking that workers don't block the driveway without checking to see if the homeowner's car is out of the garage. It is often these minor details that are overlooked in the planning stage and that lead to irritation later.

■ Be sure that your contractor is fully aware of your vacations, business trips or special events so that he or she can plan the work schedule accordingly.

■ Move your personal property from the construction areas and declare all work zones off-limits to children and pets.

■ Always put changes in writing if the scope and complexity of your remodeling project is modified while work is being done. Any amendments should be agreed upon and signed by both parties before the new phase of the project is started.

■ Keep a job file including the contract, plans, specifications, invoices,

change orders and all correspondence with the contractor for clarification should questions be raised at a later date.

Working relationships take time and trust. Be open and honest from the beginning. Discuss problems or irritations as they occur so you and your contractor can devise alternative solutions.

And remember to be patient. Keep your mind on the end result. By the time you cook the first meal in your new kitchen or soak for the first time in your new whirlpool bath, you will have forgotten about the noise, dust and other distractions.

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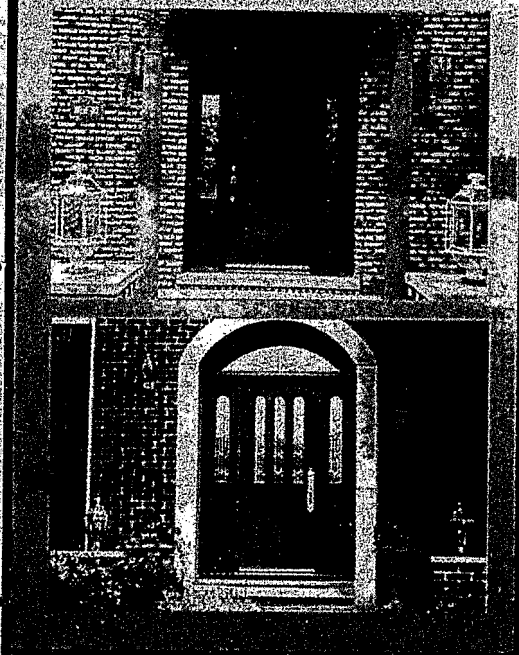
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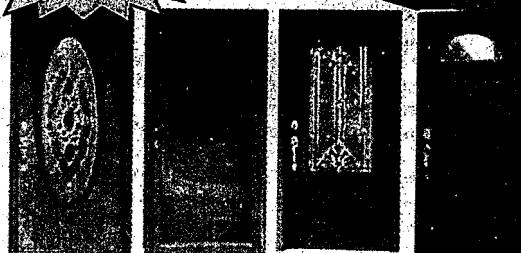


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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Kevin Devine rolls into town 6:30 p.m. for a rollicking participatory children's concert at Birmingham City Hall, 151 Martin. If it rains, the show will move to the Community House, 380 S. Bates, call (248) 588-2914.

SATURDAY



K's Choice performs at the 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 day of show for the all-ages show. Doors open at 8 p.m. (248) 335-8100 or <http://www.961melt.com>

SUNDAY



Lyricist Mike Vigilant (seated left) and composer Gerry Castle (at the piano) present a workshop production of their new musical comedy, "The Wedding Ring" featuring David Andrews and Stephanie Nichols, 6:30 p.m. at Meadow Brook Theatre. Tickets \$10, call (248) 377-3300.

HOT TICKET



Hot Tix: The Detroit Symphony Orchestra presents its summer season finale at Meadow Brook Music Festival Friday-Sunday, Aug. 7-9 with three concert programs. "A Tchaikovsky Spectacular" on Saturday features award-winning pianist Stephen Prutsman. Friday and Saturday's concerts end in a blaze of fireworks. Call (313) 576-5111, (248) 377-0100 or Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666 for details.



Looking back to the '80s: Culture Club is touring for the first time in 13 years as part of "The Big Rewind Tour" which comes to Pine Knob Music Theatre on Wednesday, Aug. 12. Joining Culture Club will be the Human League and Howard Jones, both of whom recently released new albums.

Now that it's been 13 years since Culture Club ended its reign of lipstick, androgyny and controversy, drummer Jon Moss said it's about time the band is appreciated for its music.

"The thing about Culture Club is when you read books about the '80s, you read about Duran Duran and Frankie Goes to Hollywood. Then with Culture Club you read about (Boy) George's drug problem and our relationship," explained Moss, Boy George's former boyfriend.

"People forgot about the music. They didn't want to write about that. That wasn't the interesting thing. But people are bored with that now, and they've rediscovered Culture Club's music."

As a way of celebrating that, Culture Club, along with Howard Jones and the Human League, will perform as part of "The Big Rewind Tour" Wednesday, Aug. 12, at Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township.

The tour is Culture Club's first in 13 years, and it kicked it off with a performance on "VH1 Storytellers." On Tuesday, Aug. 11, Virgin Records will release a double CD "VH1 Storytellers/Greatest Hits." One disk will be a greatest hits retrospective, and the second disk will

The Big Rewind Tour

WHO: Culture Club (9:10-10:25 p.m.), Human League (8:30-9:40 p.m.) and Howard Jones (7:45 p.m.)

WHEN: Wednesday, Aug. 12
WHERE: Pine Knob Music Theatre, 1-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township

HOW: Tickets are \$25 pavilion and \$15 lawn for the all-ages show. For more information, call (248) 377-0100 or visit <http://www.palacenet.com>

be an audio version of VH1 "Storytellers" special, which premiered June 14.

Like Moss, Boy George makes no secret of his and Moss's relationship. After singing the hit "Church of the Poison Mind," Boy George says, "Church of the Poison Mind" was about Jon Moss who's on the drum kit behind me, as were most of the songs. We might as well get that out in the open. He loves it anyway. He loves the attention."

Culture Club broke up when Moss and Boy George ended their relationship. Since then, Moss, now 41, has married and has a 1-year-old child. He has played around London with a variety of acts. Moss and former Wang Chung bassist Nick Feldman inked an ill-fated deal with Epic Records.

"They never released the

album, which is worse than having a failed album. I was very unhappy. I didn't like it at all," he explained.

Moss blamed it on his age.

"One person told me, 'If you were under 25, I'd give you a million pounds now. You're not under 24. I'm being honest with you. I'm not just saying this to flatter you, but you have a great band. You just need to get another band to play this stuff,'" Moss said.

Frustrated with the music industry, he sold his studio to the Brit pop band Primal Scream and became a landlord.

About two years ago, Moss was approached about the idea of reforming Culture Club. At the time, Moss had re-entered the musical workforce as a drummer. Initially he declined because he didn't want the burden placed on himself.

"The idea came about two years ago. I was just not interested. I wanted to see other people do it and be presented with it. I didn't know if George wanted to do it without me, but I certainly didn't want them to do it without me. It wouldn't be Culture Club."

"I really didn't want to be seen as the main mover. I didn't want my heart and soul to be let down

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THE Big Rewind

Culture Club, Howard Jones and the Human League bring back memories of leg warmers, Adidas shoes, and hot pink T-shirts



JAZZ

Versatile James Carter puts organ at the helm of new CD

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Detroit saxophonist James Carter wasn't happy with some of the cuts for his upcoming CD and went to his Atlantic label mate pianist Cyrus Chestnut to recruit some numbers.

He wanted Chestnut to adapt his acclaimed keyboard techniques to record on the organ for the first time.

"When I approached him, he was kind of reluctant, no he was very reluctant," Carter said in a recent crosstown telephone interview. "But I had figured, we were label mates. But his reluctance got greater and greater, so I knew what that was all about. He kept saying, give me a few months. But then, at the last moment, he said OK. He enjoyed it."

Chestnut, Henry Butler and Craig Taborn take turns on the Hammond organ playing with Carter and his band on the just released "In Carterian Fashion," (produced by Yves Beauvais). The versatile Carter works out on soprano, tenor and baritone saxophones, sometimes jamming with himself, on an album that moves from swinging grooves and blues into the stratosphere of experimental playing.

But at its heart is an appreciation for the organ.

"In essence, it's the organ at the helm, in terms of the influence it's had on the music, the place the organ has held since the '70s funk," Carter said. "It's a lasting ornament in our society, it's something I was looking at doing from the time I played with the New York Organ Ensemble. I wanted to make my own outlet for it."

Carter was visiting friends and family in Detroit recently following a monthlong European tour. "In Carterian Fashion" follows Carter's well-received "Conversin' With the Elders," in which he played with his mentors in a straight ahead tribute to bop.

Carter was born in Detroit and is a product of Detroit's rich jazz tradition, first learning to play with bop veteran Donald Washington, whom he often cites as a major influence.

"I was pretty much influenced by anyone who had an instrument in his hand," Carter said, "any artist in general. It didn't have to be a sax player to influence me."

Carter was also a product of the musical programs in the city and of the Blue Lake Arts Camp in western Michigan, where he spent several summers learning his art.

"It put music in a very hip atmosphere, out in the open woods combining

camp life with music," he said. "And the camp food, always a constant no matter what the camp stands for, the food is constant. But it was a nice communal thing, running into people your own age that you never knew existed and shared the same enthusiasm about music."

Carter said growing up in the Detroit music community was equally important and was like "living in Hog Heaven."

Having paid tribute to his roots, Carter now moves into different territory on "In Carterian Fashion."

Each organist had his own approach to the music.

"Harry, once he got into dealing with things, was well-versed dealing with the organ, the most gung-ho," Carter said.

He said Craig Taborn was able to play more "pianistically" because the rhythm section of Jaribu Shahid and Tani Tabal filled in the bass. Carter's brother, Keith, plays guitar on several cuts.

Also, for the first time, Carter uses overdubbing that allows him to play baritone, tenor and soprano sax on "Frisco Folies."



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again. It never occurred to me that it would have ever happened."

Eventually, Boy George asked him to join him in a Culture Club reunion and he said yes.

"It was really strange obviously. It was strange when we first met, and it was strange when we played together again. But it was fine. George was fine. Everything is wonderful," he said.

Moss admitted that he wasn't happy when Boy George embarked on his solo career and performed Culture Club songs live.

"It was like a car running on bad gas when George was on his solo tour. There was not enough wind in the sails."

But now Culture Club's music is getting its due.

"In a way, Duran Duran was more of the '80s. Duran Duran had great music, but if you go back and listen to it, it sounds dated. With Culture Club, a song's a song. It's like when you listen to 'I Heard It Through the Grapevine,' you don't say, 'Oh yeah. That's the '60s.' It's just a good song. To be honest with you, the band sounds fresh. There's

nothing like it."

Howard Jones

Keyboard-savvy Howard Jones also grappled with the idea of resurrecting the '80s. When asked to join "The Big Rewind Tour" he wanted no part of it.

"I was in two minds of whether I should do it or not. I didn't want to be locked in a box in the '80s. That's really a dangerous thing because I've released four albums this decade. I've continued to work and hopefully progress the whole time," Jones said.

"Then I thought I've got a new album, and it's perfect timing playing to thousands of people every night."

The new album is "People" (Ark 21), which sticks with Jones' trademark pop sound but is enhanced with very '90s influences including hip-hop beats.

"People has taken me over four years to get this record together. It's just a question of making sure it was done right, really. When you release an album now, it's got to be something special."

Some of the songs in the 13-piece collection, including the acoustic-guitar and Hammond-organ-driven "Tomorrow is Now," was written during a songwriters' retreat at Miles Copeland's castle in France.

During the retreat, songwriters and musicians were placed in small groups and asked to write songs together. "Tomorrow is Now" was co-written with ex-Go-Go's member Jane Wiedlin and

Los Angeles producer Dave Bassett.

"We wrote songs together in groups of three every day and recorded the song in the afternoon. Then you play it for every one at dinner in the evening," Jones explained.

Another product of the retreat was the reggae song "Let the People Have Their Say," on which Stewart Copeland plays.

"That song, I was feeling so good in the castle, you can hear it in my singing. It felt as though I was in the Police, with Stewart Copeland. I can't tell you what a thrill that was."

Jones is opening "The Big Rewind Tour" show at 7 p.m. at Pine Knob Music Theatre. His 45-minute set will include three or four new tracks and a host of old ones, but with a different twist.

"I've arranged all the old songs in a completely new way. There's no sequencing or sampling. I play Hammond organ and piano. It's a completely fresh feel. I think it's very '90s, actually. The audiences are just loving it."

For example, "Live in One Day" has been reworked with an "African/Brazilian feel." Unfortunately, because of the short set time, Jones had to cut out some of the hits including "To Like to Get to Know You Well" and "New Song."

"There was some heartbreaking decisions there. But I'm really proud of this new record and the reaction to the new stuff is just fantastic."



Ensemble: Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall concludes its African Rhythms Festival Thursday with Ensemble Kalinda.

Festival features Ensemble Kalinda

Formed to explore the links between African music and the music of the Americans, the nine-piece Kalinda Ensemble will conclude the African Rhythms Festival 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13 at Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

Tickets range from \$15 to \$40, call (313) 576-5111 or visit the DSO Web site on the Internet: www.detroitssymphony.com

Founded at Chicago's College Center for Black Music Research, the Ensemble Kalinda, led by electric bassist Miguel Rivera, takes its name from the Kalinda, a Caribbean dance originated by African slaves in the late 17th century, but still popular today.

This performance by Ensemble Kalinda coincides with the beginning of another festival, the African World Festival hosted by the Museum of African American History.

Ensemble Kalinda recently released their debut album, "Kalinda Kaliente!" on Ocean Records. A compilation of traditional folk music and popular music from the West Indies and Latin America, the recording demonstrates strong African influences that are the roots of

today's American popular music. The group has performed live on National Public Radio and has appeared at the Chicago Jazz Festival.

By performing samba, cha cha, ska, calypso and related forms, Ensemble Kalinda explores the common threads between the music of ancient Africa and its offshoots in Mexico, Cuba, Brazil, Haiti, Jamaica, and Trinidad.

During the colonial period, more than nine million Africans were brought to the Americas, and over 90 percent of those taken in slavery were transported to the Caribbean, Mexico and Latin America.

These people represented a wide range of ethnic groups from various regions in west and central Africa and they brought with them a rich cultural legacy, particularly music, dance and religion.

Ensemble Kalinda's mission is to revive these musical traditions and to ultimately link them to modern jazz, blues and gospel. Although Ensemble Kalinda's music is based on scholarly research, their performances are jubilant, often accompanied by cheering and whistling from the audience.

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"It was the first time I had done it in public," he said. "I'd done it on at home projects, hanging with my brother, doing four tracks."

Carter is also a composer. "In most instances, there is a natural curve that comes about and the music just hits you," he said. "Usually it has something to do with something in my life. 'Blues for a Nomadic Princess' (on his first album) was about, well I might just as well say it, a one-night stand, hence the name. 'Baby Girl Blues' was about an ex-girl friend of mine. It takes on a different twist when I play it now than when we were dating."

The inspiration for "Skull Grabbing" on the new CD was purely musical, to experiment with time signatures in the fashion of Miles Davis and John Coltrane. Carter said he came up with the chords for the number "Nov. 7, 1989" but didn't have the melody until 1994.

Carter has several studio projects he's like to do including something with bass and woodwind instruments, but he admits that playing live is the best and most important part of being a musician.

"If I had to choose, it would be live. When you talk about music being life and growing up with it as a communal pastime, and it still is to this day," he said. "It's one-on-one and it's a dialogue with the audience. Also, in a biblical sense, you've been chosen to pass the message from Mount Sinai."

Carter will be touring in support of "In Carterian Fashion," but a Detroit-area date or venue hasn't been set.

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"Playscape '98: A Festival of New Plays," featuring musical comedy and staged readings of four plays, Thursday-Sunday, Aug. 6-16, Meadow Brook Theatre in Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester. \$5-\$25. (248) 377-3300

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"Marcus Is Walking: Scenes from the Road," Joan Ackerman's new comedy about the American pastime of automobile travel, through Saturday, Aug. 29, at the theater, 437 Park St., Chelsea. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Fridays, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays. \$20 for Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday, \$25 Friday-Saturday. (734) 475-7902

COLLEGE

HENRY FORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

"The Comedy of Errors," Thursdays, Aug. 13-23, at the college's Adray Auditorium in the MacKenzie Fine Arts Building, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays. \$10, \$8 students. (313) 845-9900

COMMUNITY THEATER

MACOMB SUMMER THEATRE

"The Runner Stumbles," a courtroom drama based on a true story in Upper Michigan, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 7-8, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield, Clinton Township. \$12, \$10 seniors/students, \$9 groups of 10 or more. (810) 286-2222

OUR TIME PRODUCTIONS

"P.S. Your Cat Is Dead," risqué adult gay comedy with some nudity, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, through Aug. 29, outside courtyard at the Backpocket Bar, 8832 Greenfield Road, north of Joy Road, Dearborn. \$12.50, (313) 582-6260

SRO PRODUCTIONS

"The Fairdale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society's Production of Macbeth," a farce by David McGillivray 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 The Burgh, 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

WARREN CIVIC THEATRE

"Jesus Christ Superstar Resurrection," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Aug. 7-8 and 14-15, and 2 p.m. Sundays, Aug. 9 and 16, at the Warren Woods Auditorium, 12 Mile and Schoenher, Warren. \$10, \$6 and \$4. (810) 751-8080

STAGECRAFTERS

The Company of Ten from St. Albans, England presents Alan Ayckbourn's "How the Other Half Loves," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 7-8; 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9, Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. Tickets \$8 reserved, call (248) 541-6430.

YOUTH

MARQUIS THEATRE CHILDREN

"Raggedy Ann and Andy," 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays-Fridays, Aug. 6-7, 11-14 and 18-21, 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, Aug. 8, 15, 22 and Sept. 12, 19 and 26, and 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Sept. 13, 20 and 27, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. Children ages 3 and younger not permitted. (248) 349-8110 for ticket information and special school performance times and rates.

SPECIAL EVENTS

"AMERICAN WORDS AND MUSIC"

A program highlighting some of America's greatest contributions to the musical and literary arts, 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$25, \$15, \$10, \$5 students. (734) 769-2999

FERNDALE CLASSIC CAR & TRUCK SHOW

More than 600 classic cars and trucks, live entertainment by The Contours and other groups, car swap meet, carnival games, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, and 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, at the Michigan State Fairgrounds, Eight Mile Road and Woodward Avenue, Detroit. Free Friday night, \$3 Saturday. \$5 State Fair parking fee. Benefits community groups. (248) 543-9368

"FESTIVE FRIDAY VICTORIAN EVENING"

Featuring Dodworth Saxhorn Band playing authentic 19th century music and instruments, High-Wheeling Band playing music while riding nine-foot unicycles, Buffalo Soldiers' Black Civil War Infantry re-enactors, open community contra dancing in the street, 7-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, on Liberty Street between Main Street and Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 665-8883

"KENNEDY DREAM CRUISE"

Dream Cruise musical with songs from the '50s and '60s by special education students and staff from Pontiac, Lake Orion, Oxford, and Rochester, highlights include wheel chair dancing, arts and crafts show by students and faculty, and classic car and hot rod show by



Featured performers: Popular vocalists the Cortes Alexander Trio (Gene Reed, Drew Sarich and Cortes Alexander) join the Detroit Symphony Orchestra 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, at Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams, Rochester, for "Top Down: Pops! with fireworks. Award-winning pianist Stephen Prutsman solos in "A Tchaikovsky Spectacular" with the DSO followed by fireworks, 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8. "Giants of Broadway" featuring the DSO, a cast of singers and the Choral Union of the University Musical Society sing favorite show tunes 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9. Tickets \$44 to \$13. Call (313) 576-5111, (248) 377-0100 or Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666. Tickets can also be purchased on-line at www.detroitssymphony.com

local businesses and clubs, come for fun and bring your vintage car, cruising cars welcome, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, at the Kennedy Center, 1700 N. Baldwin, Pontiac. (248) 333-1424

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS

The group is looking for members and former members to help celebrate its 25th anniversary with a gala ball Friday, Oct. 2, at Laurel Park Manor, Livonia. (734) 459-6829 or write to P.O. Box 700217, Plymouth, Mich., 48170

FAMILY EVENTS

"AUGUST ADVENTURE WALK"

Two-hour-long walk explores habitats at Highland Recreation Area, 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, at the area, 5200 E. M-59, White Lake. Meet at Goose Meadow parking lot. State motor vehicle permit required for entry. (248) 685-2187

DEARBORN HOMECOMING

Featuring fireworks, performances by The Shirelles and The Contours, food, strolling clowns, children's games, pony rides, art fair, and raffles, Friday-Sunday, Aug. 7-9, Ford Field in Dearborn. (313) 943-2320

GARDEN CITY FAMILY FEST

Featuring games, arts and crafts, food booths, ice cream social, marching bands, magic show and marching bands, Friday-Sunday, Aug. 14-15, City Park on Cherry Hill Road, east of Merriman Road.

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, Davidsburg. \$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

R-GANG CAR SHOW

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9, Clintonwood Park, Independence Township. Free for spectators, \$10 for those entering car show. All ages. (248) 625-8223

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

"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

REVIN ON THE ROOFTOPS

Woodward Dream Cruise preview party to benefit Children's Charities Coalition, Friday, Aug. 14 atop the Chester St. and Old Woodward Parking Structures in downtown Birmingham. Big Band sounds of Johnny Trudell, and The Simone Vitale Band will be performing. The event will feature various different themes, dancers, and food by Matt Prentice. Tickets are \$100 and \$150 (patron). Call (248) 258-5511 for information.

SUMMER CONCERTS

BIRMINGHAM STRAW HAT BAND

8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, Heritage Park, west side of Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 473-9570

CHAUTAUQUA EXPRESS

Noon Wednesday, Aug. 12, in Kellogg Park, Main Street, (between Ann Arbor Trail and Penniman). Free. (734) 416-4ART; Wednesday, Aug. 12, at Nardin Park Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile Road, just west of Middlebelt Road, Farmington Hills. (248) 476-8860

RICH EDDY ROCKIN' OLDIES BAND

7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12, at the gazebo at Burgh Historical Park, northeast corner of Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, Southfield. Free. (248) 424-9022 (rock)

STEWART FRANCKE

6-8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, Greenfield Village, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. Free with admission, \$12.50 adults, \$12.50 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 (pop)

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)

AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS

7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9, front lawn of the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen Road (at Civic Center Drive), Southfield. (248) 424-9022 (R&B)

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)

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)

PANCHITO AND THE MEXICAN FIESTA DANCERS

7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, Civic Center Park, Livonia. Free. All ages. (734) 421-2000, ext. 351

RED GARTER BAND

7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9, Rothstein Park, 10 Mile Road between Greenfield Road and Coolidge Highway, Oak Park. Free. All ages. (Rain location is Jimmy Prentis Morris Jewish Community Center, 15110 W. 10 Mile Road, Oak Park). (248) 642-4260

SHERWIN-MCGILLIVRAY DUO

8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12, near the wolverine exhibit at the Detroit Zoo.

8450 W. 10 Mile Road 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

"SHOUT!"

Beatles tribute group performs 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, in the Heritage Park amphitheatre behind Canton Township Administrative Offices and the Canton Library, Canton. Free. All ages. (734) 397-5110

WACO COUNTRY BAND

6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9, Performing Arts Pavilion behind William Faust Public Library, 6123 Civic Center Parkway, Westland. Free. All ages. (734) 326-6123

WESTLAND ALL-STARS

Youth performance troupe, noon, Saturday, Aug. 8, Performing Arts Pavilion behind William Faust Public Library, 6123 Civic Center Parkway, Westland (rain location is Bailey Center). Free. All ages. (734) 326-6123

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)

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

CAROL JICKLING LENS

Carillonist performs original compositions for carillon and waltz by Shostakovich, 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 10, University of Michigan's Ann and Robert H. Lurie Tower on the school's north campus. Free. All ages. (734) 764-0594

WHITE HEATER HIGHLANDERS

4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9, at Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-5210

BRASS MUSIC

MOTOR CITY BRASS BAND

2:15 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, as part of the Allen Park 17th annual street fair, Allen Road at Philomene Road. Free. All ages; 1:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 19-20, as part of the Northville Victorian Festival, Main Street Gazebo (one block east of Center Street), Northville. Free. All ages. (248) 349-0376

ORGAN

DETROIT THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

Lew Williams in concert 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, at the Senate Theater, 6424 Michigan Ave. at Livernois, Detroit. \$10. (313) 894-4100

MOTOR CITY THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

"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 Cafagna at the school, 6230 Orchard Lake Road, Suite 110, West Bloomfield. Topics include improving their speech, movement, coordination and confidence through acting. (248) 855-5660

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 Road, Farmington Hills. (248) 476-3781/(248) 926-0056

THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA-REDFORD

Auditions for "A Chorus Line," 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16 and 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 17, be prepared to sing and dance, at the theater, 15138 Beech Daly, south of Five Mile, Redford. (313) 531-0564

JAZZ

ABLER-LEDUFF AND HAYDEN TRIO

7:30 p.m. to midnight Friday, Aug. 7, 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Aug. 8, and 8:30 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Aug. 13, Fleetwood on Sixth restaurant, 209 W. Eighth St., Royal Oak. Free. All ages. (248) 541-8050

GERALD ALBRIGHT

8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12, Chene Park, 2600 E. Atwater, Detroit. \$5. All ages. (313) 393-0292

RALPHE ARMSTRONG TRIO

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 7, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

SCOTT GWINNELL TRIO

8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Aug. 13, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

TEDDY HARRIS TRIO

8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Aug. 6, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

HEIDI HEPLER & MICHELE RAMO

6-10 p.m. Mondays, at Too Chez, 27155 Sheraton Dr., Novi. (248) 348-5555; 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays at Encore in the Quality Inn, 1801 S. Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 335-3790; 7-10 p.m. Fridays, at Cafe Cortina, 30715 W. 10 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. (248) 626-7393; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's Market, 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi. (248) 305-7333

PERRY HUGHES

6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, Kellogg Park, Ann Arbor Trail and Main Street, downtown Plymouth. Free. All ages. (734) 453-1234

"JAZZ ON THE RIVER"

With Dan Lewis and Friends (2 p.m.), Gordon Camp (3:30 p.m.), Whitfield Company (5 p.m.), Randy Scott (6:30 p.m.), and Tim Welsberg (8 p.m.) Saturday, Aug. 8, and Charles and Gwen Scales (2 p.m.), Kimmie Horne (3:30 p.m.), Wendell Harrison and Mama's Lickin' Stick Clarinet Ensemble (5 p.m.), Evan Marks with Patsy Meyer (6:30 p.m.), and Alexander Zonjic and Friends with Kirk Whalum (8 p.m.) Sunday, Aug. 9, Elizabeth Park in Trenton. Free. All ages. (734) 261-1900

DEE DEE MCNEIL

9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 7-8, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

MATT MICHAELS TRIO

With guest vocalist Eric Brandon, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, and guest vibist Cary Kocher, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. \$5 cover waived with dinner. \$5 drink minimum. (248) 474-4800

PAUL VORNHAGEN QUARTET

9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 14-15, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON

With Dan Koltun, 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

WHAZUREE

8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Aug. 8, Agape Caffe, 205 Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free, 25-cent surcharge on drinks. All ages. (248) 546-1400

JOHN WOJCIECHOWSKI TRIO

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 645-2150

GOSPEL/CHRISTIAN

"DOWN ON MY SPIRIT II"

With Nue Praize, Tanya Finch, God Side Connection and Paige, 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge, 18 and older. (810) 465-5154

"JAM FOR THE LAMB"

All-day youth festival featuring performances by Priesthood (hip-hop/rap), Faces of Adam (rock/alternative), Vineyard Praise and Worship, Deluxtone Rockets (punkability), One Bad Apple (hardcore), Sidekick Salvation (punk), Fun with Phat Kids (ska), Morella's Forest and Vive Voiche, and in-line skating, three on three basketball, skateboarding and beach volleyball, noon to 10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, Milan Free Methodist Church, U.S.-23 and Carpenter Road, Ann Arbor. \$5, free for children ages 10 and younger. The youth group bringing the most people will receive 32 tickets to Zap Zone. (734) 697-1894

WORLD MUSIC

"AFRICAN RHYTHMS SUMMER FESTIVAL"

With Ensemble Kalinda, 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, Orchestra Hall, 3683 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15-\$40. (313) 576-5100 or <http://www.detroit-symphony.com>

"AFRICAN WORLD FESTIVAL"

Featuring 150 African and African American vendors, food court, two public mural projects, mask-making, drumming workshops, children identification pins, African counting games, open mic poetry and performances by Caribbean Paris of Joy (6-7 p.m.), Akoben (7:30-8:30 p.m.) and Yellomah (9:10-10:45 p.m.), Friday, Aug. 14; Seven Mile (12:30-1:30 p.m.), Step Show (2-4 p.m.), Wachanga Na Malika Dance Co. (4-5 p.m.), Treme Brass Band and Yellow Pocahontas Mardi Gras Indians (5-6 p.m.); Kola Ogunkoya (6:30-7:30 p.m.), Jay U Experience (8-9 p.m.), War (9:30-10:45 p.m.) Saturday, Aug. 15; and Dottery/Dottery (12:30-1 p.m.), Mosiac Youth Temple (1-2 p.m.), David Myles (2:30-3 p.m.), Soweto Beat Street Dance (3:30-4:30 p.m.), Samba Ngo (5-6 p.m.), Universal Xpression (6:30-7:30 p.m.), OJ Ekemede

8 days a week

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Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays (\$6), 9:30 p.m. Fridays (\$12), and 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays (\$6). Prices subject to change. (248) 542-9900 or <http://www.comedycastle.com>

SECOND CITY

"Viagra Falls," 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays with additional shows at 10:30 p.m. on Fridays-Saturdays through September, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10

Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

SHERYL UNDERWOOD

With Gary Owen and Steve White, 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$12.50, \$22.50 and \$27.18 and older. (313) 961-5451

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

CRANBROOK

Guided garden tours 1:30 p.m. Thursdays through Sept. 24 (\$6, \$5 seniors/students), (248) 645-3147; outdoor sculpture tour noon Saturdays through October (\$7, \$5 students/seniors includes Art Museum admission), (248) 645-3323, on the grounds of Cranbrook Educational Community, 1221 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills.

DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

"Remembering Downtown Hudson's" exhibit, a nostalgic look at what made the Hudson's downtown Detroit store an icon of the city's prosperous era, runs through December; "Scent of Glamour," a collection of atomizers, commercial and non-commercial, decorative perfume bottles, through Aug. 16, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805

GREENFIELD VILLAGE

Touring the Gardens of Greenfield Village," including visits to Firestone Farm, Daggett Farm, Mattox Garden, Victorian Gardens, and Cotswood Garden showcasing the influence of English flower gardens, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9, at the village and Henry Ford Museum, 20900 Oakwood Blvd. (at Village Road), Dearborn. Tour free with admission, \$12.50 adults, \$11.50 seniors ages 62 and older, \$7.50 for kids ages 5-12, and free for children ages 4 and younger. (313) 271-1620.

POPULAR MUSIC

ABALON

10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 421-2250 (rock)

LAUREL AITKEN AND THE NEW YORK

8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$10 in advance, 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (ska)

ALLMAN BROTHERS

With Steve Earle, 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9, 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)

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>

BARREL HOUSE BLUES

9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, Hennessey's Pub, 49160 Grand River Ave., Wixom. Free. 21 and older. (248) 348-4404 (blues)

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 BIRLMAN 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, Aug. 14-15, The Rattlesnake Club, 300 River Place, Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 567-4400 (pop)

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 Madame Bovary, Lurch, Juliette of the Spirits and Magmood, Tuesday, Aug. 11, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Free. 18 and older. (734) 996-8555 (variety)

BLUE CAT WITH KEN MURPHY

9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

BLUE OYSTER CULT

With Nazareth and April Wine, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11, 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)

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)

BONNE TEMPS ROULLE

8 p.m. to midnight Sunday, Aug. 9, Cafe Hawaii, 22048 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. Free. 21 and older. (313) 724-2233; 8:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-1600 (R&B)

BOOGIEMEN

9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, Carriage House Blues Alley, 24200 Grand River Ave., Detroit. Free. 21 and older. (313) 535-3440 (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; 10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-9110 (blues)

CAELUM BLISS

10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, Ascension U.K., Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (313) 961-5333 (dark pop)

CHRONIC STREET

10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-9110 (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 Junkee, 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron St., Pontiac. \$12 in advance. All ages. (248) 333-2362 or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

CULTURE CLUB

With Howard Jones and the Human League, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$25 pavilion, \$15 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (retro)

CATIE CURTIS

With The Marmurs, 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (pop)

EARTH, WIND AND FIRE

With The O'Jays and The Isley Brothers, 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Aug. 13-14, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$62.50 and \$47.50. All ages. (248) 433-1515 (R&B)

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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 Boro 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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9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

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8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 7-8, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-1600 (acoustic rock)

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With Uncle Booby and Solid Frog, 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (rock)

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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)

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6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$10. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (alternative rock)

GOOD RIDDANCE

With A.F.I., 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (punk)

SILVER GOODMAN AND THE ROCKETPOPS

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8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org> (pop)

GRINDER

Featuring Detroit Red Wing Darren McCarty, 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, and 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, The Post Bar, 22828 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$12.50 in advance. 21 and older. (248) 546-7678 (rock)

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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; 9 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (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 Kanovbliss, The Dogs, Josh Boyd and the V.I.P. Band, and Motor City Josh, 2-6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, outside of Holbrook Cafe, 3201 Holbrook, Hamtramck. Free. All ages; With Mystery Train with Willie D. Warren, Hastings Street Blues Band, Johnnie Bassett and the Blues Insurgents, 7-10:30 p.m. inside Holbrook Cafe. \$5, benefits Wayne County Society for Autistic Citizens. 21 and older. (313) 875-1115 (blues)

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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. \$15 in advance, \$20 day of show. All ages. (313) 961-5451 ('80s metal)

TODD HAROLD BAND

9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 18 and older. (734) 485-5050 (rock)

AL HILL

6-10 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12, D.L. Harrington's, 2086 Crooks Road, Rochester. Free. All ages. (blues) (248) 852-0550

BRUCE HORNSBY

7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, 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> (piano-driven pop)

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With Gangster Fun, The Stone Crickets and Chris McCall, 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$7. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (rock/funk/ska)

LISA HUNTER

9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, Java Master, 33214 W. 14 Mile Road, West Bloomfield. Free. All ages. (248) 626-7393; Hosts open mic night, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9, Gargoyles, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. All ages. (248) 745-9790; 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, Tuscan Cafe, 150 N. Center St., Northville. Free. All ages. (248) 305-8629 (acoustic rock)

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8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5080 (acoustic rock)

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10:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5080 (R&B)

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With The Throneberries and Motion Control, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)

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9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older.

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With Brooks and Dunn, Terri Clark, and David Kersh, 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. \$43. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (country)

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Celebrates release of CD with party and performance, 9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 (blues)

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9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Aug. 7, Cafe Hawaii, 22048 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. Free. 21 and older. (313) 724-2233 (blues)

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9:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-0917 (blues)

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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)

ROBERT NOLL BLUES MISSION

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 7-8, Beale Street Blues, 8 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-7900; 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, Kellogg Park, Ann Arbor Trail and Main Street, downtown Plymouth. Free. All ages. (734) 453-1234 (blues)

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9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, Bad Frog, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 624-9400 (blues)

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With Tammy Trent, 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (810) 286-2222 (Christian rock)

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9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 18 and older. (734) 485-5050 (rock)

JODY RAFFOUL AND GARY RASMUSSEN

8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12, Local Color Brewery, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-2600 (acoustic rock)

RED CARTER BAND

7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9, Rothstein Park, 10 Mile Road between Greenfield Road and Coolidge Highway, Oak Park. Free. All ages. (248) 642-4260 (country)

SAVAGE GARDEN

With Billie Myers, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$23.50 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or

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JO SERRAPERRE

8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5080 (acoustic blues)

SISTER SOLEIL

6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6. All ages. (313) 96

MOVIES

Disney proves you can design a better 'Parent Trap'

Funny and touching, Disney's new "Parent Trap" is a lot like the old one, except better.

This "Parent Trap," while just as lovable as the first filmed in 1961, is technologically superior. Gone is the line down the center of the screen. Technicians using motion control cameras create a very convincing illusion of twins.

Lindsay Lohan fools the audience into believing she's two different people — Hallie, the very hip daughter of Nick Parker (Dennis Quaid) who owns a vineyard in Napa, Calif. — and Annie, the daughter of Elizabeth James (Natasha Richardson) a bridal gown designer in London.

Like Patty Duke and her cousin, (remember them?) these girls are as "different as night

and day," and learning to play them was a challenge for 11-year-old Lohan, who had to master an English accent, learn to speak French, ride a horse, fence and play poker like a card shark.

It isn't love at first sight. Annie beats Hallie in a spirited fencing match. Then Hallie beats Annie at poker. A good loser, Annie jumps naked into the lake at night, to the cheers of Hallie and her pals, but when the girls take off with her clothes, Annie vows to get even.

A series of escalating pranks leads to them both being sent to the isolation cabin where they fit two pieces of a torn picture together — Hallie's dad, Annie's mom, their parents.

Filmmakers Nancy Meyers

and Charles Shyer create a beautiful world of make believe where dreams, even impossible ones, come true. They even threw in another romance just for kicks — Annie's butler, Martin (Simon Kunz) recently seen in "Three Weddings and A Funeral," falls in love with Hallie's butler and surrogate mother, Cheesy (Lisa Ann Walter).

Hallie wears jeans and blue nail polish. Annie dresses like a royal princess in cute suits. They switch places so Hallie can meet her mom, and Annie can meet her dad. Annie is the first to meet dad's girlfriend, Meredith Blake (Elaine Hendrix), whom the girls nickname Cruella — the evil one.

Quaid is the perfect dad, a

girl's best friend, who's in love with his publicist, the beautiful Meredith, who everyone, except him, knows is after money.

Like a relationship, "The Parent Trap" is an emotional roller-coaster ride. Kids will laugh at the pranks, relate to Hallie, who can't believe Annie's never heard of "Leonardo DiCaprio," and enjoy the fantasy of divorced parents getting back together. The girls pull some amazing pranks on Meredith during a camping trip with their dad.

Adults will enjoy the gags and cry at stuff kids won't get, like the emotional reunion when Cheesy realizes that Hallie isn't Hallie but Annie and Elizabeth learns Annie is Hallie.



Family feature: Identical twin sisters Hallie (Lindsay Lohan, right) and Annie (Lohan, second from left) attempt to rekindle the romance of their long-divorced parents Elizabeth (Natasha Richards) and Nick (Dennis Quaid).

Meredith is gorgeous, and easy for a girl to hate. Just for fun the filmmakers brought back Joanna Barnes, who played dad's girlfriend in the first "Parent Trap." Here she portrays Meredith's

mom, Mrs. Vicki Blake. In the real world, twins don't usually meet at summer camp, and divorced parents don't get

back together. But this film never pretends to depict the real world, it's a fantasy and fun. Sit back, enjoy the ride.



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"WHATEVER"

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"SNAKE EYES"

Action thriller about a rogue cop caught in the middle of an assassination conspiracy during an Atlantic City casino boxing match. Stars Nicholas Cage, Gary Sinise.

"WILD MAN BLUES"

Exclusively opening at the DIA, Friday-Sunday, Aug. 7-9. A behind-the-scenes look at clarinet player Woody Allen on the road with his jazz band.

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"

ON VIDEO

In 'Rainmaker' the good guys battle evil insurance company

Drama, suspense, humor, and romance — John Grisham's "The Rainmaker," has it all. There's even a cameo appearance by country music superstar Randy Travis as a prospective juror.

Matt Damon stars as Rudy Baylor, an idealistic, big-hearted guy who tends bar to pay for law school. Unable to find a job after graduating, one of his customers asks his boss, Bruiser Stone (Mickey Rourke), a sleazy character with connections in the Memphis underworld and investments in topless bars, to give the kid a chance. Stone is the kind of lawyer jokes are made of, he even has a fish tank filled with sharks in his office.

Stone introduces Rudy to Deck Shifflet (Danny DeVito), a "paralegal," who has failed the bar exam five times, and the art of ambulance chasing. Although it's not exactly what he had in mind, Rudy, who was evicted from his apartment, and has all his possessions packed in his car, takes the job. He becomes a sort of lawyer on commission, who sells customers on his ability to get a really good settlement for them in exchange for one-third of the settlement. Baylor's draw is \$1,000 a month, but he has to cover that by signing up new clients.

He walks in the door with two customers Miss Birdie (Teresa Wright) who wants him to draft her will, and Dot Black (Mary Kay Place) whose son is dying of leukemia, and refused medical treatment by her insurance company.

Like the salesman he played in "Tin Man," Deck (DeVito) takes Rudy under his wing and teaches him how to sign up recent accident victims at the hospital. While waiting for his next prospect, Rudy meets Kelly Riker (Claire Danes) a young woman who captures his heart, as her own is being broken by an abusive husband.



"Rainmaker" is a story about right and wrong, and standing up for what you believe in. Like a knight in shining armor, Rudy does battle against injustice.

He battles Miss Birdie's son, who is only interested in her money not his mother's welfare; the insurance company who denies Black's son, Donny Ray Black, a bone marrow transplant that could save his life; and Cliff Riker (Andrew Shue) Kelly's abusive husband.

After Bruiser flees the FBI for the tropics, Rudy and Deck start their own law practice with Dot Black being their biggest client. Together they take on Great Benefit, the evil, big money insurance company that collects premiums from poor people, but doesn't deliver benefits.

In exchange for low rent, and helping out around the yard, Rudy becomes Miss Birdie's tenant and protector. He also goes to battle to save Kelly.

Narration makes the story

Scheduled to open Friday, Aug. 28

"NEXT STOP, WONDERLAND"

A sly, charming and deftly humorous meditation on romance, friendship and destiny. Stars Hope Davis.

"54"

Story of the legendary nightclub — Studio 54. Stars Mike Myers. Scheduled to open Tuesday, Sept. 1

"GOODBYE LOVER"

A darkly satirical thriller about a group of people all scheming to inherit a \$4 million insurance policy. Stars Patricia Arquette, Dermot Mulroney, Ellen DeGeneres.

Scheduled to open Friday, Sept. 4

"KNOCK OFF"

Against the backdrop of Hong Kong's transfer to China, a CIA agent must thwart a conspiracy that could incite a wave of worldwide terrorism. An action thriller starring Jean-Claude van Damme, Rob Schneider, Paul Sorvino and Lela Rochon.

Scheduled to open Friday, Sept. 11

"WHY DO FOOLS FALL IN LOVE"

STREET SCENE

Paul K not happy with promotion on new rock opera

Paul Kopasz is not a happy man. He's about to do something he dreads—touring. And he's not thrilled with the job his record company is doing promoting his latest album "A Wilderness of Mirrors."

"I really hate going on the road," said Kopasz, who performs as Paul K and the Weatherman.

"I like being at home. It's this thing about this job that it's just not conducive to any sort of stable relations with girlfriends or families," added Kopasz while succumbing to an evil smoker's cough.

While we're on things that make Kopasz unhappy. He explained that he is let down by the lack of promotion of "A Wilderness of Mirrors," a beautiful rock opera about a farmer whose life is turned upside down after the Roswell UFO crash and the government cover up of it.

"To be honest, the record company is doing an absolutely miserable job of any sort of marketing. They're a small label, and I don't expect miracles, but it's a bad situation," said Kopasz of his 11th album, released June 23.

"I feel like my musicians and myself we do our part of the job

on the writing and recording, we do everything the way we're supposed to with good results. They don't handle their part of the job the way I see it."

The Kentucky resident grew up in the Eight Mile and Farmington roads area of Farmington. Kopasz's music career bloomed late as he concentrated on hockey and debate as a student at Catholic Central High School's former campus in Detroit. He graduated in 1980 from the school's Redford location on West Outer Drive.

"I had almost no spare time, but I guess when I was a senior in high school I might have had two bands in Michigan. Not a lot. Maybe the first two groups I was ever in were with guys I played hockey with."

"When I was living at home, my mother wasn't too crazy about me going downtown to Bookies or those clubs. The best I could do is The Clash at a place in Warren. I saw a couple good groups at the Royal Oak Music Theatre. As far as being in a beer-soaked club seeing smaller-time punk rock groups or even a local one, it never happened until I moved out of the house."

With a debate scholarship, he attended the University of Kentucky. It was there that music "overwhelmed" him.

"I didn't decide (to get into the music business). It kind of just overwhelmed me. It was the punk rock years. We were just taking by it."

After graduating, he lived in New York for "a long time" before returning to Kentucky.

In 1988 he formed Paul K and the Weatherman which boasts an alumni of indie rock superstars—Will Oldham of Palace Music, Robert Pollard of Guided by Voices, Sam Womelsdorf of Throneberry, Greg Dulli, singer of Afghan Whigs, Luke Wurmli, former harmonica player for Townes Van Zandt, Steve Earle, Paul Robertson brother of Michelle Shocked, and Ken Kurson, associate editor of Esquire magazine.

He visits his parents in the Brighton area and rarely plays Detroit.

However, Friday he will perform songs off "A Wilderness of Mirrors" at Alvin's in Detroit.

"Lately it seems like the city's

in much better shape. In the '80s I would come back and visit and it really was depressing, actually. There was too much crime and everybody was moving out," Kopasz explained about Detroit.

Making "A Wilderness of Mirrors" was "more of a challenge" than his previous efforts.

"I write so many songs and a lot of times in the past it was you just go through and and pick the best ones and that's the record. I thought, well let's try something that's going to be more difficult. I'll make them all tell a sequential story," Kopasz said.

"I probably wrote 40 songs for it. I was whittling down the list and combining songs together and getting rid of other ones."

The results may be heard on Friday. He promises to pick up his mood.

"It's a lot of fun traveling around and playing but once you've been to all the cities it gets to be a grind. That even goes for Europe too. You don't get any time to talk to anybody and really see anything. You get there, do a sound check play the show, get up at 9 or 10 and do it



Playing Alvin's: Former Farmington resident Paul K returns to Detroit to play Alvin's in support of his latest album "A Wilderness of Mirrors."

all over again."

Paul K performs Friday, Aug. 7, at Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave.,

Detroit. Doors open at 9:30 p.m. for the 18 and older show. Tickets are \$5. For more information, call (313) 832-2355.

CLARIFICATION

■ Hugh Gallagher's byline was inadvertently left off his review of Tamar Jacoby's "Someone Else's House" in Sunday's

Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. He can be reached at (734) 953-2118 or by e-mail at hgallagher@oe.homecomm.net

Sculptures take a new look at the book

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

still get excited when I hear about their work. So when I saw that Gerry Craig was in an exhibit called "The Sculptural Book," running through Aug. 23 at the Cranbrook Art Museum, I immediately called.

I asked Gerry about the concept behind the exhibit, in which all the works refer to or incorporate books. "Books have so much inherent meaning, and we're taught that they're to be treated with care and respect. Artists that alter them try to give them greater respect, renewed respect, because they're saying they still have cultural significance. They're viewing them with a different kind of life than they started with, one that's very personal."

With a little prodding, Gerry told me about her works in the show. "Two pieces are from what I call 'The Detroit Saints Series,' works that sort of feel like heroic-scale Rosaries. In one, I've taken a Bible and cut the middle out and burned part of it, and hung it from a rusty chain. In altering the Bible I'm suggesting that what's holy isn't the object itself but the spirit of what's in the ideas. I'm also talking about people who burn books and think they're squelching the ideas those books contain. They're wrong."

"Another piece is called 'Gifts of the Magi.' The magi were the Three Wise Men, so of course it contains gold, frankincense and myrrh. It also has a science text, a ruler, a steel hook with roses inside of it that holds a collar from a fire hydrant, which I use as the sort of flat disc halo you see in medieval paintings. So I'm transferring found materials which then take on another reference."

"A newer piece is called 'Cut Navel.' It's a low steel table with objects inside and text on the glass. It's long and thin, and I think of the whole thing as a scroll. It has an old book inside

of it, as well as fish bones and pieces of steel and bark. It's a sort of a eulogy for a friend who died."

OK, maybe I have an ulterior motive, but this is a can't-miss show for me this summer. I asked Gerry for some post-Labor Day highlights. "In September there's a great show by Chicago artist Anne Wilson at Revolution Gallery in Ferndale. She's a professor in the Fiber Department at the School of the Chicago Art Institute. She gathers old, second-hand tablecloths to create textile pieces that incorporate embroidery. The process is a lot like darning, except she's using human hair. She places importance on negative space, the shapes created by the edge of the hole outlined by the embroidery. The pieces are usually framed, and are really gorgeous."

Gerry confirmed my hunch that there's a message in the choice of materials. "It's commenting on the way we obsess about hair, for one thing, all the connotations. We have it all over our bodies, but the hair on our heads is what we spend all this money on. Animal hair is really valued from some animals, but not from others, like minks' hair versus cows' hair. It's question-

ing why we value some kinds of hair more than others."

"And in this case, the work takes a nurturing role, because the act of darning is an act of care, when you're darning you're lovingly putting something back together. When you're darning socks, they can be worn again, but these objects can't be used, they can only be contemplated. So she's taking the never-ending nature of housework, the repetition of 'women's work,' and glorifying it by putting it on the wall and moving it into a fine arts context, giving it a kind of honor that it hasn't had. So in that way it's a sort of feminist statement."

Gerry had more picks than I could fit in this space. Tune in tonight when Marsha Miro gives us a tour of the new wing of the Cranbrook Science Museum. We'll get a performance from members of the recent South African residency program at Ann Arbor's Walk & Squawk Performance Project. And we'll hear music from Swiss jazzman Moncef Genoud and pop act William Topley. That's on Backstage Pass tonight at midnight, repeated tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. on Detroit Public Television.

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Festive Rio Bravo Cantina practices art of having fun

Kids enjoy sitting by the window overlooking a pond filled with ducks and geese at Rio Bravo Cantina in Livonia, but even if seats aren't available by the window, there are lots of other attention grabbers. The friendly staff is quick to provide crayons, balloons, and a menu designed just for kids. There are colored lights everywhere, and the atmosphere is fun and relaxed.

As the second anniversary of the restaurant approaches, Eric Drescher, general manager, is hosting the Associated Artists' Invitational Art Exhibit and Sale on Aug. 8 to celebrate. The show will fill a 40- by 40-foot tent in the restaurant parking lot with more than 180 watercolor and oil paintings, colored pencil, photography, and fabric art.

"I wanted to entice adults to come and linger at the restaurant," said Drescher. "Going to an art fair is a nice relaxing way to spend the day. It's a win-win type of situation for all of us and a big test for me. If it works well for the artists and the restaurant, we'll do it again."

There will be great food, games, prizes and other surprises, including live entertainment during the Second Anniversary Summer Bash on Saturday.

Summertime menu

Besides their popular Mexican and Tex-Mex style menu, Rio Bravo Cantina is offering a special Grilltime Menu through September.

"We're always trying to find ways to please customers who want something different," said Drescher.

The Grilltime menu offers lots of summertime favorites including Rio Grande T-Bone, Chipotle Chops, Chili-Blackened Fish, and Spice-Rubbed Grilled Chicken. Lunchtime portions are available.

Lunch is served until 3 p.m. Monday-Saturday. The luncheon menu includes Rio Bravo Cantina's famous made to order fajitas along with Mexican favorites such as tacos, enchiladas and burritos. If you can't decide, order one of the combination platters. Sandwiches, and a soup and salad combo are also available.

Rio Bravo Cantina
Where: 19265 Victor Parkway (north of Seven Mile Road, east of I-275), Livonia, (734) 542-0700.
Open: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday; 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday brunch; 2-10 p.m. Sunday dinner.
Menu: Traditional Mexican and Tex-Mex Style dishes. Famous for fajitas, homemade tortillas. Generous portions.
Cost: Moderate, lunch \$4.79 to \$7.99; dinner \$6.79 to \$12.99. Sunday brunch \$9.95 adults, \$5.95 children age 5-12; children under 5, free.
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■ Children's menu
■ Happy Hour 4-6 p.m. Monday-Friday with complimentary taco bar.
Special Event:
■ Associated Artists' Invitational Exhibit - A show of painting, colored pencil, photography, and fabric art by a group of independent artists. Admission is free.
When: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8. GRR plays acoustic rhythm and blues 5-9 p.m. followed by rock n' roll until midnight.
Where: In the parking lot of Rio Bravo Cantina.

Drescher can't say enough about the fajitas; one of the most often ordered items. They are available in many different flavorful varieties - Monterey Vegetable, chicken, steak, and shrimp. You can order fajitas for one or two. If you're counting fat grams, order corn & black bean salsa as accompaniments instead of guacamole or sour cream and substitute black beans for Charro beans, low-fat Cheddar cheese, low-fat sour cream and fat-free tortillas are available on request.

Combination platters, all served with rice, beans and a salad are another popular item. Choose from six offerings, or create your own with any three of your favorites including Shredded Beef Taco, Mini Veggie Burrito, Cheese Enchilada, or Pork Tamale. Tacos may be ordered soft or crispy.

Armadillo Eggs, a popular appetizer, aren't what you think they are - they're six red jalapenos filled with seasoned cream cheese, lightly breaded and deep-fried. Armadillo Eggs are served in a special egg carton with sweet chile sauce for dipping.

Popular entree salads include the Red Mesa Grilled Chicken Salad - a cool mix of California greens tossed with thinly sliced grilled chicken, corn & black bean salsa, red chile corn tortilla strips, julienne red peppers, crunchy jicama and balsamic vinaigrette dressing, topped with a touch of lite ranch dressing. There's also a Caesar Salad and Tostada Salad.

On the "Lighter Side," choose from Vegetarian Black Bean Soup, Chicken Burrito made with skinless Fajita Chicken and seasoned black beans, hand-rolled in a fat-free tortilla, or Pueblo Chicken, skinless chicken



Fiesta time: Steven Schaefer (left), senior manager, and Eric Drescher, general manager, present some of tasty choices at Rio Bravo Cantina, which is celebrating its second anniversary.

breast, marinated and grilled to perfection. Both chicken dishes are served with Mexican rice and fresh steamed vegetables.

Just for kids

Children can color their place mat while they wait for dinner. Give the place mat to your service to win a free Rio Bravo Kid's Meal. Every kid is a winner, and the menu offers foods kids love - hamburger, burrito, nachos, two

tacos, chicken fingers, Mexican pizza or cheese Quesadilla. Choose any item for \$2.95.

Sunday brunch offers omelets made to order, traditional Mexican favorites such as enchiladas and tacos, Belgian waffles, fresh carved roast beef, scrambled eggs, sausage and bacon.

There are lots of ways to quench your thirst at Rio Bravo Cantina. Every month they feature a different flavored margari-

ta. This month it's raspberry, next month will probably be peach.

A variety of Ice cold beers, sangria, frozen pina colodas, wines, and Tequila are also available along with assorted soft drinks.

At the end of September, a Rio Bravo Cantina will open in Auburn Hills on University at Squirrel. There's also one in Dearborn on Mercury Drive, near the Southfield Freeway at the Fairlane Town Center.

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