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School, already?: Back to school fashion trends are filling the stores. Take a look at the top 10 trends in schoolwear. /A4

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Winter blahs: Drivers who wonder why counties seem to have a hard time getting their act together on street clearing following a snowfall will have to find something else to ponder now that there has been a historic, multi-jurisdictional agreement between the four main agencies responsible for road maintenance in southeast Michigan. /A6

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THE MILL POND

Homecoming

By September, Neil Wallace will relocate his main law office in Clarkston, bringing the Independence Township trustee and local attorney closer to the community and his clients.

He recently purchased a three-story office building in Clarkston, where he'll expand his practice. Located at 39 S. Main Street, the structure was built in 1972, but it will be new to Wallace.

"I have a strong clientele in Clarkston already," he said. "I can still deal with my clients in different parts of the county."

Strange graffiti

A local resident found an unpleasant greeting keyed into the driver's side of her car this week. The name "Kevin" was etched into the car's paint while the vehicle was parked in a lot near Dixie Highway, police reports said. "Kevin" was reported to have caused \$100 in damage to the vehicle.

Rockin' at township hall

Independence Township Hall is getting a paint job, so workers there are getting a full-blown dose of rock 'n' roll, said Joan McCrary, Independence Township clerk. The painters are "cute, young boys and girls" who look like they're hanging from the window sills. "They all call down from the ladder... and have radios and paint buckets tied to their belts," McCrary said. They don't think we can hear them, but we can, she said.



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Security increased after school break-in

Minor vandalism incident at new Clarkston High School prompts police to keep close watch on building.

Vandalism at Clarkston's new high school — some allegedly done by area high school students — has caused local police to increase efforts to secure the building.

Six area high school students, between the ages of 15 and 16, apparently broke into the school at Flemings Lake Road sometime Tuesday evening.

Police went to the school at about 11 p.m. to check into a suspicious vehicle report called in by a resident.

Approaching the school, police noticed three male youths — walking

along Flemings Lake Road — and a Red Jeep. Three other teens, one female and two male, were in the vehicle.

All six juveniles later admitted to entering the building, said Detective Chuck Young of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department and the police liaison for Clarkston Community Schools.

"Kids like to go through new buildings," Young said. "We want (students) to stay out of the school until the appropriate time. This building is not

open for them to just decide in the middle of the night that they want to tour the place."

The school is slated to open later this month and was built at a cost of more than \$50 million.

After searching the three youths who were walking along Flemings Lake Road, police found that one of them had a piece of ceramic. The juvenile carrying the object said he had obtained the item in the new high school.

Police also discovered graffiti on the school's gymnasium floor. However, a chemical floor-cleaning compound was used to write the graffiti, so the floor was not damaged, Young said.

The juveniles were subsequently taken to the Oakland County Sheriff's Independence Township substation, arrested and charged with unlawful entry.

Several items also are missing from the school, including drill motors, saws and extension cords, Young said. None of the missing items were found in either of the vehicles being used by the juveniles, so "I can't say these kids took the items," Young said. A large steel container used by contract workers to store tools was also empty, he said.

All six youths were issued citations for minor in possession of alcohol, as

Please see **SECURITY**, A3



Tender loving care: Suzanne Robinson has been cultivating bonsai at her Springfield Township home for about six years. She has 50 trees and spends several hours a day caring for them.

BONSAI

Chasing an ancient art form

Bonsai creator Suzanne Robinson, of Springfield Township, does her best to skirt the rules — even nature's.

"I've always been a rebel," says the former biology teacher as she shuffles from one end of her backyard deck to the other, taking stock of the miniature bonsai dispersed on benches and tables in the sunlight.

Robinson, who is in her sixties, even dodges the traditions of the Japanese art form to which she often devotes several hours a day. She prefers instead to help her bonsai mimic their natural forms — just in pint-size fashion.

Pointing first to the bonsai creations sunning on her deck and then — with a flourishing gesture — to the trees in her backyard, she says, "This art came from this art."

Unlike traditional bonsai artists and masters, who not only truncate the trees but also mold their branches, trunk and roots into traditional shapes, Robinson dismisses the imposed aesthetics.

"I like the trees to look as near as possible as they would in nature," she says.

"I don't like cascades," she says, cringing at an example of a bonsai style she dislikes.

The foliage or heart of a cascade bonsai grows in a horizontal — rather than vertical, upright — direction. The apex of the tree droops over the side of the pot at a level below the roots, creating what might be likened to the image of a single hillside or ocean wave.

"To me, it looks like the tree almost died," the rebel says of the form "So, for me, this styling is perfect," she says, cradling a pint-sized, but ancient-looking Maple tree set inside a jade green pot.

A tiny, ceramic figurine of a Japanese man stands along side the tree's trunk, heightening the illusion that the tree is fully grown.



Living sculpture: A bonsai is art tempered by nature.

"You kind of have to imagine birds perched in the tree," she says. "Maybe a swing from one of the branches."

Robinson, a member of the Four Seasons Bonsai Club of Michigan based in Royal Oak, has been nurturing, trimming and designing bonsai trees for almost six years.

In 1997, a poem Robinson wrote about the spirituality of cultivating bonsai appeared in Bonsai Magazine, an international publication about the art form.

"I absolutely fell in

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Suspect named in 1971 killing

Connie Campanaro, who today lives in Independence Township, had only been married to Larry Kuenzer for a year when she learned he had died from a .22 caliber gunshot wound to the chest.

And, Campanaro, then 20, had only recently given birth to the couple's son, Larry Jr.

Kuenzer, 24, had just returned home from the Vietnam conflict, where he had earned a Purple Heart for his service.

Months of investigation turned up no leads, so Campanaro decided she would probably never know who killed her husband on Aug. 5, 1971. More than a quarter

of a century later, she has moved on, having remarried and given birth to three other children.

But last week, details of the 27-year-old case resurfaced for Campanaro, as Circuit Court Judge Richard D. Kuhn unsealed a grand jury indictment charging 45-year-old Pontiac resident Raymond Dilworth with first-degree murder in connection with Kuenzer's death.

"I thought it was something that was never going to be answered," said Campanaro, who is now 47. "I think that if there is automatically not a suspect ... you know within a matter of months ... that it just isn't going to be solved."

"At the time, it was very, very difficult," she said.

In fact, Campanaro's memories resurfaced three weeks ago when she received a call from police investigators seeking her assistance in solving the case.

"That was the shocking phone call," she said. "It was just like — what could possibly have evolved 27 years later?"

Campanaro would later testify in front of a citizen's grand jury, which Oakland County Prosecutor Dave Gorcey formed earlier this year to crack unsolved cases like Kuenzer's.

As a witness, Campanaro, who has lived in the Clarkston area for 23 years, identified Kuenzer as the victim and provided other information to the grand jury.

"They have to have someone there that can identify the victim, who can say, 'yes, this was my husband, this is Larry, yes, this was the car he was

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Springfield residents reject upscale condominium plan

A crowd of Springfield Township residents voiced opposition about a proposed, upscale condominium community at the township's Thursday board meeting.

Developers for Kingston Point, the proposed cluster-housing community, have requested special land use for the property, which is located west of Dixie Highway, east of I-75, north of Old Pond Road, and south of Davisburg Road.

Pace Development, Inc. has taken on the project, a 108-unit residential community on 66 acres of land in the township.

But, residents have questions and concerns about over-development in their area.

Those in attendance said preservation of the township's open space and natural landscape was a primary draw for homeowners. As development continues, they said, the township loses that appeal.

George Mansour, developer for the project, said the current plans retain the preservation of natural land features.

"Out of 65 acres, we're preserving 46 acres, or 71 percent of this entire property."

Bonnie and Dean Marshall summed up their concerns in a letter to the board.

"The property in question is a beautiful, scenic piece of nature with trees, hills, deer, rabbits, swamps, and walking trails," they wrote. "The beauty will be cut down forever with little forethought, only so that someone can make money...The geography alone is very unusual and worth preserving...Think about conservation, and the people already living around this land."

In a 6-1 vote, the board agreed to table the matter until more informa-

tion is available.

"I believe we need a lot more information before we can take any action," said Collin Walls, township supervisor. "This certainly is an improvement (compared to previous plans), but I don't think you're ready for special land use approval."

Before the developers may return to the board, Walls said, specific information regarding the location of septic systems and traffic flow patterns must be added to the plan.

Though the project remains in its conceptual stage, residents named the

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driving, this is when I last saw him," those types of things," she said.

According to investigators, on the night of his death Kuenzer was driving his 1971 Plymouth Duster in Pontiac, looking to purchase cough syrup that contained codeine, which at the time required a prescription.

At about 7 p.m., Dilworth and another man got into Kuenzer's vehicle, having agreed they would show Kuenzer where he could buy the substance, according to assistant prosecutor John Pietrofesa.

Dilworth later told Kuenzer to stop the car. Dilworth got out of the vehicle and pulled a gun on Kuenzer, demanding money. Pietrofesa alleged, Kuenzer refused, tried to kick the gun out of Dilworth's hand and was shot in the chest, Pietrofesa believes.

Fleeing the scene, Kuenzer

crashed his car. He died at about 8 p.m. at Pontiac General Hospital. The gunshot wound was discovered three days later during an autopsy, invalidating investigators' belief that Kuenzer had died from car-accident trauma.

"It's hard to remember details from 27 years ago," Campanaro said. "To go back and be absolutely certain of things that happened 27 years ago... It's hard. But, really, I wanted to do this more than anything for (Larry's) mother and his son," she said. "And for the general public and the task force."

While Campanaro said she has been able to move on, Kuenzer's mother, who lives in another state, has had difficulty putting the loss of her son behind her.

"I've remained in contact with his mother, and my son Larry has always had a close relationship with his grandmother," she

said. "I can't imagine the anguish she has lived through. Nothing can take away the pain she has endured over the years. In my heart, I hope that this can do some good for his mom and maybe bring her a tiny piece of mind."

Solving the case has also helped Kuenzer's son, who lives in Groveland Township, Campanaro said.

"You always have to wonder. He was 1 year old. He doesn't remember his father. So, for him, there has been a lot of curiosity — questions that maybe now have been answered. And I think that's the most important thing for all of us."

Campanaro also praised the efforts of the Oakland County Homicide Task Force.

"Just the fact that (the case) wasn't just put on the shelf and

never thought about again... I think that's what most people feel — three, six months, a year later — that the case will never be solved."

Campanaro will be required to testify at Dilworth's pretrial examination, set for Aug. 20 in 50th District Court in Pontiac. She has not decided whether she will attend all the hearings in the case.

Dilworth, who has been convicted of more than 24 different offenses, including assault and robbery, is being held without bond in the Oakland County Jail.

Whether Campanaro attends the trial will depend on how she feels once she's in the courtroom, she said. "I can't believe that it would be an easy experience. It's not something that I'm looking forward to."

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above issues as their two major concerns.

Four separate community septic systems will be located on the property. But residents don't want those septic tanks located near their property.

Russell Stewart, who lives on nearby Old Pond Road, said he doesn't want them in his backyard.

"One of your septic systems is going to go behind my house," he said. "Why can't it go somewhere else in the 40 acres? Why does it have to be put behind other people's houses who've lived there for several years? It's not their property."

Mansour said he has established a 50-foot buffer zone between the septic systems and neighboring property lines. He said the sand filter system is much more efficient than any existing septic systems and will reduce the amount of nitrates, or substances that could harm the ground water, by 50 percent.

The issue of road use also raised concerns among residents and board members. The proposed community shows a public road connecting Forest Ridge Drive to Dixie Highway. Smaller, private roads would then lead to the cluster residences.

Stewart said if the development goes through, he would not support the connection between subdivisions. He said drivers tend to ignore the 25 mph speed limit on such roads, and instead travel the higher speeds posted

on Dixie Highway. Another resident, Dean Marshall, who resides on Old Pond Road, also inquired about the township's plans to deal with the increase in traffic.

"We already have 85 houses that are going to go up behind us," he said. "With 108 more houses on Dixie Highway, I was wondering if any studies have been done (regarding traffic)."

Marshall said he favors stalling the project.

Later in the meeting, Walls took the request into consideration. The next concept plan, he said, must include a left turn lane on Dixie Highway, and an acceleration and deceleration lane into the main entrance.

Though residents said the new community would increase traffic on their residential roads, Mansour said he anticipates more outside travel through Kingston Point to get to Dixie Highway. It would provide a shorter distance for some established residents, he said.

"We're creating a safer entrance and exit," he added.

However, Trustee Elaine Field-Smith said she's concerned about a lack of sidewalks.

"I think roads are a safety issue," she said. "I feel sidewalks would be beneficial."

To satisfy the need, Mansour is planning a continuous system of paths leading behind the properties. He said he intends to keep all of the activity away from the roads.

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love with the little trees," she says, recalling her first bonsai seminar at Bordine Nursery in Springfield Township, which led her to take up the ancient art form.

Bonsai began in China during the Tang Dynasty around 600 A.D. The Japanese embraced the art form and are credited with developing it.

"The thought of being able to make a little forest that you can pick up and carry just compelled me," she says.

"I was around sixty," she recalls. "And I thought, what do you mean ten years, what do you mean six years — I don't want to wait all that time to see a result but I started anyway."

The art form has likely gained in popularity in the United States for a variety of reasons, Robinson says. "I think I heard at one point that gardening is

the number one thing (in the United States)." Coupled with the ecology movement and a growing interest in alternative spirituality, it's not surprising that more and more Americans are taking up bonsai, she says.

While many gardeners find cultivating plants a comforting, spiritual experience, tending to these tiny plants may more fully engage the metaphysical, in fact, social traditions that accompany practice of the art call for such involvement, Robinson says.

Before pulling out the clippers, for example, a Japanese bonsai artist must first ask a tree for permission to prune. Robinson, herself, even owns up to feelings of spirituality despite not embracing all of the art form's social practices.

"But I feel a spiritual involvement with these trees, too," she says, again turning towards the

lush foliage in her backyard.

After six years of creating bonsai, Robinson today boasts having close to 60 trees. Each plant requires three daily waterings, so the commitment is a big one, she says.

Robinson also purchased a Jeep because the wagon she uses to transport her bonsai wouldn't fit in her car.

"It's my house, and I can cut a hole in the deck if I want to," she says in defense of yet another rebellious decision.

Surprisingly, Bonsai creators do far less pruning than might be expected. They're also fairly lighthearted about making the cuts.

"Now, what can I do with you?" Robinson says, stepping up to a table on which a Bonsai awaits its pruning. "I'm going to trim your hair today," she says. "Now, what can I do with you

today?"

After several quick clips — a matter of seconds — the tree's leaves and branches are incredibly transformed. What was bushy chaos is now a soothing, simple circle of leaves.

A novice can purchase a starter bonsai tree for about \$5 and a Japanese pot for about \$12, she says.

Along with soil and basic tools, a first-time project will run about \$20, Robinson does, however, recommend that beginners sign up for a seminar, especially if they plan on keeping their bonsai alive.

The Four Seasons Bonsai Club of Michigan will present exhibits and demonstrations at the 25th Annual Bonsai Show, Sept. 11-13, at the Washington Square Building in Royal Oak. For information, call Paul Bares (248) 619-0070.

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Planning Commission Meeting
7:30 p.m., Monday, Aug. 17

Tentative Agenda
Call To Order
Minutes: July 1, 1998 Special Meeting and July 20, 1998 Business Meeting

Approval of Agenda
Public Comment: Items Not On Agenda

Public Hearing: None
Old Business:
1. CAM Development Site Plan

New Business:
1. Saddle Ridge Site Plan
2. Meadowlands Special Land Use-Cluster Housing

Other Business
Adjourn

Independence Township
90 N. Main Street
Clarkston
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Township Board Meeting
7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 18

Tentative Agenda
Call To Order
Pledge Of Allegiance
Roll Call

Approval of Agenda
Public Comment: Items Not On Agenda

Public Hearing: None
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Opening Statements and Correspondence
Approval of Agenda
Minutes of Previous Meeting

Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run
Approval of Purchase Orders
Public Forum

Old Business
1. Liquor License Discussion
2. Request to Set a Public Hearing on Request to Amend District Boundaries-Water and Sanitary Sewer System.

New Business
1. Permission to Post-Treasurer's Office

2. Ordinance Code Amendment-Right-of-Way Regulation
3. Adoption of 1996 National Electric Code & Technical Amendments

4. Permission to Hire Finance Assistant-Clerk's Office
5. Permission to Hire Finance Director-Clerk's Office

Only those matters that are listed on the agenda are to be considered for action. A majority vote of the board members may add or delete an agenda item.

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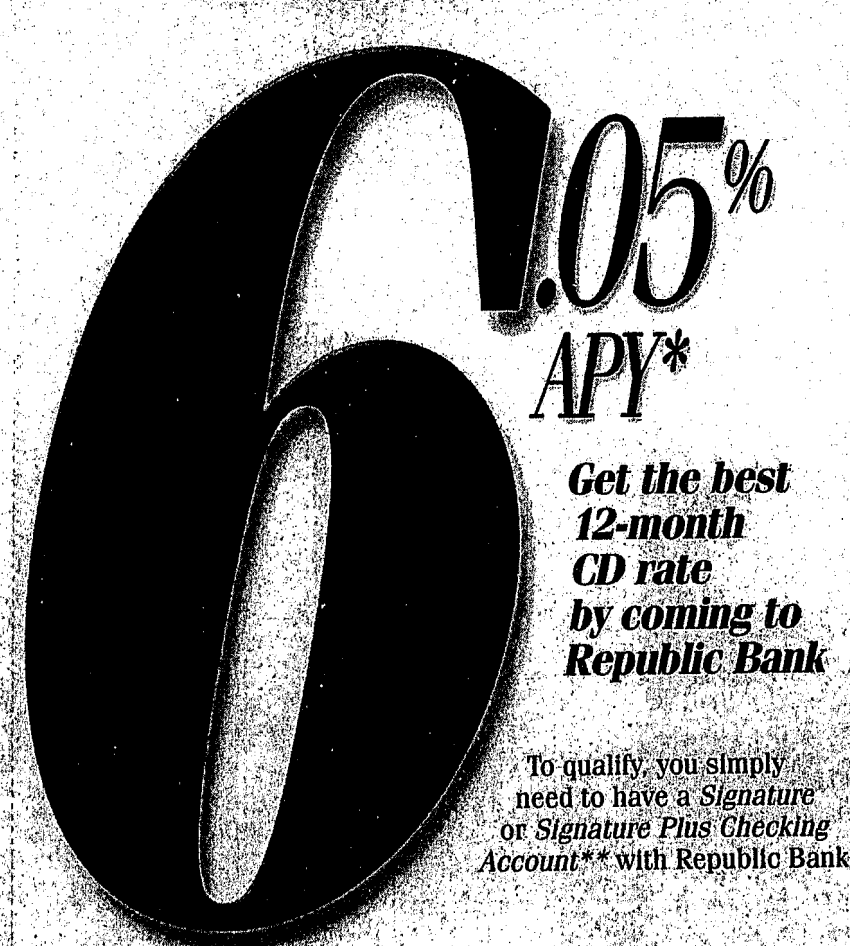
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Pond builders

Landscapers let it flow at local how-to workshop

Each day Tom Lowrie returns home to the soothing sounds of a bubbling stream and the sights of a flowing waterfall in his own front yard.

As the owner of Lowrie's Landscaping, on Dixie Highway in Clarkston, Lowrie hosted a one-day seminar on how to build a pond, and offered his own front lawn for the experiment.

More than 40 landscape contractors, foremen, and designers attended the Wednesday seminar to enhance their knowledge and receive hands-on experience.

The seminar was guided by Greg Wittstock — also known as "The Pond Guy" of Aquascape Design — a wholesale landscape distributing company based in Chicago.

"Water is the source of all life," said Wittstock. "It will attract birds and wildlife into your yard."

He compares having a pond to owning a "hot tub for fish." Prices are comparable, but ponds require less maintenance than hot tubs. The pond built on Lowrie's property cost \$7,500.

The goal of the Aquascape seminars is to educate landscape professionals and ensure that homeowners get what they want out of their landscaping.

Wittstock and company will travel to 52 different cities as part of this program. Clarkston was the ninth stop on the educational tour.

The pond seminars were spurred by a noticeable interest in water features for home landscaping, seminar organizers said.

Jim Mackinder, a landscape professional from Troy, attended the seminar because he has noticed an increase in demand for water features. Mackinder built a pond on his own property, but has not yet attempted to build one commercially.

"People love the sound of water," he said.

Wittstock agreed. "In the last five years, ponds have been the fastest growing trend in the industry," he said. "It's a re-connection with nature."

Ponds are not artificial and not high maintenance, Wittstock added.

The pond built on Lowrie's property started out as a patch of soft grass, and became a system of waterways and plant life that is capable of sustaining fish. A skimmer pulls water from



Manpower: Diane Scherer transports a gigantic rock that will be used to construct the manmade pond.

the pond's surface, filters out leaves and organisms. The skimmer then transfers the water to a biofilter, which cleans the water and runs it back into the pond. It is 12-feet by 20-feet, with a 25-foot stream and two waterfalls.

"If properly built, (ponds) require less maintenance than grass," Wittstock said.

During the seminar, Wittstock said he works with landscape professionals who have little or no experience with pumps, plumbing and filters.

John Chmiel, designer and consultant for O.W. Ross and Associates in Clarkston, said that process is important to efficiently building water features. In the past, his company has tried to customize each feature. The steps he learned at the seminar will make his job easier, Chmiel said.

Paul Fabinski, a member of the Metropolitan Detroit Landscaping Association, also attended the seminar to gain some valuable experience.

"There's nothing like hands-on experience," said Fabinski. "I've learned how to install (a pond) properly and price it properly."

But some people who attended, like Jennifer Callanan-Hunter, came to gain a new perspective.

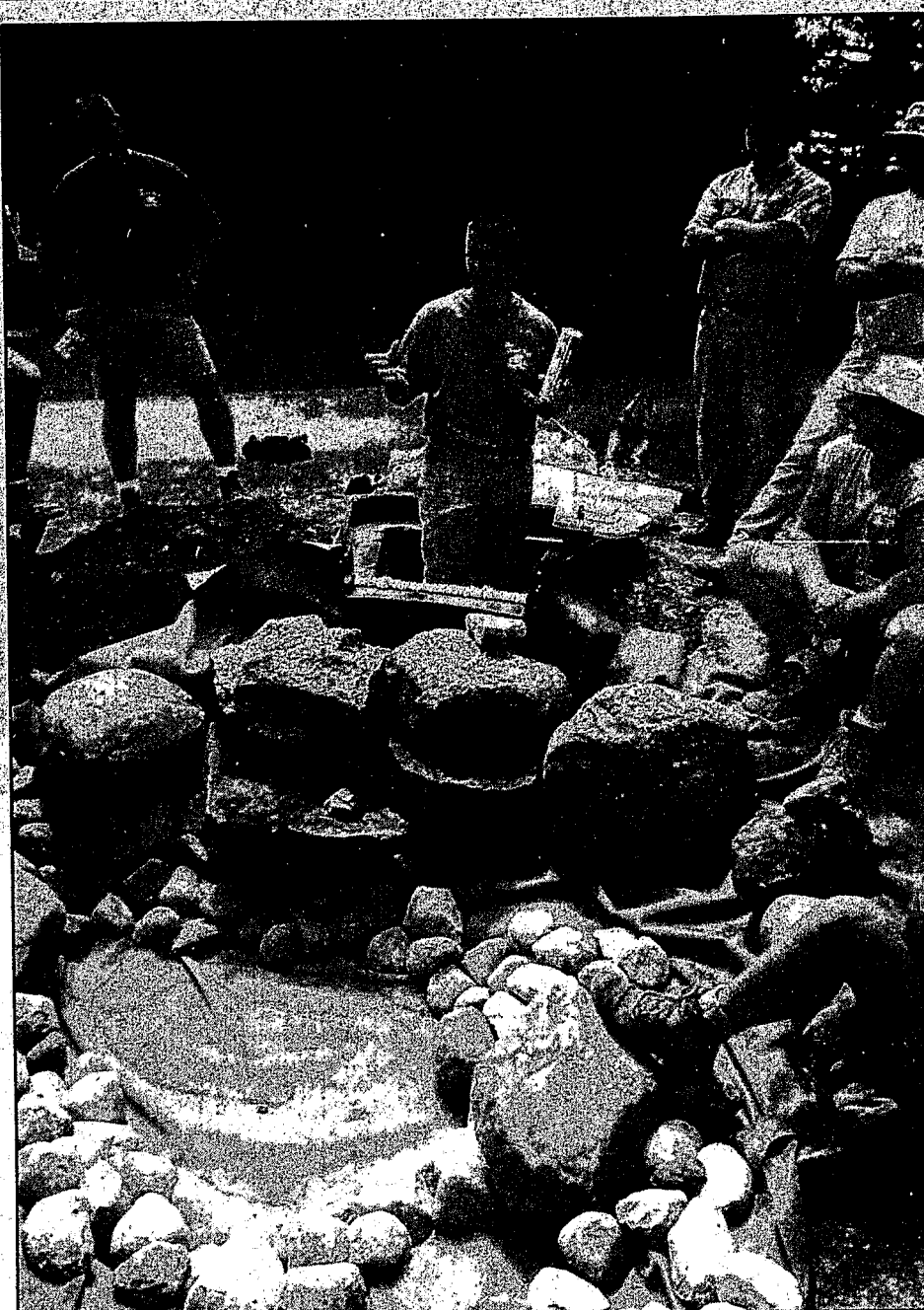
Callanan-Hunter is an envi-



Hard work: Sherrie Wereley, of Garden Artist Landscape, applies caulk around the pond under construction in Tom Lowrie's Independence Township backyard.

ronmental designer for O.W. Rose and Associates in Clarkston. The work she witnesses will influence how and what she will design, she said.

"Application is a lot different than two dimension," she said. "To know what's going to go into the design, you have to know



Step-by-step: Greg Wittstock of Aquascape Design teaches seminar participants about pond construction in local landscaper Tom Lowrie's backyard.

how (it is done)."

Some, like Robert Campbell, came prepared to work.

Campbell, landscape foreman for Barkman Landscaping in Davison, spent the day, shovel in hand, learning how to properly construct a pond.

During the seminar, Wittstock also explained some of the common mistakes made when building a pond. Homeowners, he said, often choose a pond size that is too small. When the size is inadequate, he said, it cannot be expanded and must be com-

pletely rebuilt.

The key to a well-built pond, Wittstock said, is planning and research. He said that homeowners and landscape professionals should watch an instructional video and have a clear plan before breaking ground.

POLICE CALLS

The following incidents were reported to police and fire agencies in Independence Township and the City of Clarkston between Aug. 10-13.

Independence Township

Vandalism

On Aug. 10, a vehicle was reported damaged on Ashwood.

On Aug. 12, a vehicle was reported damaged on Tuscan Boulevard.

On Aug. 12, a vehicle was reported damaged on Parview, and the suspects were said to have fled the scene on foot.

Thefts

On Aug. 10, a wallet containing a driver's license and credit cards, along with a pair of sunglasses, and one cell phone cord was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Waterford Hill.

On Aug. 10, one case of beer, 60 compact discs, valued at \$800, and one \$30 compact disc case were reported stolen from a

car parked at a residence on Oakvista.

On Aug. 10, two radar detectors, two compact discs, and one duffel bag were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Edgewood.

On Aug. 10, approximately \$20 was reported stolen from the ashtray of a vehicle parked on Balmoral Terrace.

On Aug. 11, one \$400 cell phone was reported stolen from a business on Sashabaw Road.

On Aug. 11, a cell phone was reported stolen from a car parked at a business near Sashabaw Road.

On Aug. 11, a cell phone was reported stolen from a car parked at a residence on Parview.

On Aug. 12, a vehicle was reported missing from E. Princeton Avenue.

On Aug. 12, one driver's license, three credit cards, two debit cards, one calling card, one electric shaver worth approximately \$100, and an additional \$100 in cash were reported stolen from a vehicle parked at a

residence on Waldon Glenn.

On Aug. 12, a cell phone and \$224 in cash was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Oakvista.

Burglary

On Aug. 10, approximately \$230 in cash was reported stolen from a business on Sashabaw Road in Clarkston.

Clarkston Police

Theft

On Aug. 9, speakers, one compact disc changer, one radio and cassette player, and compact discs were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Overlook.

Independence Fire

Between Aug. 10-13, firefighters responded to 13 incidents. They included seven medical runs, one personal injury accident, one vehicle fire, and one fuel spill.

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well as tickets for unlawful entry into a building.

Two of the males also received citations for possession of tobacco. All were then released into the custody of their parents.

Although custodians are usually in the building on weekday nights, Young said that the custodian on duty Tuesday had left the building.

The juveniles, one of whom said he had been in the school on an earlier occasion, gained entry through a gym door that was not locked.

Dogs brought in by Michigan

State Police tracked the path of the youths throughout the school. The scent led the dogs onto the roof of the building, according to Young.

"On weekends, when there is nobody around, there is security," Young said.

Other recent incidents of vandalism at the school occurred:

■ On Aug. 3, when approximately \$3,000 worth of running track was vandalized at Clarkston High School, according to police reports.

■ In July, when the school's football field was "turned,"

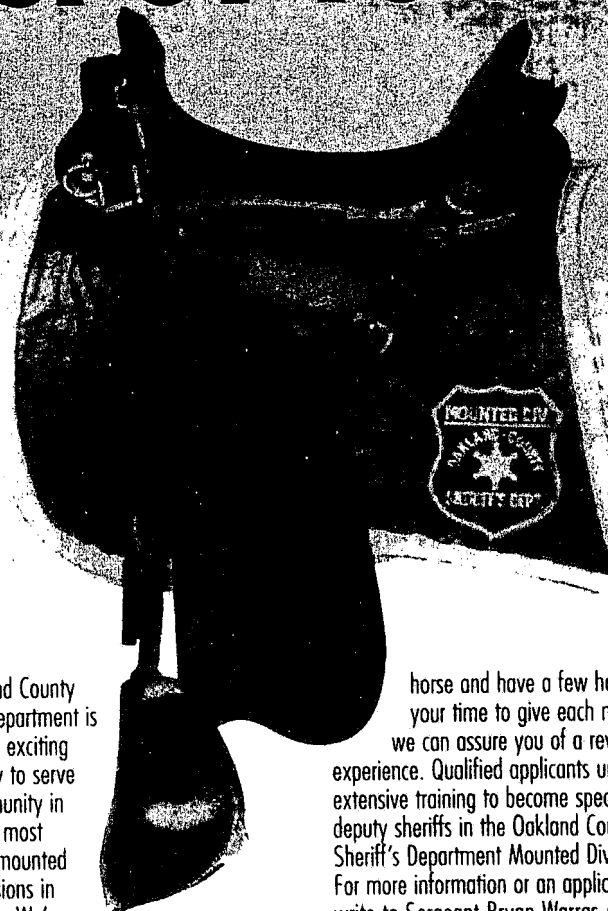
apparently by a vehicle driving through it.

Not only is it unlawful to enter the school building it is also potentially dangerous, so efforts to secure the building will be stepped up, Young said.

"We're going to double check (all entrances). I don't want these kids to think they have free run of this building," he said.

"I want it well known that this building is not open for them to look around in. If they're so anxious to get back to school, we can push for year-round classes."

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Flared & frayed: The newest look from T.J. Maxx.

School 'bells' ring with retro style

I went back-to-school shopping recently with my 16-year-old cousin, Shannon, and her parents. Talk about an educational experience. Shannon filled me in on what is "in."



DONNA MULCAHY

Like hemp necklaces. "They're made of hemp, which is like a thin rope, and it's like you make a knot, and then put on a bead, and then make another knot, and put on another bead," Shannon explained.

"I know. You mean macrame necklaces," I interrupted, thinking of the little macrame owl necklace that sits in my jewelry box. My Aunt Ilene gave it to me around 1975.

"Oh, I don't know what macrame is. I've never heard of that before," Shannon said as we walked through Westland Mall. "It's macrame," her mom Cindy assured me. (We found hemp necklaces at Claire's boutique.)

"What else is big?" I asked Shannon. "Flares," she said. "What are flares?" I asked.

"They're jeans that fit tight from the waist down, but then they start to flare out at the knees. You used to call them bell-bottoms, but they're not called that anymore," she said. "They're called flares."

"Oh," I replied. What else is there to say when suddenly you feel old?

We trudged on, mainly looking for clothes. But along the way, I learned that decorative patches embroidered with pictures of "peace frogs," "Beetle cars" and other '70s icons are in—kids sew them on the back pockets and legs of their jeans. Purses shaped like paper grocery bags and big enough to hold textbooks are popular with girls, as are butterfly-shaped barrettes, bobby pins and jewelry, Shannon informed me.

Cargo pants (they have lots of pockets), khakis, camouflage-style pants, nylon sweat pants that snap up the sides, all things Nike and Adidas, and jeans that have back pockets so low that they're on the thigh, are very popular I discovered as we visited Kohl's, the Gap, Hudson's, The Limited, Sears and J.C. Penney.

Must-have items on Shannon's list included thick-soled, military-style boots and V-necked, striped argyle sweaters and sweater vests in olive, navy and brown. The sweaters are supposed to be worn over un-tucked, long-sleeved Oxford shirts, preferably in white.

"So in a nutshell," I said to Shannon, "the look this year is Michigan militia meets Ozzie and Harriet."

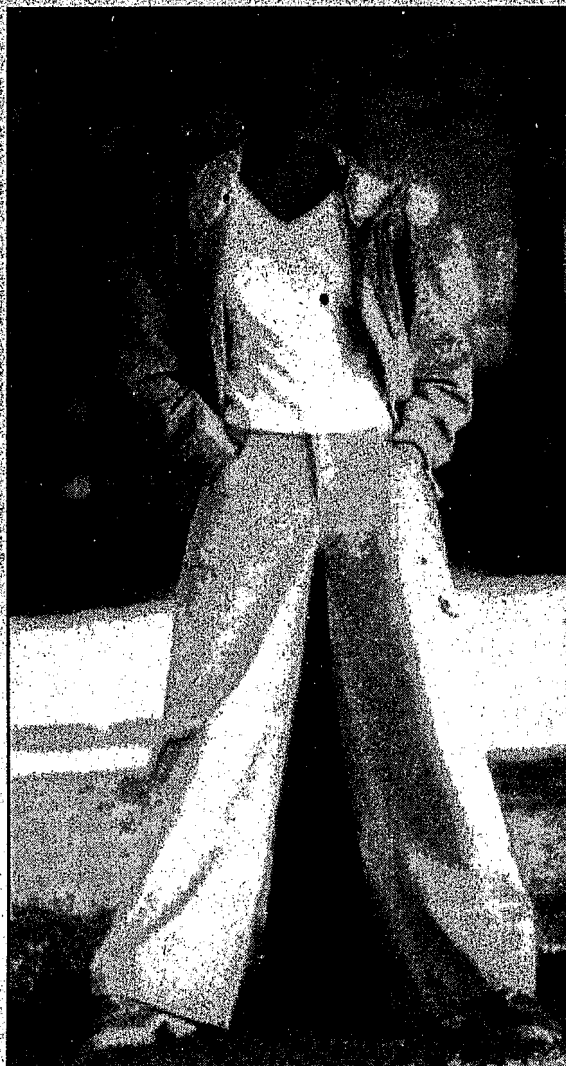
"That's perfect," she said enthusiastically, sounding very impressed with my realization. "That's the perfect way to describe it."



Guy gear: Rugby stripes and cords for boys, from Jacobson's.



Mad plaid: Nautica's University Group for kid-size coeds, from Jacobson's.



Cool khaki: You can't go wrong with khaki wide-leg cargo pants, a V-neck T-shirt and a hooded sweatshirt from T.J. Maxx.



Skirting the issue: Though baggy pants are cool for guys and girls, sometimes a girl's got to have a flirty skirt and a fleece pullover, from Jacobson's.

Hit the hallways in hip fashions

When Kaylin Rutkowski starts first grade this fall, she'll skip into Oxford's Lakeville Elementary in her black platform sneakers and flares. What? No red plaid jumper and shiny Mary Janes? "Absolutely not," laments her mom, Sherry. When she asked Kaylin what she wanted to wear to school, now that she's a "big girl," the answer was firm and without hesitation.

Kaylin, at 6 going on 16, wants jeans and overalls that flare out below the knee, just like the ones the girls wear in the TV commercials. "She wants to look like the teen-agers in the neighborhood," says Sherry.

So mother and daughter went on a shopping excursion to Old Navy and found the perfect pair of flared jeans. When they returned home, Kaylin excitedly modeled her new purchase for family members and proclaimed, with a slight whistle (her two front teeth are missing), "Aren't my 'clares' cool?" Fortunately, Kaylin's school bag sports Rugrats rather than Spice Girls.

Designer Trends

But Kaylin's not alone in her desire to look like a Gap-ad supermodel. And top fashion designers are well aware of this trend. Fashion magazines feature glossy multi-page ads of kids in Tommy Hilfiger, Polo, CK Calvin Klein and DKNY. And rather than marketing frilly pink dresses or

corduroy coveralls to elementary-aged children, the designers are dressing tiny tykes in miniature versions of their grown-up styles: sweater vests with cargo khakis, oversized chenille sweaters, frayed jeans and platform loafers or clogs. Little sisters and brothers learn trendy and funky at a very young age.

According to a survey by T.J. Maxx, dresses and skirts are not *de rigueur* for kids this fall. "A staggering 87% prefer pants to skirts," says T.J. Maxx fashion spokesperson Laura Cervone. "The hottest trend is boy-inspired dressing with a flair. We're seeing baggy cargo pants combined with a tee and sweatshirt. White shirts are tucked into extra-wide-leg jeans or carpenter pants. Chunky-soled boots and shoes paired with leather knapsacks complete the ensemble for today's most fashionable youths." The youngest schoolgirls choose more age-appropriate accessories such as rainbow embroidery or flower appliques.

Michelle Harrison, however, skews the percentages a bit, as she models a chic gray v-neck brushed acrylic T-shirt dress at Jacobson's Back-To-School fashion show at Laurel Park Place in Livonia. The Farmington Hills sixth-grader, a future fashion designer, couldn't wait to purchase the designer-label ensemble. "Tommy Girl (Tommy Hilfiger) is my favorite label this season," she says.

Likewise, Erika Lazar, 7, a student at Roper school in Bloomfield Hills, modeled a Hartstrings skirt and fleece top. So we will see some girls who really look like girls in the schoolyard this fall.

Flare Flair

Middle- and high-schoolers drive these trends, so their picks this season are the same as above, just in larger, more-expensive sizes. Molly Barackman, 12, was given a budget for her back-to-school wardrobe and she spent the past couple of weeks planning and crunching numbers. "I had \$300 to spend and about \$400 worth of stuff that I really wanted," says the eighth-grader. She clipped her "must-haves" out of catalogs and pasted them on posterboard, then proceeded to mix-and-match outfits until she pared her purchases down to about \$340. "I'm doing chores around the house to earn the extra \$40," she says.

What's on Molly's wish list? "Mostly dark denim wide-leg jeans and flares, and some T-shirts, both long and short sleeved. Lots of blue," she adds. She passed on wool sweaters and ankle-length skirts. "The skirts are not my style." But she's still debating on a pair of platform sneakers, preferably black with white "Adidas" stripes. She also liked the butterfly accessories and scented T-shirts and necklaces.

10 Back-To-School Trends

From the fashion experts at Laurel Park Place

1. Wide-leg jeans
2. Flares (or bell-bottoms)
3. Baggy shorts
4. Ribbed mock-turtlenecks
5. Overalls, cargo pants and carpenter pants
6. Uniform-stripes on jersey zip-neck shirts
7. Stretch jeans
8. Anything khaki
9. Low-waisted hip-huggers
10. Shorts with button-down shirts

News of special events for shoppers is included in this calendar. Send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; or fax (248) 644-1314. Deadline: Wednesday 5 p.m. for publication on Sunday.

TUESDAY, AUG. 18

HOT STUFF

Trinity Designs & Gifts presents a Giftware Showcase & OPEN-HOUSE Show, a one-stop shopping experience for unusual gifts at affordable prices. Merchandise includes home accessories, jewelry, gift baskets, bath collections and specialty items. Free admission; 6-10 p.m. Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield.

THURSDAY, AUG. 20

NEWS HOUND

Former CNN anchor Bob Lore will discuss and

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

sign copies of his new book *5 Seconds to Air: Broadcast Journalism Behind the Scenes*, a chronicle of his life and the stories that have shaped our lives. Lore also provides his own formula for how to succeed in broadcasting. 7 p.m. Borders Books & Music, 34300 Woodward, Birmingham.

SATURDAY, AUG. 22

FALL TRENDS

View the fall collections from top American and European designers including Zang Toi, Escada, Calvin Klein, Thierry Mugler, Dolce & Gabbana, and Donna Karan. The event at Nordstrom begins at 8 a.m. with a continental breakfast. Fashion show at 8:30 a.m. Seating is limited. Call (248) 816-6100, ext. 1690 by August 12. Nordstrom, Somerset Collection, Troy.

CREATURES DOWN UNDER

The Living Science Foundation presents "Australia" at Livonia Mall. Guests will meet cockatoos, bearded dragons, pythons, frogs, skinks, even kangaroos. 12-4 p.m. Livonia Mall, Seven Mile and Middlebelt roads.

SUNDAY, AUG. 23

GO WILD

Laurel Park Place in Livonia hosts an after-hours Wild Trax party to benefit the Detroit Zoo and Wild Thing Society. Live entertainment by Stuart Franke and food from the restaurants of Laurel Park Place. 6-9 p.m. Contact the Detroit Zoological Society for tickets. (248) 541-5717.

BEANIE BONANZA

The Plymouth "Beanie Baby Show & Sale" returns to the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street. The show features dealers and collectors selling current and retired Beanie Babies and accessories. Beanie Baby door prizes every hour. Admission: \$4. Children ages 4-12, \$2. 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Where can I find?

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate sources for hard-to-find merchandise. If you've seen any of the items in your retail travels (or basement), please call Where Can I Find? (248) 901-2555. Slowly and clearly, leave your name, number and message, and you should see your input in Sunday's column. Thank you.

What We Found:

Lazlo, of Lazlo Leather on Maple in Birmingham, called to offer a tape measure for Patrick.

Boyfriend-in-a-Box can be found at Gags & Gifts, Five Mile and Merriman.

For Stan we found someone to repair his 1967 VW at Monk Motors on Orchard Lake Road in Sylvan Lake, (248) 335-5424. Also, Auto House in Warren, European Motors in Troy and Stan's Recycled Bugs in Shelby Twp. We also found an ironing board sleeve for Betty.

Diamond Bright Paint Sealer can be found at 1-800-334-8388.

Solid-color borders, including black, were spotted at Office Max, 10 Mile and Southfield.

A retractable clothesline can be found through the Vermont Country Store catalog, (802) 362-2400.

Epilady Shaver and Braun Silk-Epil shaver can be found through Beauty Care of America, 1-800-374-5293.

The Card Box on North Wayne Road in Westland, (734) 762-9993, has the game of Pit. Anyone who is looking for old

electrical cords and accessories for any brand countertop kitchen appliances can try Culinary Parts Unlimited, 1-800-543-7549.

We're Still Looking For:

Virginia is looking for a sterling silver medal (for her bracelet) of the Angel Raphael, and she also wants to paint her Sacred Heart garden statue a (dull) wash with gold paint, and she also wants a 33x70 lattice or resin-free standing privacy screen to be used outdoors.

Sylvia is looking for someone in the Redford area to clean large wool area-rugs.

Cammie and Janet are looking for the 1967 Oak Park High School yearbook.

Christine is still looking for Klorane eye makeup remover made with cornflower. It was manufactured in France.

Patty is looking for FINELLE wet/dry eye shadow in a honey/olive color.

Joyce is looking for the caramel candy Slow Poke on a stick and a 1996 Beatrix Potter (Easter) ornament made by Hallmark.

Lena wants the game Generation Gap.

Loretta would like Corelle Country Violets.

Ann is looking for a telescoping mirror on a stand, made by TOTAL-VUE.

Darlene is looking for someone to buy her small Elvis Collection.

Jackie is looking for a 1966 Catholic Central (girls) yearbook. It was located at

Parsons and Woodward in Detroit.

Ann is looking for a 1956 Lowry High School yearbook. The school is on Jonathon Street in Dearborn.

Marilyn wants an acrylic/plastic picture frame made by DAX (it is thin-edged).

Ann is still looking for Coconut Crunch for marshmallow coating.

Kathy has old 45 r.p.m. records to sell.

Judy is looking for a stuffed animal from 1976-78 from Sears or Penny's called Henry (a dog).

John is looking for Bubo's Daddy Bubble Gum. It used to be seen on the Airway's bread truck when he was a child.

Betty is still looking for a Poor Pitiful Pearl doll.

Joyce is still looking for 100 plastic rain bonnets for senior citizens. We found 35 for her.

Joyce wants a copy of the April, 1988 Bon Appetit magazine.

Grace needs a Tupperware distributor who has the small pillboxes and she also wants a General Action Scrub pad (white/pink, two in a pkg.), made by Rubbermaid.

Nancy wants CIARA Mineral Water Spray Cologne by Revlon (it's a summer fragrance).

Pamela wants to find button bracelets from the '40s, '50s.

Judy is looking for the game of TRYCE (it's a card/word game). was out about 10 years ago.

Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

RETAIL DETAILS

SHARP SHAPES

Lynn Portnoy presents Yephlee's fall collection of comfortable, elegant clothing inspired by geometric forms. Thursday, Aug. 27, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday, Aug. 28, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 29, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. 29260 Franklin Road, Southfield.

IN THE SWIM

Everything But Water, a specialty swimwear store in Clio, Mich., launches its new Web site. By diving into www.everythingbutwater.com, visitors can browse through the virtual store and purchase swimwear from such designers as Ann Cole, Mossimo and La Bianca. The site features the latest trends, fit and style information and a toll-free number for customer assistance.

FAMOUS SOLES

Troy resident Karen Valmont and Farmington Hills' Wendy Malley cast their votes for their "Favorite Famous Detroiters" and won \$1,000 shopping spree at Chernin's Shoes. During the grand opening of Chernin's Shoes at its new Novi and Troy stores, more than 800 shoppers registered their opinions about their favorite Detroit celebs. The top vote-getters were Tim Allen, Madonna, Robin Williams, Joe Louis and Bernie Smlowitz. The Chicago-based footwear retailer recently opened its first Michigan locations in the Novi Town Center and the Oakland Plaza shopping centers.

CHOOSE YOUR LOOK

Tocalino Cosmetic Studio in Birmingham introduces a new "Five Looks Within" service. The innovative service allows clients to achieve five completely different looks during only one makeover session. Now your makeup can match your mood or personality: Sport/Athletic, Casual/Daytime, Business/Corporate, Elegant/Glamorous,

Sexy/Sensuous. The session lasts 90 minutes and costs \$150. By appointment only. Call (248) 203-9477.

TRUNK TREASURES

Hersh's on The Boardwalk presents the fall collections from Garfield & Marks and J.R. Morrison. Look for suits and separates in a variety of textures and fabrics. Thursday, Aug. 20, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday, Aug. 21, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 22, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

TO MARKET

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce continues its weekly Farmer's Market through Oct. 24. Market hours are 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. every Saturday in the Gathering across from Kellogg Park, next to the Penn Theater in downtown Plymouth. For information, call (734) 453-1540.

GRIN AND WIN

Focus your camera on family fun this summer and win a \$1,000 shopping spree at Great Lakes Crossing, Michigan's first enclosed value/entertainment center. The mall, opening Nov. 12 in Auburn Hills, is offering the shopping spree as a grand prize for the person who best captures families having fun in Michigan during the center's "Grin and Win" photo contest. The top 30 photos will be enlarged, framed and displayed in the shopping center. Send prints or slides to "Attn: Great Lakes Crossing, The Taubman Company, 200 E. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI.

48303-0200." Include a contact name and phone number, and identify the people in the photo. The contest runs through Sept. 1.

NEW DRES

Three new retailers have opened recently at Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn. They are: d.e.m.o., a new cross-cultural clothing concept for teens and young adults; Fast Track Shoe Repair, a locally-owned shoe and leather repair shop; and Pearle Vision, offering 1,500 different designer frames and an upscale sunglasses department.

A BUG'S EYE VIEW

"A Bug's Life Mall Tour," sponsored by Chevy Venture, arrives Friday, Sept. 4 at the Somerset Collection North in Troy. The multi-media traveling show hosts two live stage productions and a behind-the-scenes look at computer animation with interactive games and film-related activities.

HEAVENLY WORKS

National Angel Day is Saturday, Aug. 22. It is a day set aside to perform an act of service for someone or to be a blessing in someone's life. Angel Treasures in Royal Oak invites you to view the limited-edition angel prints of award-winning artist Ronald Pavvner. The prints, hand-embellished with gold ink or Austrian crystals and wrought on inlaid gold and oriental papers, are priced from \$95-\$200. Ron resides in Birmingham. Angel Treasures, 401 N. Main St., Royal Oak.

Correction Notice

In our August 16th ad, we advertised a Memorex CD-RW 10-pack (model 4772-1100) for 99 cents after a \$14.99 mail-in rebate.

The product advertised is actually a Dyan CD-R 10-pack (model 4772-1100) correctly shown in the photo.

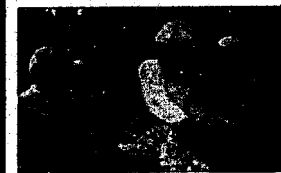
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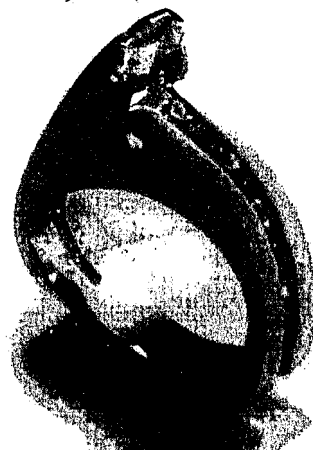
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Agencies combine winter road maintenance efforts

The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments Executive Committee July 31 gave the nod to a historic, multi-jurisdictional project that will unite the four main agencies responsible for winter road maintenance in southeast Michigan through cutting-edge technology.

The project, known as Southeastern Michigan Snow and Ice Management (SEMSIM), unites the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC), the Wayne County Department of Public Services, the city of Detroit Department of Public Works and the Road Commission of Macomb County in an effort to employ the latest fleet and weather monitoring technology. The goal of the project is to provide better, more efficient winter maintenance on major roads throughout southeast Michigan — regardless of jurisdiction.

SEMSIM will link the four agencies electronically and allow the monitoring of all winter maintenance activities so that equipment and manpower can be used most efficiently. It will also involve the agencies assisting each other when needed.

A SEMSIM test location is planned to be established in 1999, with the full project to be implemented in 2000 and beyond.

Last week, the SEMCOG Executive Committee unanimously voted to include the SEMSIM project in its 1998-2000 Transportation Improvement Program. The project must be included in the TIP in order to be eligible for federal funds.

Congress has already allocated \$1.15 million for the first phase of the project. Those dollars require a 20 percent local match, and the four agencies have agreed to contribute \$287,500 to bring the 1998 SEMSIM funding total to \$1.43 million.

RCOC Managing Director Brent Bair noted the initial \$1.15 million federal allocation was the result of the assistance of U.S. Sen. Spencer Abraham. "It was thanks to the vision and diligence of Senator Abraham that we are able to move ahead with this project. He fully understands how technology and collaboration can help ensure safer roads for all of us."

These funds will be used for project administration, systems integration, systems implementation, communications and project evaluation. The SEMSIM partners have asked Congress to authorize an additional \$4 million to fully implement the project.

In addition to the four main partners, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration are also involved in the project.

■ (Southeastern Michigan Snow and Ice Management) will introduce new technologies, to be shared by all four agencies, that will mean safer roads and more cost-efficient winter road maintenance for the entire region.

Brent Bair
—Managing director, Road Commission for Oakland County

using mass transit, by ensuring that buses are better able to meet their schedules during inclement winter weather.

The project should result in safer roads for the region, "Because we will be more efficient in our winter road maintenance," said City of Detroit DPW Director Clyde Dowell. "We will be better able to ensure that major roads are plowed or salted in a timely fashion, making them safer for motorists."

Carlo Santia, highway engineer for the Road Commission of Macomb County, added that the project should save the state money as well. "Because RCOC, the Wayne County DPS and the Road Commission of Macomb County are all under contract with MDOT to maintain the state highway system in the metro area," he explained, "we anticipate SEMSIM's efficiencies will mean a smaller winter maintenance bill for the state."



Ernie Harwell

Baseball Hall of Fame announcer and Medicare Blue spokesman



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OAKLAND DIGEST

Oakland Digest provides a summary of headline stories from around the county during the week leading up to Aug. 12.

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

Late movies: Plans for a 20-screen Showcase Cinema complex on Telegraph Road apparently have been delayed. Township officials said they haven't heard from National Amusements, parent company for the theater chain, for several months. Officials have told the theater company its initial plans didn't meet the community's upscale image.

CLARKSTON

Ride 'em cowboy: Clarkston-area resident Michael Godoshian is no drug store cowboy — the 21-year-old is a full fledged bronco buster. A member of the professional rodeo circuit, Godoshian said he took up the unusual sport after a challenge from his father on a family trip out west. A western enthusiast, Godoshian scoured the Internet for information and attended a bull-riding class in Missouri before saddling up.

FARMINGTON HILLS

Wet and angry: Fed up over wet basements, Farmington Hills residents flooded city hall with complaints after heavy Aug. 6 and Aug. 9 rainstorms. Some

residents asked the city to declare a moratorium on all new construction until sewer problems are fixed.

LAKE ORION

Banking on students: Lake Orion High School students will their own credit union branch when they return to school this fall. The Community Schools Credit Union of Rochester said it is opening the in-school branch not only to teach students how to manage their money but also to train them for careers in the credit, banking and finance industry.

OXFORD

Meijer interest: Nearly area residents turned out for an Oxford Township Planning Commission meeting on plans for a new Meijer store at M-24 and Ray Road. But while Meijer stressed its new-look design and variety of services, some residents called the proposed 180,000 square foot store "a death sentence" for downtown Oxford.

ROCHESTER HILLS

Happy trails: The Paint Creek Trailways Commission and city agree improvements need to be made to the trail's Tienken Road crossing, but while the trailways commission said improvements should be in place by 2001, city officials said they could come

even sooner depending upon nearby development.

SOUTHFIELD

Charter question: City council president Sidney Lantz is at odds with the Oakland County Political Action Committee over whether the city charter should be revised. Lantz said no revisions are necessary, but OCPAC said the 40-year-old document may need some revision.

TROY

Community center: Troy officials could this week get their first look at the city's proposed community center. The center is expected to be housed in a wing of the old Troy High School building on Livernois near Big Beaver. The building unused wing will be torn down.

WEST BLOOMFIELD

Switching sides: Debbie Schlus-sel and Ron Wolf, both defeated in the Republican primary for the 39th District state House seat have crossed party lines and endorsed Democrat Maxine Brickner for the November general election. Schlus-sel and Wolf were among five Republicans who lost the primary to Marc Shulman.

ROAD WATCH

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

I-275 AT GRAND RIVER

Community: Farmington Hills
Details: The ramp from north-bound I-275 to east Grand River will be closed through Nov. 15. A detour is posted.

I-696

From: Franklin to Inkster
Community: Southfield
Details: Shoulders will be closed along westbound I-696 through Sept. 20.

ADAMS ROAD

At: Square Lake Road
Communities: Bloomfield Township and Troy
Details: The center turn lane and will be widened and the road will be resurfaced through Sept. 30.
At: Grand Trunk Rail Road

Community: Rochester Hills
Details: The road will be closed at the crossing beginning Aug. 12.

AVON ROAD

At: Grand Trunk Rail Road crossing
Community: Rochester Hills
Details: The road will be closed at the crossing Aug. 12. It will reopen at the end of the day.

BALDWIN ROAD

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

BRIDGE LAKE

From: Rattles Lake Road to Davisburg Road
Community: Springfield Township
Details: A road paving project is being conducted through the end of August.

COMMERCE ROAD

From: From 1,000 feet west of South Commerce to Union Lake Road
Community: Commerce Town-ship
Details: The stretch of road is being resurfaced.

CROOKS ROAD

At: Grand Trunk Rail Road crossing
Community: Rochester Hills
Details: The road will be closed at the crossing beginning Aug. 8.

DEQUINDRE ROAD

From: Big Beaver to Wattles
Community: Troy
Details: Dequindre is being widened from two to five lanes. The project is expected to be completed by Oct. 31.

DIXIE HIGHWAY

From: Davisburg Road to the county line
Communities: Springfield, Groveland and Holly townships
Details: The road is being resurfaced.

FOCUS ON WINE



RAY & ELEANOR HEALD

Morgan wines
sure let the
fruit shine

When it comes to top-notch chardonnay and pinot noir, Morgan, a winery in California's Monterey County, always excels. This sentence does not tell the whole story. First, it might make you believe that Morgan's wines are sourced from vineyards in Monterey County only. This is true for chardonnay and syrah. While Morgan's pinot noir does come from Monterey, some also stems from the Carneros region. Morgan's sauvignon blanc comes from vineyards in Sonoma County's Dry Creek and Alexander Valleys along with Monterey. Dry Creek Valley, home to California's best zinfandel, is the region from which Morgan gets its share. Added to these is a great aperitif pour malvasia bianca, an ancient grape with Greek origins, bearing a Monterey designation.

Signature style

But no matter the origin of the grapes, Morgan wines have a signature style. It can best be described as one that lets the fruit shine and is not overdone by oak.

The 1996 vintage of Morgan Malvasia Bianca \$15 is well described as the best wine to replace a martini. Besides serving as an aperitif, it's great with Asian, Vietnamese and Thai cuisines. The 1996 is only Morgan's second release of this wine. The grape, when made in a dry style in Italy, is generally blended with trebbiano. Keeping it 100 percent varietal is an innovation of the 1990s.

The 1997 Morgan Sauvignon Blanc \$12 is almost half Sonoma County fruit and half Monterey. Years ago, Monterey sauvignon blanc was green, herbal and filled with the aromas and flavors of bell peppers. While you can still stumble on a sauvignon blanc like this, it is generally not the case, and certainly not with the Morgan interpretation, which was fermented entirely in French oak and blended with 20 percent semillon. The latter grape variety fills in any chinks to make a round and delicious wine.

Making you a believer in the merits of the Monterey appellation is 1996 Morgan Chardonnay \$21, fermented and aged in 30 percent new oak. It is with this wine that you'll understand the signature style - lots of fruit with gentle oak hints and lots of richness.

But it gets better in the 1995 Morgan Chardonnay Reserve \$26. While

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Wine Picks

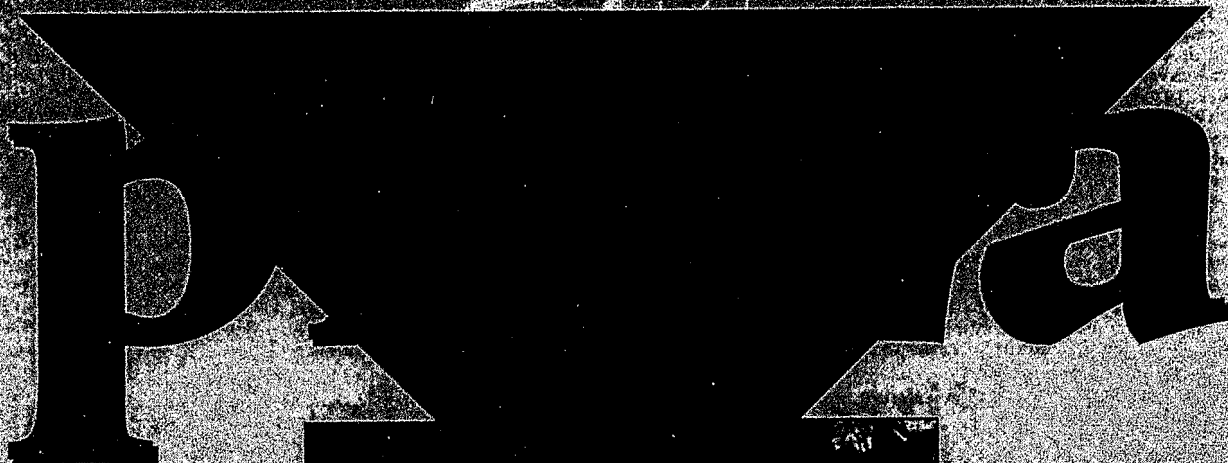
- **Pick of the pack:** 1996 Laurel Glen Quintana Cabernet Sauvignon \$16. Is a new wine from Laurel Glen, a blend of Napa and Sonoma sourced fruit.
- **Outstanding reds from renowned California producers:** 1995 Silverado Sangiovese \$23; 1995 Silverado Cabernet Sauvignon \$26; 1995 Flaherty Merlot, RCF Vineyards \$30; 1995 Fisher Cabernet Sauvignon Lamb Vineyards \$51; 1995 Wild Horse Merlot \$17; and 1995 Benziger Syrah \$18.
- **Great Chilean red:** 1996 Veramonte Primus Carmenera \$17. For years, the Chileans thought carmenere was minor and labeled it as such. Now there's been significant California interest. In Chile, the identity has been lost. Carmenera is every bit as lush and mellow as your favorite merlot. Try it. \$17.
- **Approachable, easy-to-drink Italian:** 1995 Amadori Santa Cristina \$9.
- **Keep these chardonnays coming:** 1996 Goldeneye Chardonnay \$19; 1996 Benziger Chardonnay \$20; 1996 Goldeneye Chardonnay \$20; 1996 Goldeneye Chardonnay \$20.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Recipe to Share
- Cheers for Beer

EASY AS PIE



Pizza has been around for ages. Variations are traceable from the Greeks, who ate a bread with toppings called "plakintos," to an Egyptian flatbread eaten in the Middle East over 2,000 years ago, and finally, to a small Italian island known as Napoli, or Naples, where pizza developed into today's familiar pie topped with tomato sauce and cheese.

Legend has it that during trips around the country with

her husband Umberto I, Italy's Queen Margherita noticed people eating flatbread they called "pizza." Upon tasting the Queen was so enthralled with the local peasant dish she had Rafael Esposito, a local pizza maker, summoned to the palace to cook for her.

In the queen's honor, Esposito created a pizza in the colors of the Italian flag: red tomatoes, white mozzarella and green basil, which we now know as the classic "Margherita" pizza.

According to John F. Mariani, author of "The Dictionary of American Food and Drink," (Hearst Books, New York, 1983), the term "pizza" is derived from an old Italian word meaning "a point," which led to the Italian word "pizzicare," meaning to "pinch" or "pluck." The word shows up for the first time in a Neapolitan dialect word - "picea" or "piza" - about 1000

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Hot off the grill: For something different, try Grilled Garden Pizzas. Topped with fresh tomatoes, bell pepper, and onions, these pizzas are a delicious way to enjoy the bounty of your garden.

Pizza tips from the
American Dairy
Association:

■ **Experiment with new cheeses** - try using Monterey Jack, Muenster or blue cheese.

■ **Create original pizzas** that draw from ethnic or regional flavors by using easy-to-find, indigenous ingredients:

• **Californian** - Brush pizza crust with garlic and olive oil, topped with a tossed Caesar or mesclun salad and shaved Parmesan and Romano cheeses.

• **Cajun** - Start with spicy shrimp or andouille sausage, add potatoes and onions and top with Monterey Jack and mozzarella cheese.

• **Greek** - Top a grilled pita crust with creamy feta cheese, kalamata olives, tomatoes, cucumbers and red onion.

■ **For a crisp crust**, bake pizzas at high temperature (400°F to 500°F) for 10-15 minutes or until the cheese begins to turn golden brown.

■ **When adding herbs** such as oregano or rosemary to pizza, first gently rub the herbs to release the flavor oils.

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Pack or pick up picnic foods for a quick getaway

Picnic is just another word for - getting away from it all. The French call them "pique-nique," which translates to "nothing much."

A picnic can be as simple or complicated as you want it to be. Local specialty food markets and delis offer lots of interesting, delicious sandwiches and salads to go, or you can make your own.

Harvey's Olde Village Deli, 696 N. Mill St., Plymouth is known for their grilled pita wrap sandwiches, but they sell a lot of other made to order sandwiches too.

"We cater to people who are on a budget and have a half hour to an hour for lunch," said Dan Sarb. "People will stop in for lunch and head down to Hines Drive to sit by the water and feed the ducks."

For picnics, Sarb recommends roll-up sandwiches. "They're easy to eat and carry," he said. One of his favorite combinations will remind you of a Greek salad.

In a piece of lawash bread place slices of smoked turkey, chopped spinach, crumbled feta cheese, sliced red onion, and tomatoes. Top with Greek salad dressing, roll and wrap.

Florine Halpern of Amaryllis Catering in Birmingham suggests this menu for a sunset picnic in the park - Garlic Toasts with white bean skordalia and chopped tomatoes with basil and chevre, topped with a tarragon vinaigrette; grilled chicken breasts with a spicy plum and toasted sesame glaze, rice and lentil salad with dried cherries and tangy balsamic dressing, crunchy Asian slaw with peanut dressing, petit corn muffins and peach/blueberry crisp, or Toasted Almond Good Humor ice cream bars from a park vendor.

Halpern likes picnic foods that are easy to carry and eat. Use her menu as a guide to develop your own. Grill chicken and other meats in the morning when it's cool, and chill to eat later.

"Mason jars are great for picnic baskets," said Halpern. "As much as possible, make everything disposable so you won't have to carry a lot of stuff home." Here are some tips for picnics from "The Food Lover's Tiptonary," by Sharon Tyler Herbst, (Hearst Books, New York, 1994)

■ Carry a large plastic bag in case there are no trash barrels.

■ Soak sponges in water, then put them in plastic bags, seal, and freeze until solid. In an insulated cooler, they should last for up to 3 hours, depending on the size of the sponge.

■ Keep hot foods hot by insulating the containers with a layer of heavy-duty foil, then several layers of newspaper.

■ Make portable, disposable salt and pepper shakers by filling separate paper straws with the seasoning, then tightly twisting the ends to close.

■ Use a muffin tin as a condiment server, each section holding something different - ketchup, mustard, chopped onions, sliced pickles, relish, etc.

■ An egg carton makes a handy container for small, bruisable items that need protection such as apricots, plums, tomatoes and deviled eggs (individually wrap them later in plastic wrap).

■ If bugs are getting into your drinks, cover the glass with foil, then poke a straw through the foil. See recipes inside.

A change of scenery can do wonders. Take a vacation from your daily routine by planning a picnic in the park. Here are some of our favorite spots:

- **Bald Mountain State Park**
Off M-24 in Orion Township
- **Centennial Park**
Downtown Oxford
- **Heritage Park**
Canton Center Road
(south of Cherry Hill, behind Canton Township Hall)
- **Middle Rouge Parkway**
Hines Drive between Ford Road in Dearborn and Seven Mile Road in Northville
- **Independence Oaks**
Off Sashabaw Road, north of Clarkston Road
- **Kellogg Park**
Main Street, (between Ann Arbor Trail and Penniman), downtown Plymouth. Marc Thomas and Max the Moose will be performing in the park at noon Wednesday, Aug. 19. Call (734) 416-4ART for information.
- **Kensington Metropark**
2240 W. Buno Road, Milford
- **Seymour Lake Park**
Seymour Lake Drive, just east of Baldwin Road, Oxford
- **Shain Park**
Downtown Birmingham

For more information:
• Huron-Clinton Metroparks - (800) 477-2757
• Michigan State Parks and Travel - (888) 78-GREAT
• Oakland County Parks - (248) 858-0906
• Wayne County Parks Department - (734) 261-1990

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A.D., referring perhaps to the manner in which pizzas are plucked from the oven.

With such a celebrity endorsement, pizza became immensely popular and regional variations developed all over Italy.

In Sicily, pizza crusts were thick and rectangle-shaped, while "white pizzas" served with mozzarella and ricotta cheeses, garlic and olive oil were popular in other regions.

Influenced by travel, the pizza craze soon spread to the United States, and Americans have had a fascination with it ever since. Different regions developed a penchant for specific versions; New Yorkers craved thin slices, while Chicago pizza lovers created the famous deep-dish pizza with two crusts and up to 1-1/2 pounds of mozzarella cheese.

In the early 1980s, pizzas became less like a bread and more like a canvas on which anyone could create a meal to dazzle the palate. With the advent of "gourmet" pizzas made famous by chefs such as Wolfgang Puck,

culinary experts began topping their pizzas with seafood, salad, and even fruit.

In Italy, pizza is usually baked in a wood-burning, brick oven. Pizza can be a great summer food when you take advantage of local vine-ripened tomatoes, fresh basil, and the use of your outdoor grill.

You can either cover the grill with a double layer of heavy-duty aluminum foil, or purchase a ceramic or terra cotta baking stone sold in department or kitchen specialty stores, which closely resembles the effect achieved with baking pizza in a brick oven.

Grilled pizza can either be made on a kettle-type charcoal grill with a lid or on a gas grill. If using charcoal, set the fire as you would for grilling meat or fish. When the coals turn gray and the heat is constant, you can begin grilling the pizza. Be sure the coals are spread out evenly.

Gas grills should be initially set on the highest setting for 15 minutes. After that, lower the

heat to low. If using a baking stone, be sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions. Be sure to place the baking stone or aluminum foil on the cold grill before starting the fire.

Making your own pizza crust isn't difficult; you can even use your bread machine. Explore other options — pita bread, English muffins and Boboli.

"Cooking pizza at home is easier than every right now," said nationally syndicated TV chef and cookbook author Art Ginsburg, also known as "Mr. Food." "People are looking for quick and easy dinnertime solutions that taste good — and pizza is just that."

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more oak influences show in the nose with a distinct toasty element you can't miss, the fruit still shines. Everything is right about this wine. Described in one word, balanced.

The Carneros fruit in the 1996 Morgan Pinot Noir \$22 offers a dominance of bright cherry aromas. Some earthy, hearty smelling mushroom-like notes stem from the Monterey fruit. The sample we tried was a bit closed, but judging from the consistency of past vintages, giving this wine a few more months aging in the bottle will make your taste buds happy, happy.

Zinfandel

It's often said that American oak is best suited to zinfandel. There are winemakers who don't buy that. Morgan's winemaker Dean De Korth is one of them. He believes that French oak integrates better with zinfandel. He also considers zinfandel a winemaker's wine where the style is shaped in the cellar.

Whatever the situation the

1995 Morgan Zinfandel from Dry Creek Valley \$15 is a winner at a bargain price. It's shameful that this so distinctly American wine is carrying price tags of \$25 and more!

We salute Morgan for making a vanilla-accented (from French oak) zinfandel rather than a spicy American oak style. It's a refreshingly fruity, delicious departure at a very honest price. If you like zinfandel, don't pass up this one.

For red wine lovers, a very limited amount of 1996 Morgan Syrah, Monterey, \$23.50, was shipped to this market. Vintage 1996 is considered one of the finest for Monterey region reds. This Syrah is layered with every red and black fruit you can name and is accented by peppery spice, but chocolatey smooth finish.

Look for Focus on Wine on the first and third Sunday of the month in Taste. To leave a voice mail message for the Healds, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1864.

Pizza

How about making some grilled garden?

See related story on Taste front.

GRILLED GARDEN PIZZAS

Crust:

- 3/4 cup warm water (105-115 degrees)
- one 1/4-ounce package (about 2 1/4 teaspoons) quick rising yeast
- one tablespoon olive oil
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup Quaker oats (quick or old-fashioned, uncooked)
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

Topping:

- 2 cups (8 ounces) shredded reduced-fat Italian cheese blend, divided
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced bell peppers
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced red onion
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh basil or 4 teaspoons dried basil

leaves

- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 4 plum tomatoes, thinly sliced (about 2 cups)

In a small bowl, combine water, yeast, oil and sugar; let stand 10 minutes or until foamy.

In a large bowl, combine flour, oats and salt. Add yeast mixture and blend on low speed of electric stand mixer until moistened. Beat 2 minutes at medium speed (do not use a hand-held mixer).

Turn dough out onto lightly floured surface. Knead one minute. Shape dough into ball, place in greased bowl, turning once. Cover, let rise in warm place 20 minutes or until nearly doubled in size.

Punch dough down; divide into four portions. Press each portion of dough into 7-inch circle. Grill over medium-hot coals 2 to 4 minutes or until bottom is golden brown.

Remove from grill. On browned side of each pizza, sprinkle 1/2 cup cheese. Top pizzas with bell pepper, onion, basil, garlic, and tomatoes, dividing evenly. Return to grill. Cover, grill 4 to 6 minutes or until bottoms of crusts are golden brown and cheese begins to melt. Sprinkle with remaining 2/3 cup cheese. Remove from grill once cheese has melted.

Baking directions:

Heat oven to 425 degrees F. Spray two cookie sheets with cooking spray. Pat each portion of dough into 7-inch circle onto prepared cookie sheet (2 pizzas per sheet). Layer each pizza with 1/2 cup cheese, peppers, onion, garlic and tomatoes. Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until crust is golden brown. Sprinkle with remaining 2/3 cup cheese and continue baking 3 to 4 minutes or until cheese is melted.

Recipe compliments of Quaker Oats.

Try these dishes on your picnic

Recipes from "The Old Farmer's Almanac: Summer's Best Recipes for 1998"

BARLEY BLACK BEAN AND HAM SALAD

- 3 cups chicken stock or water
- 1 cup pearl barley
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 (15-ounce) can black beans, drained and well rinsed
- 1 cup chopped ham
- 1 small, green pepper, diced
- 1 small red onion, finely chopped
- 1/4 cup minced fresh parsley or cilantro
- Mustard Vinaigrette
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 3 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 2 teaspoons brown sugar
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- Salt and pepper, to taste

Bring the stock to a boil in a medium sized saucepan. Stir in the barley and

salt. Return to a boil, cover, lower the heat and simmer for 30 to 35 minutes.

When done, the barley will be chewy, but tender, and the liquid will be

absorbed. Remove the pan from the heat and let sit, covered, for 10 minutes.

Ten spread the barley on a plate to cool. When cool, transfer it to a bowl and

mix in the beans, ham, green pepper, onion and parsley.

To make the vinaigrette: Whisk the oil, vinegar, mustard, brown sugar and

garlic in a small bowl. Pour the salad dressing over the salad and mix well.

Season to taste with salt and pepper. Cover and refrigerate until serving.

Serves 6.

CHINESE CHICKEN SALAD

- 2 cups thinly sliced cooked chicken-breast
- 3/4 cup well-drained Mandarin orange segments
- 3/4 cup roasted small cashews
- 1/4 cup finely chopped fresh cilantro
- 2 scallions, finely chopped
- 1 red bell pepper, diced
- 3/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons sesame oil
- 8 slices raisin pumpernickel, whole wheat or multi-grain bread
- 1 cup alfalfa sprouts

In medium-size bowl, toss chicken, oranges, cashews, cilantro, scallions and pepper. Add mayonnaise, lemon juice and sesame oil. Stir until well combined. Spread salad mixture on half of the bread slices and top with sprouts and remaining bread. Cut into halves. Makes 4 sandwiches.

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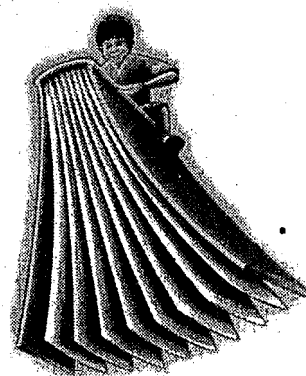
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Hope turns to speculation for museum

Perhaps it's the dog days of August. Maybe it's just a failure to adjust from summertime slumber to cold reality. Doesn't matter. Speculation is in the air.

And as rumors go, this one is long overdue. Clearly, the tall-tale falls into the categories of "What if?" and "Why not?"

Although probably based more on wishful thinking than anything else, there is a growing off-the-record buzz about the possibility of a contemporary arts museum opening in south-eastern Michigan.

The speculation is based on a story of a wealthy local real estate developer who allegedly bought several buildings on a block in downtown Detroit. The developer's supposed intention is to renovate the buildings to accommodate a collection of modern art.

In addition, as the story goes, the space will also be available for installations and exhibits by contemporary artists, including pieces by leading Detroit-area artists.

Open debate

Granted, repeating – or publishing – hearsay usually falls in the domain of tabloid journalists. But this is one "rumor" that doesn't lead to idle or slanderous speculation.

Regardless of whether the rumor proves accurate, the issue of why there isn't a contemporary arts museum in metro Detroit should be considered in the light of these good economic times, and a widespread desire to redefine the "metro Detroit experience."

With the profound influx of capital in downtown Detroit for the building of two stadiums, three casinos and infrastructure improvements, there's a strong likelihood – albeit expectation – for a range of spin-off ventures, i.e. restaurants, theaters, housing, amusement parks.

Lost amid the debate about transforming the area's urban center into an entertainment hub is the opportunity to distinguish metro Detroit as a place where contemporary art has a niche alongside auto shows and sports events.

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Here and now

While the Detroit Institute of Arts continues to prove that it is among the leading encyclopedic museums in the country, it only occasionally exhibits work of contemporary artists.

"Sure, we're encyclopedic in nature, but we set out to present the best example of art from all times and places," said Maurice Parrish, interim director at the DIA.

Yet for the most part, the DIA plans exhibits several years in advance. They couldn't be accused of responding to emerging art-world trends. The long-term planning is necessary to consolidate funding, and ensure coveted blockbuster appeal.

While last year's "Splendors of Ancient Egypt" and this year's "Angels From The Vatican" – both supported by large grants from the Chrysler Foundation – have proven to be remarkable, must-see exhibits, they present a critical understanding of the aesthetics of past cultures.

In contrast, contemporary art is typically created by artists responding to the milieu of the here and now. And usually, what results is art that defies neat definitions.

"The nature of contemporary art is that it takes chances," said Greg Witkopp, director of Cranbrook Art Museum.

For the last several years, Cranbrook has served as the preeminent contemporary arts museum in the area. To a large extent, they have pushed the boundaries, exhibiting

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A HEAVENLY DELIGHT Angels ARRIVE AT THE DIA

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Fabio Piacentini carefully unwraps the 18th-century chalice, one of 106 objects in "The Invisible Made Visible: Angels From The Vatican" exhibition opening Aug. 23 at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

As a conservator for the Vatican Museums and Pontifical Galleries, Piacentini is the only one permitted to touch the paintings, reliefs, ceramics, sculpture, liturgical vessels and vestments, and tapestries after their removal from the sixty-five wooden crates scattered throughout the galleries.

The priceless works by Raphael, Fra Angelico and Veronese must be handled with care. The exhibition of art works and artifacts, from the 9th century B.C. to the 20th century, represents the challenge for artists to render visible angels and winged beings which are by their nature invisible.

After unwrapping the gilded silver chalice with three-dimensional sculptures of angels encircling the base, Piacentini dons surgical gloves before inspecting it for damage that might have occurred



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Heavenly hosts: Originally situated above the portal of the church of S. Onofrio in Rome, the oil "Madonna, Crowned, with the Christ Child and Angels" was painted by Claudio Ridolfi in 1600 following a model by Paolo Veronese. This elaborate reliquary (below) from the 17th century frames the oldest known image of Christ. According to legend, this image was thought to be miraculously imprinted on cloth, not painted by the human hand.

during transport. Piacentini then checks every angel surrounding the stem and cup against a photograph.

Iva Lisikewycz, DIA associate curator of European painting, waits for the words "no change in condition" from Piacentini. The chalice, from one of the greatest collections of Classical and Renaissance art in the world, traveled from Rome by air then

was trucked to UCLA's Armand Hammer Museum of Art and Cultural Center in Los Angeles and the St. Louis Art Museum in Missouri before arriving at its only Midwest venue. From the DIA, the exhibition travels to the Walters Art Gallery in Baltimore and the Norton Museum of Art in West Palm Beach, Fla., before returning to Rome.

"Many of these items are not on

view at the Vatican or can only be viewed at the 13 Vatican museums," said Lisikewycz, explaining why the exhibit is not to be missed, especially for those unable to travel to Rome. "The fact many of these pieces have been restored for the exhibit by American donors to Patrons of the Arts in the Vatican Museums makes this an

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"The Invisible Made Visible: Angels From The Vatican"

WHAT: An exhibition of more than 100 rare works of art and artifacts from the 9th century B.C. to the 20th century by Raphael, Fra Angelico, Veronese, Georges Rouault, Salvador Dali, and the workshop of Bernini.

WHEN: Aug. 23 to Oct. 18. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, until 10 p.m. Friday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays.

WHERE: Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Avenue.

COST: Timed tickets (includes Acoustiguide audio tour) are \$10

adults, \$5 children. Founders Society members free; Friday night tickets are \$15 adults, \$10 children, members of all ages \$5, and available by calling (248) 645-6666, members call (313) 833-8499.

Related activities and exhibits: Lecture by Rev. Allen Duston, O.P., Vatican director of the exhibition, on how the exhibit was conceived and the preparations for sending the exhibit abroad 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 22-23 in the Lecture Hall. ■ Lecture by Rev. Terrence Dempsey.

founding director of the Museum of Contemporary Religious Art at St. Louis University, on contemporary American artists renewed interest in spiritual and religious dimensions 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 19-20 in the Lecture Hall.

■ "Spirited Wings," a docent guided tour of images in the DIA's permanent collection is available to all groups including students grades three and up, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays, call (313) 833-7981.

FESTIVAL

Legendary folk/pop singers join in Newport celebration

During its 40-year run, the Newport Folk Festival has introduced fledgling acts such as Joan Baez, Bob Dylan (with an electric guitar, no less), and Joni Mitchell, while also playing host to veterans.

To celebrate its four decades, festival organizers are taking it on the road during which veterans and newcomers will join forces.

Legendary folk/pop singers such as Baez, Nanci Griffith, John Hiatt, The Staple Singers, and Rickie Lee Jones will join the alternapp act The Violent Femmes, relative youngsters Marc Cohn, Wilco, Rodney Crowell and the Brit pop act Arnold on Saturday, Aug. 22, at Pine Knob Music Theatre.

Loudon Wainwright will emcee the event.

"So what I'll be doing is going out and maybe doing a couple songs while setting up for various people. Hopefully I'll be killing time in a somewhat entertaining fashion," Wainwright explained.

"I enjoy it. It's kind of like precision bombing in a sense. You've got 10 min-

utes and you've got to hold them and set them up for the next people."

If his albums are any indication, Wainwright will prove to be an amiable host. His 15th album, "Little Ship" (Virgin), opens with the spritely "Breakfast in Bed" during which he keeps his trademark humor in check – "When I'm on your empty stomach/it must mean I'm in the mood" ... "In bed like John and Yoko/We're givin' peace a chance/All that we are saying is where's my underpants?"

But "Little Ship" navigates toward the darker side of relationships tracing the end of his love affair that inspired his 1995 album "Grown Man."

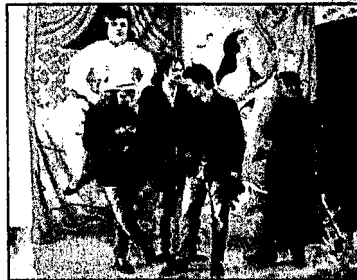
"The album kind of tracks a relationship. It begins kind of excitedly and happily with 'Breakfast in Bed.' But it was a relationship that eventually failed," said Wainwright who previously hosted a BBC music show filmed in Scotland.

"After years of relationships, one can become pessimistic. I do kind of believe the world is a terrible place. But it's also beautiful and interesting and

delightful and cruel and terrible and scary. You can pick up the newspaper and see that. I wasn't trying to be dark. I was trying to tell it like it is."

"I Can't Stand Myself" is telling with verses like "there's someone out there just imperfect for me/There must be some kind of waitress/I could lure on to my mattress." In "The World" Wainwright sings "there's no good news/this world's useless/I'm outta here/It's my goal/Because the world is a crappy old hole."

"I thought it would be funny to sing about how terrible things are and play the banjo, which is kind of a happy instrument in folk music," said Wainwright.



Various genres: The Newport Folk Festival isn't limited to that genre. The roots rock band Wilco, above, will dig deep into its collection of Woody Guthrie songs it recorded with Billy Bragg. Loudon Wainwright, left, will emcee the event which begins at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, at Pine Knob Music Theatre.

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important exhibit for Americans.

The Patrons of the Arts in the Vatican Museums was founded in the early 1980s to restore objects for "The Vatican Collections: The Papacy and Art," a 1983 exhibition which toured the U.S. The organization's existence ensures the Vatican Collections, initiated by Pope Julius II in the 16th century, will be available for future generations. Napoleon decimated a portion of the collection when he ordered important art works to be sent to him in Paris in 1797. After his fall in 1814, a majority of the works were returned to the Vatican. Now 20,000 visitors a day enjoy the art at the 13 Vatican museums.

Lisikewycz stresses the exhibition is "definitely not just for Catholics" although items were either drawn from the Vatican Museums and Vatican properties in Rome or from the holdings of

the Vatican and private Vatican apartments. Nearly one-third of the objects, predate Emperor Constantine's edict recognizing and encouraging Christianity in 313 in Milan. Winged victories and figures from non-biblical cultural and artistic tradition attest to the belief in spirited beings throughout the ages. The oldest piece, a Neo-Assyrian stone relief (883-859 B.C.) is of a winged genius, a protective spirit who was a forerunner of biblical angels. The most recent work is a non-religious surrealist landscape by Salvador Dali from 1977.

"When I began research for this exhibition, I realized so many of these concepts are a common heritage of three major religions that came out of the East—Judaism, Catholicism and Muslim," said Lisikewycz. "Many cultures believe in a spirited being. Etruscans had winged beings. Greeks and Romans had

putti."

When representatives of the five participating museums met last December in St. Louis, not all agreed to emphasize the religious aspect of the exhibition curated by a team of scholars under the direction of the Rev. Allen Duston, O.P., Vatican director of the exhibition, and Arnold Nesselrath, curator of Byzantine, Medieval and Renaissance painting in the Vatican Museums and Pontifical Galleries. Los Angeles' installation followed the catalogue, but St. Louis and Detroit chose to organize their exhibitions according to the function of the angel—messengers (angel comes from a Greek word meaning messenger), as part of visions, intercessors such as guardian angels, music makers and attendants. According to Lisikewycz, the decision was made because Detroit's population has "a large non-Christian segment." Cards

placed next to each object assume that not everyone knows the story behind the art works.

"In Christian art, winged angels don't appear until the fourth century," said Lisikewycz. "Wings gave them the ability to get quickly from one place to another."

The exhibition coincides with a renewed interest in angels. According to a national survey sponsored by Chrysler Corp., exhibit sponsor, 80 percent of Detroit respondents believe in angels.

"Angels probably add a sense of stability to people's lives," said Lisikewycz. "People not fascinated with angels will want to come because it's an art show."

The Rev. Terrence Dempsey notes in the last 20 years artists have begun to re-examine religious and spiritual dimensions in art. He will speak on the topic

Sept. 19-20 in the Lecture Hall. As founding director of the Museum of Contemporary Religious Art at St. Louis University, Dempsey is following the trend of artists addressing spiritual issues.

"There's a desire for mystery where the meaning is not simply surface meaning, and there's a desire for ritual and a sense of tradition," said Dempsey. "We have a throw-away culture. There's a desire for a forum for dialogue and tradition."

Dempsey first became interested in religious art while studying for his doctorate degree in Berkeley in the mid 1980s. He now has more than 2,000 files on U.S. artists whose work involves this theme. In a time when our world is so chaotic, he believes that if you don't become involved with the spiritual, you're missing one of the great definitive aspects of being human.

"Artists dealing with religious and spiritual themes are artists who have gone out on a limb," said Dempsey. "They're inquirers."

In conjunction with the "Angels" exhibition, special Friday night hours have been added along with (related) activities including music and artists demonstrations until 10 p.m. Visit the "Angels" exhibit as late as 8:30 p.m. with your timed ticket then view egg tempera painting by Sarah McKenzie (Aug. 28, Sept. 4 and 11) and Gail mally-Mack (Oct. 2, 9 and 16), and gilding by Ray Anderson (Sept. 18 and 25).

"We added the Friday night hours to attract more people by accommodating their schedules," said Pam Marcell of the DIA's education department. "There'll be food and demonstrations. It's something neat to do on a Friday night."

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works by video artists Gary Hill and Bill Viola, and conceptual artist Roman Signer.

Although it has modified its policy to include the work of non grads in its permanent collection, Cranbrook is limited by space, and its primary mission, which is to serve the Cranbrook educational community.

But that hasn't limited Witkopp's ambition.

"Maybe someday (Cranbrook Art Museum) will have a space in downtown Detroit."

Changing perceptions

Unfortunately, one drawback of discussing the possibilities of a new contemporary arts museum is that the DIA is unfairly criticized for not offering more contemporary exhibits, such as

"Interventions," a show two years ago featuring local artists.

"I would never want to be critical of the DIA," said Janet Torno, executive director of the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center. "But there's really no one (museum) that's collecting contemporary arts."

The debate shouldn't be about what the DIA isn't doing, but strictly about the need to recognize the historical value of contemporary art, said Torno.

"A contemporary art museum would document what's going on in the local arts scene. It'd also help everyone in the galleries who show works of contemporary artists."

In the final analysis, a simple question comes to mind: What do New York City, Chicago, LA,

Boston, Houston, Cleveland, San Diego, San Francisco, Miami, Cincinnati, and Philadelphia have in common?

These major metro areas have both an encyclopedic and contemporary arts museums. Art, after all, should reveal as much about the past and as it does about the present.

While Oakland County is home to many worldwide billion-dollar corporations with philanthropic goals, Cranbrook's Witkopp noted that being associated with a contemporary art museum is probably too risky for corporate sponsors.

"Usually, contemporary arts museums have the vision of one particular person," he said.

In other words, may the rumors fly.

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Although his songs are intensely personal, neither he nor his family, including singer Rufus Wainwright — are bothered by that.

"I try not to worry about if people are going to take it the wrong way or think it's too negative or whatever. Everybody develops a style of writing as they go along. One of the things that works for me is just to say what I'm thinking. It just so happens that it's negative, dark depressing stuff."

Not so dark and depressing is his participation in the festival.

"The emcee thing is fun. We're playing bigger venues than I normally play. It's new and interesting and fun. I get to sing 'If I Had a Hammer' with Nanci Griffith and Joan Baez at the end of the night. It's a dream come true I'd say."

Detroit-area debut

The acoustic British pop band Arnold feels fortunate to kick off its first major U.S. tour as part of the Newport Folk Festival.

"America seems so far away and exotic, but honestly we would have accepted anything," guitarist/songwriter Mark Saxby said with a laugh. "In England, it's a lifetime ambition to tour and play music in America. That's what everybody wanted to do since they were little."

The Newport Folk Festival, he said, isn't quite what he expected.

Newport Folk Festival

Who: Nanci Griffith, John Hiatt, Joan Baez, The Violent Femmes, The Staple Singers, Marc Cohn, Wilco, Rickie Lee Jones, Rodney Crowell, Arnold, and emcee Loudon Wainwright III.

When: 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22

Where: Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township.

How: Tickets, \$35 pavilion, \$18 lawn, are available at the Pine Knob Music Theatre box office and all Ticketmaster outlets. For more information, call (248) 377-0100 or (248) 645-6666 or visit <http://www.palacenet.com>.

found a home in his Chicago rehearsal space. Maybe he's become too attached.

"It's a loft space in town. It's pretty big," he said as the excitement level raises in his voice. "There's an office and living quarters and rehearsal and storage space. I hope we can keep it. You know how it is. I hope we do well."

The Newport Folk Festival is acting as a springboard for the band who is promoting its latest CD "Mermaid Avenue" (Elektra), which it recorded with Billy Bragg.

"Mermaid Avenue" is a collection of "lost songs" by Woody Guthrie which were handed over to Bragg by Guthrie's daughter Nora.

"I think folk musicians didn't think that anyone outside of their circle should do the tunes. But Nora met him at a 80th birthday party or something like that and decided he was the guy. It was nice of him to bring us aboard."

Bragg approached the band while it was in Europe touring in support of its previous effort. Stirratt said he believed it was his band's traditional Americana sound which brought Bragg to Wilco.

"He felt he needed some American validation," he said laughing. "They had some American element to the project, really. He heard 'Being There' and felt we were just enough in the past where we could give the songs a good treatment."

Bragg and Wilco are double-teaming the world with Guthrie's songs. While Bragg is touring Europe with his band,

"It's gonna be a good chance for us to play this Woody stuff in a stripped-down way. You should not be going to expect us to rock. We're going to be into the acoustic show and see if we can still do that."

"We didn't know what to expect at the folk festival. It was sort of not what I suspected at all. People were playing country and western covers and then there were more cutting edge bands," Saxby explained.

"It's a different sort of festival to the ones in Britain. It's almost like a day out for families. We're not a folk band, but I think we did all right. They let us out alive. We bribed them with free T-shirts," he added with a laugh.

Arnold is celebrating the release of its debut album "Hillside" (Creation/Columbia), a collection of dreamy, introspective acoustic-based songs. Recorded in 1997, Arnold produced it on its own.

"We wanted an interesting sound to the album. I don't think we would have gotten that with somebody who knew what they were doing."

Collaborative effort

John Stirratt, bass player and backing vocalist for Wilco, has

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Karim Alrawi of Rochester has been awarded top honors in the Pacific Playwrights Workshop.

Alrawi's winning play, "Deep Cut," is set in the Pacific Northwest. It's about a young Arab-American woman's search for

the truth about her past.

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Alrawi is currently in his second year as playwright-in-residence at Oakland University's Meadow Brook Theatre.

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When 'Just Checking' becomes an obsession

Just Checking: Scenes from the life of an Obsessive-Compulsive
By Emily Colas
(Pocket Books Hardcover \$22)

"Just Checking," that's what people suffering from Obsessive-Compulsive disorders do all the time, making it an excellent title for this very funny journey inside Emily Colas' head.



Meeting someone from the inside out is kind of strange, but Colas, the divorced mother of two, ages 6 and 7, who lives in Ann Arbor, isn't uncomfortable.

"I'm not into airing anyone's dirty laundry," she said. "I didn't name any names in the book, and had everyone read the book who's mentioned in it."

Even her ex-husband? Even him. "He's fun and gets some compliments," she said. "It's a slice of our life, not the entirety."

He's part of the reason she wrote the book. "I wrote it for purely selfish reasons," she said. "I tried to make fun of myself, 'don't pity me.' I thought, if it gets picked up by a publisher then I'm a writer. I can't sit around living off my husband's money."

She was afraid of someone slipping acid into her food or drink, and stopped going to restaurants and dinner parties. She was also preoccupied with AIDS and other incurable diseases.

Before using a new toothbrush, or pouring a bowl of cereal, she'd thoroughly inspect the package to make sure it hadn't been tampered with. Even after she made sure there were no leaks in the plastic wrap, she'd make her husband open his mouth so that she could brush his teeth in case the bristles had

any germs. Eventually, her fears made Colas a slave, and she wouldn't, couldn't leave the house.

"In the process of writing, I got better as well," she said. "I was still married when I started writing. I was stuck in my house, and he was working. I would call my friends, and when they got tired of talking to me I would tell these stories to my computer like I was talking to my friends. Writing was perfect, it kept me in the house. For me, writing was sheer fun, I got to use my head."

Colas describes her book as being honest and sort of heavy and light. "I wanted people to find it flip, funny, entertaining, and somewhat thought-provoking," she said.

It's the kind of book you can pick up, read some passages, and put down. That's exactly how Colas planned it. She addresses a lot of different issues. What it's like to meet and fall in love with a "good man," want a child, find out your husband is interested in someone else, get separated, look for a job and become a single parent. There are lists - "What I Learned from My Husband," and poems "What is Gross?" and "How To Be A Good Wife." In between you get to explore the inside of Colas' head to see what an obsessive-compulsive disorder feels like.

She even has a recipe for it - "Take one pound morbid preoccupation and mix vigorously with one cup overactive imagination. In a separate bowl, add one part hypersensitivity to three parts increased hormone activity. Fold together and let stew for hours on end."

The way she is now, isn't the way she was in the book. Therapy didn't work for her, but medication did.

"The drug was like a huge tranquilizer," she said. "I slept all the time. It prevented the obsessive thought to be gripping."



Emily Colas

She's off medication, but still has some quirks. If she meets someone, and notices they have a Band-Aid, she'll ask what's underneath it.

Her brain was filled with the disorder, and when she got better it felt empty. "I want to function," she said. "I want to let healthy information in. It's a push and pull."

Falling back into familiar patterns is easy, and Colas fights the urge. "I'll talk to myself, and say, 'stop it.' Sometimes writing it down and completing the worry cycle helps. I'll say, 'there, it's on paper. You don't have to think about it. I might leave the house to distract myself.'"

Originally from New York, Colas is getting ready to move back. She's also working on a second book. This one will be a little bit like the first, but more about trying to be a parent.

She didn't plan it, but there's a moral at the end. A good thought that will make you want to cherish each and every day.

Book signing:
Emily Colas, author of "Just Checking: Scenes From The Life Of An Obsessive-Compulsive," will be reading from and signing her book 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, at Barnes & Noble, 6575 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills.

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Classics Book Club discusses Willa Cather's "My Antonia," 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18; Spirituality Discussion Group discusses "The Buddha Within: Eight Steps to Enlightenment," 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19; Berenstain Bears, 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 22 at the store, 31150 Southfield, (248)644-1515.

BORDERS (BIRMINGHAM, WOODWARD)
Camp Borders fencing, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18; Bob Lore of CNN discusses "5 Seconds to Air: Broadcast Journalism Behind the Scenes," 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20; guitarist Eric Lugosch performs 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21; American Girls slumber party 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21 at the store 34300 Woodward Ave., Birmingham (248)203-0005.

BARNES & NOBLE (BLOOMFIELD HILLS)
Berenstain Bears 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 17 and 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21; Patricia Butler signs her book on the Door's Jim Morrison, "Angels Dance and Angels Die: The Tragic Romance of Pamela and Jim Morrison," 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22; Emily Colas signs "Just Checking: Scenes from the Life of an Obsessive-Compulsive," 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, at the store 6575 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills (248)540-4209.

BARNES & NOBLE (NORTHVILLE)
Fiction Book Club discusses Pat Conroy's "The Great Santini," 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19; Doris Dixon signs "Memoirs of a Compassionate Terrorist," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, at the store, Six Mile and Haggerty, Northville.

BORDERS (FARMINGTON HILLS)
Master gardener Peggy Malnati meets with Garden Support Group, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19; at the store, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills.

BORDERS (ROCHESTER HILLS)
Gijsbert van Frankenhuyzen illustrates of "The Legend of Sleeping Bear," will sign books with a reading of the book for children, 7

p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, at the store, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, (248)652-0558.

MURDER, MYSTERY & MAYHEM
Alison Gordon, author of the Kate Henry mysteries, and Lev Raphael, author of the Nick Hoffman mysteries, sign their books 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20 at the store, 35167 Grand River, Farmington (248)471-7210.

BORDERS (DEARBORN)
Ernest Hill signs his book "A Life for a Life," 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17; authors discuss works of Frederick Manfred, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18; authors of "What Men Want..." 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20 at the store, 5601 Mercury Drive, Dearborn, (313)271-4441.

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Stratford announces '99 season

"The Stratford Festival in Stratford, Ontario, will feature 10 productions running in repertory during its 1999 season.

With selections spanning a 400-year period, the 1999 playbill reflects the mission of the Festival to produce the best works of theater in the classical and contemporary repertoire, with special emphasis on the works of William Shakespeare.

The Festival's 47th season will begin preview performances on May 8 and run until Nov. 7.

"The 1999 season is a celebration of some of the finest dramatic works from Shakespeare's day through to our own," said Richard Monette, festival artistic

director. "As we look forward to the new millennium, it seems particularly appropriate to explore a wide range of repertoire, from Canadian and other contemporary works to the great and timeless classics."

At the Festival Theatre this year, Stratford will present William Shakespeare's "The Tempest" and "A Midsummer Night's Dream," Christina Calvit's dramatic adaptation of Jane Austen's "Pride and Prejudice," Ben Jonson's "The Alchemist" and Richard Brinsley Sheridan's "The School for Scandal."

The Avon Theatre will offer

two musicals, "West Side Story," the famous modernization of "Romeo and Juliet," conceived and choreographed by Jerome Robbins with book by Arthur Laurents, lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and music by Leonard Bernstein and a chamber musical of Bram Stoker's "Dracula," with book and lyrics by Richard Ouzounian and music by Marek Norman.

At the Tom Patterson Theatre the three productions will be William Shakespeare's "Macbeth" and "Richard II" and a new play by Canadian playwright David Young, "Glenn" about the famous Canadian concert pianist Glenn Gould.

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

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Showcase
Ashburn Hills 1-14
2150 N. Opdyke Rd.
Between University & Walton Blvd.
248-373-2660
Bargain Matinees Daily
All Shows until 6 pm
Continuous Shows Daily
Late Shows Fri. & Sat.
THRU THURSDAY

AVENGERS (PG13)
10:45, 1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:40
HOW STELLA GOT HER GROOVE BACK (R)
10:45, 11:15, 1:20, 1:50, 4:10, 4:40, 7:15, 7:45, 9:50, 10:20
RETURN TO PARADISE (R)
12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:05
AIR BUD 2 (G)
10:30, 12:30, 2:30, 4:30, 6:15
SHAKE EYES (R)
11:20, 12:00, 1:40, 2:20, 4:20, 4:50, 6:50, 7:30, 9:10, 10:10
HALLOWEEN H2O (R)
11:10, 2:00, 4:15, 7:30, 10:15
EVER AFTER (PG13)
11:20, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15
PARENT TRAP (PG)
10:55, 1:40, 4:30, 7:10, 10:00
THE NEGOTIATOR (R)
9:30
SAVING PRIVATE RYAN (R)
11:00, 11:30, 2:30, 3:10, 6:15, 7:00, 10:15
MASK OF ZORRO (PG13)
8:00 PM
SOMETHING ABOUT MARY (R)
10:50, 1:30, 4:10, 6:40, 9:25
LETHAL WEAPON 4 (R)
10:30
ARMAGEDDON (PG13)
12:00, 3:10, 6:20, 9:20

Showcase Dearborn 1-8
Michigan & Telegraph
313-561-3445
Bargain Matinees Daily
All Shows until 6 pm
Continuous Shows Daily
Late Shows Fri. & Sat.
THRU THURSDAY

AVENGERS (PG13)
11:00, 1:10, 3:20, 5:25, 7:30, 9:55
H2O HALLOWEEN (R)
11:00, 1:30, 1:50, 1:30, 3:10, 3:40, 5:15, 5:45, 7:20, 8:00, 9:40, 10:10
PARENT TRAP (PG)
11:15, 1:55, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50
THE NEGOTIATOR (R)
12:15, 3:30, 6:30, 9:20
SAVING PRIVATE RYAN (R)
12:30, 4:00, 7:45
LETHAL WEAPON 4 (R)
11:10, 1:45, 4:20, 7:00, 9:45
ARMAGEDDON (PG13)
12:00, 3:00, 6:30, 9:25

Showcase Pontiac 1-5
Telegraph-Sq. Lake Rd. W side of
Telegraph
248-332-0241
Bargain Matinees Daily
All Shows until 6 pm
Continuous Shows Daily
Late Shows Thurs. Fri. & Sat.
THRU THURSDAY

HOW STELLA GOT HER GROOVE BACK (R)
11:00, 11:30, 1:30, 2:00, 4:10, 4:40, 6:50, 7:20, 9:30, 10:00
HALLOWEEN H2O (R)
11:20, 1:10, 3:10, 5:15, 7:30, 9:20
SAVING PRIVATE RYAN (R)
11:30, 3:00, 6:40, 9:55
PARENT TRAP (PG)
11:10, 1:45, 4:25, 7:10, 9:45

Showcase Pontiac 6-12
2405 Telegraph Rd. East side of
Telegraph
248-334-6777
Bargain Matinees Daily
All Shows until 6 pm
Continuous Shows Daily
Late Shows Thurs. Fri. & Sat.
THRU THURSDAY

AVENGERS (PG13)
12:00, 2:10, 4:25, 7:30, 9:30
RETURN TO PARADISE (R)
11:50, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
AIR BUD 2 (G)
11:00, 1:40, 3:30, 5:00, 7:00
SHAKE EYES (R)
11:40, 1:30, 2:20, 4:20, 4:50, 7:15, 7:45, 9:40, 10:15
EVER AFTER (PG13)
11:30, 1:55, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45
THE NEGOTIATOR (R)
9:15
SOMETHING ABOUT MARY (R)
11:20, 1:45, 4:20, 7:25, 9:55
MASK OF ZORRO (PG13)
11:15 AM

Our Vendi
Warren & Wayne Rds
313-425-7700
Bargain Matinees Daily
All Shows until 6 pm
Continuous Shows Daily
Late Shows Friday & Saturday
THRU THURSDAY

HOW STELLA GOT HER GROOVE BACK (R)
11:00, 1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 10:00
RETURN TO PARADISE (R)
11:15, 1:40, 4:00, 7:05, 9:40
H2O HALLOWEEN (R)
11:00, 1:30, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:30, 9:55
SOMETHING ABOUT MARY (R)
11:05, 1:45, 4:15, 6:55, 9:35
LETHAL WEAPON 4 (R)
11:00 AM, 7:10 PM
MASK OF ZORRO (PG13)
1:30, 4:20
ARMAGEDDON (PG13)
11:30, 2:45, 6:15, 9:15

Star Rochester Hills
200 Barclay Circle
248-553-2260
SUNDAY THRU THURSDAY
No one under age 6 admitted for PG 13 & R rated films after 6 pm

NP HOW STELLA GOT HER GROOVE BACK (R)
10:50, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
NO VIP TICKETS
NP SHAKE EYES (R)
11:20, 12:15, 2:00, 3:00, 4:45, 5:45, 7:10, 8:15, 9:20, 10:30
NO VIP TICKETS
HALLOWEEN H2O (R)
11:50, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:45
EVER AFTER (PG13)
1:00, 3:45, 6:30, 9:10
THE NEGOTIATOR (R)
12:00, 3:30, 6:45, 10:00
SAVING PRIVATE RYAN (R)
11:00, 12:30, 2:30, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 9:30
THE MASK OF ZORRO (PG 13)
11:35, 2:45, 6:15, 9:00
THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT MARY (R)
11:10, 1:45, 4:30, 7:30, 10:15

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www.STAR-SOUTHFIELD.com

NP HOW STELLA GOT HER GROOVE BACK (R)
10:30, 11:30, 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30
NO VIP TICKETS
NP THE AVENGERS (PG13)
11:00, 1:20, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15, 10:30
NO VIP TICKETS
NP AIR BUD: GOLDEN RECEIVER (G)
10:00, 12:05, 2:20, 4:45, 7:10
NO VIP TICKETS
NP RETURN TO PARADISE (R)
11:10, 2:00, 4:40, 7:30, 9:50
NO VIP TICKETS
NP HALLOWEEN H2O (R)
10:45, 1:00, 3:15, 6:00, 8:15, 9:20
NO VIP TICKETS
NP SHAKE EYES (R)
11:00 AM, 7:10 PM
NO VIP TICKETS
THE NEGOTIATOR (R)
11:45, 3:10, 6:20, 9:45

SAVING PRIVATE RYAN (R)
11:00, 12:00, 3:00, 4:00, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:10, 10:30
EVER AFTER (PG13)
11:10, 2:10, 4:10, 7:00, 9:45
PARENT TRAP (PG)
10:15, 1:10, 4:10, 7:00, 9:45
THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT MARY (R)
10:30, 11:45, 1:40, 2:40, 4:20, 5:45, 7:15, 8:45, 10:10
SMALL SOLDIERS (PG13)
12:10, 2:45
THE MASK OF ZORRO (PG13)
11:30, 2:30, 6:10, 9:35
LETHAL WEAPON 4 (R)
7:30, 10:35
ARMAGEDDON (PG13)
10:15, 2:00, 5:15, 8:40
MILAN (G)
10:40, 12:50, 3:15, 5:20

Star Winchester
1136 S. Rochester Rd.
Winchester Mall
248-456-1160
No one under age 6 admitted for PG13 & R rated films after 6 pm

NP THE AVENGERS (PG13)
12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00
NO VIP TICKETS
NP RETURN TO PARADISE (R)
11:40, 2:20, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50
NO VIP TICKETS
NP AIR BUD 2: GOLDEN RECEIVER (G)
11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00
NO VIP TICKETS
PARENT TRAP (PG)
11:50, 2:40, 6:10, 8:50
ARMAGEDDON (PG13)
12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30
SMALL SOLDIERS (PG13)
11:10, 1:30, 4:15
MADLINE (PG)
11:20, 3:20, 7:40
DR. DOOLITTLE (PG 13)
1:20, 5:40, 9:40
MILAN (G)
11:30, 1:40, 4:30
LETHAL WEAPON 4 (R)
7:10, 9:50
BASKETBALL (R)
6:45, 9:15
JANE AUSTEN'S MARIA (PG13)
9:00 PM ONLY

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SAME DAY ADVANCE TICKETS AVAILABLE

HOW STELLA GOT HER GROOVE BACK (R)
1:30, 2:30, 4:15, 5:30, 7:05, 8:30, 9:50
RETURN TO PARADISE (R) NV
1:15, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00
AIRBUD: GOLDEN RECEIVER (G) NV
12:15, 2:30, 4:50, 7:10
SHAKE EYES (R) NV
12:40, 1:50, 3:00, 4:10, 5:20, 6:55, 7:45, 9:25, 10:10
EVER AFTER (PG13) NV
1:00, 3:45, 6:45, 9:20
DISTURBING BEHAVIOR (R)
9:35 PM ONLY
MASK OF ZORRO (PG13)
7:00 PM & 10:00 PM
THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT MARY (R)
1:10, 4:40, 7:20, 9:55
SMALL SOLDIERS (PG13)
12:30, 5:00, 9:30
MADLINE (PG)
12:45, 2:55, 4:55
DR. DOOLITTLE (PG13)
2:50, 7:20

United Artists Oakland
Inside Oakland Mall
248-988-0706
ALL TIMES SUN-THURS

RETURN TO PARADISE (R) NV
12:10, 2:50, 5:20, 7:40, 10:10
EVER AFTER (PG13) NV
12:00, 1:00, 2:30, 3:30, 5:00, 6:50, 7:30, 9:30, 10:00
DR. DOOLITTLE (PG13)
12:20, 2:40, 4:50, 7:00, 9:10
DISTURBING BEHAVIOR (R)
9:40 ONLY
THE TRUMAN SHOW (PG)
12:40, 3:00, 7:10

United Artists 12 Oaks
Inside Twelve Oaks Mall
248-349-4311
ALL TIMES SUN-THURS

RETURN TO PARADISE (R) NV
12:40, 2:55, 5:10, 7:40, 10:00
SHAKE EYES (R) NV
12:45, 2:50, 5:00, 7:30, 9:55
HALLOWEEN H2O (R) NV
12:30, 2:20, 5:00, 7:20, 9:30
SAVING PRIVATE RYAN (R)
12:00, 3:30, 6:45, 10:10
MADLINE (PG)
12:15, 2:40, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40

West Shore
9 Mile
7 Block West of Middlebelt
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ALL TIMES SUN-THURS

HOW STELLA GOT HER GROOVE BACK (R) NV
1:00, 4:00, 7:05, 10:00
THE AVENGERS (PG13) NV
12:45, 2:55, 5:05, 7:30, 9:40
SHAKE EYES (R) NV
12:00, 2:35, 5:10, 7:35, 9:50
H2O HALLOWEEN (R) NV
12:25, 2:15, 4:15, 6:05, 8:00, 9:55
ARMAGOLDEN RECEIVER (G) NV
12:30, 2:45, 4:50, 7:00
EVER AFTER (PG13) NV
1:30, 4:10, 6:50, 9:35
THE NEGOTIATOR (R) NV
12:35, 3:45, 7:10, 10:05
MASK OF ZORRO (PG13)
1:15, 4:20, 7:10, 10:10
THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT MARY (R)
1:20, 4:15, 6:00, 9:45
LETHAL WEAPON 4 (R)
9:00 PM ONLY

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NP THE AVENGERS (PG)
1:15, 3:15, 5:15, 7:15, 9:15
NP RETURN TO PARADISE (R)
12:45, 2:55, 5:15, 7:30, 9:50
NP SHAKE EYES (R)
1:00, 3:10, 5:15, 7:15, 9:30
HALLOWEEN H2O (R)
1:00, 2:50, 4:35, 6:20, 8:10, 10:00
SAVING PRIVATE RYAN (R)
12:15, 3:20, 6:30, 9:30, 9:50
THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT MARY (R)
2:35, 5:00, 7:30, 9:55
EVER AFTER (PG13)
12:00, 2:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:30
THE PARENT TRAP (PG)
1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00
THE MASK OF ZORRO (PG)
12:00 PM ONLY

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12:30, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45
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DEEP IMPACT (PG13)
12:15 AND 7:15
PLUS
CANT HARDLY WAIT (PG13)
3:00, 5:00, 9:45

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A PERFECT MURDER (R)
12:45, 4:00, 6:30, 9:20
CANT HARDLY WAIT (PG13)
12:00, 4:50, 7:15
A FILES (PG13)
2:20, 9:30
DEEP IMPACT (PG13)
12:10, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:55

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NP AIR BUD: GOLDEN RECEIVER (G)
11:50, 2:00, (4:15 @ \$3.25) 7:00
NP THE AVENGERS (PG13)
12:40, 2:45, (5:00 @ \$3.50) 7:30, 9:30
EVER AFTER (PG13)
11:40, 2:15, (4:45 @ \$3.50) 7:15, 9:40
NP SHAKE EYES (R)
12:15, 2:40, (5:00 @ \$3.50) 7:40, 10:00
PARENT TRAP (PG)
11:30, 2:00, (4:40 @ \$3.50) 7:50, 9:55
NP H2O: HALLOWEEN (R)
12:30, 2:30, (5:20 @ \$3.50) 7:50, 10:10
NP THE NEGOTIATOR (R)
9:00
NP SAVING PRIVATE RYAN (R)
12:00, (4:00 @ \$3.50) 7:15, 10:30
MASK OF ZORRO (PG13)
6:40, 9:45
THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT MARY (R)
11:45, 2:15, (4:50 @ \$3.50) 7:20, 9:45
LETHAL WEAPON 4 (R)
11:20, 1:50, (4:30 @ \$3.50) 7:10, 9:55
ARMAGEDDON (PG13)
1:00, (4:50 @ \$3.50) 7:50, 10:00
DR. DOOLITTLE (PG13)
12:10, 2:20, (4:20 @ \$3.50)

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NORTH OAKLAND SPORTS SCENE

Call for players

A quarterback and receiver are needed for an area adult touch football team. Games are played on Monday and Wednesday nights. For more information, call (248) 391-6950.

Hoop coach needed

Rochester Hills Christian, a 103-student baptist high school, has an immediate opening for a varsity girls' basketball coach for the 1998 fall season. Interested candidates must have a Christian background. Call the school athletic department at (248) 852-0585 for details or fax resume to (248) 852-0811.

Scrimmage search

Rochester Adams' girls basketball team is looking for an opponent to scrimmage on Saturday, Aug. 29. For further information, contact Adams head coach Fran Scislowicz at (248) 377-2643.

Tryouts set

■ The Sharks Baseball Club, a 14 and under federation team, will be conducting tryouts Aug. 29-30 for the 1999 season. For further information, call (810) 781-8290.

■ The Oakland Cougars of the North Oakland Baseball Federation will be holding tryouts for the 1999 season Aug. 29-30 at Hart Middle School. Birth dates must be between Aug. 1, 1984 and July 31, 1985. For further information, contact Norm Claerr at (248) 377-2532 or Tom Rowe at (248) 375-0432.

■ Tryouts for the Birmingham Barons' 12-and-under North Oakland Baseball Federation 1999 team are scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 22 at Robert S. Kenning Park (diamond No. 4). Tryouts will be conducted from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Call Dr. Dennis Packey at (248) 642-2942 for more information.

■ Birmingham Beverly Hills Franklin Baseball, Inc., will hold its 1999 Little Caesars Sandy Koufax Division travel team tryouts for boys ages 13 and 14 at 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 29. The Birmingham Groves High School diamonds will host the event. Players must be residents of or attend school within the geographic boundaries of the Birmingham School District. For more information, call Bryan Williams at (248) 647-1553.

On the links

■ Renaissance Home Health Care will present the 10th annual Home Caring For Kids Golf Classic on Monday, Aug. 24 at Oakland University's Katke Cousins Golf Course.

The outing benefits uninsured moms and babies in Metro Detroit. Cost is \$195 per person and includes lunch, 18 holes of golf with a cart, hors d'oeuvres and door prizes. A lunch and reception are scheduled to be held at Meadowbrook Manor, and a package featuring lunch and a tour of the Manor will also be available at a cost of \$35 per person.

Call Melissa Baich-Osborn at (248) 559-6440 ext. 239 for ticket information.

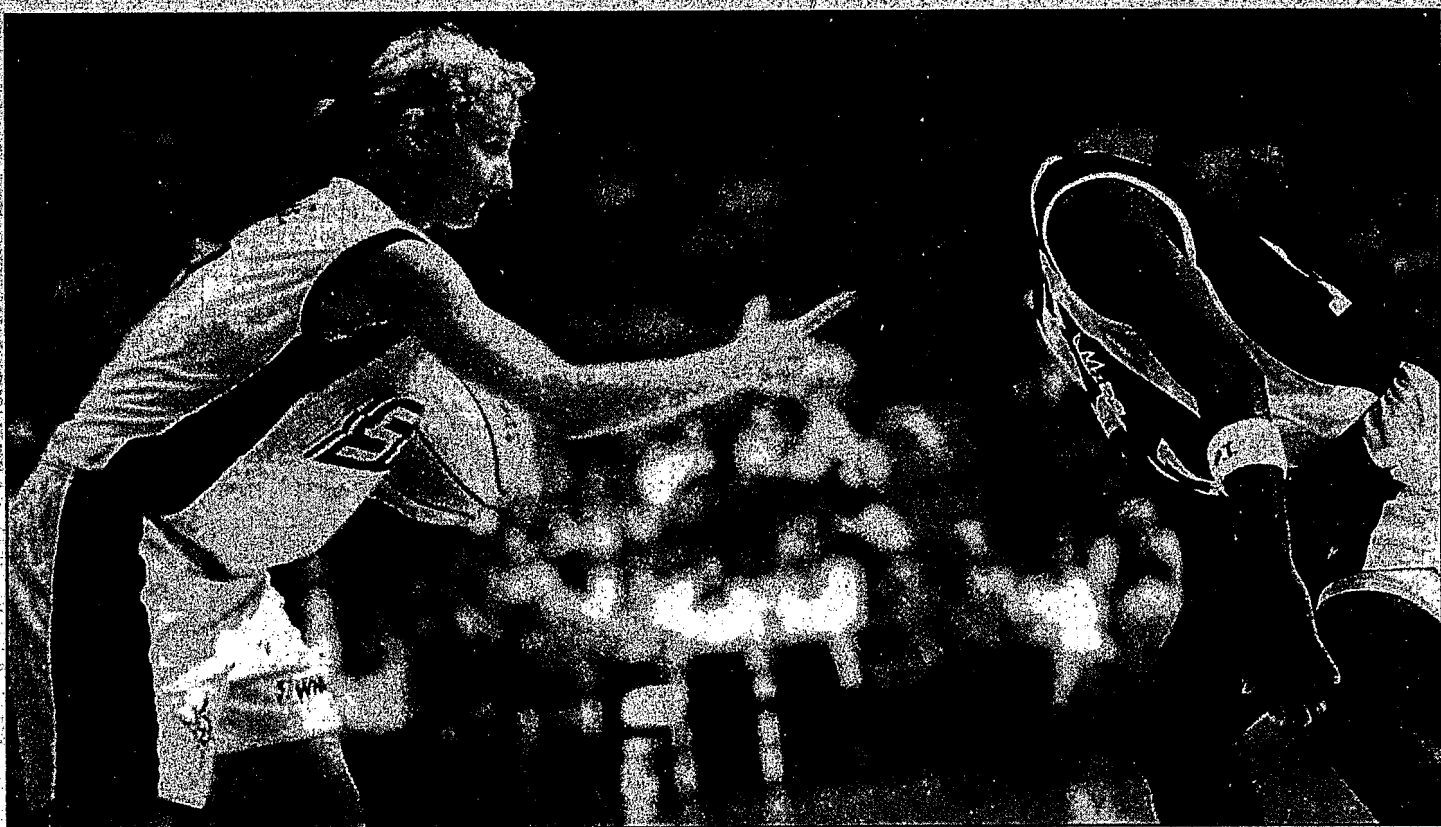
■ Golden Bear Golf Center in Royal Oak will be the site of the Seventh Annual Enterprise \$2 Million Dollar Hole-In-One Shootout Aug. 20-23.

Together with Enterprise Rent-A-Car, the Children's Miracle Network will offer amateur golfers the opportunity to fire at a target green approximately 110 yards away. For \$1 per ball, contestants placing tee shots inside a three-foot circle qualifies for the semifinal round and then onto the \$1 Million Final Round.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Children's Miracle Network.

Helping hands

Area players Nadia Bedricky, Lisa Parker, Laura Reese, Kilee Goetz and Elissa Malthaner helped lead USA Michigan's Summer Elite Volleyball Team to three wins against all-star teams from Canada. Other players contributing to the team's success include Melinda McCormick, Teaha Sheppard, Marta Lehman, Katie Forman and Jessica Buck.



PHOTOS BY NICOLE GARLE

Franchise star: Starting point guard Korie Hlede (left), the Detroit Shock's leading scorer and playmaker, is pointing her team toward a possible playoff appearance in their inaugural WNBA season. The Shock's remaining regular-season home game will take place Wednesday, Aug. 19, against the New York Liberty.

Shock treatment

Claar, Rogers drive marketing efforts for new team

As the National Basketball Association endures a players' lockout, a pair of former star athletes from Oakland County are helping fans lock into some new excitement at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

North Farmington graduate Eve Claar and Birmingham Marian graduate Mary Rogers are two of the marketing leaders for the Detroit Shock, a first-year team in the two-year-old Women's National Basketball Association.

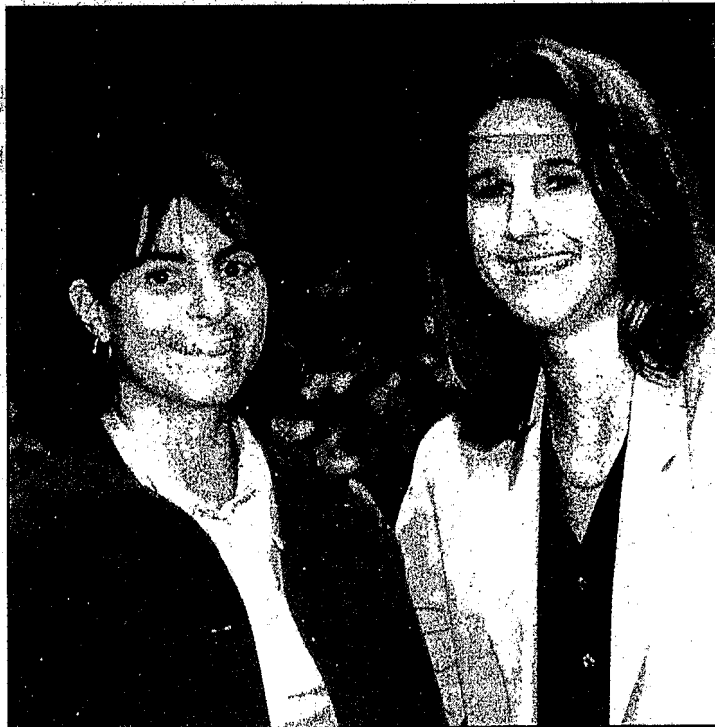
The Shock's target audience may be women and youngsters, but it's gaining its share of adult males. Male chauvinists are in the minority, they say.

"Many more men support it than bad mouth it," Rogers said. "If they come out and see it and experience it, then they'll know they just couldn't keep up with these girls. They are a bunch of classy ladies and wonderful people."

"The public has really taken to it and it gives girls playing in grade school and high school something else to achieve."

Claar was a star guard at Central Michigan University, where she earned a business degree, before earning a master's degree in business and spending two seasons as a graduate assistant coach at the University of Detroit-Mercy.

Claar, who also coaches the Lake Orion girls varsity basketball team, was hired a year ago as an account representative for the Pistons and Palace Entertainment, which also owns Meadowbrook and Pine Knob music theaters. She became Youth Programming Coordinator of the Shock when Detroit was named one of two expansion teams for the 1998 season.



Doing their share: Shock marketing directors Eve Claar (left) and Mary Rogers claim the WNBA Detroit expansion franchise is gaining a share of adult male spectators.

Rogers, 28, graduated from Wayne State as the school's all-time leading scorer and has been employed by The Palace for six years, starting with an internship. She too was an account representative for the Pistons and Palace before her title changed to

director of community relations for the Shock with their arrival late last year. "Just to walk into this building and work was great," said Claar, 25. "When I was younger I loved the 'Bad

Please see SHOCK, C2

Shock aims to build a strong core of loyal fans

Anina Cicerone loves the new Detroit Shock of the Women's National Basketball Association, but you get the feeling her favorite guard of all-time lives under the same roof.

Cicerone is the 7-year-old daughter of Birmingham Marian girls basketball coach Mary Lillie-Cicerone, who in her playing days starred at point guard for the University of Detroit.

Lillie-Cicerone had Anina outfitted in a Shock jersey bearing the name of forward Cindy Brown, the WNBA's leading rebounder, at last Wednesday's game against Los Angeles at The Palace.

Every parent's entitled to a little brainwashing. How many little kids can pronounce the names of Shock star guards Sandy Brondello and Korie Hlede, anyway?

"I like Cindy Brown - because she's on the back of my shirt," said Anina, who's as cute as she is tiny.

So Lillie-Cicerone is still the best guard Anina knows, but her 3-year-old brother Russell is a harder sell. Shock players and his mother take a back seat to someone more famous.

Please see FANS, C2

'Dawgs compete at NSA tourney

Clarkston's U-12 "Lady" Riverdaws played hard, but came up short in the NSA Girls Fast Pitch World Series July 21-22.

In the first game, the Riverdaws faced the Maryland Midshore Express, Maryland's state champions.

Paige Pettit opened up on the mound for the Dawgs and pitched an excellent game, but it wasn't enough to keep the Riverdaws from dropping a 4-3 decision.

Pettit held the hard-hitting Express to three runs through six innings, when the Riverdaws offense finally came to life.

A walk and a bunt single by Jenna Clavette put two on with nobody out. Katie Jorgenson then banged a hit, after falling behind in the count, to put the Riverdaws on the board. Alex Perrino and Pettit followed with shots up the middle, scoring Clavette.

Two outs later, another walk loaded

the bases for the Riverdaws. Jesse Schemansky took a pitch on the forearm to score Perrino and tie the game. Caitlin McLain tried to give the Riverdaws the lead, fouling off seven strong pitches before hitting a grounder that was turned into the final out of the inning.

The Express squeezed out a run in the seventh inning, and the Riverdaws couldn't match it.

On Wednesday, the Riverdaws faced another tough team, the Hudson River Bandits from New York, and more of the same heat.

The Riverdaws fell behind early, after poor fielding put starter Courtney Bollman in a tough spot. After throwing a lot of pitches, Bollman gave way to Perrino, who got the final out of the inning.

The Riverdaws scored themselves in the first, as McLain reached first on an error, stole second, went to third on

Perrino's grounder to short and scored when Pettit's grounder was misplayed by the Bandits.

The Riverdaws didn't score again, but Perrino and Pettit held the Bandits to three runs the rest of the way.

In the wake of the final game, the players gathered around Coach Pingston, the staff and all of the parents to discuss what had happened.

The players decided it had been "a great season and what a great achievement it was to qualify and play in the World Series."

The team credited much of its success to the team's original sponsor, Mr. B's of Clarkston, and to Oscar W. Larson Co., which became an additional sponsor for the trip to Columbus.

The team also thanked the Independence Township Parks and Recreation Department, which organizes the Riverdaws program.

Former Dragon off to World Series

Ricky Green, a 1997 graduate of Lake Orion High School, is headed to the National Amateur Baseball Federation Collegiate World Series in Louisville, Ky.

The former Dragon all-stater, on scholarship at Oakland University, spent the summer playing in the 20-and-under collegiate wooden bat league for the Michigan Lake Area Rams and coach Rick Berryman.

Please see GREEN, C2

Fans from page C1

"I like Michael Jordan," he said.

Although the Shock appear to be forming a strong fan base, even among the tiniest of people, Anina apparently still gives her most allegiance to her mother's high school team.

But it might help to have a mascot like the Shock's Zap to occupy her time at Marian games.

"She's still more of a Marian fan," said Lillie Cicerone, who has two Shock season tickets. "But it's hard to keep her interest the whole time. She's usually in the hallway playing."

Shock coach Nancy Lieberman-Cline has her son, 4-year-old T.J., already talking politically correct.

"All of them are my favorite," said T.J., standing off to the side of the court with some family friends while his mother was coaching.

T.J. must have been glad to hear his mom's team won on this night.

When she loses, she's in a bad, bad, bad mood," T.J. said. Sitting in the crowd at a typical Shock game is like a "who's who" among girls high school basketball. At any given game you can find scores of boys and girls who attended the Pistons/Shock Partner Camps run by Steve Moreland.

High school girls basketball coaches and their players are among the 8,000 season ticket holders and the first-year team has even attracted a following of men.

There is the group of Bosnian men, dubbed the "Baseline Bosnians," who bring their native land's flag along to cheer for their Shock representative - 6-foot-8 center Razija Mujanovic.

Former Redford Bishop Borgess guard Regina Respert attended Wednesday's game with a friend. Her brother, Shawn, who has played for the Milwaukee Bucks, Toronto Raptors and Dallas Maver-

icks of the NBA, seemed intrigued by the thought of attending a WNBA game, she said.

But he passed on the invitation this night.

"He told me 'That's good, pay close attention to how they play,'" said Regina, a player at Oberlin College in Ohio. "It's like studying. I want to take a few pointers back."

A group of grown women sitting behind one basket were having fun not acting their age. Alisa Collins, 31, Jackie Bass, 32, and Tracey Johnson, 30, all of Detroit, arrived with signs in hand.

These girls have a blast, whether the Shock win or lose.

"This is for us," Johnson said. "Pistons watch out. This is here to stay. You can actually talk to the coaches and players. They're not hiding from you."

The Shock Wave, the club's dance team, features high school aged boys and girls from across Metro Detroit. Dancers Tricia Crawford and Stephanie Walker are constantly turning down requests to date from boys.

The players have great attitudes, and come to practice willing to learn.

Chris Collins
Shock assistant coach

"We just kind of blow it off," said Crawford, who already has a boyfriend. "It's like a family atmosphere."

Shock assistant coach Chris Collins, the son of former Pistons' coach Doug Collins, appreciates the players' talents.

"I love it. I'm having a blast," said Collins, whose sister plays collegiately. "The players have great attitudes and come to practice willing to learn."

Local man angling for spot in Masters

Eight years ago, as an amateur breaking into the bass fishing tournament scene, Rochester native Art Ferguson earned a spot in the prestigious B.A.S.S. Masters Classic by finishing first in the amateur Federation Tournament. As the only amateur in the tournament, it was an honor he'll never forget and to this day Ferguson is one of just three Michigan anglers to have ever qualified and fished in the Classic.

This year, Ferguson is embarking on yet another bass fishing journey that he hopes will lead to another berth in the Classic. Ferguson finished 18th last year in the B.A.S.S. Masters Eastern Invitational standing, which earned him a berth in the B.A.S.S./K Mart Top 150 Pro-Am tour where he'll compete against the top bass anglers in the world.

The competition will be fierce, but Ferguson won't be battling the odds alone. Ferguson's cousin, Bloomfield Hills resident Kyle Green, has also qualified

for the Top-150 circuit through money winnings and will join Ferguson in a quest to reach the Classic. Technically they'll be competing against each other, but they'll be able to help each other along the way as well.

"Kyle and I will be working and rooming together," said Ferguson. "We'll be able to do some pre-tournament fishing together and we'll room together when we're on the road. It will be nice to have someone there that you know and it will help to cut down on some of the expenses, too."

Expenses will be high. The tournament trail rolls throughout the eastern and southern United States and begins Aug. 23-29 on the Potomac River in Maryland. Ferguson estimates it will cost him upwards of \$20,000 to complete the circuit. Although he gets support from sponsors such as Jan's Sports Shop, Hamilton Chevrolet, Terminator Titanium Spinner Baits and Northfield Manufacturing, he still needs to fish well to break

even.

"I couldn't have broken into the Top 150 without my sponsors, but I'll still have to do well to make any money," said Ferguson. "If I do well in the first two tournaments I should be OK, but if I don't make any money early I could be in trouble. Hopefully, I'll do well and things will work out."

Summer of fun

So far this summer, things have been working out very well for the 33-year-old angler. Besides running a guide service on Lake St. Clair and Saginaw Bay, Ferguson has been busy fishing the local bass tournaments. He has won two open tournaments on Lake St. Clair, and after three tournaments in the Michigan Division of the Red Man Tournament Trail, Ferguson was in first place in the point standings. He has two fourth-place finishes and one eighth-place finish. The top five anglers in the division at the conclusion of the sixth tournament advance to the Red Man

Regional where a fully-rigger bass boat is up for grabs.

In his spare time, Ferguson has been busy with cable TV and radio engagements. Locally, you can get fishing tips and facts from Ferguson each Thursday at 6:40 p.m. on Sports Wrap on WJR (760 AM) radio. He'll also be featured in an upcoming fishing show called O'Neill Outside. The show was filmed on Florida's Lake Okeechobee, where Ferguson guides during the winter, back in March. It will air at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14 on the Sunshine Network, 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, on the Outdoor Channel and 7 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 16, on the Outdoor Life Network.

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

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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-

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

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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 Fieldsport 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

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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.

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 Greenshield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

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Green from page C1

The Rams will represent Michigan and have a shot at the national title.

"This is a very good team," Berryman said. "We have players from 14 different colleges and our pitching is pretty deep."

Green has been one of the Rams' top hitters all summer, and Berryman was especially pleased with the speed Green brought to the lineup.

"Oakland University used Ricky primarily as their desig-

nated hitter during his freshman season, and he ended up one of their leading hitters."

Berryman said he expects Green to make a bigger impact with his defense as well as his bat.

Shock from page C1

Boys' - during commercial breaks I'd emulate Isaiah (Thomas) out on the driveway. Working for a WNBA team is like icing on the cake. I'm already here and you give me this, too? It's outstanding to work with players and coaches who are really great people."

Ironically, Claar almost took a job in a similar capacity with the Detroit Tigers before opportunity knocked at The Palace. The Lake Orion coaching job and an opening at the Palace came simultaneously.

She credits John Ciszewski, an executive vice-president at The Palace and an AAU girls basketball coach in Lake Orion, for helping her land a job at The Palace.

"The day I was supposed to start, Lake Orion called and wanted to hire me as a coach," Claar said. "The commute (work-

ing for the Tigers and coaching at Lake Orion) was just not going to work."

During the three-month long season, which covers most of the summer, it's not uncommon for Claar and Rogers to work 60-70 hour weeks.

"We just try to be places and be seen," Claar said. "When I started researching the WNBA back in November, I would spend 30 to 45 minutes on the phone with people who just wanted to keep talking. I didn't understand it then - now I do."

Of course, with their basketball background, neither could pass up the opportunity to try out for the Shock in the spring.

Claar got to see how close she is to playing shape, matching up a lot in informal workouts against Nancy Lieberman-Cline, the Shock coach and one of the most popular woman players

ever.

"I was very lucky to get to play with Nancy and I was matched up with her every time," she said. "I don't know if she was taking it easy on me, but I held my own."

Rogers' best sport in high school was softball. She made all-state honors and turned down Division I college offers to play basketball for Division II WSU.

Perhaps she'll try out for a women's professional softball team should one come to Detroit.

Well, maybe not.

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New Wrangler is all Jeep

CAReport



By Anna Fracassa
Avanti News Features

We had our annual Fracassa family reunion a couple of weeks ago at Kensington Metropark. We picked Kensington because it's where our family used to arrive early every Sunday during the summer, starting out with breakfast, later having lunch and then dinner rounded off the afternoon.

It's one of the fondest memories of my childhood. All of my cousins remember it fondly and we decided a few years ago to start those memories for our children. It was a glorious day and we all enjoyed it tremendously.

As I drove up in the 1998 Jeep Wrangler and started to unload my precious cargo (food, primarily), my cousin's husband's 20-year-old memories started to surface. I'd forgotten, but Joe used to own a Wrangler—a "CJ7," he reminded me, sternly—before he got married. Maria, my cousin, used to call it "the cheap Jeep."

Joe started talking about how much fun it was to drive his CJ7. All the neat times he had running it around town. What a great vehicle it was. How great it was on gas.

Poor guy drives a Ford Windstar now. Every so often I saw him sneak a peak at the Wrangler. Memories flowed for all of us that day, it seemed.

The 1998 Jeep Wrangler is "all-new" this year. That's what Chrysler documents attest. Yeah, there's a rounded corner here and there and new interior changes, but it essentially looks much like the original Jeep you still see on M*A*S*H reruns.

And that's good.

The fact that the Wrangler has been



1998 Jeep Wrangler. Vehicle class: Multi-purpose vehicle. Power: 4.0-liter inline 6-cylinder engine. Mileage: 17 city / 19 highway. Where built: Toledo. Price: \$14,750.

around for more than a half-century should tell you something. It's popular.

If you're looking for comfort, premium ride, high mileage and whisper quiet, don't go looking for a Wrangler. This vehicle is strictly for the non-arthritis, happy-go-lucky, under-25 crowd. (Even though the Wrangler is targeted to the 36-year-olds.)

The Wrangler driven had a full cloth top and it made plenty of noise on a windy day tooling around at highway speeds. Finally gave up on trying to listen to the radio.

Take the top off and see how much fun you can have. Its superior four-wheel-drive capabilities lend itself to all kinds of inventive things, and places you can take the Wrangler.

This year's model has improved steering responsiveness and standard power steering. The Wrangler also has standard automatic speed control, Smart Key immobilizer theft deterrent system and an easy access tilt driver's seat.

The Smart Key theft deterrent system has an effective way to immobilize an engine. It utilizes on-board electronics and a small integrated circuit chip in the key, which prevents the engine from starting without your particular key.

There are three Wranglers to choose from: SE, Sport and Sahara models. And Wrangler can come equipped with a dual top package (includes the hard top and soft top), hard top and full steel doors with roll-up windows and tinted glass.

Standard is a 2.5-liter 4-cylinder that provides 120 horsepower. The Sport and Sahara models come with a 4.0-liter inline 6-cylinder engine that gives you 185 horses. The 6-cylinder is the most powerful engine in its class and has a lot of power to get you where you need to go.

Both engines can be mated to 5-speed manuals or 3-speed automatic transmissions.

Even though the Wrangler is a rugged

vehicle, capable of going just about anywhere, there are the conveniences of heating, ventilation, air conditioning, accessory switches, water resistant radio and a lockable glove box.

And it keeps its open-air outdoor capabilities. The carpet's removable, the map holders are slotted, the seat fabrics are water resistant and there are plenty of drain holes in the floor so you can still hose it out if you happen to come back especially dirty.

The Wrangler has a lot of versatility and can be configured the way you want it. The rear seats fold down for extra cargo space. The space between the rear seats and the rear door is minimal, just enough for a couple of bags of groceries or a duffle full of swim gear and a small cooler.

The safety issues are well addressed with next-generation depowered air bags up front, and self-adjusting 3-point active restraints and height-adjustable shoulder belts. The belts were one of the most comfortable to wear in recent memory.

The Wrangler is an inexpensive, versatile, fun-to-drive vehicle capable of some even more fun off-road driving. Even the price is right at around \$15,000.

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SALE PRICE	\$11,195
GM PRICE	\$159
Due at Lease Signing	\$140

GM EMPLOYEE \$10,570¹⁵

1998 TRANS SPORT SE

3.4 V6 Engine, 4 speed automatic transmission, air, power windows, locks, AM/FM stereo with CD, deep tinted glass, 7 passenger seating, remote keyless entry, ABS brakes, dual air bags. Stock #980802

SALE PRICE	\$19,495
GM PRICE	\$271
Due at Lease Signing	\$2071

GM EMPLOYEE \$18,366¹⁵

1998 JIMMY 2 DOOR 4 x4

Vortec 4300 V6 engine, 4 speed automatic transmission, air conditioning, power windows, locks & mirrors, tilt & cruise, power seat, keyless entry, AM-FM cassette & CD player and much more! Stock #981571

SALE PRICE	\$22,295
GM PRICE	\$279
Due at Lease Signing	\$2079

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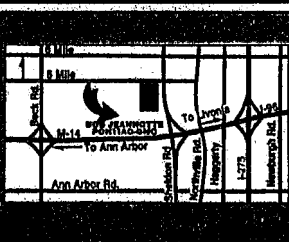
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Keep Salary Requirements Ambiguous



GEORGE
HAYES

Q. I've been making a lot of money, but I don't want to price myself out of the market. What should I tell employers when they ask about my current salary?

A. Take a tip from politicians and trained salespeople: Don't accept the basic premise of any question that could do you more harm than good. Identify the crux of the question and change it to your advantage or dismiss it as a non-issue.

For example, "What kind of money are you looking for?" can easily be restated as "Total compensation? Well, it depends on benefits, growth potential and some non-monetary issues. The opportunity to make a real contribution doing what I enjoy would be a form of compensation in itself. And the job is close to my house."

What if the employer says, "I'm afraid you're probably making more than we can afford?" You say, "You might be surprised. Anyway, 'more' is really a relative term. I mean, if I ended up saving you (or making you) twice as much as it would cost to bring me on board, it would just be good business, right?"

In response to "What's the going rate for someone in your position?" you might answer, "Gee, I think it varies. What did you have in mind?"

On the other hand, if the employer says, "Look, stop horsing around. Give me some numbers I can work with or hit the bricks!" you say, "Well, I'd like to emphasize my flexibility, but I suppose somewhere between X and Y would be appropriate. Of course, more is better. Still, I'm fairly open and wouldn't want to lose the opportunity to work with a swell group of people for a few bucks."

Money is the most dangerous issue in the employment process. Try to be slightly ambiguous and convey an impression of flexibility. Remember, you don't have a real decision to make until you get an offer. Why end the dance early by quoting your salary requirements? Give the employer time to like you and realize your potential value. Let the other person talk numbers first. You might be pleasantly surprised. Still, be careful not to come across as too cute or evasive. Watch for signs of mild irritation, discomfort or boiling rage.

Q. Why do so many employers use box numbers to hide their identities? Because of my current position, I'm not entirely comfortable sending a resume to just anyone.

A. While boxes can be convenient for sorting or consolidating mail of one kind or another, a common purpose for using them is, in fact, to keep things incognito.

Employers and, sometimes, agencies use post office boxes simply to avoid listing an address. This cuts down on walk-in traffic.

Smaller firms, particularly, would rather review resumes and schedule interviews as time permits. Greeting job seekers in the lobby or fielding phone calls from people who think they are perfect matches for an advertised position can be a real burden on a three person company.

Ads instructing candidates to respond to a box at the newspaper are often referred to as "blind." Ordinarily, the reader hasn't a clue about the identity of the employer. The intent here is clearly to hide everything-but why?

Very often there is an incumbent employee who has been slated to be replaced. A display ad listing the employer's name or address would make the fate of the person obvious. From the company's perspective, it might be better to have an underperforming worker in a key position than no one at all. The strategy, then, is to conduct a search, keep it mum so the employee doesn't get nervous and leave, line up a replacement, and then fill out the pink slip. Sounds mercenary, doesn't it?

More pointed and less savory reasons for going "blind" include recruiting a specific candidate who was originally submitted by an agency-sans name or contact information to avoid paying a fee, flushing out an employee suspected of being in the job market or simply beefing up a candidate data base. Sometimes companies just don't want to let the troops know about certain employment objectives quite yet to avoid pro-

viding fuel for speculation and rumor.

You are right to be a little cautious about sending resumes to boxes. If the advertised job reads just like your own, it might be. But it is difficult to envision a well balanced, high volume job search that avoids boxes altogether.

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CAREER MOVES



JIM PAWLAK

Most job hunters begin their search for new work within the same industry they're already in. Why? Three obvious reasons: 1. It's familiar territory. 2. They may have a number of industry contacts. 3. Transferring industries can be difficult. This plan works well if jobs in their industry are growing. But if their industry is in the midst of consolidations, mergers and downsizings, the obvious plan just won't work because jobs are being eliminated not added. What

will work? Redefining yourself in terms of your core competencies (just as many companies are doing), packaging your transferable skills and broadening your search to other industries.

The task won't be easy because you'll be in unfamiliar territory. It takes time to build industry contacts. So, where do you start? First define areas of competence. Make a list of each position you've held in the last five years. For each list the technical and intangible skills you needed to do the job. Technical skills are those requiring specific knowledge like engineering, accounting, computer literacy, sales, etc. Intangible skills include organizing, managing, problem solving, team building, creativity and decision making. Indicate what

percentage of each job used a particular skill. By the time you're done you'll have an excellent profile of your core competencies.

What's next? Research. Find industries and companies whose headcount is growing. This means spending lots of time at the library and surfing the Internet. Now the real fun and hard work begins. You have to get to hiring managers. Getting their names is easy enough, a call to the HR department should get you a name, title, mailing address and phone number. Chances are you'll be asked why you want the names. Say, "I'm doing a survey on industry hiring practices from the perspective of the hiring managers. I'd be glad to send a copy of the results to you without charge in return for your assistance." You

won't be stretching the truth because you really will be doing a survey one that's designed around your core competencies.

Devise a questionnaire which lists your skills on one side and a rating scale of 1 (least important) to 5 (most important). Follow your list with a few short answer questions like "How important is industry experience to doing the jobs in your department?" How long would it take for someone outside the industry to learn your industry's jargon? "What skills not listed in the scale are important to success in your company?" Have you hired people from outside your industry?

Cover your questionnaire with a letter explaining that you're a consultant whose client (that's you) is doing

a study on industry hiring practices from the manager's point of view and value their input as a decision maker. Be sure you include your phone number if they have questions, the date by which you'd like the survey returned, and a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Also tell them that they'll be getting a copy of the results. And don't forget to include a cc. for the helpful HR contact because this adds legitimacy to your request. Above all make sure your letter and questionnaire look professional.

When you receive your responses you'll be able to determine 1. How well your skills fit and 2. The importance of industry experience. Compile the results and send them out, along with a thank you letter, to the respondents and the HR contacts. Separate

ly rank the industries based on likelihood of hiring an outside. Rank the companies the same way. Pay attention to the skill match and any holes in your background.

You now have a list of prioritized contacts and a door opener for follow-up calls. Next, call to set up an informational interview. Focus the interview on their survey responses and casually mention that you couldn't help but notice how well your background fits. Some of them will take your bait.

Send your comments or questions to Jim Pawlak, Career Moves, The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, P.O. Box 2881, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150. He can be contacted by e-mail to: careermoves@hotmail.com

500 Help Wanted General

ARENA WORKER/ PART TIME

The Charter Township of Redford is accepting applications for the position of **PART-TIME ZAMBONI/ARENA MAINTENANCE**. The hourly or hours worked will be on weekends or week nights after 6:00 P.M. An employee in this class will operate a Zamboni ice resurfacing machine, maintain the ice arena building function and perform related tasks.

SALARY: Starting \$8.22/hr. Maximum \$9.07/hr.

AMONG THE REQUIREMENTS: High School diploma or G.E.D. Certificate.

Completed applications only will be considered. Apply in person from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the Charter Township of Redford, 15145 BEECH DAILY ROAD, REDFORD, MICHIGAN 48239 (313) 387-2780 or send a (self-addressed stamped envelope \$0.55 of postage) to the above address.

CLOSING DATE FOR FILING: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1998

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Auburn Hills, Waterford & Sterling Heights locations need experienced machinists. Must have own tools. Night shift with shift premium \$18.00 to \$22.00 per hour.
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Green Tree Financial Corporation has an exciting opportunity in our Manufactured Housing Division for a collection representative. This individual will be responsible for pursuing past due accounts to achieve delinquency objectives. The ideal candidate will have 1 year of collection experience, persistent and professional telephone and communication skills, computer/data entry experience and strong numeric aptitude. Must be detail-oriented, organized, and able to work effectively under pressure. Green Tree Financial Corporation, a proven leader in manufactured housing and home improvement lending, offers a competitive salary, full range of benefits and excellent opportunities for career growth. Please reply by submitting your resume and salary requirements to: Green Tree Financial Corporation, P.O. Box 455023, Livonia, MI 48153 An Equal Opportunity Employer m/f/h/v

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734-459-8600

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Small German foundry sales office has an entry-level, part-time position (occasional full-time workload) for a motivated and professional person. Responsibilities include, but not limited to: light phone answering, data entry, filing and sales support. Computer knowledge preferred, but not mandatory. Please send resume to: V&S America Inc., 1000 John R. Suite 111, Troy, Michigan 48063.

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Our 300-bed hospital has an excellent opportunity for an entry-level accountant. Duties will include performing all aspects of general accounting duties; monitoring the general ledger; reviewing entries for accuracy; related statements and reports. Your education will include a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting or related field with a minimum of six months increasing responsible work experience. Health Care setting would be a plus. An excellent benefits package including medical, dental, vision, 401K, and paid vacation. Please fax resume to: **Boisford General Hospital**, 23050 Grand River, Farmington Hills, MI 48336-5933. An Equal Opportunity Employer. FAX: 248-471-8454

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Our Community Emergency Medical Services affiliate seeks an experienced Accounting Clerk. Duties include: accurately maintain completion of payroll, maintaining attendance records, processing invoices for accounts payable and assisting the Director of Finance with accounting projects. The successful applicant will have a minimum of one year experience working with accounts payable and payroll. An excellent benefit package accompanies this opportunity. If interested, send or fax resume to: **Cathy Socie**, Fax: 248-471-8454.

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ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE CLERK

In casual construction office. Familiarity with construction law, but will train. Medical & 401K available. Fax resume 248-344-0211 Attn: Jackie

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE COORDINATOR - Duties include maintaining Accounts Receivable database, running credit reports, labeling and mailing customer statements and calling on delinquent customers. Must have computer skills prior experience in customer service or collections required. Please send resume to: **Attn: ARCOORD**, Detroit Testing Laboratory, Inc. 7111 E. Warren, MI 48092-2705. EOE M/F/D/V/H Drug Screening

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Foam pads will quiet hot-water heating

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Q: We have hot-water baseboard heat and we get a constant knocking at both ends of the baseboard units when the heat is coming up and also when it's going down. Our house has upper and lower levels and a two-level heating system.

A: All piping materials expand and contract with temperature changes. A 50-foot length of copper pipe, any diameter, will expand in length more than one-half inch when the water inside is raised from 70 degrees Fahrenheit to 170 degrees Fahrenheit (typical for a baseboard heater). This expansion can strain joints and cause leaks. It can also make elements bind against radiator covers and jam risers against floorholes, causing noise. Even when provisions are made during installation to absorb this expansion, some noise may still come from the baseboard units.

The noise is probably caused by the heat distribution pipes or connecting fins rubbing on their support brackets as the pipes expand when the heat is coming up and as they contract when the heat is going down.

This noise can usually be eliminated or reduced by inserting foam rubber pads between the baseboard support brackets and the connector fins or distribution pipe, whichever is being supported. When inserting the pads, gently lift the heating pipes or fins. If you apply too much pressure, you can strain pipe joints and possibly crack them.

Q: Every winter the north slope of my cathedral ceiling leaks

Please see QUERY, E2

Wildwood offers recreational spots

A location near recreational opportunities, ready freeway access and Walled Lake schools recommend Wildwood, a planned residential community off Maple just east of Wixom Road in Wixom.

Three builders - Jerry Roux, Ron Benivegna and Don Bosco - will team to build common floor plans on a rotation basis on 190 lots there.

"It's a combination of older plans, proven plans we've used in other communities and two new plans," Roux said.

"On existing plans, we've made improvements," Bosco said. "We embellished."

"They've been successful for us in other areas," Benivegna added.

"There's lots of open space in the community - exercise trails, a playground for kids," Roux said.

"The location is probably key to it - growth of the Wixom community, accessibility to the freeway (I-96), malls," Bosco said.

"We're close to Kensington (Metropark), Island Lake (State Recreation Area), Proud Lake (State Recreation Area)," Roux said.

"Plus affordability," said Gina Benivegna-Straub, sales representative. "At this price range, we can get young families in here."

"Our philosophy in building is to build a quality product," Bosco said. "That's what we're striving for, the commitment we've made."

A fourth builder, C.C. Building, bought 11 lots in Wildwood.

"It's new and challenging," said Herbert Chad, vice president with C.C. Building. "We feel it's going to be a very progressive area."

Chad said his firm is still a couple of months away from offering houses there.

The Bosco-Benivegna-Roux team offers six floor plans, all two stories.

At the low end, a house of 1,927 square feet with three bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths or one of 2,013 square feet with four bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths can be had for \$229,900.

The most expensive house, 2,600 square feet with four bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths, carries a price of \$269,900.

A story-and-a-half with the master suite on the first floor is in the planning stages.

Standard features at base price include two-car garage, first-floor laun-



Choices: This colonial is one of six plans offered by a partnership at Wildwood. Another builder also has lots available.

dry, fireplace, separate tub and shower in the master suite; G.E. range, microwave and dishwasher; basement; security system; a \$600 light fixture allowance; and Kohler plumbing fixtures.

Air conditioning (\$2,900) and jet tub (\$1,800) are extra.

The trio has built three models.

The Wildwood, 2,375 square feet, features a two-story foyer with bridge, den, dining room, great room and kitchen/nook with island and desk.

All four bedrooms and a second full bath are upstairs.

Base price is \$251,900.

"All bedrooms are nice size. All are big and all have nice closet space," said Benivegna, who built the model.

The Oak Grove, 2,013 square feet, showcases a living room with sloped ceiling, dining room, kitchen/nook and family room.

Buyers can choose either a semi-

open office or closed bedroom for a room at the head of the stairs. Two other bedrooms plus the master and a second full bath are also up.

Base price is \$229,900.

"I think it's a very livable, traditional home," said Bosco, who built it. "It feels bigger than 2,000 square feet, I think, because of its openness."

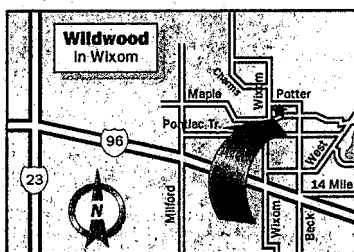
The Walnut, 1,927 square feet, contains a great room with high ceiling, dining room, and large laundry down, three bedrooms, including master, and two baths up.

Base price is \$229,900.

"I like the two-story great room. It has a lot of volume when you walk in," said Roux, who constructed the model. "The master is huge."

Wildwood is served by a community water well and city sewers. It will have sidewalks.

The property tax rate currently is \$34.06 per \$1,000 of taxable value.



That means the owners of a \$230,000 house would pay about \$3,900 the first year.

An annual association fee to maintain common areas hasn't yet been established.

The Benivegna-Bosco-Roux models, (248) 624-4141, are open 1-6 p.m. Monday through Friday, noon to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. C.C. Building can be reached at (248) 669-6500.

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Nestled behind a beautiful entrance is this new subdivision of 19 homes all custom, quality built by Uznis/Deneweth Company. The lots are spacious and scenic, ranging from 1/2 acre to 1 1/2 acres, and the homes will be traditional in style, 1 1/2 or two stories.

Open this Sunday is a stately 5 bedroom home with 4 full baths, and two half baths. Slated for mid-June completion this 5,600 sq. ft. house has a large master suite with a tray ceiling in the bedroom, 2 walk-in closets, sitting room, and master bath with whirlpool tub and separate shower. The wood-made kitchen with granite counter tops has a hardwood floor as does the breakfast nook, dining room, and library. The living room has a 13 foot ceiling, large fireplace with marble surround, many custom Pella windows, and much quality crown moldings. The majestic foyer has a dramatic staircase leading to the second floor, which also contains two more bedroom suites, and two bedrooms sharing the 4th bath. All have walk-in closets, the second staircase leads back down to the kitchen area. The first floor, with 9 foot ceilings, has a wonderful layout, fireplaces in the family, library and living room, two half baths, two walk-in closets, and a formal dining room with butler's pantry.

Stop in to tour this home, and look at other floor plans, see the available lots, and enjoy the peace and quiet.

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room, etc.

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Get away from home at home with hot tub

(NAPS) A growing number of families are finding they can enjoy a great "vacation" at a supremely comfortable place and save money.

How? They get away from it all at home, using vacation money to install conveniences to make life a home more luxurious, such as an in-house hot tub.

There are several advantages: ■ At home, you get a chance to see local places of interest with new eyes—even send postcards and buy a few souvenirs from your own hometown.

■ You know where to find help in emergencies, from disinfectant to a dentist.

■ You can save money by "eating in" a meal or two a day, but

capture that "on vacation" feeling by going out for dinner, brunch, ice cream, or a picnic, too.

■ There's no packing and unpacking and you're less likely to run out of clean clothes.

■ You don't need passports, vaccinations or a place to leave your pets.

■ There's an added bonus, too!

You save money. And with those savings, you can make your home even more fun to relax in by investing some of the money to turn your backyard into a spa of its own.

Recent research revealed that families which own hot tubs wholeheartedly believe hot tubs enhance family time.

As the physiological effects of the hot water and jets set in,

daily stress melts away. It's a great way to counter the massive amount of stress on today's busy families.

As one happy hot tub owner explains, "It's like sitting in front of a campfire, hearing the wood popping, watching the flames dance, relaxing and entertaining."

"It's a marriage counselor with bubbles," declared another.

"The hot tub provides a bridge back to the more important things in life," says Sharyn Wolf, C.S.W., a licensed therapist and spokesperson for the National Spa and Pool Institute, a non-profit organization serving the hot tub industry.

So consider visiting a hot tub retailer to take a "test soak."

Query from page E1

when the snow starts melting. It doesn't leak in the rain. My ceiling gets ruined and has to be retaped and painted. Do you have any suggestions?

A: You have a classic case of leakage caused by an ice dam.

Ice dams begin when a layer of snow next to the roof melts. When this water freezes, a dam is created which causes further melted snow to accumulate in a pool. Roofs are designed to shed water, not to protect against standing water. Removing the snow from the roof is the best solution. Maintaining a "cold-roof" is another excellent alternative. By over-insulating the ceilings and ventilating the attic profusely, the roof-deck temperature will be lowered to the point where snow won't melt. Heating tapes along eaves and valleys can also help but ice dams may form farther up the roof.

Q: I recently moved to a newer house and found that the basement was damp. I was able to dry things out by running a dehumidifier for a few days. The problem I have is that mold keeps forming on the floor. How can I clean off this mildew and prevent it from forming again?

A: Mold and mildew spores are always present in the air and thrive in damp locations. A mold buildup is not very unusual in a new house due to the initial high moisture content of the building materials, which eventually dry out. To address your problem, clean mold and mildew from concrete and tiled floors and walls with a solution of one-half to 1 cup of household bleach to 1 gallon of water. Rinse with clear water then dry. Wear gloves and avoid skin contact while cleaning. Also, keep the dehumidifier running to reduce further moisture buildup.

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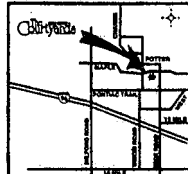
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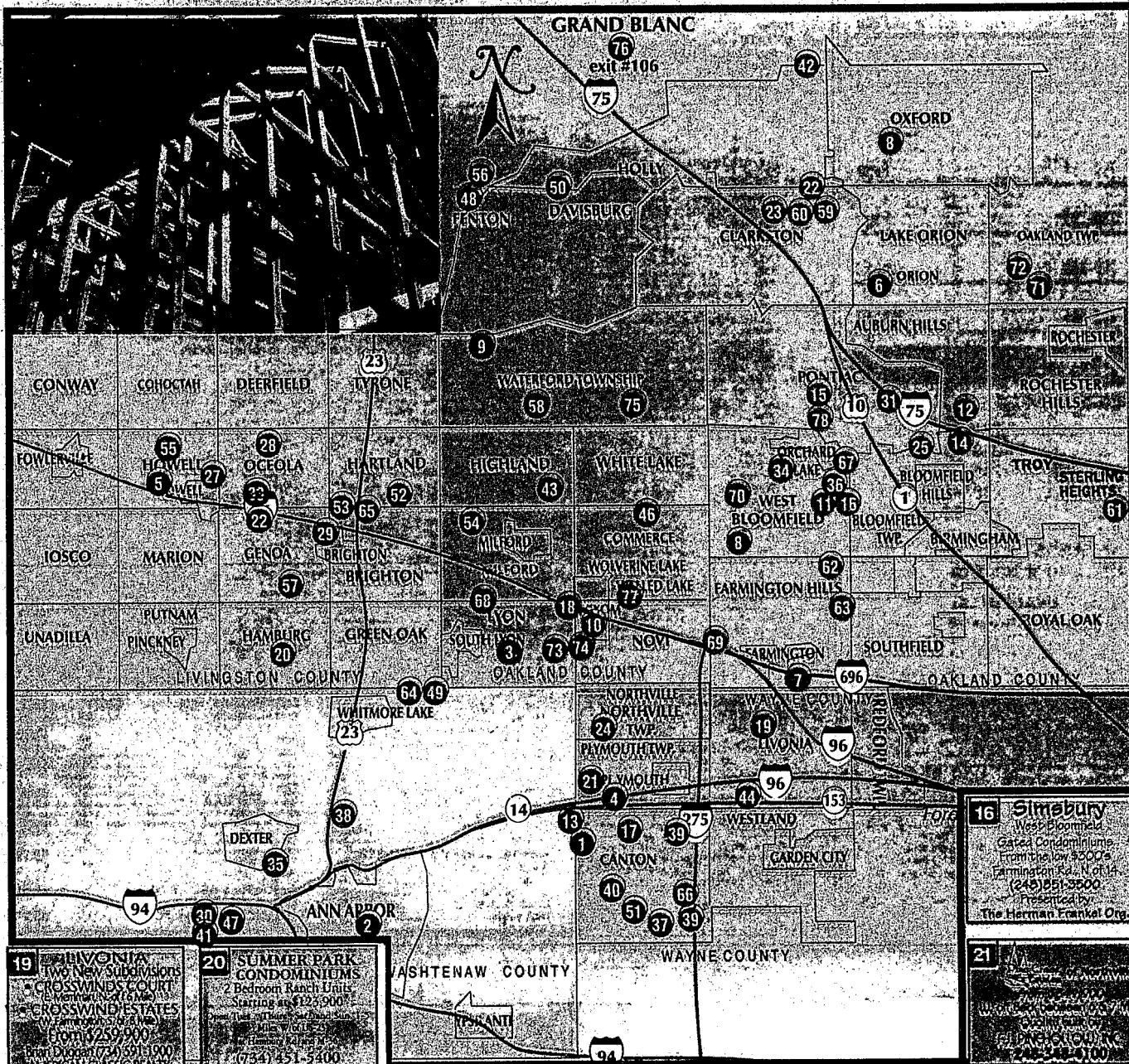
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NOVI: 25781 Mulberry
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5-yr	3.500%	0.000	0.000	0.000	4.000%
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kitchen, central air, 2 car attached garage,
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home is well-maintained and has a
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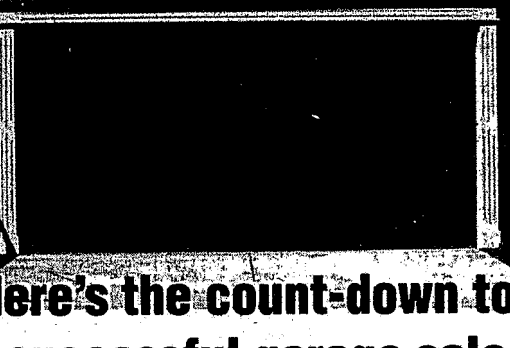
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2 WEEKS BEFORE YOUR SALE:

- ☐ Clean or repair what needs cleaning and repairing
- ☐ Begin pricing your items
- ☐ Write your classified ad

1 WEEK BEFORE YOUR SALE:

- ☐ Finish organizing and pricing
- ☐ Begin setting up your items
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3 DAYS BEFORE YOUR SALE:

- ☐ Make signs
- ☐ Clean your garage
- ☐ Get bills and coins and a cash box

1 DAY BEFORE YOUR SALE:

- ☐ Finish setting up and displaying your items
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