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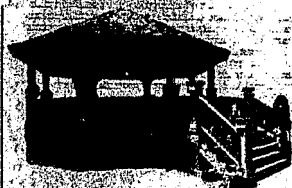
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CLARKSTON

In honor of the impending start of school, a discussion of the first schools in the Clarkston area seems fitting. The first school in Independence Township was a small board shanty built in 1834 near Maybee and Pine Knob roads.

The first teacher, Eliza Holden, taught the children of the Beardslee and Riker families, both of whom had farms nearby. Surprisingly, that first school operated in the summer. Whether that was due to difficult travel in the winter or some other reason is unknown.

The next two schools were built nearer to the village of Clarkston. The first, known as "Pinery School" and built in 1837 by pioneer carpenter Horatio Foster, was located near Main Street and Dixie Highway (then Saginaw Trail).

A couple of years later, a frame school house was built by Nelson Clark in the center of the village. Professor Isaac Cochran operated a "select academy" there until 1862 when the building, known as the Union School, was sold to the public for a district school. Early pupils were members of the Holcomb, Vleit and Wheeler families.

In 1910 that frame building was dismantled and a new high school was built on the site. That high school still exists, having been converted into Independence Township Hall on Main Street. Early yearbooks from the high school are part of the Historical Society's collection, housed in the Heritage Room at the Independence Township Library. It is amazing that, after 90 years, yearbooks (and students) are not so different as we might think.

Kim Huttenlocher, vice president of the Clarkston Community Historical Society, is on vacation. In her absence, we are re-running a previous column.



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2nd liquor license OK'd, 3rd on hold



After more than two months of discussing Independence Township's three available liquor licenses, the board has granted two Class C liquor licenses in less than a month. The third remains on hold.

Independence Township's liquor licenses are going fast.

In a 7-0 vote Tuesday, Independence Township trustees granted restaurant owner William Grannis a Class C liquor license for his OPA! coney island restaurant on Dixie Highway.

In another 7-0 vote, the board "indefinitely" tabled a liquor license request made by Jack Leech and Kelly Kammer for a restaurant they plan to own

and operate in a sports complex proposed for the township, known as the Sportsplex.

Trustees said they tabled that application because they supported the project but needed more details about the center's restaurant.

The township's liquor license policy, adopted in July, requires that applicants are currently operating a business or will be doing so soon to receive

license approval from the board.

Other issues surrounding that application, like insuring that alcohol is confined to the restaurant, were only briefly discussed.

"We haven't seen any detail on this restaurant," said Trustee Dan Travis, who also sits on the township's planning commission.

"I have the utmost respect for you and on what you are about to endeavor, but I am reluctant to issue (a license) knowing that this is a to-be-built facility," said Trustee Jeffrey McGee. "I'm supportive of your facility, but you haven't built it yet."

Currently, the township's planning

commission is reviewing the revised Sportsplex proposal for final site plan approval, said Beverly MacElmeel, building director for the township.

"I think the project seems like a good idea," Trustee Neil Wallace added to the board's discussion about the Sportsplex. "It feels to me that this is too indefinite, too immature. There could be other changes."

But rather than deny the Sportsplex application, trustees decided that Leech and Kammer ought to be able to return to the board when they have more details about the restaurant.

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Chain gang: Deanna Chambers (second from right) and other members of a human chain try to turn themselves around without letting go. The exercise teaches cooperation.

Skills drills

Practice helps kids fight peer pressure

Practice doesn't always make perfect, but it helps. That's why a group of youths from Independence Township have been practicing their social skills this summer at Clintonwood Park as part of a new program in the Clarkston area called Watch Me Grow, Kids Helping Kids.

"It's like a tape recorder," said 12-year-old Krystal Perkins of the exercises, many of which are short acting skits that give kids an opportunity to react to real-life social situations and problems, like being pressured to use drugs or smoke cigarettes, before they actually happen.

"This is as close as you will ever get to seeing yourself in an everyday situation," Perkins said upon completing an imaginary dialogue with her best friend, 13-year-old Lena Ellis.

Also, program participants will have an opportunity to present their skits at a Parent Night 7-9 p.m. Monday at the Clarkston Christian Association.

Materials for the program were authored by Julie Stitt of Common Ground Sanctuary in Pontiac and are aimed at building self-confidence and a variety of other social skills.

Held from 1 to 5 p.m. Mondays in July and August, the free program was open to Clarkston-area youths between the ages of 8 and 15.

While many of the program's activities helped kids take on peer pressure, other exercises addressed communication issues, conflict resolution and teamwork.

In the skit that Perkins and Ellis have been rehearsing, for example, the girls play a daughter and mother in conflict. The daughter is seeking to talk to her mother about her school schedule, but the mother is too busy and distracted to listen and respond.

Acting out the scenario shows the girls how to respond when a parent doesn't have time to talk and reinforces the idea that listening is



Test drive: Troy Quantz, Brandon Anderson, Sam Buckley and Justin Anderson practice what to do and say if the friends they're riding with decide to go to a place other than the one they told their parents about.



Standing firm: Deanna Chambers, an intern with Common Ground, helps kids brainstorm ways they can practice standing up to peer pressure.

Day care center OK'd in split vote

A proposed day care center that neighboring Independence Township residents strongly oppose and planning commissioners are divided about is one step closer to fruition.

In separate votes taken Aug. 18., the planning commission granted both special land use and conceptual site plan approval for the day care center, to be located at Clarkston and Pine Knob roads near several residential areas.

Commissioners voted 4-3 on both

'We didn't move to the country, and we didn't invest in that area, to become cement city.'

Norman Lovell
Resident opposed to
day care center

requests with commissioners Dan Travis, Jill Palulian and Joseph Figa opposing.

"My concern is the land use," Figa said. "The residents, I think, have enough

problems with Pine Knob (Music Theater), as it is."

Although the proposed location is zoned rural residential — under which community buildings, such as day care centers and churches are allowed — residents and opposing commissioners are concerned about increased traffic and commercialization in the area.

"We didn't move to the country, and we didn't invest in that area, to become cement city," said Norman Lovell, who lives on nearby Caberfae Road and, like most of the residents who turned out for the meeting, vehemently opposes the project.

Only one resident, Dody McGee, voiced support for the project, saying that good, local day care services are needed in the community.

And the board is obliged to consider the overall needs of the community when making project decisions, other commissioners said.

"I think these facilities need to be provided to the public," said commissioner Cynthia Lohmeier.

The day care center would be about 6,000 square feet in size, accommodate about 105 children and seek to serve nearby residents, according to project principal Ozzie Jackson of Trinity Investments.

"We, as commissioners, are charged with looking out for the total community," added commissioner Todd Moss.

Lohmeier also disagreed strongly that the location was inappropriate for a day care center — an issue for some commissioners despite that such facilities are allowed in areas zoned rural residential.

"We don't want our toddlers, infants and children going to day care next to a gas station or party store," she said.

And increased traffic from use of the center, which would operate between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., isn't an "insurmountable" problem, she said.

Independence Township Planner Dick Carlisle also supported the project.

"It is generally believed that (day care centers), if appropriately located, are of service to residential environments," Carlisle said. "This area will support and need a day care center," he said.

"If not here, then where?"

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Horse breeding facility wins approval

Beverly Rapp hopes to someday look out of the window of her Springfield Township home and watch her horses grazing peacefully.

Last week she came one step closer to that dream.

The Springfield Township Board of Trustees granted a special land use request last Thursday, allowing Beverly and Lawrence Rapp to build a 40-acre equestrian facility at 11150 Clark Road.

The request, in its conceptual stages, was considered to be in compliance with the township's master plan.

Rapp intends to build a 23,300-square-foot horse barn and indoor riding arena. The proposal shows 28 horse stalls, a hay and tractor shed, and land for pasture.

The Rapps will build their own home on the property, which is currently a vacant farm.

The property is located north of Clark Road, west of I-76, east of Dilley Road and south of Davisburg Road.

"This is a lifetime project and a lifetime house," said Rapp, working with township officials to agree on the specifications of this plan. "I would like to be able to make improvements."

Residents living on neighboring properties said the facility would draw additional traffic into the area. Some said they worried that a commercial operation would only increase congestion on already busy roads.

Township trustee Dennis Vallard has been following the plans for the facility through his work on the planning commission. He said it would be a private-use operation.

Private boarding and lessons would be available but the owner has no intention of commercial use. No major shows or demon-

■ There will be no sign out front. No horses will be rented for trail rides. It is low key. There should be minimal traffic. I can't stress enough it will be private.

Beverly Rapp

—Equestrian facility operator

strations would be held at the facility.

"This is a private horse farm," said Beverly Rapp. "The purpose of it is to train and breed horses. There will be no sign out front. No horses will be rented for trail rides. It is low key. There should be minimal traffic. I can't stress enough it will be private."

Board members expressed concern about the number of horses and the neighbors who live on adjoining property.

Township Clerk Nancy Stroll said under the current ordinance, Rapp could house one

horse per acre. But Rapp said she would keep no more than 32 horses in the facility. At maximum capacity, she would have to use hay storage stalls for four of the horses.

"It's hard to put a number on it, but I'm not going to overpopulate it," said Rapp, who currently owns four horses and will hire a professional horse trainer.

The next step for the Rapp family is to create a detailed site plan, for the board's approval, which shows the impact the facility would have on the adjacent property.

Free vision screenings offered for school kids

New optical clinic makes exams available during back-to-school period

Dr. Allison M.B. Schulte, who recently opened Allison Eye Care Inc. in the Mid-Oakland Medical Center in Clarkston, will offer free "Back to School" vision screenings through Sept. 15 for children age 5 to 15.

Allison Eye Care Inc. is located in the Mid-Oakland Medical Center at 6770 Dixie Highway, Suite 203. The practice can be reached at (248) 922-1111.

Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Twenty-four hour on-call emergency service is also available.

Allison Eye Care Inc. features a family-oriented approach to eye care. Dr. Schulte provides complete vision and eye care services for the detection and treatment of eye disease for all members of the family.

Allison Eye Care Inc. is a uniquely equipped office that provides wheelchair accessibility in the examination room. The room's design allows a patient to move their wheelchair up to

the examination equipment rather than having to be assisted from their wheelchair to the exam chair.

Allison Eye Care Inc. also features a unique selection of quality designer sport and classic eyewear including DKNY, Rodenstock, Calvin Klein, Brooks Bros., Tommy Hilfinger, Giorgio Armani, Gucci, Christian Dior, Fendi, RX Specs and more.

A lifetime Clarkston resident, Dr. Schulte received her doctorate degree with honors from the Illinois College of Optometry in 1992. Prior to that she received her bachelor of science degree from Michigan State University.

She is a member of the Michigan chapter of the American Optometric Association, Clarkston Chamber of Commerce, GROWW Business Professional Women's Group and the National Association of Women Business Owners.

She is also a certified American Red Cross CPR and First Aid instructor.

Springfield Plains School accreditation renewed

Principal Sharon Devereaux of Springfield Plains Elementary School has announced that the school's North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA) accreditation rating has been extended through the 1997-98 school year. This action was taken at the NCA's annual meet-

ing in Chicago.

"Along with hosting periodic on-site evaluations by a visiting team of educators, each NCA school is accredited on the basis of an annual report on conditions in the school and on such supplementary information as the Commission on Schools

requests," Devereaux said. "The continued accreditation means that the conditions for effective education exist in the school."

The NCA is the largest of the country's regional accrediting agencies. It is a voluntary coalition of over 8,400 schools and over 1,000 colleges and universi-

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9-year-old Andersonville Elementary essayist wins trip aboard big blimp

Robin Croll's interest in creative writing helped her win a 30-minute trip on a Goodyear Blimp.

The fifth-grader at Andersonville Elementary School wrote and submitted a poem about why she would enjoy traveling in the giant air conveyance in August 1997 for a contest sponsored by Goodyear, Spartan Foods, Kimberly-Clark and VG's

Food Center in Waterford.

"We were quite surprised when she won," said Robin's mother, Linda Croll. Robin, 9, has always enjoyed writing; and the essay contest was an opportunity for her to engage in a favorite pastime, she said.

Robin received her ride in June on the Spirit of Akron blimp, which came to the Detroit area for the Grand Prix.

■ We were quite surprised when she won.

Linda Croll

—mother of winning essayist

The blimp took off from Willow Run Airport in Ypsilanti and traveled over the Ann Arbor area, Linda said. Robin's writing entry was one of 60 submitted for the contest.

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Where the heart is

Habitat for Humanity volunteers help build up stock of affordable housing

Carol Eberhardt was searching for volunteer work with true meaning, work that gave her an opportunity to impact the lives of others. As chairwoman of the board for Habitat for Humanity of North Oakland County, she found it.

The Clarkston resident and real estate agent said she has been volunteering for many years, but this organization has truly provided her with a sense of personal growth and an ability to impact the lives of others in the metro area.

"Here, we live in a wonderful upscale community," she said. "And 20 minutes from here, little kids can't play outside because it's too dangerous."

As the driving force of Habitat for Humanity, Eberhardt aims to change that. The organization has focused efforts on Pontiac and banded together this month to build its seventh house in the city.

A three-bedroom, handicapped-accessible home is being constructed by volunteers at 254 Osmun St. in Pontiac. At 1,150 square feet, it is equipped with a laundry room, one bathroom and a deck. The home is situated on two city lots and will be finished in two weeks.

About 20 volunteers work at the site each day. Groups arrive daily to perform a certain task. Last weekend, for example, workers built the framing of the new house.

Michael Kelley of Clarkston has been involved with Habitat for Humanity for two years. He is currently working on the building committee and is in charge of tools and materials. Kelley said the most rewarding part of his job is "to see the homeowner moving in." He recalled that one of the homeowners last year was crying when she received the keys to her home.

The North Oakland County sector of Habitat for Humanity began in 1995. It has since moved the office into First Methodist Church in Pontiac to be closer to the area that it serves.

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Carol Eberhardt
—Habitat for Humanity

The city was chosen because of a need for adequate housing, said Eberhardt.

"We chose to begin working in Pontiac by looking at the demographics," she said. "We found it was the area that needed the most help."

The two most challenging aspects of working for Habitat for Humanity, she said, are raising the funds to build the property and securing land for the homes.

"We depend on individual donations," Eberhardt said. "We get good support."

The house being constructed on Osmun Street was funded by the Chrysler Corp.

"Habitat takes the philosophy that there is no free ride," said Eberhardt. "You have an obligation to give something back to the community."

Kelley, who is also running for Clarkston City Council trustee in November, said donations are important to the organization.

"We would've built more houses this year if we had the money," he said.

Even with the necessary funds, the organization often finds itself in need of land on which to build.

While Eberhardt said that there is plenty of vacant land in the area, much of the land was lost to the state by previous owners. Securing property from the Legislature can take up to four years.

"We try not to spend more than \$2,000," Eberhardt said.

Habitat for Humanity builds homes



Floor plan: Architect Robyn Johnston and building committee member Michael Kelley inspect blueprints of a home they were helping to construct for the Habitat for Humanity program.

at a minimal cost to assist families who cannot otherwise afford to purchase a home. The organization chooses families with an annual income between \$15,000 and \$20,000. Families apply as they would for a regular mortgage, but the required income level is lower. The mortgage payment for these homes does not include interest, which makes them more affordable. But the occupants are responsible for their own upkeep and insurance on the house. Habitat for Humanity will be working with Home Depot to provide programs on home maintenance for new homeowners.

"We're a helping hand," said Eberhardt. "We don't like to call ourselves a charity."

Robyn Johnston, an 18-year Clarkston resident and architect for the project, agreed.

"These houses are not given to the

owners," said Johnston. "They pay basically what our monetary cost for the house is. It's not just given away."

Johnston said the houses are nearly identical. They include the same appliances and cabinets. Colors may vary slightly. When sights are built close together, the homes are rotated in design. Homeowners later add their own personal touch by painting the foundations and decorating.

"I have to think that we've had an impact," said Johnston.

Last year the organization built five houses in one week. Those houses are located just around the corner from the one currently under construction. Since that building spree, the neighborhood has shown visible improvement. Neighboring homes have been restored, increasing the value of the area, Eberhardt said.

"When we build in a neighborhood, the neighborhood starts coming back," she added. "The opportunity is always here."

Habitat for Humanity welcomes volunteers who can take direction and are willing to do any job — even if it means picking up garbage or pounding nails.

Habitat for Humanity consists of 80 percent volunteers. This year, work days have been split into two shifts to avoid the burnout of workers and to allow volunteers to join who are only available after their regular work day. Volunteers must be 14, and anyone handling power tools should be at least 18.

Anyone interested in getting involved with Habitat for Humanity can call (248) 338-1843 for additional information.

Making progress: Carol Eberhardt, the chairwoman of the board for the North Oakland County branch of Habitat for Humanity, stands in front of a home she and other volunteers were helping to build for the social services program.



POLICE NEWS

The following incidents were reported to police and fire agencies in Springfield and Independence townships and the city of Clarkston Aug. 13-17.

Springfield Police

Thefts

On Aug. 14, a graphic equalizer, a compact disc player, a set of 12-inch speakers and a 425-watt amplifier were reported stolen from a vehicle parked at a residence on Rattalee Lake Road.

On Aug. 15, a cell phone was reported stolen from a vehicle parked in the garage of a residence on Brucedale.

On Aug. 16, a small camera was reported stolen and the driver's side window damaged on a vehicle parked on Dixie Highway.

Home Invasions

On Aug. 15, a purse with credit cards, cash and a spare set of car keys was reported stolen from a residence on Brucedale between 5-5:30 a.m. The suspect was reported to have stolen a ratchet and small flashlight from the truck parked in the garage. The suspect was said to have fled the scene in a dark Chevy Blazer.

On Aug. 17, two boxes containing large amounts of jewelry and a bottle of wine were reported

stolen from a residence on Debby Jo.

Vandalism

On Aug. 16, a Sony Playstation, one video game, a personal camcorder and jewelry were reported stolen from a residence on Diane between the hours of 10:30 a.m. and midnight.

On Aug. 17, a fenced pen containing emus, a large species of bird related to ostriches, was reported damaged and cut at a location on French Lane.

Independence Police

Vandalism

On Aug. 13, a passenger-side window was reported scratched and chipped while parked at a residence on Oak Grove.

On Aug. 14, a mailbox was reported smashed at a residence on Whipple Tree.

On Aug. 15, grade stakes for a new subdivision were reported stolen from a construction site on Clintonville Road.

On Aug. 15, a mailbox was reported broken on Sashabaw Road.

Thefts

On Aug. 14, two Honda motorcycles were reported stolen from a parking lot on Parkwood Boulevard.

On Aug. 14, a purse containing \$125 cash was reported stolen from a location along Dixie Highway.

On Aug. 15, one cell phone, one beeper and one pair of sunglasses were reported stolen from a vehicle parked in a garage on Old Cove.

Burglary

On Aug. 15, a portable classroom at Bailey Elementary School on Pine Knob Road was reported illegally entered through a window, and paint was found spattered on the walls, windows and floor.

Independence Fire

Between Aug. 13-17, firefighters responded to 17 incidents. They included six medical, seven personal-injury accidents and one building fire.

Among them, on Aug. 14, firefighters responded to an odor found outside of a building on Dixie Highway.

Clarkston Police

On Aug. 16, a vehicle was stopped at 6:30 a.m. on Main Street for erratic driving.

The driver was reported to be under the influence of alcohol and prescription drugs and was arrested.

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important, Perkins said.

"It teaches you about another person's point of view," she said. "It makes you think about stuff and learn from it."

In addition to developing social skills, the program meant that Monday afternoons were full of activity and camaraderie, rather than the monotony of watching television, Perkins said.

"You have to be conscious in life," Ellis added. "There's a lot of peer pressure."

Program organizer Charlene Hernandez of Independence Township couldn't agree more. "We didn't have the pressures on us that these kids have today," said Hernandez, who initiated the local program with help from other volunteer organizers and Independence Township Parks and Recreation.

"This gives them the power to fight back. Now, they can stand up against whatever comes their way," she said.

While turnout was good — attendance was between 20 and 50 youths per session — Hernan-

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Charlene Hernandez
Program coordinator

dez said she does not plan to organize the program next year. She would prefer that the program be organized through Clarkston Community Schools or Clarkston Area Youth Assistance, she said, adding, "It needs a good home."

Anyone interested in the Clarkston area's Watch Me Grow, Kids Helping Kids program should contact Charlene Hernandez at (248) 625-2904. The program's Parent Night, from 7-9 p.m. Monday at the Clarkston Christian Association on Sashabaw at Maybee, is open to all Clarkston-area parents and will feature a talk on developmental assets.

Licenses from page A1

Independence Township Supervisor Dale Stuart said that he would notify Leech and Kammmer when and if another applicant came forward for the remaining available license.

The township gained two additional Class C liquor licenses after a mid-decade census showed a population increase. Township Clerk Joan McCrory also recently discovered that a third liquor license was available because the application had been withdrawn at the state level.

On Aug. 4, the board granted one of the licenses to a restaurateur who plans to open an upscale Italian eatery.

Although trustees voted unanimously on the OPAL restaurant application, their statements evidenced some division on grounds that the license may not fit the use of the business, another consideration set forth in the township's liquor license policy.

McCrory said the license should be approved because it met the criteria of the policy and the township had a precedent of issuing licenses to established local businesses.

Furthermore, Grannis, who also is a part-owner of Duggan's

■ Grannis ... said he planned to "drop the coney island end" of the OPAL eatery and transform the business into a family-style restaurant with a larger menu.

Irish Pub West in Independence Township, said he planned to "drop the coney island end" of the OPAL eatery and transform the business into a family-style restaurant with a larger menu.

"When I look at a coney island in terms of a liquor license, what I'm torn (about) is seeing a local business succeed ... and the applicant meeting the criteria," said Township Treasurer Jim Wenger.

"This is the proposal over which I have agonized the most," Wallace said, echoing Wenger's concerns.

"And I honestly don't know," Joan makes a good case."

Both Wallace and Wenger hesitated before casting their votes to approve the application.

Sen. Mat Dunaskiss announces staff changes

As a way to better serve residents of the 16th District, state Sen. Mat Dunaskiss (R-Lake Orion) has announced several staff changes in his Lansing office.

"With work continuing this fall on electric deregulation proposals and other key issues before the Michigan Legislature, I felt it was important to have staff members in positions where they could be most helpful in serving the residents of the 16th Senate District," Dunaskiss said.

Dunaskiss is chair of the Senate Technology and Energy Committee, which is reviewing proposals for deregulating Michigan's electric production industry.

Staff changes include: ■ Michael Meyers is returning to Dunaskiss' office to serve as chief of staff. Meyers worked for the senator previously from 1994-97 as a staff assistant. He left the office briefly to work for the Senate Republican Campaign Committee.

■ Joelle Demand will serve as legislative assistant. She served as office manager for Dunaskiss the last two years. Demand has

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Mat Dunaskiss
state senator

a master's degree in public administration from East Carolina University.

■ Jonna Belmas will serve as office manager. Belmas is a December 1997 graduate of Central Michigan University.

"I welcome anyone, especially residents of the 16th Senate District, to contact my office with questions or concerns," Dunaskiss said. "The staff will be more than happy to answer your questions."

OBITUARIES

Olive White

Olive White of Clarkston died Aug. 17, 1998, at age 89.

Mrs. White was a homemaker and enjoyed volunteer work at Tawas Hospital and was formerly the Secretary of the Traveling Artist Train of Tawas.

She is survived by her daughter Barbara Ann Ragatz of Waterford and son, Harry (Janet) White of Clarkston. She is also survived by 11 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren, brother Jim Ross of Warren and sister Betsy Benton of Alaska.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral in Clarkston. Interment was at Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Michigan Heart Association, P.O. Box 721129, Berkley, MI 48072.

Clara Irene Day

Clara Irene Day of Davisburg died Aug. 17, 1998, at age 85.

Mrs. Day formerly attended Davisburg United Methodist Church and was a member of the Golden Agers of Waterford, Waterford Senior Citizens and was a volunteer for CAI, Waterford Parks and Recreation and Springfield Township Library.

She is survived by her son, Rev. Calvin (Rev. Rebekah) Day of Holly, two grandchildren, four great grandchildren, sister, Eleanor McMillan of Onaway, and brother, Francis (Eleanor) Sommers of Weidman and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home in Clarkston. Interment was at Andersonville Cemetery. Memorials may be made to North Oakland Dialysis, 461 W. Huron, Suite 600, Pontiac MI 48341.

Steel of Rome, New York, as a sales representative. He was especially fond of his German Shepherd "Sarge" and enjoyed using his pontoon boat on Lake Oakland.

He is survived by his wife, Robin (Brown), sons, Steven R. of Los Angeles, and Erik R. of Clarkston; parents, Karl and Segrid Hansen of Kristiansand, Norway, and sister, Kari Tomatolo of Boylston, MA. He is also survived by his mother-in-law Ruth K. Brown of Royal Oak, sisters-in-law Shari (Richard) Evans of Rochester Candi (Michael) Mihalich of Clarkston and Gloria (Paul) Strauss of Dryden and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Coats Funeral Home, 3141 Sashabaw Road, Waterford. Funeral service will take place 11 a.m. today at the funeral home. Interment will be at Ottawa Park Cemetery in Clarkston. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of SE Michigan, 16250 Northland Drive, Suite 212, Southfield MI 48075 or Michigan Humane Society, P.O. Box 214182, 9600 Auburn Road, Auburn Hills MI 48321-4182.

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Rune Hansen of Clarkston, formerly of Worcester, died Aug. 17, 1998, at age 51.

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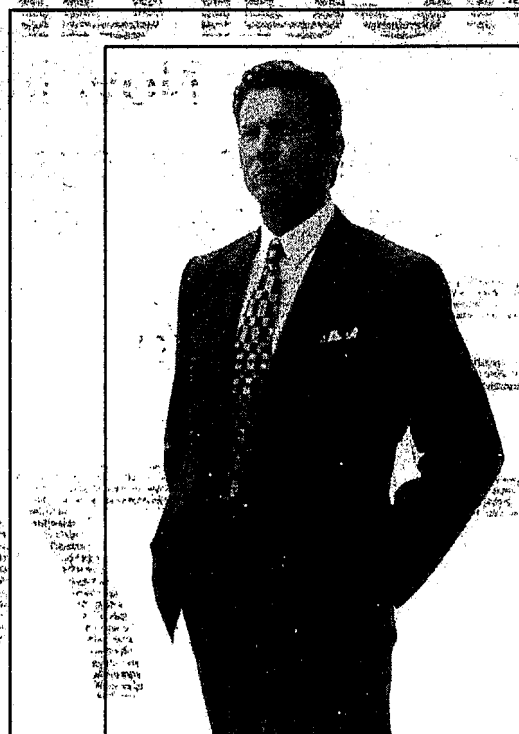
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County close to settlement in Carlin suit

Published statements notwithstanding, the proposed settlement in the federal civil rights lawsuit filed by former sheriff's captain Jerry Carlin is "very favorable to Oakland County," according to a county commissioner familiar with the case.

"I'm not at liberty to discuss details," said commissioner Thomas A. Law, R-West Bloomfield. "But the county will come out of this OK."

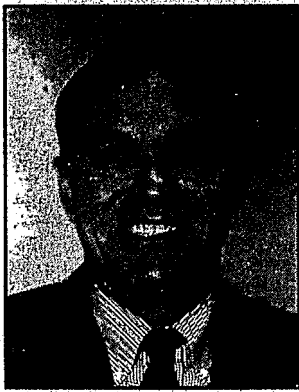
Law is chair of the Claims Review Board that meets periodically in closed session to review the status of lawsuits involving Oakland County. At the board's last meeting on June 17, it set parameters for settling the case filed by Carlin after named in a corruption investigation and demoted in 1993.

Carlin subsequently filed suit in federal district court claiming, among other things, his civil rights had been violated.

County officials have been tight-lipped about any possible settlement. But the Finance Committee of the Oakland County Board is scheduled to review a proposed settlement Thursday in closed session.

"Deliberations will be in closed session," confirmed commissioner Sue Ann Douglas, R-Rochester, who is chair of the finance committee. "But if we reach a settlement, it will be made public."

Carlin was commander of the sheriff's substation in Rochester Hills until 1992, when he and



Jerry Carlin

other sheriff's commanders, deputies or city officials — including then-Mayor Billie Ireland — were collectively charged with dozens of felony and/or misdemeanor charges.

Carlin was charged with 33 counts, including falsifying expense reports, improperly billing for overtime and assigning deputies to chauffeur L. Brooks Patterson around during his 1992 campaign for Oakland County Executive.

All of the charges against Carlin — and most of the other defendants — were either dismissed in court or ended in acquittal.

The corruption charges came at a time, Carlin was considered a rising star within the sheriff's department — and a possible successor to John F. Nichols. He maintained his innocence, but

Carlin was first demoted, then reassigned and subsequently suspended without pay.

Problems at the Rochester Hills substation were part of a larger investigation launched by then Oakland prosecutor Richard Thompson. He characterized those problems, along with irregularities within the sheriff's work release program, as the "largest case of political corruption in county history."

Most of the charges stemming from that investigation, however, ended in acquittal or were dismissed in court — some on appeal to the Michigan Court of Appeals.

In the meantime, Carlin steadfastly insisted he was not guilty of any wrongdoing. In 1996 he unsuccessfully ran for sheriff. Earlier this month, he was one of five candidates running for state representative in the 45th District that includes Rochester, Rochester Hills and the townships of Oakland, Orion, Oxford and Addison.

He finished third behind the winner, Mike Bishop.

Prior to the Aug. 4 election, however, Carlin — apparently trying to inform voters — announced a settlement had been reached on his law suit. County officials declined comment, but Carlin said he had agreed to drop his suit as part of a settlement that provided him with:

- Lifetime medical benefits
- Lifetime pension of \$35,089
- Back wage totaling

\$115,446

■ Payment of legal fees amounting to \$217,500.

Carlin has been a security consultant since leaving the sheriff's department. Neither he nor his attorney, Tom Kizer, were available to comment on the proposed settlement.

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Labor Day Parade focuses on dreams

The Clarkston Labor Day Parade is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Sept. 7.

The route will begin at Church Street, advance to Main Street, then continue to Miller Street and end at St. Daniel Church.

This year's theme, "Living

Your Dream," is modeled after the 1998-99 Clarkston Rotary Club theme, "Living Your Rotary Dream." The theme mirrors the organization's goal of making a difference in the community, parade chairman Tom McCloskey said. He described

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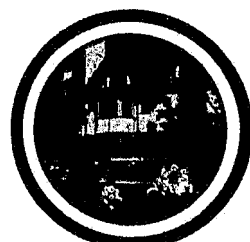
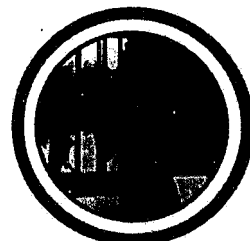
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More than 2,000 student problem solvers from Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the United States, and several other countries, assembled at the University of Michigan, in Ann Arbor this summer to work on a problem associated with the topic "Medical ethics."

The event was the 24th annual Future Problem Solving Program International Conference, and a student from the local Future Problem Solvers from Cedar Crest Academy in Clarkston had the distinct honor of representing the state of Michigan at this event. Coached by Mrs. Carla Garr, Ashley Woods, an eighth grade student, is the state scenario writing representative for the intermediate divisions, grades seven through nine.

Ashley's scenario — "Just What Do I Have To Live For" — took top honors at the state competition in March, earning her the right to represent Michigan at the International Conference.

Seventh grade student, Allison Lavoie, also from Cedar Crest Academy, captured second place at the state competition with her scenario, titled "A Woman's World is Never Done," thus entitling her to be an alter-

nate for the International Conference.

Each participating state, province or country was allowed to send three teams, one from each of the three grade level divisions (Junior: grades 4-6; Intermediate: grades 7-9; and Senior: grades 10-12), as well as the state scenario winner in each grade division.

The Future Problem Solving Program is a year-long educational program in which students are challenged to solve problems related to different topics of global significance, which change each year. The topics for the year are selected by a vote of students participating in the program worldwide.

During the last academic year the students worked on Natural Disasters, Freedom, Women in the Workplace, Non-Traditional Families, and Medical Ethics. This coming year's topics are: Under the Sea, Computer Error, Lifelong Learning, Prison Alternatives, and Distribution of Wealth. Approximately 250,000 students from all over the world are involved in this challenging and demanding program.

For more information about the program, contact the coach, Carla Garr, at (248) 625-7270.

NOTABLE

Scott R. Hazelton, the Edward Jones investment representative in Clarkston, has accepted a limited partnership offering in The Jones Financial Companies, the holding company for the St. Louis-based financial-services firm.

Edward Jones currently employs more than 11,500 employees in all 50 states. Under the current partnership offering, 1,531 associates received initial limited partnership offerings. Another 2,166 associates were invited to increase their existing ownership of the firm.

Hazelton said, "I am honored to be offered this limited partnership. It's a privilege to become part owner of a firm that is so well-known and well-respected throughout the financial-services industry."

John Bachmann, the firm's managing principal, added, "Edward Jones is owned entirely by its employees. We believe one of the best ways to reward outstanding associates is to offer them an opportunity to share in the ownership of the company they help build. I'm pleased to say that Scott has most definitely earned this limited partnership offering."

Hazelton, a native of Lake Orion, Michigan, joined Edward Jones in 1993. He has served investors in the Clarkston area for the past five years and is active in several local groups, including the Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, Optimist, and Clarkston Youth Assistance.

Edward Jones traces its roots to 1871. The Jones Financial Companies was created in 1987 to enable the firm to expand into new business areas while allowing it to remain a partnership. The Jones Financial Companies own Edward Jones, EDJ Leasing Co., the Edward Jones Trust Co., and its two international financial services subsidiaries, Edward Jones Canada and Edward Jones Limited in the United Kingdom.

Edward Jones is the largest financial services firm in the nation in terms of offices. It currently has nearly 4,000 offices and plans to expand its office network to 10,000 by the year 2002.

Edward Jones offers a variety of investments, including stocks; certificates of deposit, government, municipal and corporate bonds; annuities; mutual funds; insurance; and retirement-planning tools.

High school student orientation rescheduled

High School administrators will notify all students this week that their class orientations in the new high school have been postponed. Instead of reporting next week, all students have been rescheduled for Aug. 24.

Students should report for orientation and building tours at the following times on Monday, Aug. 24:

- Seniors — 9-11 a.m.
- Juniors — 12-2 p.m.
- Sophomores — 3-5 p.m.
- Freshmen and new students — 6-8 p.m.

In addition, officials have postponed the traditional Ninth Grade Parent Meeting

until Monday, Aug. 24, at 6-8 p.m.

"As we near the start of this exciting year, we can see that work crews need additional days to finish the cabling in the school and ready the facility for student occupancy," said Patricia Brumback, assistant superintendent, high school operations, Clarkston Community Schools.

"We need to give them a little more time to assure that everything we need is ready and waiting when school starts on Aug. 31," she said. "We are sorry to inconvenience our students and parents, but it will be well worth the wait."

Team to collect food donations

Clarkston High School football players will knock on doors seeking donations of food in support of Lighthouse Emergency Services of Clarkston.

The 1st Annual Rush for Food will take place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 21. Canned food donations will be collected for Lighthouse to help stock the

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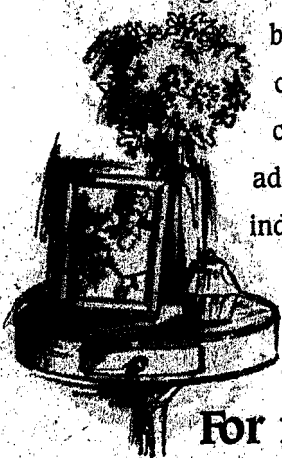
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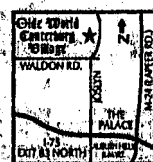
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The campaign to become the next new Oakland County circuit judge is linked to the race for campaign dollars.

That race had its origin in the waning hours of the Aug. 4 election — as totals showed Colleen O'Brien and Steve Kaplan would advance from the Aug. 6 primary to the general election.

O'Brien and Kaplan finished first and second, respectively, in a tight, three-way campaign with Richard D. Kuhn Jr. in the nonpartisan race.

O'Brien garnered 49,199 votes compared with 46,283 for Kaplan and 42,875 for Kuhn. The percentage totals were 35.5 for O'Brien, 33.5 for Kaplan and 31 for Kuhn.

"With the race down to two people, the candidates say they are already in a tight race — for money as well as votes.

In separate interviews last week O'Brien and Kaplan seemed intentionally vague. Neither wanted to get too specific about future expenses, apparently because doing so might hint at his or her respective strategy.

Each, for example, expects to spend a "minimum" of \$50,000 in a campaign in which name identification will be vital. Each expects targeted mailings and, quite possibly, expensive media spots.

"In many ways, it's a name game," said Kaplan. "Many voters don't know much about the candidates, so my goal is to get my name — and qualifications

— out there."

O'Brien said it's important to spend smart. "I got the most votes — while spending the least — because I targeted absentee voters," she said.

He campaign will do the same going into the general election, she said.

Ironically, each candidate has each scheduled a \$100 per person fund raiser on Sept. 17. O'Brien's will be at the Fox and Hounds in Bloomfield Hills, Kaplan's at Colangelo's Restaurant in Pontiac. Each plans additional fund raisers, with details pending.

"I'll spend every cent I can raise," said Kaplan.

Oakland Circuit Judge Wendy Potts is watching the O'Brien-Kaplan contest with more than a casual interest. Potts is chair of the Judiciary Committee for the State Bar of Michigan, that is focusing on financing judicial races.

"This is an ongoing concern (of the state bar)," Potts said Friday. "We're not focusing on this particular race. But financing judicial races is a serious concern."

Potts said judging from the primary race between O'Brien, Kaplan and Kuhn, the contest to become the newest circuit judge on the Oakland bench is more likely to be decided by hard work and grass roots organiza-

tion than big bucks.

"Both candidates have good names and credentials," said the judge. It always costs money to run a good campaign, she said, but the outcome will likely be determined by efficiency.

The primary was not particularly expensive, according to pre-primary campaign finance reports filed July 24. Post-primary reports are due Sept. 3.

But the Aug. 4 election was a primary in which considerations other than money may have been of primary importance. The top vote-getter, for example, raised and spent the least amount of money, according to the reports.

O'Brien, a Rochester Hills resident who practices law with the firm of Cummings, McClorey, Davis & Aho in Pontiac, raised \$22,665 and spent \$15,559.

Kaplan, a West Bloomfield resident who is an assistant prosecutor in Macomb County, had contributions totaling \$52,744 and expenses of \$33,170.

Kuhn, a Waterford resident who practices with the Adkison Need law firm in Bloomfield Hills, raised \$42,240 and spent \$31,951.

Most of the contributors made donations of \$100 or less. But

'I'll spend every cent I can raise.'

Steve Kaplan
—Circuit judge candidate

OAKLAND DIGEST

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

BIRMINGHAM

Go, geese, go: The geese have to go. That's the feeling of residents near Quarton Lake, who say the lake is being befouled by a gaggle of Canada geese who have set up home there this summer. Members of the Quarton Lake Neighborhood Association seek a city ordinance to prohibit the feeding of ducks and geese at the lake site.

CLARKSTON

No to condos: A group of Springfield Township residents are protesting plans for an upscale condominium development between Dixie Highway and I-75. The 108-unit development would cover 66 acres. While developers said nearly two-thirds of the acreage would be preserved in its natural state, residents said the development would contribute to the area's over-development.

FARMINGTON HILLS

Remembering Pvt. Ryan: Area World War II veterans generally praised Steven Spielberg's "Saving Private Ryan" upon its local opening, but the film's realistic battle scenes drew mixed emotions. "Uncle Jack" Curd said he had to leave the theater after the bloody opening sequence, while fellow vet Bill Hofess called the film, "a constant reminder...to the youth growing up".

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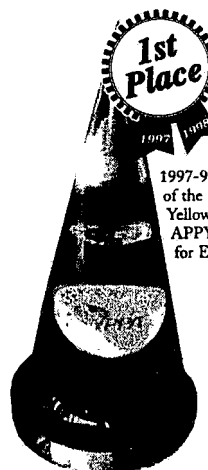


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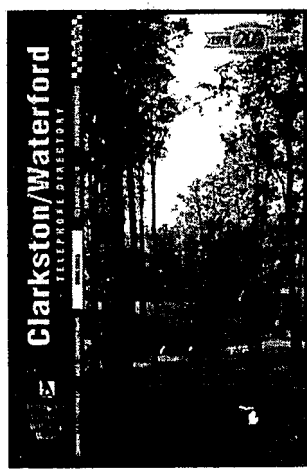
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Woman under house arrest waits for new trial, new heart

With her new trial assured, Mindy Brass is waiting to hear about a new heart.

"I'm scheduled to undergo some final tests Tuesday (Aug. 25)," Brass said from the Farmington Hills home where she is under house arrest.

Brass is the California woman who suffered a heart attack in 1994 that left her in need of a new heart. At the time, she was at the Scott Correctional Facility in Plymouth serving time under Michigan's controversial drug lifer law requiring a sentence of mandatory life in prison for anyone trafficking in 650 or more grams of heroine or cocaine.

That conviction was overturned last month, when Oakland Circuit Judge Rudy Nichols

ruled defense attorneys should have had access to information that would enable them to challenge the credibility of the main prosecution witness. Nichols ordered a new trial for Nov. 2, and he released Brass to the custody of Robin and Kenneth Fraser-Barrett of Farmington Hills.

Brass is convinced being released to the air conditioned home of the Fraser-Barrett family saved her life. Like other people with heart problems, she has difficulty breathing in hot, humid weather. "I would have died if I was back in prison," she said.

While she is officially under house arrest, Brass is free to attend religious services and to travel to and from the Universi-

ty of Michigan Medical Center, where she is undergoing transplant evaluation.

Tests scheduled for Tuesday could decide matters. "Assuming everything is OK," Brass said, "I should learn if I will be put on the (transplant) list within two weeks."

Last year Brass was rejected for transplant by the Henry Ford Medical Center because of her history of drug abuse. As her 40th birthday approaches, however, she is optimistic about her chances.

In the meantime, Brass spends her days visiting with friends and reading. Before her heart attack left her incapacitated and occasionally dependent on oxygen, Brass was an avid

tennis player and the unofficial champion at Scott Correctional Facility.

A welcome break in the routine will happen this weekend when daughter Erika, 14, will visit Brass from California.

It will be their first visit since Brass was released pending the new trial.

Brass declined to talk about her case on the advice of her attorney.

She was arrested in 1991 after two men implicated her in a failed drug transaction.

While Brass and her attorney, Marguerite Hanes, are confident of victory in the new trial, Oakland Prosecutor David Gorceyca predicts another conviction.

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LAKE ORION

Staying home: The Lake Orion School Board has changed its plans to hold a board retreat outside the district. The meeting was scheduled for Aug. 13-14 at the Auburn Hills Holiday Inn, but has now been canceled.

OXFORD

Up, up and away: Kristine Aubry, 24, was sky high over the wedding proposal placed before her by Darin Balinski, a 25-year-old Oxford fire fighter - literally: Balinski popped the question during a hot air balloon ride over the community.

ROCHESTER HILLS

Auto muscle: Hot rods, funny cars, street rods Sunday, Sunday, Sunday (Saturday, too) at Meadow Brook Hall. More than 1,500 roadsters, custom classics and muscle cars will be on display Aug. 29-30, courtesy of the Chrysler Corp. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$6 for kids 7-12. For more information, call (248) 377-0100. Vroom!

SOUTHFIELD

Avenging cancer: There will be a special screening of the new movie, "The Avengers" 8 p.m. Monday at the Star Theatre of Southfield to benefit the Karmanos Cancer Center of Lathrup Village. Movie tickets are \$25 for that show only. Tickets may be reserved by calling (248) 443-5800, Ext. 6771 on Sunday or 1-800-KARMANOS the night of the event. The theater is on 12 Mile, west of Telegraph.

TROY

Stay-home moms: Hearts At Home, a national conference designed for stay-at-home moms has been scheduled for Nov. 6-7 at Faith Lutheran Church of Troy. More than 1,500 women are expected. Registration is \$40. To learn more, call (313) 541-8813.

WEST BLOOMFIELD

Young cartoonist: Lisa Haidostian, 11, a fifth-grade student at West Maple Elementary School in West Bloomfield, was among the winners of a trip to Walt Disney World as part of a nationwide competition sponsored by McDonald's Corp. While the contest highlighted students' speaking skills, for Lisa, the trip proved especially appropriate. She's a talented young cartoonist who was thrilled at the opportunity to meet Disney animators.

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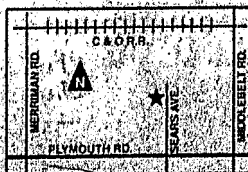
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Class of 1978

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Class of 1973

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SOUTHFIELD

Class of 1990

A reunion is being planned. (810) 662-5557 or CAT2504@aol.com

Class of 1989

A reunion is being planned. (248) 364-9648

Class of 1978

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Class of 1957-58

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SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

August 13, 1998

SYNOPSIS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Approved minutes of July 9, 1998 Regular Meeting and July 14, 1998 Special Meeting as presented
- Accepted Treasurer's Report for July
- Accepted July reports: Building Dept., Litigation, Fire Dept. and Ordinance Officer
- Authorized payment of bills
- Approved 1999-2003 Law Enforcement Services Agreement
- Adopted resolution to vacate a portion of James Ave. known as Jardine
- Waved construction standard to allow use of N-12 plastic pipe outside of road right-of-way in Fieldstone Heights, Phase V
- Accepted resignation of Assistant Fire Chief Elwyn C. Hillman effective July 31, 98 and expressed gratitude for 40 years of service
- Approved expenditure for attendance at MSPO Conference, not to exceed \$750 for each attendee
- Approved expenditure not to exceed \$650 for Clerk to attend SOLEC Conference
- Appointed Dean Farmer as Assistant Fire Chief
- Received communications
- Authorized \$740 for services by Clarkston Tree Service at Old Pond Cemetery

PUBLIC HEARING:

- Rapp Equestrian Facility - Special Land Use: received oral and written comments
- Kington Point Cluster Housing - Special Land Use: received oral and written comments

OLD BUSINESS:

- Adopted resolution setting Public Hearing on September 16, 1998 for Susin Lake Special Assessment District
- Adopted resolution setting Public Hearing on September 16, 1998 for Sherwood/Patrick Drive Road improvement Special Assessment District

NEW BUSINESS:

- Rapp Equestrian Facility: conditionally approved Special Land Use and Concept Site Plan
- Kington Point: Tabled Special Land Use and Concept Site Plan

Recessed at 10:45 pm

Reconvened at 7:30 am August 14, 1998

- Jan's Finishing Touch: conditionally approved Final Site Plan
 - Design Tech: approved Final Site Plan
 - Holly Ford: conditionally approved Final Site Plan
 - Shepherds Hollow Golf Course: conditionally approved Phase 1 of Final Site Plan
- Fire Dept:
 - Authorized purchase of software program not to exceed \$995
 - Authorized bid request for computer hardware
- Authorized submittal of Tree Planting Grant Request to MDNR
- Adopted resolution approving submission of bond proposition to Electors on November 3, 1998 ballot

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: Adjourned at 10:15 a.m., August 14, 1998

NANCY STROLE, Clerk

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 1998

Growing pains

Officials face tough calls in controlling growth while honoring the rights of property owners

While it's understandable that Independence Township residents are concerned and upset about the community's current development boom, residents need to keep in mind that township officials are doing the best they can to manage growth.

When township planning commissioners, for example, reviewed a proposal for a new day care center at Clarkston and Pine Knob roads, residents living near the project voiced vehement opposition and became angry.

In fact, some residents' comments were personal attacks against members of the planning board and included statements such as "You guys are crazy." One audience member and resident looked at Planning Commission Chairman Steve Board and said, "You're frosted," before departing the meeting.

To be fair, residents need to remember that planning commissioners and other township officials have a job to do — a job with specific obligations and constraints.

Not only are planning commissioners charged with determining how a particular project may impact nearby residents, they must also look out for the present and future needs of the community at large.

If residents are or will be in need of a particular service, whether it be day care for children, assisted living for the elderly or medical care for all residents, township officials have an obligation to facilitate bring-

■ Residents need to be aware that local government officials are limited in their power to control development. Property owners have rights, too. If a proposed project meets local zoning criteria, local officials who stand in the way of the project risk facing a court challenge.

ing these services into the community.

Residents also need to be aware that local government officials are limited in their power to control development. Property owners have rights, too. If a proposed project meets local zoning criteria, local officials who stand in the way of the project risk facing a court challenge.

Nobody wants a new building in their backyard or more traffic on nearby streets, yet the conveniences and advantages of any community come with a cost. Shouldn't community members also be willing to share some of the burden?

Furthermore, let's respect our local officials for their service, hard work and commitment. It's obvious they, as local residents themselves, care about Independence Township and its residents.

Why else would planning commissioners, for example, voluntarily give up more than 14 to 22 hours per month while receiving very little compensation for their efforts (about \$74 per month)?

Fieger shows disdain for voting laws by polling in the wrong community

Geoffrey Fieger's behavior in the hours following his successful bid for the Democratic Party's gubernatorial nomination was pure Fieger — and a prime example of why so many people from both parties are uncomfortable with his candidacy.

We're not talking about Mr. Fieger's pledge to take a "big licking stick" to state



Fieger

works — was his behavior after being asked about voting in the wrong community in the Aug. 4 primary election.

This newspaper broke the story that Mr. Fieger returned to his old West Bloomfield precinct to cast his ballot even though he had moved his official residence to Bloomfield Hills. The action violated state election laws.

When first confronted with the issue, Mr.

Democratic Party chair Mark Brewer, or his warning to Gov. John Engler that he was "coming after him." These are things we've all come to expect from the bombastic attorney.

What showed Fieger's true colors — and his lack of understanding of how government

■ Perhaps Mr. Fieger is unfamiliar with the concept of representative government. We vote where we live to ensure that local residents control local issues as well as who speaks for them in government.

Fieger's handlers responded with silence. The story was quickly picked up by the Detroit and national media, finally prodding a response from Mr. Fieger.

Instead of offering an apologetic explanation, Mr. Fieger once again chose to go on the attack, challenging his critics over the relevance of the voting misceue and insisting it shouldn't make a difference where a person votes.

Perhaps Mr. Fieger is unfamiliar with the concept of representative government. We vote where we live to ensure that local residents control local issues as well as who speaks for them in government.

While it is true that all Michigan residents vote in the same governor's race, such is not the case with local issues and ballot proposals.

Mr. Fieger has no more right voting for West Bloomfield issues than if a busload of outsiders headed to his Bloomfield Hills enclave to vote on a local ballot proposal there.

If Mr. Fieger truly wants to be governor, he should follow our state's laws instead of holding them in contempt.

How about it, Mr. Fieger?

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QUESTION:

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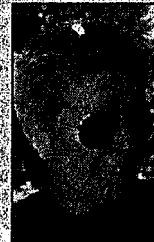
"Yes, I think I do because you read so much about arsenic."

Richard Webber
Independence Township



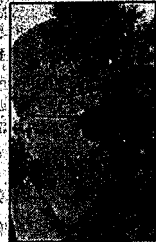
"I don't. We live out in the country."

Martha Simians
Springfield Township



"I've got well water and it's really hard."

Paula Pattern
Independence Township



"No. The water is all right."

John Perry
Independence Township

LETTERS

Fieger finally gone overboard?

You can dish it out but you can't take it, Geoffrey my boy!

Mr. Fieger appears to possess a classic profile of a sociopath. Does that minor observation alarm anyone else? According to recent news reports, his past behavior encompassed cruelty to people in his immediate circle, such as in marriage, and (he has shown) disregard for a governmental system he is attempting to manipulate.

There is little doubt that in the upcoming days Fieger will attempt his own personal assault on Engler, but first blood has been drawn by the Republicans and what they struck was a major artery which might bleed Mr. Fieger's hopes of becoming governor to death.

I don't think the rational voters will be able to ignore the revelations against Mr. Fieger's conduct. Could finally Mr. Fieger have bitten off more than his enormous mouth can chew? Time will tell.

Ron Austin
Franklin

Lake is safer now

The much improved operation of watercraft on Orchard Lake this summer is greatly appreciated by all lakefront homeowners.

Thanks to the Orchard Lake Shore Properties Association, Orchard Lake City Council, Police Department and the Oakland County Marine Division, enhanced enforcement efforts have made a huge difference in behavior on the lake and at the public access site.

It is encouraging to see a citizen's group, O.L.S.P.A., receive the support of government units in coordinating a highly successful program. It is not just good weather, but more courteous and safe watercraft operation that has made this the best summer on our lake.

Warren and Beverly Boos
Orchard Lake

Where's the plan?

Neither the Road Commission for Oakland County nor the Oakland County Board of Commissioners has a transportation policy to guide the planning, development and maintenance of our street, highway and road system.

The new federal transportation bill, TEA-21, just signed into law by President Clinton, and its predecessor, ISTEA, have significant planning provisions to ensure local residents have the opportunity for input and review of the transportation system plans in their local communities which affects their daily lives.

The USDOT, Michigan DOT and SEMCOG have policies supporting the inclusion of non-motorized (pedestrian and bicycling) modes in our transportation system plans.

Walking and bicycling offer alternative modes of transportation which reduce air pol-

lution, save fuel, relieve traffic congestion, reduce wear/tear on the road, contribute to personal health and fitness, and improve our overall quality of life.

Non-motorized transportation facilities can be funded by the Transportation Enhancements Program of TEA-21, as administered by Michigan DOT. The singular most important element of obtaining funding is comprehensive local planning and support.

That local planning and support can best be accomplished if the locally elected Oakland County Board of Commissioners and appointed road-commissioners have a definitive, publicly debated transportation policy to guide their fine professional staff of highway engineers and managers.

The residents of Oakland County should accept nothing less from their elected representatives.

Fred Dore
Farmington Hills

Alan's big bubble

Can Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan continue to provide the liquidity necessary to support global financial markets? Obviously not. Some markets are already being sacrificed.

A dollar bubble is bounding around the global economy, wreaking havoc wherever it lands. Last year Thailand, Korea and Indonesia were sacrificed. This year Hong Kong, China and Russia may go.

The global "bubble economy" has been allowed to go unchecked for too long. Now it's payback time. Unlike in the 1920s and 1960s, when the Federal Reserve "took the punch bowl away," this time there was a failure of nerve by the Fed.

History will not be kind to Alan Greenspan for trying to be a "nice guy" to the Wall Street-Washington elites.

But, what about all those long-term mom-and-pop 401(k) investors? Will they be asked to be cannon fodder in defense of our New Era cult of equities? Will the Fed get off with one of those recently popular mea culpa speeches? I think not.

Be advised, there has never been a time in history when the great mass of people became rich through stock market speculations. Not one. This time will be no different.

Walter Warren
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POINTS OF VIEW

Ha-ha, I'm on vacation — or is the joke on me?

It isn't until I go on vacation that I truly understand Albert Einstein's famous Theory of Relativity (which is, of course, not to be confused with his cousin Saul Einstein's less famous, but equally quantifiable Theory of Fear of Relatives, which only applies if you have lakefront property and it's an unseasonably hot summer).

The crux of this not-so-easily-understood theory is that time is relative, meaning it passes at different rates. Einstein theorized that a person, as they moved faster toward the speed of light, would not experience time as we do. In fact, if a person could travel at the speed of light, time would essentially stand still.

If that's the case, I humbly submit

Frawley's Corollary to Einstein's Theory of Relativity: As a person goes on vacation, time appears to move inordinately quicker. As the quotient of fun increases, so does the rate of time. If you're having a great time, time passes almost instantaneously.

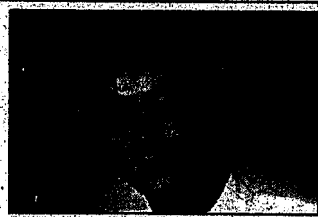
Now, as any eighth-grade science student knows (they do know this, don't they?), before you can have a theory, you need an hypothesis.

My hypothesis is vacation makes time move more quickly.

Once you have a hypothesis, you have to test it.

I bravely volunteered, and am now happily on vacation.

I also volunteered my entire staff to work so that we would have something to which to compare vacation



GERALD FRAWLEY

time and real time (hey, what's a boss good for if not to torment the workers?).

Now, here's my test. By the time you're reading this, it is Thursday so I ask them: (and you too, dear reader) How has your week been?

If it's like a typical Thursday for

me, you are no doubt exhausted. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday are complete and they seemed to last forever, right? It's Thursday now, however, and you can almost, but not completely, see the weekend.

Ahh, the weekend, if you can only make it through the next two days, you'll have the weekend to do as you wish. Now, however, you still face two more days of work. The weekend is SO FAR AWAY!

Now, if you're on vacation, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday were a blur (hey, wait a minute, there's something wrong with this picture).

What? It's Thursday? What the heck happened to my vacation! (I don't like this.)

Furthermore, the weekend is a

heartbeat away, racing at you like an oncoming train. (Arrrrghh!)

So for you, it's Thursday, for me, it may very well be Sunday afternoon. (No, no, no, no, no...) And the worse part is I have proof for my theory that time moves faster when you're on vacation. I just called the office, and no one answered. Now that means one of two things: (a) It really is Sunday afternoon for me and Sunday for everyone else, or (b) it's Thursday afternoon for everyone and my staff took the afternoon off while the boss was away and went to a movie. But they would never do that.

Gerald Frawley is the editor of the Lake Orion Eccentric and Oxford Eccentric. He is on vacation. Do you know where his staff is?

Engler campaign literature takes turn for worse

Say it ain't so, John.

The young baseball fan's words to Shoeless Joe Jackson during the 1919 era "Black Sox" scandal come to mind as one peruses Gov. John Engler's campaign pamphlet attack on the Michigan Constitution.

For six years Engler has wrestled quietly with the Religious Right intrusion into his Republican Party. Now he has given in, adopting their devious tactics in attacking "government" schools.

Distributed in Detroit, Engler's pamphlet stoops to this kind of reasoning: Suppose a government restaurant put only one dish on the menu; suppose a government auto dealer offered you only one kind of car; well, that's how public schools are operated. "The government has decided where your child will go to school," it says. "It's too important to trust the choice to you."

The Engler pamphlet then offers this gratuitous slur against public schools: "Sorry if the school is dirty

and crime-ridden."

Of course, government isn't in business. If it were a business:

■ You could select which building inspector from which township could check the construction of your house.

■ You could select which judge would hear your case (as Geoffrey Fieger tried to do in his judge-shopping suit — for which he was fined \$7,500).

■ Your subdivision association could select which police officers it wanted to patrol the area.

Anyone should be able to see the point: Government isn't business. And yet it offers Michiganians several educational choices: neighborhood public school, public school of choice, private school (if you pay for it), parochial school (if you pay for it), home teaching and some (frequently inferior) charter schools.

Now, you have to read the Engler pitch in context. A sinister, Midland-based group that calls itself "School Choice Yes" is pushing, in a totally



TIM RICHARD

dishonest way, a change in Michigan's long-standing prohibition against state money to a religious denomination.

Since at least 1908, the Michigan Constitution has declared, "No money shall be appropriated or drawn from the treasury for the benefit of any religious sect or society, theological or religious seminary; nor shall property belonging to the state be appropriated for any such purpose."

A 1970 voter-approved amendment was just as clear: "No public monies or property shall be appropriated ... directly or indirectly to maintain any

private, denominational or other non-public pre-elementary, elementary or secondary school. No payment, credit, tax benefit, exemption or deductions, tuition voucher, subsidy, grant or loan of public monies or property shall be provided" for any nonpublic school.

Watch how Gary Glenn, president of School Choice Yes, attempts to deceive voters with his presentation: "Do you support providing parents of younger children a Parental Choice Tax Credit ... ?"

Then Glenn resorts to the big lie technique: "Do you support amending Michigan's Constitution to remove the discriminatory language that specifically prohibits offering a tuition tax credit to parents ... ?"

The constitution, you know, doesn't "specifically" prohibit a tax credit to "parents." It prohibits your state tax dollars going to private and denominational schools.

We in the media have been slow to report on this issue. We get so tangled up with candidates' name-calling, or

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who's to blame for potholes, that we place an inadequate spotlight on the Religious Right's agenda. We focused so much attention on the gubernatorial primary that we haven't watched the way freshman state representative candidates are phrasing the school money issue.

Permitting the dispersal of state aid to private and parochial schools is at the top of their dishonestly-worded agenda.

And John Engler, who has kept the Religious Right under a tight leash for six years, has finally joined it. Et tu, Iohannes?

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events. His voice mail number is (734) 953-2047, ext. 1881.

Workforce act is timely measure

The piece in the Sunday paper got it right: The productivity gains in the auto industry that have fueled a 10-year run of increased output and improved profits are just about to run out.

Following the trail first blazed by Toyota, the American auto companies — Ford, Chrysler, General Motors — started introducing all kinds of snazzy technology to the assembly line. Computers managed parts deliveries and monitored quality control. Robots replaced workers in all kinds of tasks, ranging from welding to painting.

As the UAW knows all too well, the net effect of all this investment was to increase productivity and reduce the need for labor. While output has remained high, the number of labor hours required to make a car has dropped across the board, resulting in historically high profits for the auto companies.

But most of the low-hanging fruit of productivity increases has been picked, now that the computers and robots have been on the line for a while. Any further increases will have to come by the slow, cumbersome process of working effectively with the labor force to see what tiny steps in the manufacturing process can be continuously improved.

Ah, yes, as they say at GM headquarters, the labor force. With unemployment at all-time low levels, Michigan is now facing an absolute shortage of skilled labor. Moreover, thousands upon thousands of skilled workers are going to be retiring from work on the line over the next 10 years. Companies are beginning to wise up to the fact that getting and training productive workers will be among the greatest challenges over the next decade.

So it is with some astonishment that I noticed that the Congress actually did something sensible this month and passed something called the Workforce Investment Act. The product of five years of bipartisan work, the new law will recast the country's job training system to encourage individual workers to get the skills they need to get and keep high-paying, productive jobs in the new economy.

Gone will be the 60-odd programs that used to produce a bureaucratic maze. In will be one-stop job training centers. Anybody ever see a simple, easy-to-use listing in the local telephone directory — Job Training — located in local communities, supervised by consolidated local workforce boards?

During the 1980s, I served as the chairman of the Michigan Job Training Coordinating Council, the main state body dealing with job training, at one point becoming (inadvertently) the nation's longest-serving JTCC chairman. It was frustrating work because of all the un-



PHILIP POWER

lievable bureaucracy produced by the federal law. But it was exciting, because we got to focus on the big issue, investing in human capital that underlies all gains for both workers and corporations.

At one point, a number of us realized that the federal law had things backward. In traditional top-down thinking, it assumed that if you inflicted job training on workers, eventually they would want training. Wrong, of course. Because there was no incentive, there was no buy-in from workers.

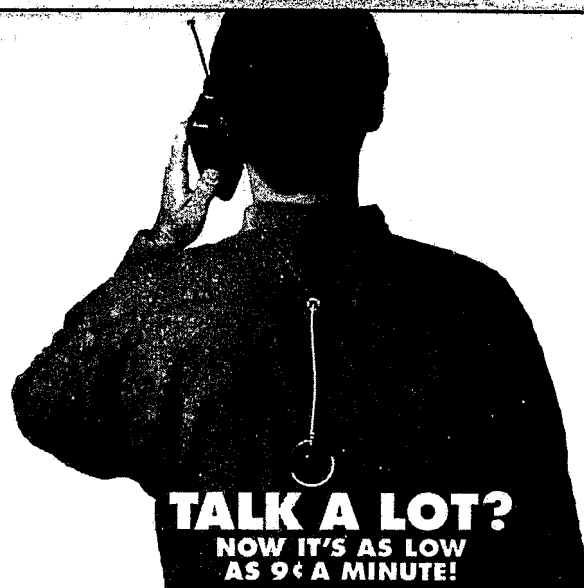
Some of us even argued at that time that a better way of doing things was to re-jigger the unemployment compensation system and provide workers who had lost their jobs with vouchers that could be spent on training that could get them back to work. Possibly because it included use of the dreaded word "voucher," the idea provoked a lot of resistance.

But just after Bob Reich was appointed President Clinton's first secretary of labor, some of us went to see him to pitch the idea of incentive-based job training vouchers. He bought the idea, and it has at last emerged in the new bill as Individual Training Accounts.

As is the case with any large piece of federal legislation, there are lots of complicated provisions in the Workforce Investment Act. But the fact that the act focuses on the key thing — investing in the skills of our workers — is altogether worthy of praise and admiration.

That's why the conference on labor force training and productivity, jointly sponsored by Oakland University and Public Policy Associates, is so timely. It will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 2, at the Northfield Hilton in Troy. I'll be giving the luncheon keynote. If you want more information, just call (248) 370-3125.

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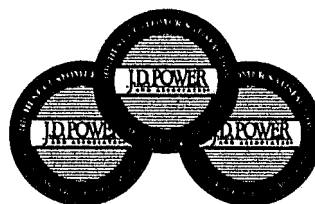
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Engler to visit Orion Township on Sept. 2

Governor John Engler will drop by Orion Township Wednesday, Sept. 2 for a chat with the Chamber of Commerce.

The governor will be the featured speaker at the chamber's monthly membership meeting, held at Kings Court Castle in Canterbury Village. The breakfast meeting will begin at 7:30 a.m. Reservations are required.

Cost is \$15 for members of any area chamber, \$20 for non-members, and \$150 for tables of 10. Call Pam Little at 693-6300.

Engler will talk about Michigan's economic outlook and the November election, and will take questions from the audience.



Gov. John Engler

Oakland University names interim vice president

David Dowling, dean of Oakland University's College of Arts and Sciences, has been named interim vice president for academic affairs and provost.

Dowling succeeds Dagmar Cronn, who stepped down in June. He will be replaced as dean on an interim basis by associate dean William Macauley.

Reunions from page A9

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A reunion is planned for Oct. 24. (313) 886-0770

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Class of 1988

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A reunion is planned for Aug. 29. (313) 886-0770

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Class of 1978

A reunion is planned for Nov. 7. (313) 886-0770

Class of 1988

A reunion is planned for Oct. 9. (313) 886-0770

Class of 1953

Oct. 24 at the Van Dyke Park Hotel, Warren. (801) 293-2554

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Class of 1968

A reunion is planned for Oct. 2. (313) 886-0770

REGINA

Class of 1973

Oct. 24 at Gino's Surf. Cost is \$45 per person, \$90 per couple or \$15 per person drinks only. (810) 986-6054 or (810) 578-3527

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STERLING HEIGHTS HENRY FORD

Class of 1978

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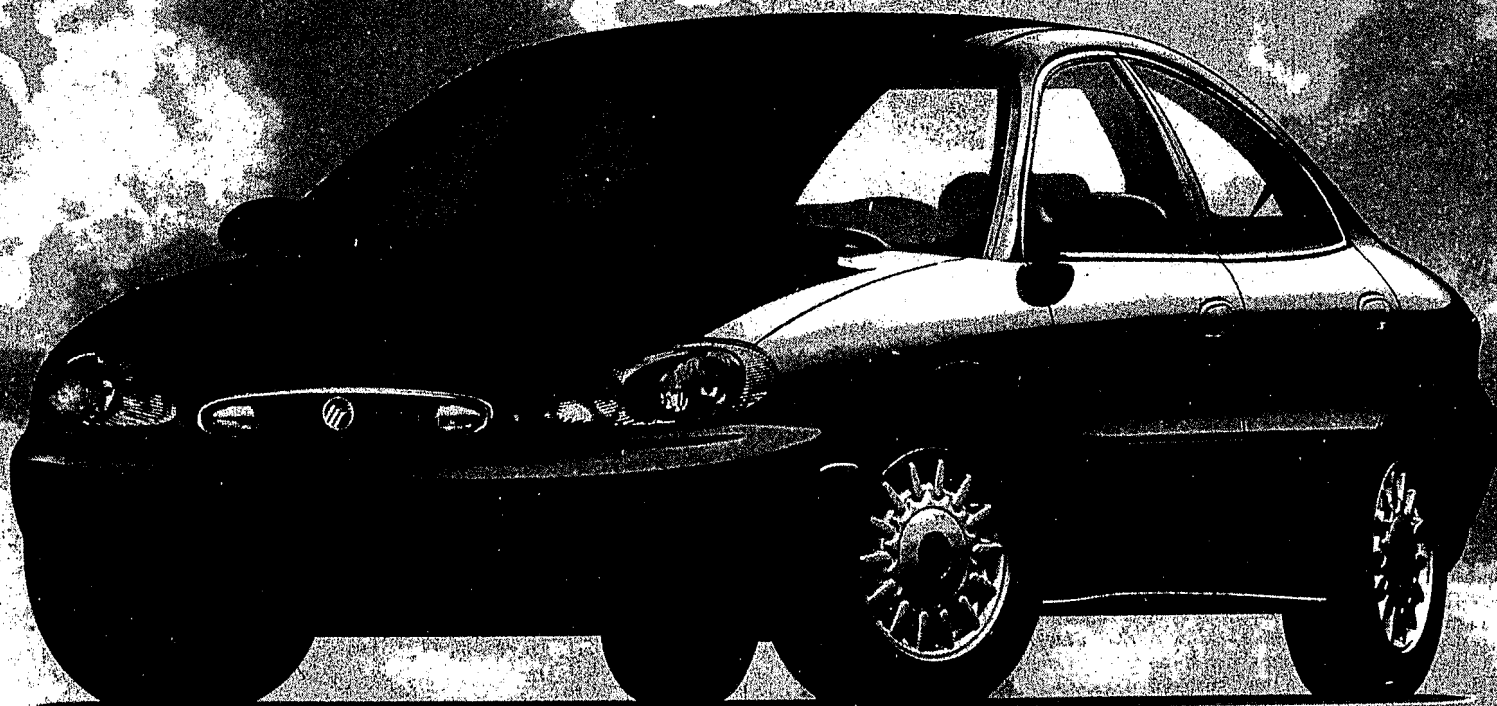
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ROCHELLE SMITH

Love (and grass) grows when opposites attract

Personalities are strange and unusual things. It's hard to say what type of personality traits attract spouses to each other. It's said that opposites attract. I tend to believe that's true. In all of the successful relationships I've known, it has been easy to pick out the partner who is more extroverted and the one who is quieter. Usually there is one partner who watches the budget and another who prefers to spend. Often there is a partner who enjoys relaxing while the other prefers to keep busy.

My husband and I definitely qualify as a couple of opposites who have been attracted to each other. Within the past few days I'm reminded of another example of our differences. My husband says I'm a "hack," while I accuse him of being a perfectionist. We have different guidelines for determining how to complete a project. I'm happy if it's "good enough for who it's for." His motto is, "If you're going to do something, you might as well do it right."

When describing my husband as a "perfectionist," I'm cautious, because it is such a relative term. A few years back I was chatting with a neighbor who commented on the fact that a mutual friend always refers to her husband as a perfectionist. The neighbor then proceeded to point out the many ways in which that "perfectionist" was hardly perfect. Compared to me, my husband is a perfect-

Please see **ROCHELLE**, A14

Landscapes capture charm of homeland

■ British watercolor artist finds following depicting quaintness of English countryside in paintings.

George Craven moved to the United States more than 40 years ago, but in a way he never really left England.

The lush countryside and quaint cottages common to his native country endure in his memory and in his paintings.

Born in Yorkshire, England, the artist moved to the Clarkston area shortly after World War II ended. Craven is a realist who uses water colors to recreate the landscapes of rural England.

"I love to paint landscapes," said Craven. "I painted the American landscape, but it wasn't selling to my expectation. I said, 'Well, I know the English landscape, why don't I paint it?' It seemed like everyone could relate to these quiet thatched cottages and flower gardens."

Whether his ideas flow from a photograph he took during a visit to England, or a vision in his mind, friends said his paintings are enhanced by his knowledge of landscapes and gardening. Craven is also a master English gardener.

Nancy Vance, who has been the director of the Clarkston Fine Arts Gallery since its inception in 1995, said she sees that influence in his work.

"English gardens are very different from American gardens," she said. "His knowledge of how English gardens should look shows in his painting."

Vance describes English gardens as having a "random, casual feel," though they are "actually very orchestrated."

Since the opening of the gallery, Craven has been well-received as an artist.

"When we had our grand opening, I was the artist of the month," he said, explaining that his work was showcased in the lobby of the gallery. "I sold out of my English landscapes."



Brushed beauty: Watercolor artist George Craven, who moved from England to the Clarkston area shortly after World War II, draws on his memories of his early life to create appealing scenes of thatched cottages and colorful flower gardens.

Craven can't explain what draws people to his work. He attributes some of his success to the fact that his paintings reflect a common perception of England.

Vance said Craven's work depicting the English countryside is unique to the gallery; no one else attempts that subject.

"We still think of cottages, of neighbors knowing their neighbors," she said. "Thatched roofs are something we rarely see here. It takes you back in time."

Phyllis Pendley, a Clarkston resi-

dent, owns three of Craven's works and three music boxes with his paintings reproduced on them. Pendley said his work reflects her own affinity for English cottages.

She decorates with village displays around Christmastime and said that Craven's paintings correspond well with the theme. She also hired Craven to create a meaningful portrait for her family.

"We commissioned him to do a house and barn my husband's parents own in Kentucky," said Pendley. "It was my mother-in-law's dream house. She

passed by it when she walked to school and said one day she would buy it. She was able to do that 13 years ago."

Pendley said the portrait captured that house for the family.

"It's difficult painting someone's home," Craven said. "They spend a lot of their lifetime there and you only see it once."

But Judith Darin, of Bloomfield Hills, said he was more than capable of painting her last home. She met

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Craven through a mutual friend and commissioned him for a special job.

"He has a natural talent," said Darin. "He did a portrait of my old house. I was very sad about leaving it. It was a very beautiful antique house, built in 1920. It was difficult to capture. I love it."

Craven also does woodworking, pen and ink drawings, photography and gardening.

"People seem to enjoy a painting," he said. "Painting, to me, is

more interesting than just a photograph. I've done photography. You have to be in the right place at the right time to get a good shot."

He does use photographs to create an accurate reproduction of much of his work.

Craven is preparing to take a trip to England this month and plans on taking many photographs as "research" for upcoming work.

He cites John Constable and Helen Allingham as his favorite artists. Allingham painted

thatch cottages and villages in England during the late 1800s.

"I love her work," Craven said. "She put in a lot of detail. If she put in a flower garden, you could see all of the flowers."

Craven admits that detail is important in his own work. Sometimes a flower or a man herding a flock of sheep will take the longest amount of time in a painting because it requires a great amount of attention to detail.

"You can get the basic subject matter, then all these fine

details. If they're not in the proper perspective, you can ruin the rest of the work," he said.

Darin said that his paintings carry an antique quality. She compared his work to paintings from the late 18th century.

Craven's work depends upon his mood. Often he has two paintings in progress at a time. If one is not going well, he works on the other.

"If you can't concentrate on the subject matter it's not going to work no matter what you do," he said. "You can feel it when you're

working on it. Once the paint is on the paper, it's there forever. There's not much margin for error."

Vance said Craven has a style all his own.

"A lot of times he works on the mat," she said, referring to his unusual use of the mat as part of the painting.

Craven said it gives his work a three-dimensional effect, but it's only used for certain subjects.

"It brings you into the painting," he said. "It leads the eye right into the main subject."

Vance considers Craven to be "one of the most popular artists in the gallery."

But not all of his work is for sale.

"I have a pen and ink of an elephant," he said. "I spent around 22 to 24 hours doing the drawing. I don't think I'd ever want to sell that. There are some landscapes I don't think I would sell," he said.

"In some instances, you work on a piece and it develops far beyond your expectations."

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tionist, especially when it comes to mowing the lawn.

My husband prefers to have the lawn mowed on the diagonal, whereas I prefer to have the lawn mowed by anyone other than me. (Perhaps you can tell

which of us falls into the "partner who prefers to relax" category.) When I do get stuck mowing the lawn, I use the circular method—start at one corner and mow around and around until the entire lawn has been

cut. It doesn't leave a nice pattern, but it accomplishes the task at hand—cut the grass with the least physical exertion. Over the past few months my husband has spent several weeks out of town on business trips.

The last trip of the summer was during this past week. The day prior to each of his trips, he has mowed the front yard and left my sons and me to handle the back yard (where no one can see our handy work).

My husband also has a theory that the lawn will stay greener if it is mowed down to a 3½-inch height. That way it is left long enough that it doesn't dry out from the sun and it stays lush and green. The problem with this method is that the lawn has to be mowed every few days to keep it from looking too long. The day after my husband left for this last business trip, my boys and I thought about mowing the lawn.

The next day we thought about it again. Finally, about three days after it should have been

mowed, we decided that we better do a little more than think about it. Since my husband would be back home in a couple of days, we were running out of time. Instead of just mowing, though, my youngest son and I had a plan to improve upon the perfectionist's method of mowing. If we lowered the mower to the 2-inch mowing height, we wouldn't have to mow as often. Since neither of us is terribly fond of work, this sounded like a pretty good plan. Unfortunately, the first evening that we attempted this approach, the grass was still wet from having been watered by sprinklers.

The grass kept clogging in the mower and causing the mower to cough. We decided to wait until the next night (the night before my husband was to arrive home).

By the next night, however, the grass was at an all-time high. Since its original 3½-inch cut now had nearly a two-week growth on it, our poor little mulching mower was having a difficult time chopping that field

of green down to 2 inches. My first order of business was going over what I had cut the night before.

Since it was now lying in large, dead, brown clumps around the outer edge of the lawn, I figured I could mulch it up, now that it was dry, and make it less noticeable. Since that didn't seem to be working, I sent my son for the rake. With a little persuasion and bribery, I convinced him that a dollar was a fair wage for raking up the remaining dry grass while I mowed what hadn't been touched yet.

The only problem with that line of thought was the fact that the grass which had not yet been touched was just as long and unmulchable as that which had clumped in the mower the night before. When I finished mowing, the entire yard was covered with cut grass.

Since I hate raking and my son was tiring rapidly, I came up with another plan. If I kept running the mower around the yard enough times, I was sure that it

would eventually mulch up the mass of cut grass blanketing the lawn.

Finally, about 30 minutes later, I admitted defeat. Although I had circled, diagonaled, figure-eighted and basically mowed in every direction, there remained a mat of cut grass atop the lawn. Defeated, I headed for the rake. Again I used persuasion and bribery to get my son to bag what I raked. Even with both of us working together, it was becoming dark and we still had barely made a dent in the cover of mangled grass lying on the lawn. One last plan crept into my mind. Wash it away. Although the job probably called for a high-pressure power washer, I resorted to something a little less aggressive and more automatic—the sprinklers.

Unfortunately, when the sun hit the lawn the next day, it was easy to see that none of my plans had worked. Dead, dry, brown grass laid everywhere.

While my husband may not fit the perfect definition of a perfectionist, after this disastrous story, I have to admit that I fit quite a few of the definitions for a "hack." After checking my computer's thesaurus, I'm left wondering which of the many definitions my husband is pondering each time he calls me a "hack."

Definition of "hack": cut, gash, mangle, old, nag, inferior writer. And somehow he manages to make "hack" sound like a term of endearment.

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

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Youth programs enjoyed a highly productive summer

As summer draws to a close, the professional staff and volunteers of Clarkston Area Youth Assistance look ahead to the planning of fall programs, but not without reflecting on events of the summer which brought great gains to the organization.

The fifth annual Clarkston Area Youth Assistance Golf Outing, held on June 29 at Pine Knob Golf Course, earned an unprecedented amount of just over \$12,000. A total of 138 golfers participated in the event, sponsored by John Bowman Chevrolet, Inc. The response from the community was overwhelming, as 138 area businesses and individuals showed their support either as hole sponsors or as donors of door prizes, gift certificates or items for the auction which took place following the tournament luncheon. Proceeds from this outing are used primarily to send children to camp. Children chosen to attend are recommended by school social workers and counselors. Fifty-five children were sponsored for camp this summer and an even greater number will attend next year, thanks to the success of this fund-raiser.

The Mentor Plus Program, since April, has seen an impressive gain of three adult-youth matches, which brings the program total up to fifteen matches. The Clarkston Area Youth Assistance Mentor Plus Program is the largest in Oakland County. There are currently eight youths

(seven boys and one girl) on the waiting list. Adult volunteers in the program who serve as positive role models are asked to commit one or two hours per week for at least one year and training is provided. All volunteers have found the experience of making a difference in the life of a child richly rewarding. In the words of one adult volunteer, "It is very important that our youth know that other people care about them as individuals. People need to help raise the self-esteem of our youths so they feel good about themselves. Spending time with (name withheld) has been such a pleasure. It has been a blessing to have her share with our family."

In September, Clarkston Area Youth Assistance will resume its monthly Board of Directors Meetings, which are held the second Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Senior Citizen Center at Clintonwood Park. These meetings are open to anyone interested in knowing more about the organization and its programs. The annual meeting of Clarkston Area Youth Assistance has been scheduled for October 19 at Clarkston United Methodist Church. Program sponsors, board members, subcommittee chairs and other invited guests attend this meeting, which consists of a luncheon, a speaker and presentation of the annual report and budget.

On October 1 the Family Education Committee of Clarkston

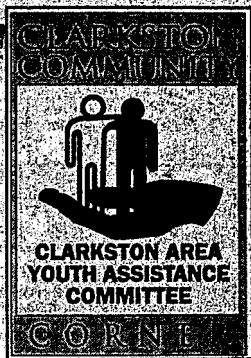
Area Youth Assistance will be co-sponsoring with the Clarkston Community Task Force for Youth a presentation on assets and asset building in youths titled "What Kids Need to Succeed — Developmental Assets: A Foundation for Success." This insightful program will be held from 6-8:30 p.m. at Springfield Plains Elementary School.

Future aspirations of Clarkston Area Youth Assistance are to increase referrals and recruit additional volunteers to help in the administration and development of the organization's programs. Parent liaisons to the Clarkston Area Youth Assistance Family Education Committee from both Middle Schools and four of the Elementary Schools are needed to help devise parent education programs and to report back to their respective schools the activities of this committee.

Individuals are needed as well to become involved in the Summer Camp Program and the Youth Recognition Program, which honors youths in the community for outstanding volunteer efforts.

Finally, assistance is needed from people in retail sales and law enforcement for the development of a shoplifting prevention program for youths.

This column is shared by local community groups. Up next week: Independence Land Conservancy.



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FRIDAY, AUG. 21

KID'S STAR GAZERS

8:30 p.m., Indian Springs Metropark. A stellar night of activities for ages 6-12. Bring a white or light colored T-shirt and paint the summer constellations on your shirt, then enjoy a campfire while exploring the night sky. (In case of inclement weather, indoor "stars" will be observed.) Cost: \$1 per child. (Parents may make a shirt for free.) Registration required. Call 625-7280 or 1-800-477-3192.

SATURDAY, AUG. 22

TUNING YOUR TOT INTO SUMMER
1-2:45 p.m., Lewis E. Wint Nature Center, Independence Oaks County Park. Program for

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

"BAG A BUTTERFLY"

2 p.m., Indian Springs Metropark. It's a Lepidopteran round-up. Youngsters ages 5 and up will learn about these beautiful insects inside, then gear up for an outdoor "catch and release" hunt. Build a simple bug box (optional) to observe your butterfly and use it as a caterpillar nursery. Cost: \$1 per kit. Registration required. Call 625-7280 or 1-800-477-3192.

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WEDNESDAY, AUG. 26

MIDDLE SCHOOL ORIENTATION
Noon-4:30 p.m. Orientation for students attending Clarkston and Sashabaw middle schools. Bay Court Park, Andersonville Road between Dixie Highway and White Lake Road.

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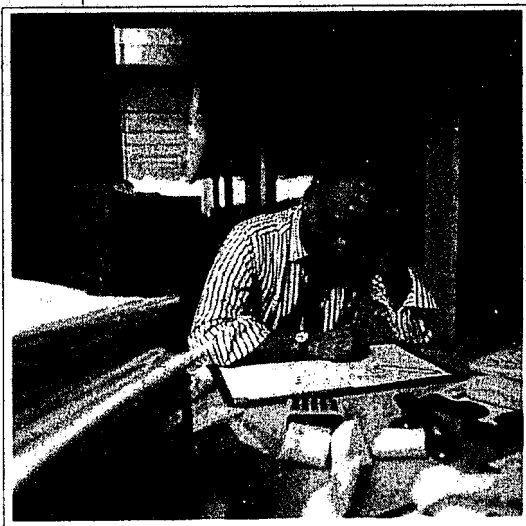
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NORTH OAKLAND SPORTS SCENE

Northwest needs varsity soccer coach

Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest High School has an immediate opening for varsity boys soccer coach for the 1998 season. Interested candidates can contact athletic director Mark McLoughlin at (248) 852-6677 for details or fax resume to (248) 862-2667.

Southfield Christian needs JV soccer coach

Southfield Christian High School has an opening for junior-varsity boys soccer coach for the 1998 season. Call (248) 357-3660 for more information.

OCC seeks men's soccer coach

Oakland Community College is seeking a men's soccer coach for the 1998 season to replace Phil Nielsen, who accepted the head women's soccer coaching position at Kalamazoo College. This position must be filled immediately with the season slated to start on Aug. 31. Interested individuals should call Athletic Director Bernie Little at (248) 360-3155.

Soccer players needed for Little Caesars League

The Little Caesars Premiere Soccer League has openings on two of its established teams. Players interested need to have been born after July 31, 1979 or before Aug. 1, 1983. Call (734) 464-9114 for more information.

A call for rosters

The North Oakland Eccentric Sports Department is seeking team rosters for all of the fall varsity sports from our coverage area, which includes Clarkston, Clarkston Springfield Christian, Lake Orion, Lake Orion Shalom Baptist, Oxford, Oxford Christian and Oxford Indianwood Christian high schools. Rosters should include such pertinent information as name, jersey number, grade, positions, height, weight and seasons on varsity.

Coaches and athletic directors can send in this information at their own convenience via fax at (248) 693-9716.

On the links

■ 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.

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

■ The Partners Golf Classic will be held Sept. 8 at the Indianwood Golf and Country Club. The event, considered one of the largest golf outings in Southeastern Michigan, benefits the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute in Lathrup Village. Individual tickets for the Golf Classic, which includes 18 holes with cart, breakfast, lunch and dinner with open bar, are \$350 per player. For information, call Lisa Zanlungo in the Institute's development office at 800-KARMANOS, ext. 6706.

Tryouts set

■ The Troy Cardinals, a 13-and-under boys federation baseball team, will be holding tryouts Sunday, Aug. 30, from 2-4 p.m. at Martell Middle School in Troy. Players must be born between Aug. 1, 1985 and July 31, 1986. For more information, contact Chuck Salgat at (248) 689-7235.

■ The Troy Rangers Federation Baseball Club, competing in the North Oakland Baseball Federation 15-16-year-old Mickey Mantle Division, will be holding open tryouts Saturday, Sept. 12 and Sunday, Sept. 13. Birth dates of players must range between Aug. 1, 1982 and July 31, 1984. Tryouts will begin at 12:30 p.m. at Flynn Park. For further information, call Bob Nielsen at (248) 879-7371.



Net gain: Any success the Clarkston Wolves have on the tennis courts this season could depend on the health of the members of their top doubles team, Kristin Atkinson and Alaina Dodds (left). With a talented lineup on the court, Clarkston's first-year coach Melissa Kentner-White hopes to be competitive in the Oakland Activities Association.

The High Court

Wolves hope tennis veterans will carry them to top

New head coach Melissa Kentner-White has a good idea of what she envisions the starting lineup could be for the Clarkston tennis team this fall. The question is whether injuries will force her to make some adjustments.

Kentner-White has seven seniors and nine returning varsity players coming back for the Wolves, who will continue their attempt at rising to the top of the girls on the Clarkston squad, particularly the upperclassmen, have been playing tennis for a number of years, and Kentner-White is excited about her squad's potential.

But off-season injuries to junior Courtney Schubring, senior Alaina Dodds and senior Kristen Atkinson could hurt the Wolves' depth and experience.

"It all depends on those injuries and the health of those players," said Kentner-White, who teaches foreign languages at Clarkston High School and played tennis growing up in Ohio. "When I know the status of them, I'll have a better idea of what our lineup will look like."

Schubring enters the season as Clarkston's top returning player, but shoulder surgery in the spring could play a factor in her effectiveness in 1998. Dodds is likely to return at 100



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percent after being sick for a prolonged period of time after playing soccer this summer in Europe and Atkinson, a noted skier, had knee surgery in the spring.

Atkinson and Dodds potentially could form a lethal combination at No. 1 doubles for the Wolves if they're healthy.

"I'm hoping they can all play," said Kentner-White. "I know (Atkinson) is undergoing a lot of physical therapy and is in good shape."

Other top returning players include juniors Lauren Stout and Jenny Claus and seniors Lauren Bogart, Kim Little, Michelle Klotz and Katie Baetens. Kentner-White is uncertain where each player will fall in the rotation, but is pleased with the amount of experience returning and the quality of senior leadership being displayed in the early weeks of practice.

Nearly all Clarkston teams will benefit from new facilities this year with the building of the new high school, and the tennis squad is no exception. The Wolves, though, likely won't begin playing regular-season matches at the new courts until early September. When Clarkston hosts Rochester

Adams in its opener Tuesday, the match will be played at the old courts.

Kentner-White said she hopes the Wolves will be able to play at the new high school, which has eight rather than four courts, beginning with the Waterford Kettering match Aug. 31.

A large group of athletes came out for the team this season, prompting a renewed interest in starting a junior varsity tennis program at the high school. Kentner-White said she hopes to have a JV team by next season, and has discussed the issue with athletic director Dan Fife.

"I think most of the schools our size do have a JV team," she said. "There's a lot of interest in the community in the tennis programs and with a school that has 2,000 kids, I think you need the junior varsity program."

Kentner-White will be joined by assistant coach Wayne Gilbert this season, which will help her to address the needs of the more than 20 players expected to be on the squad. Gilbert has helped out with Clarkston teams the last few years and coached in other areas around the metropolitan Detroit area for more than 30 years, including an extended stint in Warren. He currently is retired from full-time work but teaches private tennis lessons at Deer Lake Athletic Club.

"I don't think I would have coached

this team without him," said Kentner-White. "He loves helping out and his assistance is invaluable to me."

The Wolves compete in the OAA's Division II with Troy Athens, Royal Oak Kimball, Birmingham Groves, Lake Orion, Berkley and Mott and are expected to compete for the championship, pending injuries. Their first-year coach has been impressed by the shape her players were in after the summer months.

"I think a strength we have is that a lot of the girls are really well-conditioned," said Kentner-White, who added that a major part of her practice time will be directed at maintaining this high level of endurance with push-ups, one-mile runs and step aerobics.

With so many question marks still hanging in the balance, Kentner-White hasn't set any specific goals with her team. She is confident it will be a successful year but subscribes to a theory that is well supported by numerous national studies. That theory is that high school athletes, more than anything, want to have fun while competing in sports.

"I think we're going to win a lot of matches this year, but the main thing I want to happen is for the girls to have fun," she said. "I want them to have so much fun that they'll want to consider playing tennis as a life-long sport."

Players hit the field

The excitement of another season of fall sports has begun for nearly a quarter of a million young student-athletes, as the 1998-99 athletic season opens with eight sports sponsored by 725 member schools of the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

Practices for all fall sports began last week, except for a small number of football teams, which began Aug. 5.

Nine schools, seven in the Upper Peninsula, were given permission by the MHSAA Executive Committee to begin competition a week earlier to help them secure a full schedule of games.

Two safety issues are addressed under National Federation of State High School Associations rules changes in football.

The first prohibits the use of eye shields with less than 100 percent light transmission; the second prohibits defensive players from using their hands to slap a blocker's head.

Additionally, the MHSAA Representative Council took action in May which requires

that all varsity football games involving Michigan teams ending in a tie score after regulation play be decided by the MHSAA-approved tie-breaking procedure.

The Council also revised the mercy rule in football so that a running clock will be used at all levels, for regular-season and playoff games, whenever a 35-point differential in the score is reached after the first half of play. The clock will run continuously except during called timeouts; the break between the third and fourth quarters and following a score; during penalty enforcement; and for safety reasons, such as injuries.

Normal timing procedures resume if the point differential is reduced to less than 35 points.

Notable National Federation rules changes in basketball include a change in substitutions during multiple free throw situations, and how a team calls a time out.

During multiple free-throw attempt situations, substitutions may only be made before the final attempt of the sequence and after the final attempt has been converted.

With regards to calling time outs, a player or the head coach may now orally or visually request a time out.

The MHSAA representative council voted in May to institute a mercy rule in basketball, which will be in effect at all levels for regular season and tournament play.

When a differential of 40 or more points is reached after the first half, a running clock shall be used, with the condition that the running clock shall revert to regular time schemes when the differential is reduced to 30 or fewer points.

In all cases, the clock shall stop for called timeouts and breaks between quarters.

In soccer, the National Federation rule changes include: that a goal may be scored from a kickoff or goal kick; that a goalie may no longer touch the ball after receiving it directly from a teammate on a throw-in; an allowance for lateral movement by a goalkeeper during a penalty kick; and an adoption for a provision that the placement of the ball on the line for corner kicks is legal.

Pocket Park showcases natural resources

Visitors to this year's State Fair can get a taste of Michigan's varied and vast natural resources through a trip to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' new Pocket Park.

Last spring, a two-acre parcel of land tucked into the corner of the State Fairgrounds at Eight Mile and Woodward was nothing more than an empty lot. Today, that same parcel is a green and blue oasis that will showcase the state's world-class natural resources and outdoor recreational activities.

"Children who live in urban areas often have fewer opportunities to participate in outdoor recreational activities, and we want that to change," said DNR Director K.L. Cool. "It's our hope that the pocket park will awaken interest in children as well as adults to discover all that Michigan has to offer."

The park will establish a stronger, more visible DNR presence at the State Fair,

which runs Aug. 25-Sept. 7. The exhibit will allow urban youths to get a taste of the outdoors at a permanent fishing pond shaped like the Lower Peninsula, or at pellet gun and archery ranges.

Anchoring the Pocket Park is a fishing pond that will be stocked with hybrid blue gill. Children will receive fishing tips and will practice casting at targets on the pond before they try their luck with a baited hook. An overhanging platform lines the entire length of the western and southern shorelines and thousands of kids are expected to flock to the platform, where they will learn the value of catch-and-release fishing. There will also be adaptive equipment for handicapped individuals who have limited use of their hands and legs.

Hunter safety instructors will emphasize shooting safety as they help people target practice at the archery and

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National finalists: The Oakland Sox collected runner-up honors at the American Amateur Youth Baseball Alliance World Series for 13 year olds in St. Louis, Mo. Coached by Dave Cullen, Mark Scott, Mark Swaha, Rick Engelmann and Joe Crepeau, the team included Steve Cullen (Oxford), Chris Keener (Oxford), Kyle Crepeau (Waterford), Nick Shilling (Rochester), Kyle Carter (Lake Orion), Kyle Flancbaum (Orchard Lake), Chris Laskos (Troy), Matt Waskerwitz (West Bloomfield), Steve Bradshaw (Alba), Richard Engelmann (Otisville), Nick Emery (Ortonville Brandon) and Kevin Lamb (West Bloomfield).

Sox 2nd at World Series

The Oakland Sox continue to build a successful baseball tradition.

The Sox, a select travel team consisting of players from the Oakland County area, placed second at this month's 32-team American Amateur Youth Baseball Alliance (AAYBA) World Series for 13 year olds in St. Louis, Mo. Manager Dave Cullen's squad reeled off eight straight victories before falling to the St. Louis Sluggers 9-0 in the championship game on Aug. 8.

"We played our best baseball of the year by far at the World Series," Cullen said. "We got stronger and more confident as the tournament went on, but I think all the heat and humidity drained us by the end. But we don't use that as an excuse. (The Sluggers) were the better team that day and they deserved to win."

The runner-up showing adds to an already impressive list of accomplishments by the Sox. Formed in 1995, the Sox have qualified for five national tournaments, highlighted by a second-place finish at last year's

North American Baseball Federation World Series in Ohio and a berth in the championship round at an Amateur Athletic Union event in Minnesota.

"I've basically coached the same kids since the team was formed and they've been getting better each year," Cullen said. "We finished second last year (at the NABF World Series) and our goal is to win a World Series, but we're thrilled with the way things have gone and to have the chance to play this kind of competition."

The second-place showing in St. Louis capped a 48-14 season that featured a championship at a tournament in Canton and runner-up efforts at tournaments in Flint and Farmington Hills. The team also posted a 12-7 mark in the North Oakland Baseball Federation's league for 14-year-olds.

The Sox opened pool play in the seven-day AAYBA Series with an 8-3 victory over Kansas City as Nick Emery earned the pitching victory. Emery then collected a save and Kevin Lamb got the win in Game 2, an 8-7 triumph over Indiana.

The Sox added victories over the St. Louis Saints (10-5), Virginia (5-1) and Franklin, Ky. (10-0) en route to a spot in the single-elimination championship round. Richard Engelmann notched the win and Chris Keener delivered a bases-loaded hit against the Saints, pitcher Kyle Carter and Steve Cullen played key roles in the victory over Virginia, and Nick Shilling blanked Franklin, Ky.

In the single-elimination championship round, the Sox edged Memphis, Tenn., 4-2 behind the pitching of Emery and then Lake Villa, Ill., 3-1 as Kyle Flancbaum doubled twice and drove in two runs in support of Lamb.

Another team from Tennessee — Nashville — provided the opposition in the semifinals. But the Sox rolled to an easy 10-2 triumph with Carter pitching a strong game and Chris Laskos, Matt Waskerwitz and Kyle Crepeau supplying the offense.

Steve Bradshaw led the Sox in batting during the tournament with an impressive .478 average and nine RBI.

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pellet gun ranges. There will also be a Firearms Training Machine (FATS) that allows people to assess the accuracy of their aim as they shoot at moving targets on a video screen with a laser-beam shotgun or rifle.

Each day during the fair a different live exhibit will feature some of Michigan's native animals, including birds of prey, ducks, frogs, snakes and bats.

Also within the park are a variety of interactive programs that change each day, such as fly fishing, tying a fly, learning bicycle safety tips or getting a few new fishing tips.

The DNR wants families, especially those in urban areas, to have lots of fun at the Pocket

Park, learn something new and perhaps broaden their interest in Michigan's great outdoor adventures.

"The Detroit River is a world-class fishery, and there are more than a dozen state parks, state recreation areas and state game areas all within an hour's drive of Detroit," said Bruce Matthews, chief of the DNR's Office of Information and Education. "Michigan's nature is available for all to enjoy and we hope this park whets everyone's appetite for more."

The concept of increasing outdoor recreational activities for Michigan residents living in urban areas was one of several recommendations of Governor Engler's Hunting and Fishing

Heritage Task Force. The Governor is scheduled to officially dedicate the park at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 28, during Governor's Day.

The Pocket Park was funded primarily with a \$500,000 grant from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund.

More information on the Pocket Park can be found on the DNR's internet site at <http://dnr.state.mi.us>.

(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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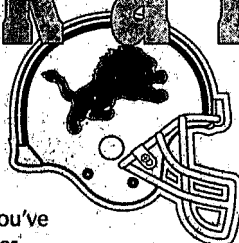
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Outdoor Calendar

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

ARCHERY

WWCCA 3D

Western Wayne County Conservation Association will hold a 30-target 3D shoot on Sunday, Aug. 23, on its walk-through range in Plymouth. Call (313) 453-9843 for more information.

ROA 3D

Royal Oak Archers will hold a 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 30, on its walk-through course in Lake Orion. Call (248) 693-9799 or (248) 693-1369 for more information.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

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

JUNIOR ARCHERS

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

CLASSES/CLINICS

WATERFOWL HUNTING

The Bluewater Chapter of the Michigan Duck Hunters Association and the Perch Point Conservation Club will hold a clinic on how to hunt waterfowl beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, at the Perch Point Conservation Club in Marine City. Admission is \$10 and kids age 16 and under accompanied by an adult will be admitted free. Call (810) 412-7141 or (248) 852-7326 for more information.

TURKEY HUNTING

Jay's Sporting Goods of Clare, the Michigan DNR and the Michigan Wild Turkey Hunters Association will be conducting Michigan's first fall wild turkey hunting workshop beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at Jay's. Fall hunting techniques, calling, the use of decoys, laws, turkey

biology and much more will be discussed by some of the state's most noted turkey experts.

FLY TYING

Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tyers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

HUNTER EDUCATION

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

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 (248) 637-2446 (evenings) for more information.

CLUBS

SOLAR

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

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

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

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

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

FOUR SEASONS

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

FISHING BUDDYS

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

CLINTON VALLEY BASS

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

BASS ASSOCIATION

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

FESTIVALS

POINTE MOUILLEE WATERFOWL

The 51st annual Pointe Mouillee Waterfowl Festival, formerly known as the Michigan Duck Hunter's Tournament, will land at the Lake Erie Marsh in Brownstown Twp. on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 12-13. The event features the annual Midwest Decoy Contest, one of the biggest events of its kind. There will also be wildlife art, taxidermy displays, an outdoor trading post stocked with hunting and fishing equipment and much more. The Monroe Sporting Collectibles Show will be held in conjunction with the festival on Friday, Sept. 11, at the Monroe Holiday Inn. Call (734) 379-9902 for more information or call Pointe Mouillee at (734) 379-9692 on Mondays or Wednesdays.

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) 642-5254 for more

information.

MEETINGS

NRC

The monthly meeting of the state Natural Resource Commission will be Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 9-10, in Lansing. Wednesday's session will convene at Lansing Center while the Thursday portion of the meeting will be held at the Stevens T. Mason Building. Persons who wish to address the commission or persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation should contact Teresa Golden at (517) 373-2352 one week in advance.

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN

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

PONTIAC LAKE

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

ORTONVILLE RECREATION

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

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8890. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2433. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

EVENING HIKE

Hike the woods and fields searching for some of the sights and sounds of the summer evening during this program, which begins at 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, at Maybury. Predator/Prey Learn how animals depend on other animals for survival in the complex food web during this program, which begins at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28, at Maybury.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

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

1998 PERMITS

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

STAR GAZERS

Youngsters age seven and younger will make stars shine on their t-shirts and learn about summer constellations during this program, which begins at 8:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, at Indian Springs.

DEER THROUGH THE SEASONS

Learn the life story of Kensington's largest mammal, the white-tailed deer, through a slide presentation and a short walk during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, at Kensington.

NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR "TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONSULTANT" (RFP'S)

The City of Novi will receive request for proposals for "Telecommunications Consultant" (RFP) according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Proposal packages are available at the Office of the Purchasing Director at 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi, MI 48375. Bids will be received until 3:00 p.m. prevailing eastern time, Monday, August 31, 1998. Proposals shall be addressed as follows:

CITY OF NOVI

CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR

45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.,
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All bids must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the bidding firm. ENVELOPES MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED "TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONSULTANT RFP" AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE BIDDER.

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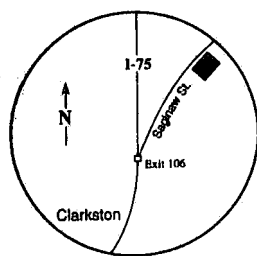
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504 Help Wanted-Dental

DENTAL ASSISTANT-LK ORN
Full-time opening for a experienced dental assistant in a friendly and professional high tech office. Excellent salary and benefits. Please fax resume: 248-693-3608

DENTAL ASSISTANT
For Rochester office 4 days a week with benefits. (248) 650-2440

DENTAL ASSISTANT
In Novi. Experience preferred. (248) 478-9122

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Experienced. Full-time. Mon-Thurs. Benefits. Bloomfield Hills. (248) 338-4140

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Experienced. Full-time. Modern Bloomfield Hills office. 248-540-7288

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HOMETOWN CLASSIFIED Employment

508 Food/Beverage Restaurant

WAIT STAFF • BAR-TENDERS • SUPERVISORS • BUS PERSONS • DISHWASHERS
Karas House in Redford now accepting applications. Apply in person Mon-Fri, 10-4pm, at 23632 Plymouth Rd.
WAITSTAFF, COMPETITIVE WAGES. Golf privilege included. Flexible hours. Part-time and full-time. Call: "Cross" Club, (248) 486-6777.

WAIT STAFF • DJS
Nights only for Frankie's. Full on part-time. Call: Mon-Fri, 10am-1pm, 2pm-4pm; 734-421-3424.

511 Help Wanted-Professional

MANAGER
Energetic, optimistic, career-minded individual wanted for full time, key position with Medical Weight Loss Clinic. Opening in the Northville area. Paid training and benefits. One to two years sales experience and customer service skills preferred, previous weight loss experience helpful. Ask for Robin at 248-535-8446.

STAFF WRITER. The Herald newspaper in Holly seeks energetic, personable person to write news & features for our fast-growing publication. Must have strong skills in writing, grammar & spelling. Good pay, paid holidays, paid vacation. A part of Hometown Communications Network. Send resume, cover letter, to Kurt Madden, P.O. Box 188, Holly, MI 48442.

512 Help Wanted-Sales

CAREER OPPORTUNITY
Explosive growth and the addition of new concept, services have created several career opportunities in our residential & commercial sales department. If you have a proven track record or other desired sales experience, we want to talk with you. As an industry leader, we offer a competitive base salary, commission program, car allowance and a complete free benefit package, plus a 401K retirement program. Opportunities for advancement and year-round employment. For consideration, please call: (248) 478-9393.

AN EXCITING REAL ESTATE OPPORTUNITY FROM COLDWELL BANKER SCHWEITZER
Now many times have you thought of a real estate career?
• Flex Time
• Unlimited Income
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• Free Training
Experienced our newly expanded Farmington Hills/West Bloomfield location. Now interviewing new & experienced agents. Call Joan Char, Manager, for a confidential interview. (248) 737-9000

A STEP AHEAD REAL ESTATE SALES & APPRAISING
Local office of nationally recognized real estate firm is looking for 2 people for their Farmington/W. Bloomfield office. Must be willing to work hard & be trained. Contact Steve Leibman, Sr. Vice President at 248-851-4100 Ext. 312. The Michigan Group Realtors

ATTENTION! MOM'S RE-ENTERING THE WORK FORCE ADVERTISING SALES REPRESENTATIVE
\$35,000-\$45,000 Targeted Earnings
Insider Business Journal is looking for a highly motivated outside sales person to join our local Business Journal sales team.
Successful applicants must possess the following:
• Advertising/marketing sales skills
• Strong communication/presentation skills
• Professionalism
• Enthusiasm/motivated self starter
• Exceptional customer service skills
• Able to work alone and as part of a team
This position offers an excellent compensation package including base commission, incentive bonus and benefits. Please drop off, fax or send your resume to: FAX: (910) 220-5320
ATTN: SALES INSIDER BUSINESS JOURNAL P.O. BOX 220 BRIGHTON, MI 48116

AUTO SALES NEW
Variety Ford Sales now the Nation's #1 Volume Ford Dealer with retail sales in excess of over 900 vehicles in June, is in need of 1 experienced sales professional. We have inventory. We have advertising. We have floor traffic. We offer the finest in fringe benefits. Because you're the best, you can expect to make in excess of \$100,000/year. For a confidential interview, fax your resume during normal business hours to: Ford Sales, Attn: John McLellan (734) 213-5552

VARSITY FORD
Come spend an evening at MAX EPICOROCK REALTORS on August 28 to determine if Real Estate Sales is the career for you. Tuition program available. Call Pat Ryan for reservations (248) 558-8500

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Start a new career in real estate TODAY with REAL ESTATE ONE. Find out more information by attending a free 1-hour question & answer session on:
Tuesday, August 25th at 7:00 p.m. 1111 W. Long Lake Road, Ste. 201 In Troy (248) 952-5590
Thursday, August 27th at 7:00 p.m. 2278 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights (313) 565-3200
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Call to reserve your seat today!

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EXCEPTIONAL SALES OPPORTUNITY
Full Benefits
Call Now! Mr. Dehning 888-685-6688, Ext. 110 EOE/M-F

FINANCIAL ADVISOR CAREER
Join America's leading financial planning company, AMERICAN EXPRESS FINANCIAL ADVISORS, INC. 1st year salary & expense allowance + opportunity to earn commissions & bonuses. For interview fax resume to Chris Klinka: 248-377-2832 or call: 248-377-1919 EOE/M/F/D

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FURNITURE SALES
Seeking bright, energetic, enthusiastic, reliable people looking for a career opportunity in upscale furniture. Full time sales positions available at the Novi and Livonia stores. Competitive salary and comprehensive benefit package. If you are interested, Fax resume: 734-525-2707 or contact Glenda 734-525-0550 Newton Furniture

512 Help Wanted-Sales

GLASS SALES Representative
For commercial and corporate accounts. Well established, growing & successful company with extremely high customer satisfaction & repeat business. Entry level/career position for a woman or a man in the early stages of their sales career. Training/orientation period available. Salary + commission + car + retirement + benefit package. Respond to: Glass, P.O. Box 51922 Livonia, MI 48151-0922.

INDIA, ROMANIA, SOUTH AFRICA...
Working professionals with backgrounds in Business, Import/Export, Sales, Finance, or Engineering. Help \$8 Billion Global American Company expand to \$10 B by year 2000 in these countries and become wealthy. Aggressive, goal oriented people. 313-458-7747

INTERNET \$\$\$
International company expanding locally. Rep & Managers needed. Paid daily. L.A. Associates. (248) 683-2326

512 Help Wanted-Sales

INSIDE SALES/WAREHOUSE
Full-time position open for a motivated career minded individual. Duties include: counter sales, customer assistance, & light warehouse duties. Blue Cross/Blue Shield, profit sharing, paid vacation & holidays. Send resume to: Marsh Power Tools Inc., 20579 Middlebelt, Livonia, MI 48152. Call: (248) 476-7744

512 Help Wanted-Sales

KACEE'S HALLMARK
Part-time Sales Associates needed. Flexible hours, days, nights, & weekends. Homemakers, seniors, students welcome. Great atmosphere & employee discounts. White Lake (248) 688-3250
Novi (248) 344-4588
Northville (248) 348-0290
Livonia (734) 427-2505
Walled Lake (248) 624-9190

512 Help Wanted-Sales

KITCHEN & BATH SPECIALIST
KSI Kitchen & Bath Showrooms has an opening in their Birmingham Showroom. Prior sales & interior design experience in the Kitchen & Bath industry preferred. The successful candidate will have good organizational, interpersonal and communication skills. We offer a competitive salary plus commission & a complete benefits package. Mail a resume with salary history to the address below or fax it to:
(810) 228-2230 or e-mail: humanresource@teamksi.com.

KSI Kitchen & Bath Showrooms
Attn: HR/BHMSR
9325 Malibu Road
Brighton, MI 48116
www.teamksi.com

512 Help Wanted-Sales

LOAN OFFICERS - Needed
To many leads to handle. Michigan's fastest growing mortgage company is searching for candidates interested in pursuing a high income career in the mortgage industry. We will provide training. Fax resume to: Home Owner Financial Services, Attn: Sales Manager, 248-226-2601 or call 1-800-737-4495

LOOKING FOR A POSITIVE CHANGE? MICHIGAN'S TOP SELLING REAL ESTATE COMPANIES HAS SALES POSITIONS AVAILABLE IN THE FARMINGTON AREA EXPERIENCED OR WILL TRAIN.
CALL VICKI AT (248) 477-1171 E.O.E.

MANAGER Ladies Shoes MITZELFELD
(248) 451-1171 Ext. 102
MANAGER & Sales People wanted

MARKETING COORDINATOR
Leading architectural firm seeks experienced professional for downtown office.
Candidate must be ambitious, self directed and possess a polished appearance.
Strong typing, computer and writing skills are required in addition to solid telephone and presentation savvy.
Send resume to: Kessler Associates, Inc. 409 E. Jefferson, Suite 600 Detroit, MI 48226. FAX: 313 953-9552

MOBILE FOOD SERVICE ROUTE
Established territory. Hours approximately 6am-2pm Mon. thru Fri. Income based on sales. Average operator earns approximately \$400 to \$450 per week.
Qualifications include good math ability, driving record & personality. Will train. Call American Catering at: 734-525-3559.

MORTGAGE SALES
Put your sales skills to use in the nation's fastest growing industry. Training classes begin Aug. 31st. Call 248-626-8877

NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED
award winning publisher of fun-tastic children/adult books seeking wholesaler distributor. Unfilled market. Call Tracy at: (248) 723-9013

RETAIL SALES
Home fashions in Ladies department. Full & part time, days, nights, weekends, Mitzelfelds, Rochester. (248) 651-8171, 102

512 Help Wanted-Sales

NEW CAREER?
Now is the time to make a change. REAL ESTATE IS BOOMING!
We're looking for a few good people. Free classes. Excellent Commissions. On-going training. Sal. & evening classes. Join Michigan's fastest growing company. Call Doug Courtney or Chris Courtney
REMERICA
HOMETOWN 30 OFFICES LOCALLY (734) 459-6222

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OUTSIDE SALES TRAINEE
Established building products manufacturer offering excellent opportunity for individuals interested in a sales position with growth potential based on their sales skills & effort. Salary, commissions, bonuses, benefits, & company vehicle. Overnight travel with expenses paid. 248-478-7304

REAL ESTATE SALES
Free training from the #1 real estate company in the world. Call Larry Frey (734) 464-6400
Century 21 Hartford South 39209 W. 6 Mile, Livonia, MI.

RETAIL SALES
Authorized Cellular, a rapidly growing company is seeking dedicated individuals to join our retail sales/customer service team. We offer health benefits, paid vacations, 401K savings plan. Experienced sales representatives preferred.
(810) 795-8843 Attn: Michelle or call 810-785-9900

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SALES DEMONSTRATORS
Part time, Sat. &/or Sun. Demostrate pet food in a local pet store. Flexible 4-8 hrs. per day. \$10/hr. For information call Nuto 1-800-647-4648 ext 307, then press the star key & leave a message.

SALES
Full time. Must be 18 yrs old. Apply at Western Lumber, 42780 W. 10 Mile, Novi.

SALES OPPORTUNITY
Full time & part time outside sales opportunity available with direct mail advertising company for motivated persons. Excellent earnings. Work closer to home. Call Jay at 248-588-9880 or Fax resume to: 248-588-4299.

SALES/PART TIME
Seeking personable sales person for furniture consignment shop. Safe, a must. 248-471-0320

PROFESSIONAL
Haas Publishing company, a Fortune 200 subsidiary that has tripled sales in less than 5 years is seeking for aggressive, successful sales professionals who are ready to shift their careers in high gear. The right candidate commands strong basic selling skills and understands that service is the key to repeat sales. If your looking for the opportunity to invest your passion and energy into your work, this is it. First year compensation is a realistic \$40K to \$50K with no upside cap. Excellent benefits, 9-5ers need not apply. Fax resume to: Publisher, 248-355-3128 EOE

AUTO SALES PROFESSIONALS
Rapidly Growing Dealer Chain has Immediate Openings for Sales People at Our Waterford and Bloomfield Hills Locations. New & Used/Domestic and Imports. We Need Men & Women With Strong Selling Experience. (Automotive Background not Required) Communication Skills and Positive Attitude a Must! Outstanding Earning Potential! Excellent Benefit Pkg. 401-K, Recent References. All Inquiries Confidential. Leave Name With Day & Evening Telephone Numbers:
CALL MR. MIKE MESSINA (248) 967-3700 - EXT. 416 MEL FARR AUTO GROUP HEADQUARTERS
EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

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SALES PROFESSIONAL
To pre lease retirement community currently under construction. Must be creative with sales approach. Willing to work evenings and some weekends. Frequent feasting experience required. Experience working with senior citizens preferred. Please mail resume: 25800 W. 31 Mile Southfield MI 48033. Fax resume to: 248-208-0466 Attn: Director

Security Outside Sales
Authorized dealer for national security company looking for Security Sales Consultants. \$40-60K/year. Excellent benefits. Call Carrie, (248) 362-2300 or fax resume to: (248) 362-1888

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In Real Estate
Three openings in Farmington Hills. Top selling Plymouth office in 1996. Company paid training and pre-licensing training through our own real estate school.
Call today and ask for Gary Jones
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520 Help Wanted-Part-Time

AFTER SCHOOL CARE
Birmingham area private school seeks mature, dependable, after school care providers from 3pm-6pm, school days for elementary school age children (10-13 yr olds) Previous experience helpful.
An Equal Opportunity Employer
Fax resume to: 248-647-4323

ASSEMBLY ARTS, Crafts, Sewing, Pottery, etc.
CASH! Phone work, Typing, Sewing, Electronics, more. Great Pay! CALL - 24 hour information. 1-800-795-0380 Ext. 21 (SCA Network)

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Your children are now grown. You're about to get Back in the Work Place. You've got a Pleasant Personality and like People. I like you already. 28 Hours Per Week. Approximately \$9 Per Hr. Showroom Sales.
Re-Sell-It Estate Sales (248) 478-7355
www.resellit.com

ATTENTION! Ideal for anyone who cannot get out to work. Work part-time scheduling pick-ups for Purple Heart. Call Mon-Fri, 9-5pm. 734-729-4572

CUSTOMER SERVICE - part time, weekdays & every other Saturday, 8:30-4pm. (95 hrs.) Must have good communication skills. Competitive salary, good benefits including baby-sitting. Excellent entry level position that could lead to full time. Apply in person: Farmington YMCA, 28100 Farmington Rd.

DRIVERS
Part time position, immediate openings. Excellent driving record. Dependable. Please call 1-800-520-3461 or 1-800-711-8882

FILE CLERK - Part-time position in Birmingham law firm. Hours flexible. Non-smoking office. Call Mon-Fri, 9 to 5, (248) 540-7701, Ext. 301

GENERAL OFFICE
Very flexible hours. Farmington Hills Send resume to: P.O. Box 250906, W. Bloomfield, MI 48325.

MUSIC INSTRUCTOR NEEDED
Wed. evenings. Youth handbell and/or choral. St. Matthews Methodist Church, Livonia. 734-422-6038

PART-TIME POSITION
Needed in Bloomfield. Position available merchandising greeting cards & related products in local retail stores. Prefer mature individual interested in working up to 17 1/2 hours per week. Training provided. No experience needed. Call between 8-4:30pm, Mon-Fri at: 800-543-4110 ask for Job #6338 American Greetings Corporation, EOE

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PART-TIME SALES
Work in beautiful model homes with starting pay from \$9.00 per hour. Weekends/afternoons hours. Please page Linda at: (248) 407-3296

PART-TIME THE LIONS GAMES
Concerts and All Major Events. Argentinian Security Services. Apply in person at: 1200 Featherstone Dr. Call (248) 450-1650

Security Guards • Ushers • Ticket Takers
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PERSON FRIDAY
Flexible hours. Farmington Hills area. Send resume & availability to: (248) 737-8983

PHOTO LAB
Counter Help / Printer
Part-time, early evenings. No experience required but helpful. Lake Orion. (248) 693-8111

PUT YOUR COMPUTER to work
\$49.97 - \$349.97. Free Information. Log on: www.hbn.com Use access code 5179 or phone 800-298-6622. (SCA Network)

Receptionist
Senior apt. community seeking energetic, outgoing, organized, and responsible person to work full time (8:30-5pm) at our Waterfordwood Assisted Living Residence located in Canton. Applicants must have the ability to work well with the public and be caring.
Apply in person 2000 CANTON CENTER RD. CANTON, MI (east side of Canton Ctr. Rd., south of Ford Rd.)

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Our conservatory is looking for a counter person & greeter. Must have great people skills & light bookkeeping skills. Knowledge in Music, Dance or Drama is a plus but not necessary. Part-time morning or afternoon shifts available. Please apply to the Director at 734-453-7590 ext. 222.

SUNDAY CHILD CARE
2 positions available working with newborns to 3 yr. olds. Sunday, 8:30 am-12:15pm. \$30 per Sunday. First Presbyterian Church of Farmington. Contact David Noble, Associate Pastor, 248-474-6170

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Birmingham area private school is seeking a part-time Teaching Assistant for our Montessori Program 8am-12:30pm Mon-Fri. Desirable qualifications: College degree, experience in early childhood setting and para-professional training. EOE
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needed for young female in wheel chair who enjoys movies, malls, etc. 5 1/2 days/wk. \$300/wk. West Bloomfield area. 248-737-6695

LIVE-IN - Male in wheelchair.
Moving to Florida. Different lifestyle. Call Donald: (313) 255-0060 / 248-615-0120

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needed. Flexible schedule. W. Bloomfield area. Must swim & drive. Call Billie: 248-681-4424

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wanted in Troy. 2 am. Pick up from school & day care, some cooking & laundry, must be loving, reliable, non smoker w/own car - 248-879-2701

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526 Help Wanted-Couples

COUPLE to clean offices in Farmington Hills. 5 Evenings per week. (248) 649-2848

Job Wanted Female/Male
SECRETARIAL SERVICE Term Papers, Resumes, Business Services. Your Creative Type (248) 852-1421

Single mother-wheel chair bound looking for work in her home. Experience in data entry. Has own PC. No job too small. (734) 844-3329

ANIMAL CRACKERS - Loving, caring in-home pet day care. Create team & play. Excellent ref. Farmington Hills. 248-661-4069

BEFORE & after school childcare
for 2 boys (ages 9 & 11). Beck & 6 Mile Rd. area. (248) 374-8504

Birmingham family seeks nanny for our 3 yr. & 7 mo. olds. Full-time. Live-in or out. Non-smoker. Transportation & references. (248) 644-8485

CHILD CARE given needed in our home: 4 boys aged 5-14. Mon-Fri, 2-4:30pm; car needed; good rates; paid vacations. (248) 349-4606

CHILD-CARE needed Mon/Tues/Wed, 8am-12 noon. 2 children, 3 yrs. & infant. No smoking. Nov. 248-348-3712

GRANDMOTHER, STUDENT
easy money. Need occasional sitters for child: 6pm-1am during week, approximately 4 times per month. Nov. (248) 615-4052

LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Need caring individuals to work w/elementary children in before & after school programs. 734-523-0514

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630 Cards of Thanks

PRAYER OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN (never known to fail) On most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, blessed Mother of the Son of God, immaculate Virgin, assist in my necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me the way to my mother. Oh Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity. (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times). Holy Mary, place this prayer in your hands (3 times). Say this prayer for consecutive days and then you must publish and it will be granted to you.

636 Lost & Found

FOUND: Sat. Aug. 15, Collie, black/white, 10-12 pounds, dark brown, white hair on chest, joy & inster 313 277-2512.
LOST: DOG, black, black/white, German Shepherd, name, 11 lbs. Sinbad. Last seen 8 mile & inster, Reward, 313-784-8788.
LOST: FEMALE, yellow, black, purple collar. (248) 691-0490.
LOST: Shepherd mix, female, w/gray muzzle, sandy white chest & paws, 11 lbs. inster, bet. Cherry Hill Ford, Reward, 734-422-4609.

642 Health/Nutrition/Weight Loss

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FLOWER POTS - 10-12 inch, larger sizes. (734) 693-8284.
FOUND: White Persian cat, Bat, Aug. 8th, 7 mile & Beach, Redford. (734) 762-9820.
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FREE WOOD CHIPS - You haul away! 313-255-0358.
KITCHEN AIDE dishwasher - you pick up in Rochester area. (248) 975-0763.
METAL CLOSE CLOSET - (248) 477-5638.
PATIO BLOCKS - 31 stacked, red & blue, 2' square. (248) 474-3176.
1970's AMC 304 engine/ carburetor/intake exhaust. You pick up. 248-879-7983.
Small chunks of sidewalk concrete. (734) 464-6183.

702 Antiques/Collectibles

ANTIQUE & COLLECTIBLES FOR SALE by Private Collector. 248-486-5907.

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BEANIE BABIES: 1 set of 102, 400 beanie babies. Also extra 250 beanie babies. (248) 393-6325.
BEANIE BABY SHOW: 125, 3, 8 Mile, Admission \$3.12 & under. Free vendors. Call: 734-544-0050.

706 Auction Sales

CERTCO AUCTION Sunday, Aug. 23, 12 Noon Preview, 10 am. Hamburg VFW Post, 8891 Spicer Road, Hamburg, US-23 between Brighton & Ann Arbor to Exit 55, just west and follow signs.
Antique Furniture, Primitives, Longaberger Baskets, China, Cones, Marbles, Waterford Toys, Military, Over \$5000 Face Value 90% Silver Coins, Misc. Household Items. Call for List of Coins or Comics. (810) 231-2716.

710 Estate Sales

AN ESTATE SALE TREASURE HUNT 3910 MAIDEN WATERFORD Take M-59 west off Telegraph Road to Williams Lake Road, Go north to Magedon Lake Road, turn northwest to Maiden, OR take White Lake Road south off Dixie Highway to bridge & turn left.
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ESTATE SALE FRIDAY & SATURDAY AUGUST 21 & 22 31710 Ridge Side Dr. #37 Hunters Ridge Apts. W. of Orchard Lake Rd. S. off 14 Mile. Ask for Mrs. Shilman. Contemporary & traditional contents. Beautiful black lacquer dining table & 6 Queen Ann chairs. Two custom black Mies large china cabinet. Custom black sofa. Black & white tub chairs. Two Robert Irwin mahogany arm chairs. Thomasville Walnut bedroom set. Erie style lamps. Silver, china, crystal. Mens' clothing (large). Like new Kenmore washer & dryer plus household misc.

710 Estate Sales

WARREN - Estate/garage sale. Sat-Sun, Aug. 22-23, 9am-5pm. Collectibles, antiques, glassware, coins, china, antiques. (8 Mile N. of Long Lake & 1 Mile W. of Telegraph.)

710 Estate Sales

WATERFORD - Kathryn Sage Estate including 4 families, collectibles, furniture & much more. Many golf clubs, snowblower & lawn mowers, to much to list. Mon Aug 17th - Wed Aug 18th, 10AM-4PM. 3144 Foxfield, off blocks W. of Cass Lake Rd. (off Brookdale) 3 blocks S. of Elizabeth Lake Rd. New items added each day. Cash only. No early sales.

710 Estate Sales

W. BLOOMFIELD - estate/garage sale Glass & chrome kitchen & dining table & chairs, oak bedroom set w/ 2 armchairs & headboard, oak antique buffet, Nova Beam TV w/4 speakers, oak entertainment center w/desk, lamps TV's artwork, many misc. items. Open Fri, Aug. 21, 9-5. Sat, Aug. 22, 9-5. 2837 Wellington, Farmington Hills, 2 blocks West of Northline, between Inker & 13 Mile. 9:30-5:00 Thurs, Fri, Sat.

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BIRMINGHAM - Best Garage Sale Aug. 21-22, 9-5, 456 Park (N. of Maple bet. Old Woodward & Woodward) furniture, Misc. & Women's clothing, clothes, kitchenware, exercise equip. Cash only.

711 Garage Sales Oakland

BIRMINGHAM MOVING SALE in Sterling Hts. 4148 Cornelia, N. of 18th & Ryer. Fri & Sat, 9-4.

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BIRMINGHAM - 2 family. Clothes, furniture, exercise equipment, kids, misc. Everything must go. Sat, 9-4. Sun, 11-4, 475 Park Street, N. of 15 bet. Old Woodward & New Woodward off of Oakland. Look for signs.

711 Garage Sales Oakland

BLOOMFIELD - Fri. 9-4, 766 E. Valley Chase, S. of Long Lake/W. of Adams. Baby clothes, household.

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BLOOMFIELD HILLS - Aug. 20-22, 9-5, 2 streets E. of Telegraph, S. of 10222 Topview, S. of Long Lake, W. of Adams.

711 Garage Sales Oakland

BLOOMFIELD HILLS - Annual office & school supply sale. Also, Antiques, dishes, clothes, English baby pram & misc. Aug. 20 thru 22, 3725 West Remberton, 18k N. of Long Lake & 1 Mile W. of Telegraph.

711 Garage Sales Oakland

BLOOMFIELD HILLS - Lots of things for sale. Fri, Sat, 10-4, 1685 Lochridge Rd., N. of Long Lake, W. of Franklin.

711 Garage Sales Oakland

BLOOMFIELD HILLS - Thurs-Sun, 10-6. Designer & children clothes, jewelry, games, kitchenware, 116 Marlborough corner Hillside, (18k N. of S. of Elizabeth Lake Rd. New items added each day. Cash only. No early sales.

711 Garage Sales Oakland

BLOOMFIELD - Wed. Thurs, 9-4, 4254, porcelain, Thelwell, etc. 4254, Foxfield, off Orchard Lake, bet. Walnut Lake & Lone Pine. L & Z Antiques - 248-489-5902.

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ROCHESTER HILLS - Estate & 4 Family Sale, Thurs, Aug. 20-Sat, Aug. 22, 8:30-3pm, 2360 Heesel, bet. Monterey & Cal. W. of Dequindre. Antiques, furniture, small appliances, exercise equip. Cash only.

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ROCHESTER HILLS - 1553 & 1559 Grandview, Fri & Sat, 9-5. Jewelry, collectibles, kid stuff.

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ROCHESTER - multi family, Fri 9-4, Sat 9-5, furniture, children's toys, clothes, much more, 603 Madison, N. of University.

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ROYAL OAK - Multi-Family, Fri & Sat, Aug. 21 & 22, 8am-4pm. Bargains! Galore. Household items, desk, neon signs, lots of new pet supplies, store fixtures & misc. Everything! Good! No No-sell! 3328 Auburn, N. of 13, E. off Greenfield.

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SOUTHFIELD - Block Sale! Woodmont Dr., S. of Evergreen, Sat, Sun, 9-5.

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SOUTHFIELD HILLS - Fri, Sat, 21791 Orchard, S. of 9 Mile, bet. Telegraph & Beach. Variety of items.

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SOUTHFIELD-HUGE SALE! great bargains! kids clothes, furniture, lots of stuff. Aug. 20-22, 22m-5, 23510 Samoset, 1-bk. W. Beach at 10 Mile.

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Southfield - Huge Yard Sale! Fri-Sat, 9-4, 1411 Richard, N. of Southfield/Greenfield Rd.

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713 Moving Sales

LIVONIA - 30440 Lyndon, Between Middlebelt & Farmington, Aug. 20, 21, 22, 10am to 7pm. Home furnishings, vintage, antiques, freezer, lawnmower, sewing machine, bedding.

MOVING LEATHER sofa, \$500. Recliner, wing chair, \$300. Both like new. Also double bed, coffee table, w/storage, other misc. furniture. 248-426-9233.

MOVING SALE - Quality furniture, living room, dining room, family room, kitchen set, roll top desk, antique buffet, wall unit. (248) 649-0819.

PLYMOUTH - AUG. 20-22, 10-4, 4254 Rocker (11/16 E. of Main between Ann Arbor Rd. & Joy Rd.) 1988 Ford, Crown Victoria, \$2500, 5hp snow blower, 10' x 16' washer, 6 pc. patio set w/ 575, 2 living room chairs \$25 ea., 4 twin beds \$25 ea., table, desk, chest of drawers w/ bookshelves, Bradford Exchange collector plates, paperbacks, books, and housewares.

REDFORD - antiques, baby clothes & furniture. Thur-Sun, 9am to 4pm. 9220 Garfield.

ROCHESTER - AUG. 20 & 21, 9-7, 339 Wesley (off Union between Livonia & Rochester Rd.)

ROCHESTER - Furniture, pictures, small kitchen appliances, other misc. Call 248-650-0578.

ROCHESTER-MOVING - 2 miles N. of Franken, off Rochester Rd. Household, patio furniture, washer & dryer and more! Wed., Thurs, Fri., 10-7pm.

ROYAL OAK - Antiques, furniture, tools, sports equip., household items-Everything Goes! Fri., 8/21 Sat., 8/22 9-5. 1735 Northwood, 1 block N of 12/E off Woodward. 248-399-5177.

TROY - Aug. 22, Sat., 9am-5pm. 3172 Oakhill Drive, 16 Mile & Adams. Furniture & household items.

TROY - Sun., 1-4pm 2844 Dashedwood, S. of 15, W. of Dequindre. Jacuzzi \$2000, fridge \$200, stove & washer, dryer \$100 each, couch, loveseat & more. Best offers.

W. BLOOMFIELD - Thurs-Sat, 9-5. 6555 Randall Ct. N. of 14 & W. of Drake. Sofas, tables, w/chairs, treadmill, misc.

WESTLAND - Thurs-Sat, 9-5. 3934 Nottingham, John Hix & Cherry Hill. Lots of stuff!

716 Household Goods

COFFEE TABLE, honey pine, antique look. Excellent condition. Like new. \$800. (810) 979-1828.

DAYBED - white & brass, complete w/ ortho mattress, pop-up trundle, new still boxed, call \$800/sell \$300. 248-691-4468.

DINING - Chippendale mahogany table, 8' x 9' chairs, \$3800. King Sized Heavily Craved Mahogany bed, French Armoire \$2800. each. 248-821-5062.

DINING ROOM set/hutch. Black contemporary glass, wood, \$2200. 734 254-0637 or 248-347-4241.

DINING ROOM set-9 pc. solid cherry, 4 side, 2 captain's & server, \$1000/best. **SOLD**

DINING ROOM TABLE - Lane, 4 chair, kitchen table, curio cabinet, entertainment center (248) 348-1191.

DINING SET - Mediterranean style table, 4 chairs, curio. Excellent condition. \$550. (248) 589-0655.

DINING SET - Pine hutch table, 6 ft. w/ 2 leafs, 6 chairs, buffet w/ hutch & matching dry sink. Manufactured by American Drew \$2200. (248) 887-2195.

DINING SET - 1920's Tudor Revival carved oak table & 6 chairs, sideboard, \$2300/best. 248-347-2255.

DINING TABLE - Black marble, 70" (Hillsdale), beautiful veining. Won't last, \$550. (248) 626-6777.

DINING TABLE - cream, glass top, Contemporary, 40x52x104, \$500; 8 cream upholstered Parsons Chairs, Henredon, \$95ea. 248-478-5525.

Drexel bedroom set - Sharp & Co., King, oak, must sell. \$14,000 new, ask \$1,850, best. 248-649-4698.

DROPLEAF HARVEST table, solid maple, 60x38 1/2, 4 chairs. Excellent. \$550. (248) 380-6456.

Ethan Allen cherry china buffet, breakfast (Georgian). Excellent condition. \$1695. (248) 358-9299.

FLORAL LIVING set, 3 pieces. \$250/best. Feller Air Conditioner, 24,000 BTU. \$500/best. (810) 769-1787.

FORMAL DINING room set, oak, 2 leafs, 6 chairs, excellent condition. \$475. 734-513-8483.

FURNITURE - LAZY boy chair, nice tables, old TV stand, 4 bar stools, curio, 3 lamps. (810) 997-9307.

Furniture - living room 7pc.; dining; breakfast set, cherry; bedroom; bed room. Misc. W. Bloomfield. 248-661-9374.

FURNITURE - Mastercraft cocktail table, curio cabinet, bed room, rug, lamps, pictures, etc. 248-552-4126.

FUTON - Queen size. White pine, 3 yrs. old. Perfect Condition. \$150 or Best Offer. (734) 261-5983.

GAS DRYER & washer, Sears, 2 yrs. old. Mower, misc. appliances, furniture. 248-645-2337.

Hooker entertainment cabinet, \$300. Sleeper 5pc. sectional, \$150 4x8 ugly tables \$25ea. 248-478-6550.

KING SIZE Thomasville platform bed, 2 tall chests, light bridge, book case head board & armoire. Simmons pillow top mattress, light fruit wood finish contemporary design \$2300. (248) 681-8496.

KING SOLID brass and cream head/foot board, \$300. 2 wood/glass tables, \$125. (734) 591-6018.

LIVING/DINING furniture-Black/grey includes tables, lamps, table w/chairs & leaf. \$1300/best. (810) 759-1787.

LIVING ROOMS, 2 sets, 1 floral print 3 pc. & beautiful new 4 pc. cream w/mahogany wood. Also cherry entertainment center. (734) 254-9882.

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LOVE SEATS (2) - Henredon, blue & mauve floral print. Great condition. \$350/ea. Ann: (810) 646-7461.

MAHOGANY DINING ROOM SET, \$2000/best. Mahogany Game Table, \$500/best. Call (248) 646-4503.

OAK TABLE & 4 chairs, \$900. Oak entertainment center, \$400. 8 new, Parson style chairs \$950. 2 wing back chairs, \$500. (734) 484-5824.

PATIO FURNITURE - Redwood, 9 pieces + umbrella & cushions. \$300. (248) 651-3311.

PATIO FURNITURE - Woodard, Vintage, 1950. Wrought iron 8 piece sectional. Original cushions. Mint condition. \$1500. (248) 641-0645.

4 PIECE white, wicker furniture set, Settee chairs & table, \$250. (248) 542-9397.

PRINCESS DIANA Bride Doll from Danbury Mint \$500/best. Must Sell! 734-553-0097.

QUEEN SIZE sofa sleeper. Oak frame, inner spring, neutral colors, like new. \$400/best. 734-495-3765.

SECTIONAL SOFA BED - blue, white striped, top quality, \$499. (734) 414-4555.

SOFA BED, TV & dresser. Moving- very good price. (248) 737-4514.

SOFA BROWN tweed, good shape \$100. Sofa \$50. Chair, gold \$50. (248) 626-3411.

SOFA & chair - Lazy Boy, Peach colored. Glass cocktail table. Like new! \$550 set. (734) 422-5601.

SOFA & loveseat - 2 pc. traditional, blue & beige floral print, \$75/both. Coffee table, \$35. Matching end table, \$15. (248) 644-9083.

SOFAS (2) - black leather, Emerson, like new, 88" long, \$975 each. 248-646-4771.

TWIN BEDROOM set, 2 brass headboards, mattresses & box springs. While end table. Double dresser. Sell complete. \$500. (248) 344-8888.

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Miss Dig does her part

Who exactly is this mystery woman who receives thousands of inquiries a day on an 800 number? What spell does Miss Dig cast? What's her game? Actually, Miss Dig isn't a person at all.

It's a telephone communication system where professional excavators and do-it-yourselfers can get information on the location of underground utility lines before they start digging.

The goal is to prevent damage to transmission lines, interrupted service and personal injuries.

"I'd like to call it a safety system first," said Kathleen A. Fournier, executive director for Miss Dig in Michigan.

One call, (800) 482-7171, three working days before putting backhoe, earth mover or shovel to ground, will enable utilities to stake out or otherwise identify the paths of their lines in an area where work is to occur.

"The call is free," Fournier said. "The utility marks the facility. It's a free service, no charge for that. What do you have to lose?"

Miss Dig, itself, has no master maps of transmission lines. It simply takes calls from prospective excavators and sends the information by computer to utilities as to location and type of digging to be done.

The utilities then check their records and do the tracking and marking. Yellow flags or painted arrows designate gas or oil lines; orange, telephone and cable TV; red, electric; blue, water; green, storm drains; brown, sewers; and pink, surveying.

Miss Dig is a non-profit corporation financed by the major utilities - Detroit Edison, Consumers Energy, Ameritech - plus universities and hospitals that have their own utility systems.

Miss Dig's Michigan budget is just over \$3 million, Fournier said. About three dozen operators, all except three women, staff the system from offices in Pontiac and Escanaba.

Phone lines are covered 24 hours per day, seven days a week. It's emergencies only on holidays. The state system handles calls for 700,000 locations per year, Fournier said.

About 60 percent are excavators from utility companies checking on the whereabouts of other utility lines before working on extensions, repairs or improvements. Ten to 12 percent are individual homeowners, the rest road and general construction contractors.

Here's a sampling of calls fielded by Miss Dig during a recent day:

■ A gas company called prior to relocating a service line in Birmingham.

■ In Canton, a cable company called



Safety path: Red flags and markings indicate buried electrical lines. Different utilities are designated by different colors.

to make a repair on its lines; a homeowner called to excavate post holes and plant trees; and an excavator called to dig a basement.

■ In Livonia, a contractor called to install a sprinkling system for a homeowner; a construction contractor called for a sunroom and deck installation; and the phone company checked in before burying a wire.

■ In Rochester Hills, a homeowner called to install a pole to mount a basketball backboard and rim; a tree company called to grind stumps; a contractor called for paving a road and sidewalk; and a contractor called for water service installation.

The folks who work for Miss Dig take their work very seriously.

"I'm assisting with something I know is extremely important," said Gwen V. Knowles a Detroit who's worked as a Miss Dig phone supervisor and operator for eight years.

"Contractors out there are doing their jobs. The utilities try to accom-

modate them. There's so much construction going on. We're trying to make things run smoothly," Knowles said.

■ The color of the flags or arrows indicates the type of utility line:

- yellow - gas or oil lines
- orange - telephone, cable TV
- red - electric
- blue - water
- green - storm drains
- brown - sewers
- pink - surveying

Fran Claybrooke of Rochester Hills has been a Miss Dig operator for six years.

"You talk to a lot of different people, a lot of nice people," she said. "It's a very important service. You know what to ask. You're friendly. You want them to feel good. If you rush too much, you lose everything you're striving for - customer service."

"There's always something to do," Claybrooke added. "I'm thorough."

Fournier would hope that homeowners considering a dig, no matter how small, would be thorough, too, and touch base with Miss Dig.

"Something as simple as putting a deck in your yard, digging for a swimming pool, someone who is going to Roto-till their yard," she said.

"People can rent tools from a power shop. I call them one of the most dangerous excavators out there," Fournier said. "Especially in new subs, utilities are pretty much buried in the ground. You won't see utility poles up."

So call, she said. And kids - leave those little marking flags alone.



Don't dig here: Miss Dig tries to prevent utility damage caused by excavation.

Halftime

Here are the total number of residential units - houses, condos and apartments - permitted in Southeastern Michigan by county through the first six months of the year.

	1998	1997	1996
Oakland	3,428	3,149	3,211
Macomb	2,710	2,738	2,544
Wayne	2,055	1,813	1,903
Washtenaw	1,387	1,358	1,176
Livingston	1,007	933	929
Genesee	805	898	940
St. Clair	359	304	245
Lapeer	317	331	275

Source: Housing Consultants, Inc.

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Last part Unsatisfactory credit history. All mortgage lenders order a credit report from at least one of the major national credit reporting agencies for everyone who applies for a mortgage. If the report shows a history of poor repayment practices, the chances of the mortgage application being turned down go way up.

If your application is turned down for this reason, get a copy of the report from the credit reporting company and examine it carefully to make sure it's accurate and up to date. Mistakes are rare but they do occur, and if your report is not accurate, the credit bureau must correct the errors. If unsettled disputes are involved in one or more of the accounts, provide your lender with an explanation of your side of the dispute.

If the problems can be traced to a short-term circumstance, you should have given your lender an explanation of the problems when you made your application. If you didn't, do it now.

There can be unavoidable reasons for short-term credit problems. If you have regained financial stability and can demonstrate good credit practices before and after the problem period, the lender likely reconsider. Lenders look for one year of clean payments.

If the credit report is accurate, you must make an all-out effort to start repaying your debts on time and reestablish a record of good credit practices. That will take time, but there's no quick fix for a poor credit history.

There are a number of special loan programs for prospective home buyers with unusual requirements.

For example, many prospective buyers with low or moderate incomes spend proportionately more of their monthly income on housing. If you can demonstrate that you've successfully handled these expenses, and you have a good credit record, a lender may approve your loan even if it's outside the recommended guidelines.

What if you don't have an established credit record? You may be able to qualify based on what's called a non-traditional credit history. A lender looks at your record of utility payments, rental payments, and other regular payments to verify that you've been able to meet a payment schedule.

Just because a lender has denied your request for a mortgage doesn't have to mean that you'll never be able to buy a home. Find out why you were turned down - and what you can do to change it.

The information was supplied by First Alliance Mortgage Co. (248) 433-9626.

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Secession is tough for condo owner

REAL ESTATE QUERIES



ROBERT M. MEISNER

Q: We live in a small condominium and some of us are unhappy with the way the present board is operating. Is there any way we can withdraw or secede from the condominium association?

A: It would depend on a number of factors, including how many units there are in the condominium and whether you have sufficient votes to, in effect, terminate the condominium project.

You may also have other reasons to attempt to individually secede without terminating the condominium project, but it would be extremely difficult for you to achieve the requisite majority to amend the master deed to allow you to do so since you would probably need two-thirds of the co-owners and mortgagees to approve it unless you seek judicial court action on the basis of a lack of either proper representation or some other substantial act or omission which would give you the right to terminate your rights as a member of the association in a court of equity.

I believe it would be an uphill battle unless you have the political power to achieve that result.

Since, of course, there may be individual facts in your condominium project which may affect this decision, you are best advised to consult with a knowledgeable condominium lawyer about your remedies.

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Taubman announces restructuring

Taubman Centers Inc. of Bloomfield Hills, one of the nation's leading developers of regional shopping centers, will exchange General Motors Pension Trusts' holdings in the Taubman Realty Group Limited Partnership (TRG) for interests in 10 Taubman shopping centers. Taubman will exchange interests in 10 shopping centers, together with a pro rata share of debt, for all of the GMPT's partnership units.

The transaction has been approved by the Taubman Centers board of directors and is scheduled to close by Sept. 30.

Taubman also will significantly reduce general and administrative expenses.

"An important aspect of this restructuring is a reduction of over \$10 million in general and administrative expense by 1999," said Taubman. "In addition,

we are using this transaction as a catalyst for change within our organization, taking a hard look at everything we do."

"Today we are beginning a tender offer for TRG's \$708 million of public unsecured debt," added Lisa A. Payne, executive vice president and chief financial officer. "Our intent is to refinance the company on a secured basis, lengthening debt maturities from three to 10 years."

HOMES SOLD IN OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric's real estate closings reported July 13 - 17 at the Oakland County Register of Deeds Office, and compiled by Advertising That Works, a Bloomfield Township company that tracks deed and mortgage recordings in southeastern Michigan. Listed below are the addresses and sales prices.

Address	Price	Address	Price	Address	Price	Address	Price
1742 N. Oakley Rd.	\$155,000	604 Princeton Rd.	\$133,000	485 Robert Ct.	\$145,000	9030 Bayview Way	\$137,000
504 Princeton Rd.	\$133,000	10233 Cedar Cove Ln.	\$170,000	11285 Cedar Cove Ln.	\$174,000	8275 Fawn Valley Dr.	\$270,000
485 Robert Ct.	\$145,000	11285 Cedar Cove Ln.	\$174,000	8275 Fawn Valley Dr.	\$270,000	7731 Foster Rd.	\$200,000
9030 Bayview Way	\$137,000	8275 Fawn Valley Dr.	\$270,000	7731 Foster Rd.	\$200,000	5436 Greenview Dr.	\$145,000
10233 Cedar Cove Ln.	\$170,000	7731 Foster Rd.	\$200,000	5436 Greenview Dr.	\$145,000	9554 Kias Rd.	\$194,000
11285 Cedar Cove Ln.	\$174,000	5436 Greenview Dr.	\$145,000	9554 Kias Rd.	\$194,000	200 Maplewood Dr.	\$209,000
8275 Fawn Valley Dr.	\$270,000	9554 Kias Rd.	\$194,000	200 Maplewood Dr.	\$209,000	6549 Northview Dr.	\$138,000
7731 Foster Rd.	\$200,000	200 Maplewood Dr.	\$209,000	6549 Northview Dr.	\$138,000	4635 Oakdale Ave.	\$117,000
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9554 Kias Rd.	\$194,000	4635 Oakdale Ave.	\$117,000	5335 Old Cove Rd.	\$180,000	9020 Orionville Rd.	\$37,000
200 Maplewood Dr.	\$209,000	5335 Old Cove Rd.	\$180,000	9020 Orionville Rd.	\$37,000		
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How to decide how much home you can afford

With interest rates dropping, many Americans are jumping to buy their first home, but how do you determine if you can afford to buy a house?

If you're not prepared financially, you might find yourself living in a splendid house without a penny to spend for anything else. Or you might overextend yourself to the point where you can't keep up with your mortgage payments and risk losing the house.

Joe Nagy, manager of the Source One Mortgage Services office in Farmington, suggests you follow these five steps to determine whether you are ready to jump into the hot housing market.

1. Add up the probable housing costs for a new house in your price range. Include monthly mortgage payments, moving costs, settling costs, taxes, insurance, and property repair and maintenance. Are these costs

higher than what you pay to rent? If so, can you afford to pay more for housing than you are currently paying?

2. Analyze your current expenses. Take a look at your spending patterns by keeping a record of everything you spend over a given period of time. Do you usually have some money left at the end of each pay period? If not, you may need to change some of your spending habits before you can seriously consider buying a house.

3. Try out the cost of home ownership. Start now to put aside money from each paycheck in whatever amount you decide you could pay over your current housing costs. If you find you can do this, you may be ready for home ownership.

4. Analyze the upfront costs involved in buying a home. Your upfront costs include the down payment and various closing costs. Depending on the type of mortgage loan you choose, your down payment can range from as little as 3 percent (with govern-

ment loans such as FHA or VA loans) to 20 percent of the purchase price of the home. In addition, closing costs typically range from 3 to 6 percent of the amount of the mortgage.

5. Check out the ongoing costs of owning a home. Your housing costs will include your monthly mortgage payment, property taxes, homeowners' insurance, mortgage insurance (if required), utilities and maintenance. Also, if you buy a house in need of immediate repairs, you will need to have money left after buying

the house to make those repairs. If repairs are needed but money is tight, you could use a 203(k) government loan that allows you to both finance and renovate your home with just one loan.

"A reliable loan officer can help you determine probable mortgage payments, down payments and closing cost," said Nagy. "Then you'll be better prepared when you decide to purchase your first home."

For more information, contact Joe Nagy at (810) 488-8800.

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Checklist, new products key to home security

(NAPS) - As many families prepare to head out for vacations, making sure that your home is safe and secure while you're away should be at the top of your checklist. According to the FBI, a burglary is committed every 11 seconds, and in more than forty percent of residential burglaries, thieves simply enter a home through an unlocked door or window.

Following these simple steps can make both you and your home more secure:

■ If you have just moved into a house or apartment, have the locks re-keyed.

■ Check your doors and window locks. If they have a high level of wear and tear from everyday use, consider replacing them.

■ Make sure all porches, entrance areas and yards are well lit. Turn on exterior lights

when you're home at night, plus interior lights when you're away in the evening.

■ Prune any shrubbery that hides doors or windows. Remove tree limbs that a thief could climb to reach second story windows.

■ Don't hide house keys in mailboxes, planters or under doormats.

■ If you're going to be away for two days or more, suspend deliveries of newspapers, bottled water and other items.

■ Don't leave any messages on a phone answering machine saying that you'll be away for awhile and will return calls when you arrive home.

By installing burglar-resistant locks on doors and windows, you can reduce the risk of becoming a burglary victim by at least 66 percent. When purchasing a lock for your door, look for a lockset

that includes a deadlatch, a device that prevents jimmying with a plastic strip or credit card.

Also, extra security deadbolts with full one-inch bolts should be placed on all entry doors. Single-cylinder deadbolts have a key lock on the outside and a bolt retracting thumbpiece on the inside. Double-cylinder deadbolts, which require a key on both sides, are ideal for doors with glass panels within three feet of the lock, so that a burglar cannot simply break the glass and reach through to open the door.

Windows and doors are often the easiest entry points for burglars, so equip your windows and sliding doors with a key-operated slide bolt, deadbolt and/or a "Charley Bar."

Recently, Kwikset Corporation's Titan line introduced a

lock system that combines the security of a deadbolt with the convenience of a remote control. AccessOne allows homeowners to lock and unlock their doors with the touch of a button. Its anti-theft rolling code technology makes it possible for the transmitter and receiver signal to simultaneously change access combinations each time the door is locked and unlocked. This prevents code-grabbers from gaining electronic access to the home.

As an added benefit, the AccessOne remote control can operate any Genie Intellidisc garage door opener, providing the ultimate in convenience and security.

For more information about AccessOne or home security, contact Kwikset Corporation, 1 Park Plaza, Suite 1000, Irvine, CA 92714 or (800) 327-LOCK.

Mortgage rate still under 7 percent

WASHINGTON (AP) - The average interest rate on 30-year fixed-rate mortgages declined slightly this week, to 6.91 percent, Freddie Mac, the mortgage company, said. The average fell from 6.94 percent last week and matched a six-month low of five

weeks earlier. Three and a half months ago, the average hit a 5-1/2-month high of 7.22 percent.

Fifteen-year mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, averaged 6.60 percent, down from 6.63 percent the previous week.

School proud of exam rate

There's an expression, "Those who can do, those who can't teach." The owners and instructors at the American School of Business and Real Estate in Farmington Hills disagree.

Michigan requires candidates for a real estate license to take a 40-hour class and pass an exam. The state average passing rate for first-time test takers is 69.6 percent, said Gary Segatti, co-owner of the school and an attorney who specializes in property law.

The passing rate for first timers at his school is 83.3 percent, Segatti said.

"Our students don't flunk," he said. "I don't say that as a boast, but as a work ethic. Passing the exam takes work, and we will give you the support to work smart. It's up to students to put in the work."

Jim Hess, co-owner of the school, has worked as a real estate broker, auctioneer and investor. Segatti also is an investor. "Jim's great," Segatti said. "You give him an address and his head cocks to the left, his eyes look to the ceiling, he says, 'Awww,' for 15 seconds and then tells you where the house is and what it might look like. The practical experience is part of the reason students pass the test."

Segatti said he and Hess teach by discussion rather than lecture.

"In a discussion, the students learn what the instructors know and, also, what they missed when reading the material," Segatti said.

Hess and Segatti offer a 40-hour licensing class including textbook. The class is offered 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 6-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays over five weeks.

They also offer classes designed to help candidates pass the broker's test and how to invest in real estate. The pair established the school about a year and a half ago.

"Buying real estate is fun and exciting," Segatti said. "Learning how can also be if it's done the right way. People accomplish. That's the greatest satisfaction."

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Approved Mortgage Inc.	6.85	2	6.375	2	6.625	2
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Capital Mortgage Group	6.85	2	6.375	2	6.625	2
Comerica	6.85	2	6.375	2	6.625	2
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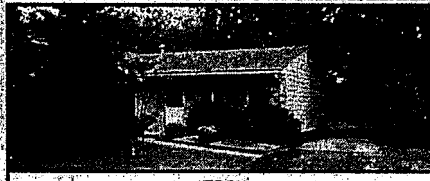
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STERLING HEIGHTS - VALUE

- Four bedroom brick Colonial in prime neighborhood
- This one owner home has been very well kept
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- Located in a great sub in excellent school district!
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FARMINGTON HILLS - ROMANTIC VIEWS

- Beautiful and neutral decor throughout this Colonial
- Delight in gorgeous views of secluded site adorned with pines and boulders from wrap around deck
- Family room and dining room, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths

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SHELBY - QUALITY & STYLE

- Beautiful 3 bedroom ranch on corner lot in great area
- Stone fireplace in living room, large breakfast room
- Lower level has walkout plumbed for another bath
- Four years old! Move-in condition with many extras!

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TROY - SWIMMING POOL

- This home has private lot backing to woods & lake
- Four bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, spacious family room
- Finished basement offers wet bar. Side entry garage
- Sprinkler system. Inground pool. Close to schools.

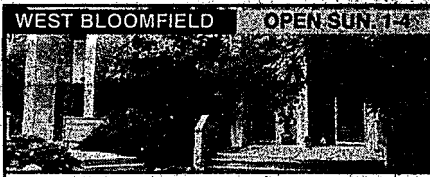
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FARMINGTON HILLS - INVITING!

- This 4 bedroom home has turn of the century charm
- Fantastic island kitchen with ceramic floors & more
- Formal dining, extraordinary master suite with tub
- Large deck, pond, finished walk-out, 4 car garage

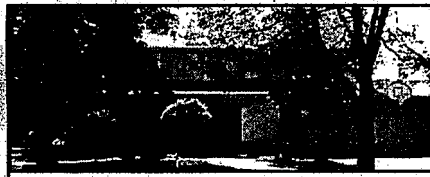
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6182 Palmino, W. of Drake, S. of Walnut

- Sharp three bedroom condo in Centaur Farms
- Open floor plan, cathedral ceilings, large kitchen
- Double sliding doors opening to beautiful deck
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FARMINGTON HILLS

- This 4 bedroom Colonial has a great, open floor plan
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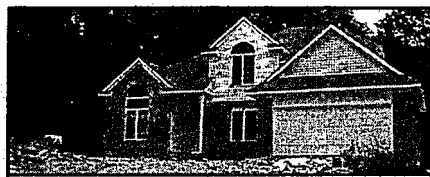
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- Great almost new condo in Lagoons of W. Bloomfield
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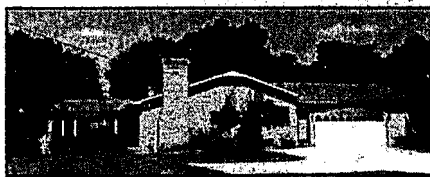
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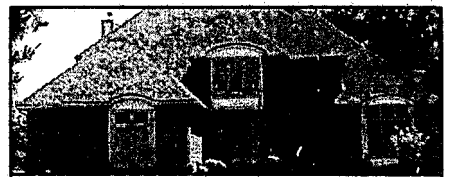
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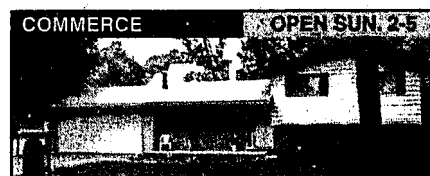
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- Features extra large rooms, spectacular lower level
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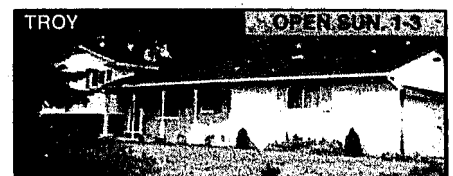
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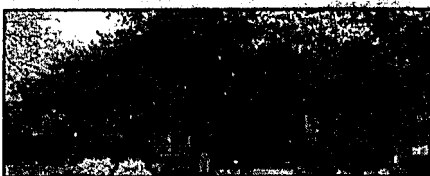
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- Master suite has separate closets & dressing rooms

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SOUTHFIELD - MAJOR REDUCTION

- Very unique reversed Colonial on wooded cul-de-sac
- Each of 4 bedrooms leads back to deck, terrace & pool
- Marble floors, fire lit great room, breakfast room and finished basement. Brand new roof and driveway!

\$310,000 (248) 647-2000 LA232

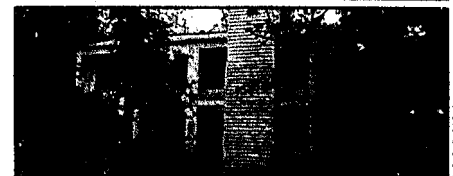


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LATHRUP VILLAGE - ENJOY!

- Rare center entrance Cape Cod with spacious rooms
- Spend summer evenings in the enclosed Florida room
- Cozy rec room with fireplace. Bay windows in kitchen
- Landscaped yard offers lovely views all around

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BIRMINGHAM - SITS ON 1/2 ACRE

- Contemporary colonial nestled in wooded ravine
- Indoor swimming pool, updated kitchen & bath
- Master suite with fireplace & Jacuzzi, freit living

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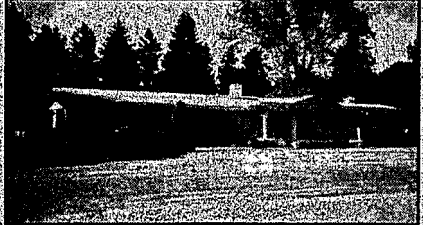
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LOOKING for a big ranch? Almost 2,400 sq. ft. Weinberger built ranch w/open layout includes living & dining rooms, family room w/fireplace, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, full basement, newer roof & furnace, deck, neutral carpet, hardwood floors in kitchen & breakfast. \$229,900 (63WAY) 248-652-8000



STATELY 4 bedroom Tudor in move in condition. Freshly painted exterior. Ceramic tile floors, crown molding, family room with wet bar, fireplace, open floor plan, tastefully decorated in neutral colors. Multi-level deck. Beautifully landscaped private yard. Home warranty. \$254,900 (33ROS) 248-652-8000



THE FEEL OF THE COUNTRY but only minutes north of the quaint Rochester business district. Features a living room with fireplace, oversized family room, newer bath, large bedrooms and a 2+ car garage. \$154,900 (21PER) 248-652-8000



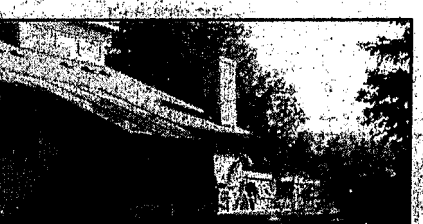
LOCATION, LOCATION! This 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath townhouse has it all. Golf course and pool community. Newer kitchen appliances, huge master suite, finished basement, private patio with garden. \$199,900 (17OAK) 248-652-8000



LAKE SHERWOOD LAKEFRONT. Traditional style colonial, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths on secluded lot. Backs to nature area, unfinished walkout, almost one acre secluded quiet serene lot. A must house. \$499,900 (09DEE) 248-363-1200



FENTON HISTORICAL GEM. 2+ acre estate close to downtown Fenton, established in 1869. This home provides all the warmth of the era with updates. \$429,900 (12ADE) 248-383-1200



AFFORDABLE ESTATE LIVING. Very spacious 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths with custom kitchen, vaulted ceilings, hardwood floors, heated in-ground pool, sun room & more. Lots of windows & acreage. \$321,900 (61HEA) 248-383-1200



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292 FEET OF ALL SPORTS LAKE. Dream home deluxe with stylish cachet. Airy and open, finished walkout, three fireplaces, four bedrooms, three car garage. \$309,500 (57ELL) 248-363-1200



OLD WORLD CHARMER! Stop the car! See this 3 bedroom, large possible splittable lot in West Bloomfield. Must see the 2 fieldstone hearths. Pleasant lake, private too! \$225,000 (O4BRO) 248-383-1200



A JOY TO LIVE IN! Gracious and spacious 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath contemporary in the much sought after Commerce. Walked lake schools, huge lot and over 2,300 sq. ft. \$194,900 (14KNO) 248-363-1200



CUL-DE-SAC. Private location w/views of woods, unique floor plan, quality craftsmanship throughout: cabinetry, tile work, some hardwood floors, high ceilings. Open plan. Lower level walkout w/2-3 bedrooms, family room. Neutral tasteful decor. Warm & inviting! \$585,000 (72VAU) 248-642-8100



CONDO. Gorgeous detached condo on spectacular peninsula setting in gated community off Simpson Lake. 1st floor master bedroom suite, living room, family room. White formica kitchen, dream master bedroom suite walkout, deck, patio. \$499,900 (33ISL) 248-642-8100



LAKEFRONT. 3,900 sq. ft. two story colonial with 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. Huge two story living room & family room. Replacement white formica kitchen. Fabulous master bedroom suite. Marble bath. \$429,900 (18WAT) 248-642-8100



UPDATED NEUTRAL COLONIAL in Birmingham School District. Formal dining room w/beamed ceiling; huge family room w/vaulted ceiling & fireplace, updated kitchen, cozy den, beautiful wood floors. Good sized bedrooms w/great closet space. Newer roof! \$379,900 (41NEV) 248-642-8100



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HARD TO FIND RANCH!! Over 2,600 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths and lovely white marble foyer, crown moldings, custom decorating, huge family room, formal dining room & finished basement. Great master bedroom, newer roof and windows. \$379,900 (76MAR) 248-642-8100



WEST BLOOMFIELD. 1996 built colonial offers 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, fabulous master bedroom suite, 2 story foyer with ceramic floor. Fantastic bleached oak kitchen. \$309,900 (96ALD) 248-642-8100



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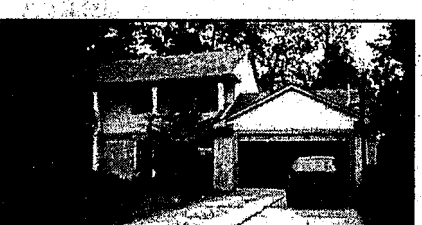
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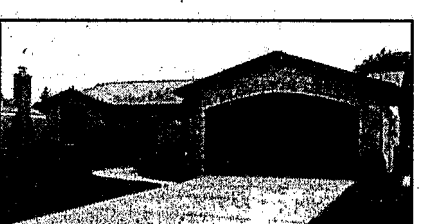
WONDERFUL HOME in great family sub. Walk to Hamlin Elementary. 20x14 oak kitchen opens to large family room with cathedral ceiling & fireplace. 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, large lot and bonus 3 1/2 car garage. \$237,900 (44SAN) 248-642-8100



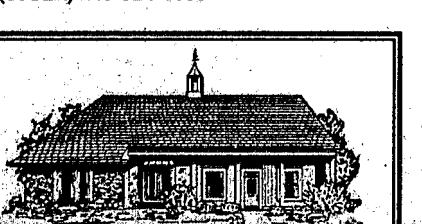
ROYAL OAK. 3 bedroom bungalow with 2 baths. Central air. Full basement. Hardwood floors and a full dining room with original bookcase & cabinet. More, more, more! \$168,500 (22CEN) 248-524-1600



TROY. Tudor home with a 2 story foyer that opens to living room. First floor master bedroom. Formal dining room and family room. Nice decor. Call today! \$469,000 (06BIR) 248-524-1600



BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP. 4 bedroom colonial on private lot next to ravine. Spiral stairs to walkout basement with fireplace. Deck. First floor laundry. Parquet floor in foyer. Home warranty included! \$249,000 (57BRE) 248-524-1600



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FABULOUS HOME! Custom transitional beauty set in 2 1/2 acres of wooded land; huge living room, gourmet kitchen, two way fireplace, den, 4 bedrooms, walk-out, 4 car garage! \$629,000 (50HOW) 248-642-8100



FRANKLIN. 4 year old executive home with marble and granite throughout. 4 bedrooms, 3 full and 2 half baths. Custom built with Birmingham schools. \$10,000 landscaping allowance. \$759,000 (40STO) 248-524-1600

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NEW CONSTRUCTION in wonderful Brandon Township. Situated on 2 1/2 acres with pond. Hardwood floors, 2 1/2 baths, walkout basement. Owner is motivated! Occupancy, October. \$224,900 24862



CONDO LIVING at its finest in this 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath townhouse. Fireplace, library, basement & 2 car attached garage. Pool in complex, gated community & conveniently located to shopping & expressways. \$187,900 (71PEB) 248-626-8800

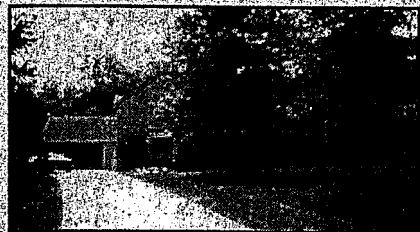


SPACIOUS 4 bedroom colonial backs to commons. Extra large master suite with dressing room and walk-in closet, basement, even under fireplace. All rooms are large. Great area! Immediate occupancy. \$214,900 (24WEA) 248-626-8800



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LOVELY 4,260 sq. ft. Cape Cod 2-story with 12 acres in Bloomfield Hills. 5 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, hardwood floors and hand carved fireplace. Large deck and 5 car garage. Jacuzzi tubs and separate showers in baths. \$595,000 (18HUN) 248-626-8800



CLASSY 1994 brick 1 1/2 story contemporary, Rochester Hills. Great room, fireplace, 1st floor master suite w/whirlpool. Gourmet island kitchen, 1st floor laundry, plumbed unfinished walkout, elevated, central air, sprinklers, alarm. \$269,500 (61COU) 248-652-8000

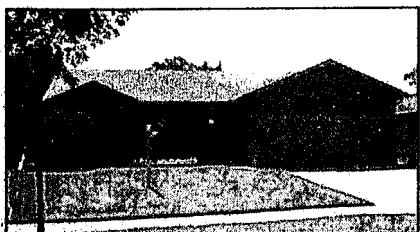
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ROCHESTER HILLS. Lovely 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home on over half acre lot. Many improvements. Main floor master bedroom. First floor laundry. Library. \$335,500 (19THO) 524-1600



TROY. 4 bedroom quad-level loaded with updates. New paint and carpet throughout. Alarm system. Central air. Neutral decor and a beautiful deck overlooking lot backing to woods! \$199,000 (28LAK) 248-524-1600



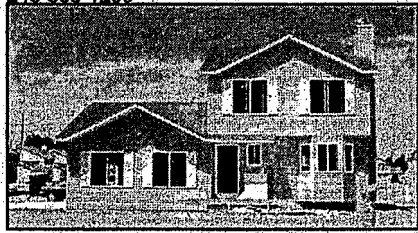
TROY. 3 bedroom ranch home with custom oak mantle on marble fireplace. Central air. Nook with bay French doors. Ceramic tile kitchen and foyer. Wood deck. Open back yard. \$184,900 (56CAM) 248-524-1600



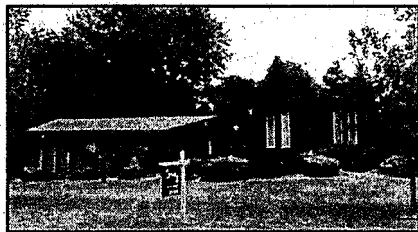
TROY 3 bedroom colonial with 2 1/2 baths. Troy schools. Andersen wood windows throughout. Finished basement. Two-tiered deck. In-ground pool. Attached garage. \$209,900 (02REI) 248-524-1600



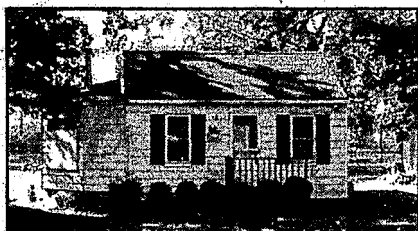
SPACIOUS COLONIAL. 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home in Waterford Meadows Sub. Family room with fireplace, master with walk-in closet. Appliances included. Partly finished basement - some newer floor covering. Immediate occupancy. \$154,900 (87MEA) 248-363-1200



INSTANTLY APPEALING! This super premium, 2 story colonial has 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, great room with fireplace, 3 car side entrance garage. \$149,950 (75BON) 248-363-1200



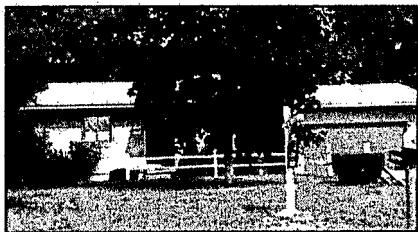
BEGIN A NEW LIFE IN THIS Panorvision-view home, great big yard enhances this honey. Superbly maintained and updated three bedrooms, 1 1/2 bath, nice! \$149,900 (31VAN) 248-363-1200



COMMERCE LAKE. FRONT. 2 bedroom cottage with 70' of frontage. Updated ranch has living room fireplace, eat-in kitchen with door wall & room to expand. Move in or tear down! \$149,900 (03VOL) 363-1200



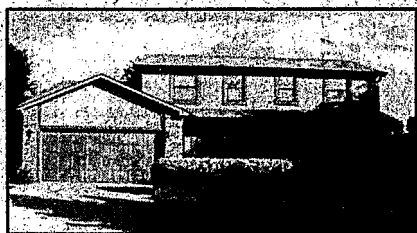
DON'T DREAM A DREAM - BUY ONE! Brand new 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath colonial. In hot new sub! Full basement, attached garage and fireplace. What more could you want. \$144,999 (53BON) 248-363-1200



NEWER COMMERCE RANCH in a great family sub, featuring 3 bedrooms, wide open layout, full basement, 2 car attached garage, huge fenced yard, door wall to deck. Walled Lake schools & immediate occupancy. \$142,500 (80WES) 248-363-1200



NEWER 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath extensively updated. Great deck with hot tub. Finished basement feature rec room, 5th bedroom, full bath. Cul-de-sac site with large backyard. \$264,900 (21ARB) 248-626-8800



BUILDER'S FORMER MODEL. Designer decorated, meticulous maintenance. 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. Walk-in closet in master. Fabulous finished basement, secluded back yard. Beach, boat and swim in 2 area parks. Beaches & available lake. \$234,900 (54GRE) 248-626-8800



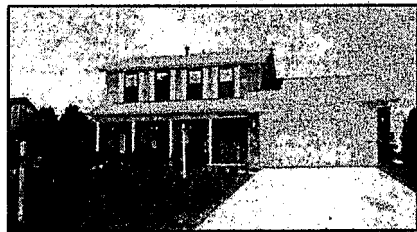
SPACIOUS 4 bedroom brick/wood Tudor in Bloomfield Hills. Wonderful patio overlooking beautiful garden. 2 baths, 1 lavatory, deep lot, kitchen with island, extra large family room & kitchen. MUST SEE! \$329,000 (38SPA) 248-626-8800



BEAUTIFUL 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath soft contemporary on almost 1/2 acre park-like site. Finished walkout features sauna, rec room, wine cellar. Knockout kitchen with granite island. Den has marble built-ins. \$384,900 (44CHE) 248-626-8800



UNIQUE 4 or 5 bedroom 2 story contemporary with library and office, lovely in-ground pool, upscale Whispering Pine Sub in West Bloomfield. 3 car side entry garage, partially finished basement. \$349,000 (45ROL) 248-626-8800



ROCHESTER HILLS 3 bedroom colonial with all the features. First floor laundry, family room with fireplace. Custom deck with gazebo. Basement with office. Central air. \$189,900 (94DAH) 248-524-1600



NATURE LOVERS! Over 3 acres wooded site is the setting for this 4 bedroom. Huge great room with fireplace, family room, walkout lower level. New roof & septic, newer furnace, air conditioning, deck & more! 3+ car garage. Circular drive. \$369,900 (42GRO) 248-626-8800



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MOVE RIGHT IN! 3 bedroom brick ranch offers neutral decor, eat-in kitchen, 2 car detached garage, and a basement. \$149,500 (27ENG) 248-642-8100



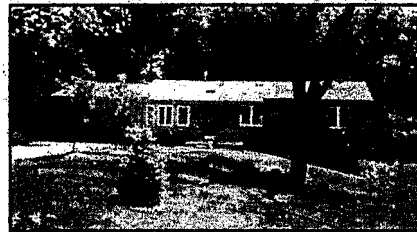
3.8 ACRES. Brick walkout colonial. Great views, apple trees & deer! A true family room with fireplace, wet bar and door wall to deck. Spacious kitchen with built-in cook top & oven. A great master with over 2,600 sq. ft. Many updates! \$249,977 (61KLI) 248-652-8000



ELEGANT 3 bedroom end unit in quiet park-like setting. Exceptionally well-maintained including newer windows, appliances included, immediate occupancy. Association fees include water & gas, 2 decks, beamed ceiling. \$147,000 (89LAF) 248-652-8000



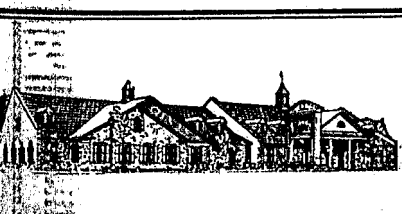
IN TOWN! Brick 3 bedroom home in city of Rochester with extra deep garage, finished lower level, all appliances, fenced back yard, oak kitchen, newer windows plus hot water tank, central air. \$152,000 (06MAP) 248-652-8000



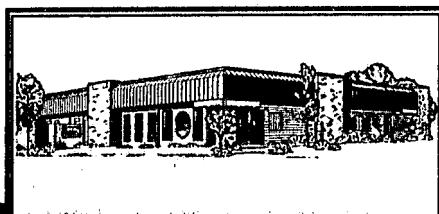
BE NATURE'S NEIGHBOR. Almost new 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch close to Bloomer Park. Central air, skylights, custom kitchen, ceramic tile. Walkout basement/door wall. Large private landscaped lot. \$169,900 (37JOH) 248-652-8000



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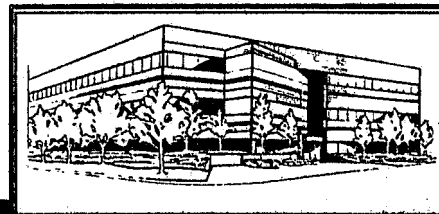
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 owner, elegant 3650 sq. ft. home on large corner lot, 4 bedroom, 3 bath upstairs, 1st floor, 1.5 bath downstairs, 1st fl. bedroom w/cathedral ceiling, could be nanny quarters. Pella windows, 2 car garage.
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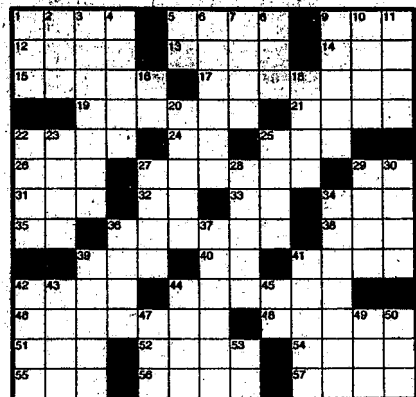
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Builders Training Services offers a 16-hour class to prepare for the state builder's license exam 6-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays Sept. 1-10 at the Clawson-Troy Elks Club on the north side of Big Beaver east of Rochester Road.

Topics include license laws

and regulations, site preparation and foundations, framing systems, masonry and structural supports, plumbing, heating and electrical insulation.

Cost, including a training manual, construction guide, text book and self-testing materials, is \$225. A home study course is available for \$185.

To register, call (248) 909-1947.

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Cost for non-members is \$10.

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To register, call (734) 523-9277.

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Topics include setting price, target marketing, effective promotion, special financing techniques and purchase documents.

Cost, which includes a 20-page FSBO marketing guidebook, is \$25 for each class. To register, call (248) 848-3000.

TREE, BULB SALE

The Wayne County Soil Conservation District is accepting orders for its annual planting

sale until Oct. 5.

Order forms containing information on stock available, site preferences, uses and prices can be obtained by contacting the conservation district at (734) 326-7787.

Available plantings include Norway spruce, Austrian pine, white pine, white cedar, Douglas fir, narcissus, tulips, crocus and scilla.

Trees and bulbs will be distributed Oct. 16.

CONDO SEMINAR

The United Condominium Owners of Michigan presents its 24th annual seminar 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at the Michigan State University Management Education Center in

Troy.

Sixteen sessions will be offered by experts in a variety of subjects to expand knowledge and improve the decision-making process of condominium association leadership.

Cost is \$95 for UCOM members, \$55 for each additional attendee from the same organization; \$125 and \$75, respectively, for non-members.

To register, call (248) 352-8490.

SMITH GROUP

The Smith Group of Detroit, an architectural and real estate firm, has hired Eiler Community Development Center as a public relations and marketing consultant.

MOVERS AND SHAKERS

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David

Robertson

was recently honored with the Joycelyn Hubbard Award by Light House Community Development for his dedication and service as president of the Light House Community Development Board.

Robertson is purchasing/administrative manager for Robertson Brothers Co., a resi-

dential development company based in Bloomfield Hills.

Robertson, a Troy resident, is a graduate of Michigan State University. He also serves on the Administrative Trustee Board of MSU's Building Construction Management Program.

Light House Community Development/Unity Park is a subsidiary of the human services organization Light House of Oakland County. Several houses have been or will be renovated and sold to lower income families who need safe and affordable housing.

William

Griffin

has joined E.R.A. Rymal Symes Realtors in South Lyon. Griffin, who also lives in that community, brings 15 years of experience in public administration.



Robertson



Griffin

Two-tone deck



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Adding color: For a dramatic look, add flowers, furniture and two-tone color to your deck. This deck was stained olive on flooring and white on railings with Flood Solid Color Deck and Siding Stain for five-year protection.

Add a little more curbside appeal to your house

BY PAT SIMPSON
SPECIAL WRITER

(NAPSI) — Being a home maintenance and home enhancement authority, I am frequently asked for advice on how to quickly and without much effort give a house more "curbside appeal." Curbside appeal is the view visitors have of a home when seen from the street such as the front lawn, driveway, sidewalk and windows. Fortunately, by following a few simple steps, maintaining the outside of your home doesn't have to be a nightmare.

The most dreaded home maintenance task of all is window cleaning. But it doesn't have to be a "painful" process. New Windex Outdoor Window Cleaner makes outdoor window cleaning quick and easy.

Sprucing up your driveway and sidewalk is also a great way to enhance the look of your home. Stubbish oil stains can be removed by scrubbing a mixture of two parts powdered laundry detergent, two parts baking soda

and one part household bleach. Then, this can be washed away with a hose.

For an extra-quick fix, try some of the following suggestions to spruce up your home's exterior:

- Repaint or replace the mailbox.
- Install low-voltage lighting to illuminate your walkway.
- Cover garden beds with pine bark, or shredded cedar cypress mulch.
- Replace worn pillow cushions on outdoor furniture.
- Add a hanging or pedestal planter of blooming plants.
- Wipe off the front door, add a brass kick plate and attractive door knocker.

Pat Simpson has more than 20 years experience in the fields of home maintenance and home improvement. As the host and producer of television programs Fix-It-Up! and Before & After, he has shown millions of viewers how to make repairs around the house.

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BY JOE GAGNON
Special Writer

Last month it was the 4-year-old refrigerator that went on the bum and now it's the 4-year-old air conditioning unit. Unlike the refrigerator where I had a service technician come over to the house and repair, this one I was going to tackle myself.

I didn't have time to hang around the house waiting for a service tech to show up even if it is covered by the Consumer Energy home warranty plan. I had a big meeting set up for 8 a.m. in downtown Detroit, and I couldn't be late, besides it's 2:45 in the morning and I can't go back to sleep.

It is so early in the morning hours and I awake to a sound which is similar to a fan inside the refrigerator. It's a new sound and I wonder if it's coming from outside or inside the house. I put my ear to the open window and I know it's not outside so I get out of bed. I figure that something strange is happening here because I've got everything shut down in the house.

No air conditioning running or furnace, nor the big whole house fan, abso-

appliance doctor

Doctor cures conditioner

lutely nothing, even the refrigerator is off. I creep downstairs with all the lights off, listening so hard to try and figure out where this sound is coming from. I open the basement door and, by golly, I know it's down there. I hit the light switch and march down stairs like I'm going in for the kill and I head straight for the furnace room.

There on the side of the furnace is what they call a condensate pump which removes water from the A Coil inside your furnace plenum. The water builds up when your air conditioning is running, the only problem is that my air conditioning wasn't running. I touched the side of the pump and it was very hot so I marched out to the garage and fetched a philips screw driver. I took the plastic body apart and pulled a wire from the micro switch and the pump stopped running.

I'm trying to determine why the float is not dropping down and I notice the tank is full of water. I look up at the drain hose which travels about 25 feet to the laundry tub and I see what the problem is. The little plastic tubing is a clear plastic and I can see about eight inches of it plugged up with this dark gunk on

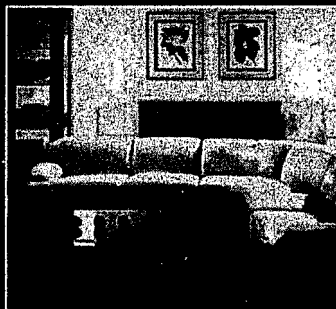
it. Now, what am I going to do?

Do I take all the plastic tie downs off and pull this whole tube outside and flush it out with the garden hose? Not a chance at this time of the morning. So, I go in the garage and get a short laundry hose and attach my special plant feeder (a long skinny piece of copper pipe soldered onto a garden hose fitting). I go downstairs and stick it in the end of the plastic drain tube leading into the laundry tub and I blow out all the gunk etc.

The problem is cured and maybe you can take a look at the tube in your unit and learn from this little story. Three years in a row I've cleaned that little pump and not once did I look at the plastic tube.

While I was doing this project down in the furnace room I emptied Kenmore's litter box, but I forgot to put fresh sand in it. I noticed that evening that Kenmore hadn't eaten much from his dish and he looked about five pounds overweight and then it hit me. I ran downstairs and filled the box and I wasn't even finished yet and he jumped right into it. I felt so bad for the little guy and I swear that when he was done, he looked up at me and meowed.

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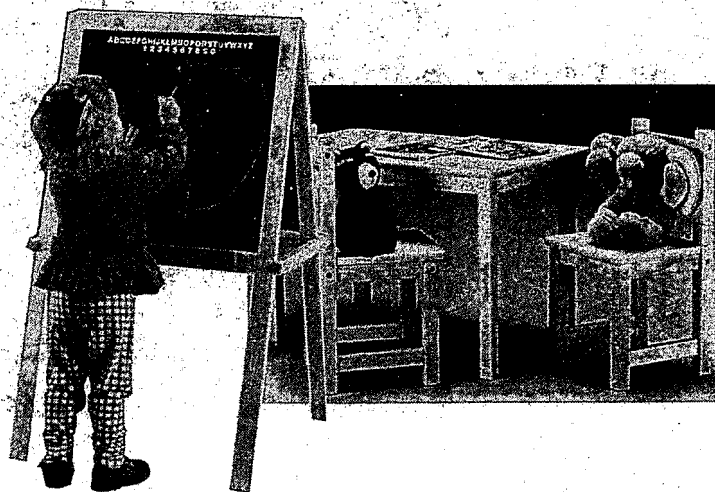


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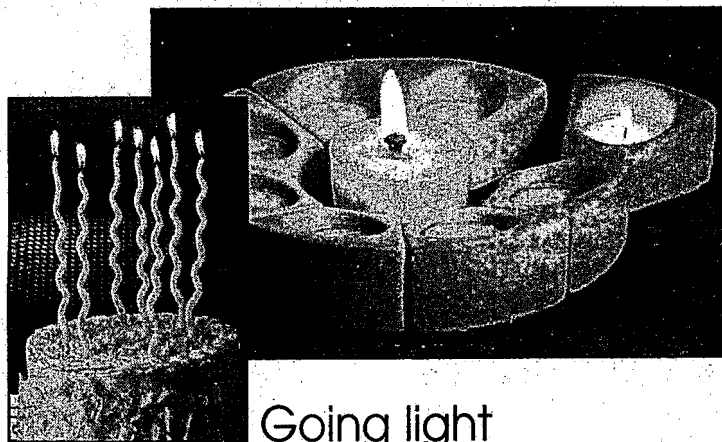
Winging it: Jacobson's Store For The Home offers items for your fine-feathered friends. When those little creatures gather in your yard for a snack, you'll be prepared with the For The Birds silver metal pail filled with bird seed mix. Created by Smithereens, the colorful handpainted bird motif and gold metal handle add whimsical charm to the rustic pail. The set comes with a silver scoop for easy spreading and retails for \$50. Create a charming haven for birds with a wooden birdhouse handcrafted by Janet and Doug Kirschner of Petoskey.

The enchanting 9-1/2-by-9-inch log home is complete with a moss-covered wooden roof and decorated with pine cones, flowers, a stone rest bench and a bed and breakfast sign. The twig-entwined handle is perfect for hanging from a tree. The birdhouse retails for \$35.



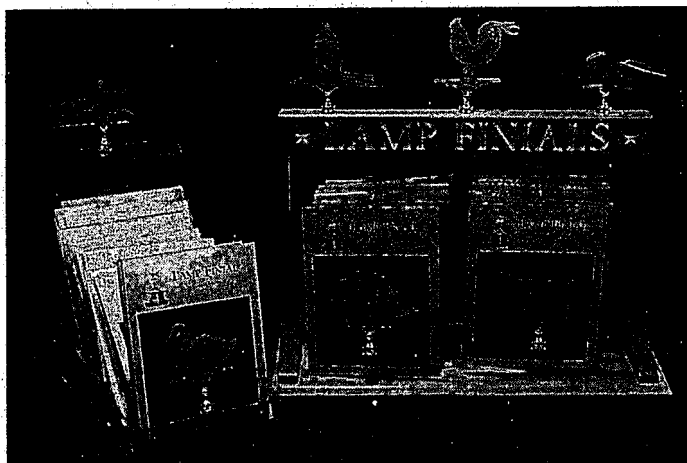
Studios setting

Learning environment: Art Van Furniture offers pieces that can help create a pleasant environment for children as they study. The items include table and chair sets just youngsters' size for school projects, and a sturdy easel for drawing and practicing the alphabet.



Going light

Waxing creative: Divali Candlelights Co., a newly launched mail-order catalog company headquartered in Novi, represents smaller candlemakers and creative manufacturers and artists who make distinctive holders. The attractive works feature high-quality blends of wax with smooth burning qualities and long burn times. Divali's popular featured items include the ripply, 9-inch high Celebration Candles (\$16.95 for a set of 12), and the 3-by-1-inch Candlepot Wedges, which can be formed into a circle or S-curve for an original look for a centerpiece (\$21.95 for a set of four). Call (248) 478-8412.



It's the top

Decorative vane: A Shady Business, 39670 14 Mile in Walled Lake, features a wide selection of weathervane finials for lamps. Designs are in both verd and polished brass. Sale price is \$15.95. Call (248) 669-2440.

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

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Jewel tones: Brilliance blooms in garden

BY MARTY FIGLEY
Special Writer

The brilliant tones of the melange of flowers glow like jewels on the patio of Marilyn Smith of Bloomfield Hills.

"I have used many annuals to design a complete patio floral arrangement," she said. "Last year I won Bordine's award for an annual garden."

Several days before my visit, Better Homes and Gardens had photographed the garden. In 1964 the residence was a Consumers Gas Home and a Project Home for Good House-keeping magazine.

The primary colors of the garden reflect those used indoors, bringing a sense of continuity to all. The area outside is approximately 1,000 square feet and is buffeted by a green belt that hides commercial businesses.

Smith has planted geraniums, begonias, impatiens, New Guinea impatiens, and petunias in happy shades of hot pink, fuchsia, purple, red and orange.

Lots of green foliage especially in the grape, ivy, clematis and morning glory vines add texture and interest. The latter two also bloom in the rich colors. Smith uses no white because "it stops the eye and interrupts the total cascade," she said.

Smith has very artfully painted pots to echo the flower colors and filled them with blooms of complementing colors. They are only one of several surprises you can find throughout the landscape. Hanging pouches and containers add color in strategic places.

Smith also painted small clay candle holders in these same colors. These are arranged on three inviting tables centered on the wooden deck around which the profusion of flowers is grown in raised beds.

A brick patio and walkway lead from the house to the deck and they snuggle together, the perfect setting for a party or for enjoying quiet time with the many birds that visit and which they feed.

The lovely deck was designed by two graduate students from Cranbrook's architectural program. They also fashioned the tables and benches and an inge-

Special space: Marilyn Smith gets a peaceful feeling in her brilliantly colored garden.

nious "table" that is affixed to hinges for extra room when Marilyn and Bob Denton, "my partner in life and business," entertain.

A nearby wooden arbor is festooned with a grapevine and holds a removable table just the right height for a server or a bar. The other furniture is painted deep green so as to be unobtrusive. It can be hosed down for easy maintenance.

Vertical, horizontal and mounds all work together to create a pleasing and wonderful oasis. Plants are repeated in a nearby bed and around the trees in the yard to continue the flow.

Many vines hide a brick wall and a profusion of flowers grows in raised beds at their feet. One wall is quite shady and Smith has fastened artificial ivy around a water feature on the wall and has allowed growing ivy to twine within it. This is an excellent way to fill in an otherwise empty space.

Pots of flowers, a metal sculpture with purple flowers and verdi butterflies also brighten the wall. A square tomato cage, folded flat and attached to the wall, gives support to the plants.

"It takes a lot to put the garden together each year, but once it's done there's not much maintenance."

Smith uses a very lightweight mixture of peat and perlite for the hanging pouches, adds regular potting soil to that for the containers, and the same mixture plus "a little topsoil" which is turned before planting, in the raised beds. She waters regularly and doesn't remove spent blooms. Every Sunday she treats this permanent floral arrangement to Miracle-Gro.

"I designed the garden for an emotional feeling. No matter what's going on, I can walk out here and get a feeling of peacefulness."

Wall flowering: The musical sound of water adds to the ambience of the garden. Artificial and living ivy surrounds. Photos by Marty Figley.

On the cover:

Marilyn Smith's garden in Bloomfield Hills is her own Shangri-la. Photo by Marty Figley.

Jewel tones: Handpainted pots add interest (above). Marilyn Smith (below) has created her own bit of magic with annuals.

at home calendar

■ A free seminar, "Fall Facelift For Your Garden," will take place 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26, at English Gardens, 6370 Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 851-7506.

■ Yuppy-Puppy, a division of Trainers Academy, will present a free "Think, Learn and Communicate" seminar 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, at its Keego Harbor location. Learn how your dog views its interactions with you. Owner Barbara Bocci's presentation is part stand-up comedy routine, part intense dog psychology course. Advance registration is requested; call the Trainers Academy office in Farmington Hills at (248) 442-2224, Madison Heights at (248) 616-6500, or Keego Harbor at (248) 681-7900.

■ Create a working Roman shade in a four-session class beginning Thursday, Aug. 20, at Haberman Fabrics, 117 W. Fourth in Royal Oak. Pre-registration is required; call (248) 541-0010.

■ Learn about environmentally sound lawn care techniques that reduce waste and protect water quality at a healthy lawn clinic 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25, at the Oak Park Community Center, 13600 Oak Park Blvd., south of 10 Mile and west of Coolidge. Bring your lawn care questions and learn from the experts. The free event is sponsored by the Southeastern Oakland County

Resource Recovery Authority, in cooperation with Oakland County Michigan State University Extension, the Metropolitan Detroit Landscape Association and the city of Oak Park. It will feature Greg Patchan, horticulture agent, Oakland County MSU Extension; Tom Smith, owner of GrassRoots Lawn Care; and SOCRRA volunteers and demonstration lawn participants who will share practical tips for easy-care, green lawns. Space is limited; call SOCRRA weekdays at (248) 288-5150 to register.

■ The Ann Arbor Bonsai Society will meet 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26, at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens Auditorium, 1800 Dixboro in Ann Arbor. Visitors are welcome. Call (734) 424-9979. The program calls for the society to take a break during its regular schedule of events and have its annual members' auction. The event is intended to spread bonsai materials among the members and serve as a relaxed gathering during this busy growing season. This is an opportunity to collect material and supplies.

■ A new how-to series, "Needle Arts Studio with Shay Pendray," featuring a well-known area artist with needle and thread, begins airing 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, on WFUM-TV. Shay Pendray of Bloomfield Hills, owner of Needle Arts Inc. in Dearborn, is host.

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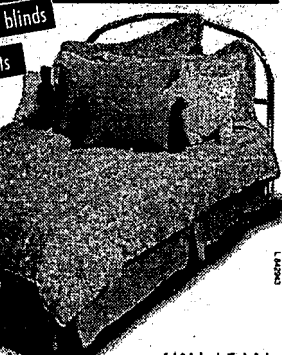
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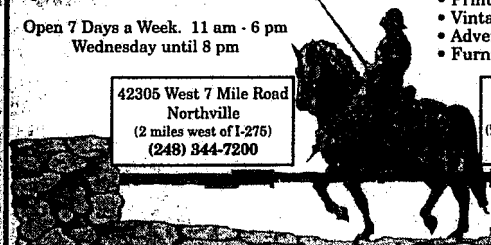
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Herbs brought her friendship, fun

By MARTY FIGLEY
Special Writer

Eleanor Shafer, formerly of Beverly Hills, recently moved to Auburn Hills where she lives with her daughter and son-in-law, Heather and Paul Crandall, at their newly opened bed and breakfast, Cobblestone Manor.

Last month, Eleanor celebrated her 90th birthday with many friends at her new home. Each guest brought a plant from their garden or one with special meaning to be included in Eleanor's "Friendship Garden." It is near the front entrance where it can be seen from the living room windows.

"Boy, is that front garden the love of my life," Eleanor said. "I just drool as I enjoy it! It brings back memories of many wonderful friends and the delightful times we spent together."

Bright yellow black-eyed susans, white Shasta daisies, anemones with pink/lavender blooms, a yellow rose, purple and variegated sage, rosemary, lovage, fern, purple coneflower, blue Platycodon, orange Crocosmia, low-growing Germander, Astilbe and other

plants are settling well into their new home, too. A small spruce, *Picea glauca*, "Gene's dilly," has been placed at one corner of the garden.

Isn't this a nice idea for someone who has loved plants for so many years.

Eleanor is a life member of the Herb Society of America and joined the Southern Michigan Unit in 1974.

"Herbs have been one of the major delights of my life. They had really not been a big thing to me, and one day I was with my daughter, Bonnie, who said I must meet her neighbor, Alice Genyk. Soon my knowledge grew as did my delight with herbs."

Alice, who now lives in California, led a study group for many years, and Eleanor attended the meetings, met other enthusiastic members and learned from them also.

She is no longer able to garden, but at one time grew 40 different herbs in her terraced garden. She eagerly looked for sweet woodruff to appear each spring so that she could make a wreath. She gave many of them to friends.

"I enjoyed growing the plants. It was lovely working in the garden, your



PHOTO BY MARTY FIGLEY

Putting down roots: Eleanor Shafer and her "Friendship Garden" have settled in at their new home. Photo by Marty Figley

hands would come up smelling like roses. I used to do all kinds of things, decoratively speaking."

In addition to making the wreaths, Eleanor pressed herbs especially for bookmarks ("I had a real go at that for a while"). She also created potpourris and arrangements.

Eleanor held many offices in the unit, including chairman.

"I talked about herbs so much, the things I was doing with them, that people thought I was an authority - I'm not,

but wish I were. I enjoyed the meetings and the people I met tremendously. Herb people are always great."

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'Square eyeballs' offer exciting view

BY MONTE NAGLER
Special Writer

Have you ever looked through a photography book or magazine and marveled at the strength and impact of the photographs? Chances are the photographers you're admiring are using a very simple technique that I call "looking through square eyeballs."

Our peripheral vision is expansive and we're always looking at a vast world. We tend to see the whole and in so doing, we miss many photographic opportunities that are right in front of us.

But by training yourself to "look through square eyeballs," new and exciting possibilities will open up.

The best way to begin is to use a viewing mask. Cut a "window" about 2 by 3 inches out of a piece of cardboard and begin to view things through it. You can also use a discarded slide mount or simply look through the rectangle formed when you place together the thumbs and forefingers of both hands. You'll frequently see professional photographers use this method to help them



Powerful vision: Looking through "square eyeballs" enabled Monte Nagler to see the photo potential in shooting just the priest's hands rather than the whole.

view their subjects.

Looking through "square eyeballs" will isolate subject matter from the surroundings. You'll be truly amazed at what you'll see. Even familiar surroundings will offer you photographic possibilities you never knew were there.

You may see, for example, the unusual pattern of brickwork under the window ledge embraced by a sprig of ivy that you won't see as a potential picture because you're always looking at the whole house.

Looking through square eyeballs allowed me to see the beauty and inti-

macy and striking texture of just a small potential of a powerful photograph in just the priest's hands as he emerged from his Russian Orthodox church in Ninilchik, Alaska. Remember, an intimate photograph such as this can convey the beauty and meaning of the whole.

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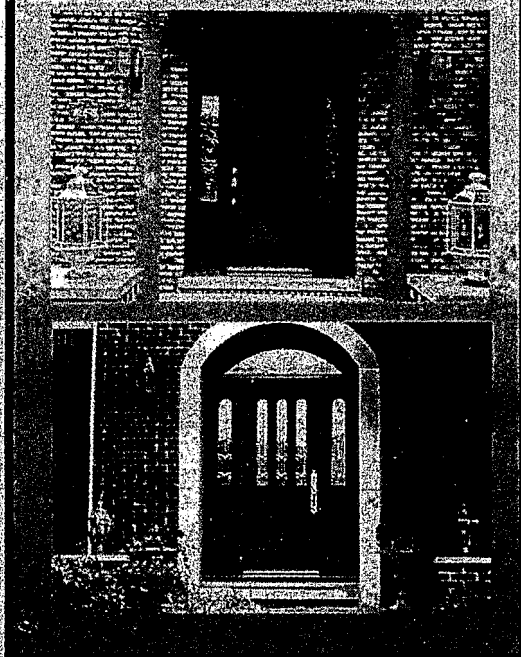
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THIS WEEKEND



Warner Brothers celebrates its 75th anniversary with a festival featuring 31 of their most beloved films, including "Casablanca," through Aug. 27 at the Landmark Main Ari Theatre, 118 N. Main (at 11 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Call (248) 542-0180 for schedule.

SATURDAY



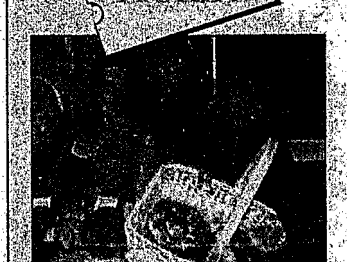
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SUNDAY



"The Invisible Made Visible: Angels From The Vatican," an exhibition of more than 100 rare works of art and artifacts from the 9th century B.C. to the 20th century, including "Concert of Angels," opens 10 a.m. at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Avenue. Timed tickets (includes Acoustiguide audio tour) are \$10 adults, \$5 children, Founders Society members free; call (248) 645-6666; members call (313) 833-8499.

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State Fair

Something old...



On stage: Hall and Oates and Living Soul, perform Wednesday, Sept. 2, at the Michigan State Fair.

The Michigan State Fair, the first of its kind in the United States, includes something old (the stove built in 1893 for the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago), something new (ultrasound machines at the Miracle of Life exhibit), something borrowed (farm equipment display) and something blue (ribbons, of course).

The fair runs from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25-Monday, Sept. 7, at the fairgrounds, 1120 W. State Fair (Woodward Avenue at Eight Mile Road), Detroit. Admission is \$9 for adults, \$2 for children ages 11 and younger, and free for children ages 2 and younger. Parking is \$5. Call (313) 369-8250 for more information.

Special events

Concerts begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted are included with admission to the fair. Special gold circle reserved tickets to the concerts are available for \$10 at Ticketmaster outlets. The "Special Days" are in parentheses.

Scheduled for this year's fair are:

- Ray Charles with Jazodity, Tuesday, Aug. 25 (Carrot/Celery/Onion and "Natural Resources" Day).
- Bryan White with Cross Country, Wednesday, Aug. 26 (Asparagus Day).
- Tim McGraw with Scott Fullford, Thursday, Aug. 27 (Cherry Day).
- Ginuwine with Hockey Daddy, 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28 (Christmas Tree and Governor's Day).
- Alice Cooper with Branded, Saturday, Aug. 29 (Twirling, Grape and Wine Day).
- The Whispers with Ray Potter, Sunday, Aug. 30 (Cheer, Pom-Pom, Twin and Organic Day).
- Bill Cosby, Monday, Aug. 31 (Senior and Potato Day).
- Steve Wariner and Scott Fullford, Tuesday, Sept. 1 (Corn, AAA and Pepsi Discount Day).
- Hall and Oates with Living Soul, Wednesday, Sept. 2 (Country Fair, Homemaker, Food Safety, AAA, Kroger and Pepsi Discount Day).
- Creedence Clearwater Revisited, Thursday, Sept. 3 (Sugar Beet, Kroger and Pepsi Discount Day).
- K-Ci and JoJo and Funktelligence, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4 (Apple, Husband and Wife Calling Day).
- Lakeside with Confunktion, Saturday, Sept. 5 (Veterans Service Club, Ponytail and Soy Bean Day).
- Trace Adkins and Joe Meyer, Sunday, Sept. 6 (Clown Day).
- Beach Boys, Monday, Sept. 7 ("Miracle of Life" and Labor Day).

Discount information

Highlights

- Senior citizens ages 62 and older will be admitted free from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Aug. 31, during "Blue Care Network Medicare Blue Senior Day." Ernie Harwell will make a special appearance during the day which also includes a senior awards ceremony, senior raffle and senior contests such as the oldest man and woman and the longest married couple.
- Saturday, Sept. 5, has been dubbed "Veterans Day" when veterans in uniform or with veterans IDs are admitted free from 9:30 a.m. to noon. The special events take place at the Wall of Honor including musical selections at 10 a.m., a Veterans Memorial Service at 10:30 a.m., the "Veteran of the Year" Ceremony at 11:30 a.m., and a Feature Parade at 4 p.m. Veterans' organizations

may participate in the Veterans' Day by bringing their banners to display on the site and carry in the parade.

■ AAA members receive \$3 off the adult admission when a AAA card is shown Tuesday-Wednesday, Sept. 1-2. Kroger Discount Days are Wednesday-Thursday, Sept. 2-3, and with a coupon available at Kroger admission is discounted \$3. Tuesday-Thursday, Sept. 1-3, are Pepsi Discount Days and adult admission is discounted \$3 when a specially marked Pepsi can is presented.

Something new...



New release: Jazodity opens for rhythm and blues legend Ray Charles Tuesday, Aug. 25, at the Michigan State Fair. This is the cover from their debut release "In the Mix," which will be available beginning this week, Sept. 2.

Jazodity has had a blessed career. Members of the group, most of whom are only in their 20s, have studied with some of jazz music's greatest players, whether it be in person or on tape. One was schooled at Berklee College of Music in Boston, and others honed their skills with competitive marching bands.

It's paid off. Although it has only been together since October, Jazodity has landed stellar gigs at the Motor Lounge, Clutch Cargo's, and has opened for Charlie Hunter and Groove Collective. On Aug. 25, the band opens for rhythm and blues legend Ray Charles at the Michigan State Fair.

Drummer Graham Mueller chalks it up to the band's reputation as a "jazz band with some kickin' hip-hop grooves."

"I'd say it's because we take jazz and bring it into a forum of hip-hop making it easier to relate to," said Mueller, a Berkeley resident. "A lot of people see jazz as this really exalted music form. We do it with hip-hop beats and that

makes it really listenable."

Mueller said that was the focus of studio sessions leading to its debut release "In the Mix," which will be available beginning this week. To aid in its mission, the Jazodity called upon Carlos Scott, also known as "DJ Soul Supremacy," who has worked with A Tribe Called Quest and Erykah Badu.

Instead of using canned, computer-generated drum beats, he ran Mueller's chops through a computer and manipulated them.

"He manipulated and rearranged the sound into a loop. (The song) 'In the Mix' is an example of that. It's a new idea in music. We're using sounds that are getting away from Sony keyboard sounds and using real drum loops."

On the jazz side, Jazodity recruited Greg Williams, whom Mueller describes as "a really underrated but obscure figure in jazz." Williams, who recorded with Jazodity under the name "Vibrations," has worked

Please see FAIR, E2

Joan Rivers seriously happy with her life

Happy is busy for Joan Rivers. She's a woman of many faces - mother, comedian, actress, jewelry designer, playwright and humanitarian.

Her daughter, Melissa, is getting married Dec. 12; "The Joan Rivers Show," which airs on nationally syndi-



Joan Rivers

cated radio in more than 40 markets is "going great," and she has her own line of fashion jewelry, which has generated over \$160 million in sales through the QVC Network.

She's also host of E! Entertainment Television's Fashion Reviews, writing two books and a play about an older woman who wants to get married. On weekends she tours with comedian Don Rickles. They'll be at Pine Knob on Aug. 21.

"It's a good time in my life," said Rivers in a telephone interview from New York City. "It doesn't stop, and I say 'thank God.'"

"Can we talk?" her signature question, and officially registered federal trademark, is something she does cautiously with strangers.

The biggest misconception people have about her is that "I'm on all the time," she said. "People think they'll hoot and holler if I'm at their table. They say 'oh boy, we've got Joan Rivers.' I get invited to a lot of places once."

On stage, Rivers lights up. Women especially love her.

"It's so much fun to get out there and talk to people, and hear their reactions," she said. "I love touring. We're going to have a good time. If you're looking for intelligence don't come to us."

She enjoys sharing the stage with Don Rickles. "I love him, his conductor, his stage manager, they're all very nice. We'll be very typical us on stage. Life is tough enough, come out, and we'll laugh together."

Being a comedian is easier now, than it was in the 1960s when she started performing in clubs and lounges. "You can be more truthful," she said. "You can talk about things you could never have mentioned before like sperm on Monica Lewinsky's dress. It's wonderful."

Rivers admits a lot of women look to her for the truth, and she tries to tell it. "I'm writing a book about aging, which is lousy, terrible" she said. "We

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FAMILY FUN



Puppet man: Greg Lester has created his own little world for "Jack and the Beanstalk."

Puppeteer takes his show on the road

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

The puppeteer is like a god. He creates the setting and the people; he gives the people movement and voice; and he leads them through parables of ethical behavior.

It's the perfect job for someone who took a double major in acting and philosophy.

Lake Orion's Greg Lester, 27, had an idea when he graduated from Lake Orion High School that he wanted to be an actor, but when he got to Western Michigan University, he found he had other interests as well.

"I've been involved in theater all my life, since I was a kid and in high school," said Lester. "In college I couldn't think of

a real job, so I pursued acting and took philosophy classes on the side. And then I became so interested in philosophy, I took a double major."

That didn't exactly open career doors when Lester graduated from Western in 1995. He visited his brother in Boulder, Colo., and became interested in the street performers near the university and thought he'd become a storyteller.

That inspired a call to a friend, puppeteer Brad Lowe, whom Lester had worked with during summers at the Oakland County Parks. Lowe is a two-time Emmy winner, creator of TV's "Hot Fudge" and operator of Fantasy E-Fox Puppets.

"He taught me how to make puppets, develop scripts, manipulate puppets,

tricks of the trade," Lester said. He learned from other local puppeteers, as well, though he credits with Lowe with giving him his start.

Now, Lester has his own one-man theater, Greg Lester's Puppet Adventures, combining his interest in acting with his commitment to ethical philosophy. He's been taking his show on the road to day camps, parties, nursery schools, festivals and school auditoriums.

"I developed 'Jack in the Beanstalk.' Sculpted the puppets, wrote the script, recorded the sound at a digital recording studio. The scenery is hand-painted. ...It's a one-man show," he said.

Though not an artist, Lester has been developing his sculpting skills to create

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Discovering guitar turns jazz legend's son on to music

Growing up as the son of legendary jazz trumpeter Don Cherry, Eagle-Eye Cherry had a wealth of musical influences and instruments available to him.

But it wasn't until he returned to his birthplace, Stockholm, Sweden, to be with his girlfriend that he found his musical calling.

"The first apartment that we

borrowed had an acoustic guitar. I hadn't messed around with it before. In my home, we had all the instruments except for that. That was the key to the door of my career," Cherry explained.

"It's a great, great instrument - for me and also for writing. It's like having a good friend."

That discovery led to his debut album, "Desireless" (The Work

Group), a collection of acoustic guitar-driven, memorable pop songs that has already gone platinum in Sweden. He dabbles in funk a bit ("Indecision"), but other than that there's little of his late father's influence in "Desireless."

"I think that's definitely me. Being around the business and behind the scenes, I know the

importance of making music that's exactly what you want to be doing," Cherry said.

"You have to play the songs for a year and you have to talk about it for a year. I didn't want to make a record that didn't feel right. Especially on the first album, I think very often it ends up being a little bit of a producer's or A&R man's product. But with me, this is it. This is what I've been wanting to do for this whole time. I realized it's important to take your time. You only got one chance at a first impression."

Cherry made his first impression May 7, 1970, in Stockholm to Don and artist Moki Cherry.

"The best memories I have are of my dad sitting by the piano playing music, good food being cooked, and lots of good vibes. There were a lot of really, really good people around at that time. That generation of musicians is

quite special," Cherry explained.

"We traveled a lot. My dad brought us out on tour, mostly through Europe. It was very special."

"Us" included half-sister Neneh Cherry, who was born Neneh Mariann Karlsson in 1964 to West African percussionist Amadu Jah and Moki Cherry. Neneh, best known for her 1980s hit "Buffalo Stance," and Eagle-Eye Cherry along with Don and Moki Cherry moved to New York City when Eagle-Eye was 14.

"A few years ago" Cherry left New York for Stockholm where he found the inspiration for his album.

Coupled with hip-hop beats and slide guitar, Cherry and his half-sister Titiyo Jah, an R&B star in Sweden, duet on "Worried Eyes," a confession of his love for

his girlfriend.

The music for the title track was written by his father who died Oct. 19, 1995, in Malaga, Spain. The album is dedicated to his father.

"I probably would've had a Don Cherry song on the album regardless of whether he has passed away. When he died it was very sad but he lived such a full life. It was really a kick in my butt to get to work. You don't know when you're going to go, and I know I haven't done what I wanna do in this life so I better get to work on it."

Eagle-Eye Cherry performs Wednesday, Aug. 26, at the 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Doors open at 8 p.m. for the 18 and older show. Tickets are \$7 in advance. For more information, call (248) 335-8100 or visit <http://www.961melt.com>. Eagle-Eye Cherry's web site is <http://www.eagle-eyecherry.com>.

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expressive, elaborately costumed pantomime puppets and a hand-mouth, Muppet-type character who introduces the show.

Lester operates from a red trailer. He can set up an instant stage from the side of the trailer with lights and sound built in. Lester also has a somewhat more elaborate stage that he can set up inside a school auditorium that takes about 40 minutes to assemble.

"It allows me to creatively do everything," he said, "script writer, choreography, set design, set construction, sound guy, performer. It allows me to do what I want. It also allows me to use philosophy."

Lester's "Jack in the Beanstalk" is subtitled "A Tale of Good Over Evil." He said he

always emphasize that his stories take a turn away from the traditional sources. He said in the original "Jack," the hero is a thief who ends up killing the giant.

"In my tale, Jack goes on an adventure. He gets the beans from the spirit of his grandfather and he finds a cruel giant who has been stealing from others. In this story Jack is rewarded for doing the right thing," Lester said. "We try to put forth good messages for kids."

The young puppet master has been sending out brochures and calling around to schools and

libraries. He's found a receptive market. By mid-July he had already done 38 shows and is booked through September. He is developing a "Thumbelina" with a girl main character.

Lester still has other acting dreams. He is planning on doing voice overs to use his versatile gift for mimicry, and he would like to explore film acting.

But, for now, he's the master of his puppet domain with plans to do more than 100 shows throughout Michigan in the coming school year.

Lester can be reached at (248)693-6615.

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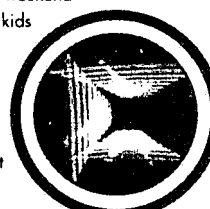
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HENRY FORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

"The Comedy of Errors," through Sunday, Aug. 23, at the college's Adray Auditorium in the MacKenzie Fine Arts Building, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays. \$10, \$8 students. (313) 845-9900

MACOMB SUMMER THEATRE

"Steel Magnolias," a comedy about six Louisiana ladies who face love and mortality with uncommon strength. 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 21-22, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield, Clinton Township. \$12, \$10 seniors/students, \$9 groups of 10 or more. (810) 286-2222

CHILDREN'S SUMMER THEATRE

"The Paper Bag Princess and Other Stories," by Robert Munsch, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 22-23, Capitol Theatre, 121 University Ave. W., Windsor. \$8 (Canadian). (519) 253-8085 or <http://www.mnsl.net/~capitol>

MARQUIS THEATRE CHILDREN

"Raggedy Ann and Andy," 10:30 a.m. Thursday-Friday, Aug. 20-21; 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, Aug. 22 and 29, and Sept. 12, 19 and 26, and 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Sept. 13, 20 and 27, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. Children ages 3 and younger not permitted. (248) 349-8110 for ticket information and special-school performance times and rates.

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS

"Tinderbox Tales," a collection of humorous folk tales (The Three Wishes, The Five Foolish Fishers, Stone Soup) with voluntary audience participation, 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 28-29, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30, at the Theatre Guild of Livonia Redford, 15138 Beech Daly, south of Five Mile, Livonia. \$5, call for reservations and receive goody bags for everyone in your party. (313) 535-8982

SPECIAL EVENTS

BEANIE BABY SHOW & SALE

Dealers and collectors selling current and retired Beanie Babies and accessories, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth. \$4, \$2 ages 4-12. (734) 455-2110

CAMP TICONDEROGA

Lunar Open '98, Nighttime Golf Tournament and Summer Party, Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 20-22, 5725 Rochester Road, Troy. (248) 828-2825. Live entertainment, 9:30 p.m. Thursday features comedy and music parody of Mike Ridley, Sun Messengers perform 9 p.m. Friday, and La Trinity 9 p.m. Saturday. Lunar Open tee-off 9:30 p.m. Saturday. Call for details.

"BLUES HARMONICA BLOW-OFF"

Featuring Kim Wilson of the Fabulous Thunderbirds, Curtis Salgado, Steve Baker, and host Larry "The Iceman" Eisenberg, 9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27, Crowne Plaza Hotel-Metro Airport, 8000 Merriman Road, Romulus. \$15; and workshops featuring the performers along with Peter "Madcat" Ruth, 1 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Aug. 27-28 (\$10 per day), and a "How to Play Blues Harmonica in One Afternoon" workshop, 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29 (\$15), at the hotel. All events part of the Society for the Preservation and Advancement of the Harmonica's International Harmonica Convention. (313) 730-4336

TONY LEE

Hypnotist/magician appears 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$48 in advance, \$48 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com>

RECORD AND CD MUSIC COLLECTIBLES EXPO

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, Livonia Elks Hall, 31117 Plymouth Road (one block east of Merriman Road), Livonia. \$3. (248) 546-4527

FAMILY EVENTS

ANIMAL CARE FAIR

Sale of pet, foods and supplies to benefit the homeless and abused animals at the Michigan Humane Society, adoption tent (cats and dogs), bomb sniffing demonstrations by Southfield Police Department K-9 Unit, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 22-23, at the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen Road, at Civic Center Drive, north of I-696. (248) 354-1000

"YPSILANTI HERITAGE FESTIVAL"

Opens with a concert by Patti LaBelle, 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, at Frog Island park, Ypsilanti. \$25 seated, \$14 lawn. All ages, and featuring a Lumberjack Show, the Polo Classic, the Living History Encampment, Great Train Race, antique cars, exotic petting zoo, circus, arts and crafts, parade, festival of food, noon to midnight Friday, Aug. 21, 9 a.m. to midnight Saturday, Aug. 22, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23, in Ypsilanti. (734) 483-4444

SUMMER CONCERTS

CALVIN BROOKS

6-8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, Greenfield Village, 20900 Oakwood Blvd.,



Swashbuckling fun: Celebrate "A Faire of the Heart," a weekend devoted to wine, wooing and weddings, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 22-23 at the Michigan Renaissance Festival. The pirates land in Hollygrove for a weekend of swashbuckling fun during High Seas Adventure weekend, Aug. 29-30. The fun continues through Sunday, Sept. 27, and Labor Day, at the festival off I-75 (Exit 106) one mile north of Mr. Holly on Dixie Highway between Pontiac and Flint. Admission: adults \$13.95, children ages 5-12, \$5.95, children 4 and younger admitted free. Call (800) 601-4848.

Dearborn: Free with admission, \$12.50 adults, \$11.50 senior citizens ages 62 and older, \$7.50 for children ages 6-12, and free for children ages 4 and younger. After 4 p.m., \$10 adults, \$5 kids ages 5-12. (Jazz) (313) 271-1620

KAPP-IVORY QUARTET

7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26, Burgh Historical Park, northeast corner of Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, Southfield. Free. All ages. (248) 424-9022 (big band/Motown)

LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, Civic Center Park, Livonia. Free. All ages. (734) 421-2000, ext. 351

REDFORD CIVIC SYMPHONY

"Opera Under the Stars" with Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan as part of summer series sponsored by Wayne County Parks, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 26, in Belle Creek Park, Livonia. Free. All ages.

URSULA WALKER/BUDDY BUDSON TRIO

With Pamela Ransford and the Plymouth Guitar Band close the "Entertainment on Us" series 6:45-9:45 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, in Kellogg Park, Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Free. All ages.

ORGAN

MOTOR CITY THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

Movies and concerts series continues with "Goldfinger" starring Sean Connery, 7:30 p.m. Friday Aug. 21, and 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, the Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser at Grand River, Detroit. Organ overture precedes film, guest organist Dave Calendine. \$2.50. (313) 531-4407

AUDITIONS

BEL CANTO CHORAL GROUP

Auditioning women who read music and like to perform light-classical, show-tunes and seasonal favorites, by appointment only through Aug. 30 in Southfield. (248) 557-3734/(248) 642-3216

DETROIT SYMPHONY CIVIC ORCHESTRA

Open auditions for the 1998-99 season for the tuition-free training orchestra for aspiring professional musicians, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Sept. 11-13, deadline for scheduling an audition is Friday, Aug. 28. For performances Nov. 15, Feb. 28 and May 9. (313) 576-5164

FIRST THEATER GUILD

Auditions for "The Sound of Music," 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25, and Thursday, Aug. 27, First Presbyterian Church's Knox Auditorium, 1669 W. Maple Road, (between Southfield and Cranbrook roads), Birmingham. Performances are Oct. 30-Nov. 1, and Nov. 6-8. (248) 844-0356/(248) 548-2871

FULL CIRCLE DANCE COMPANY

12:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, at Henry Ford Community College, (Dance Studio, lower level, Athletic Building), 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn. (313) 845-6314

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE

Auditions for children and dogs for "The Miracle Worker," 1-6 p.m. (children) and 6-8:30 p.m. (dogs), Sunday, Aug. 30 by appointment only, dog must be nice,

quiet and calm, and behave well with children, at the theater on the Oakland University campus, Rochester. For performances Oct. 21 to Nov. 15. (248) 370-3310

THE NOVI THEATRES

Auditions children ages 7-10 for the Little People Players' production of "Sleeping Beauty," 4 p.m. Monday, Aug. 24, and Wednesday, Aug. 26. Performances Oct. 23-25; Auditions actors for the Ensemble Theatre Company's production of "You Can't Take It With You," 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25, and Thursday, Aug. 27, both auditions at the theater, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi. ETC participants must pay \$125 participation fee. "You Can't Take It With You" performances Nov. 13-15. (248) 347-0400

PLYMOUTH-CANTON BALLET COMPANY

Open auditions for dancers Friday, Aug. 21, 5-6 p.m. for ages 9-12, 6-8:30 p.m. ages 13 and older, at Joanne's Dance Extension, 9282 General Drive, Suite 180-190, Plymouth. \$5 audition fee, bring resume and photo. For performances of Mark Nash's "Dracula" (Oct. 24) and "The Nutcracker" (Dec. 11-13) with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra. (734) 397-8828

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS

Open auditions for new members, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 8, 15, 22 and 29, especially needed are tenors, basses and baritones, some openings for altos and sopranos, rehearsals for 25th anniversary Christmas Concert begin Sept. 8, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial Road, west of Sheldon, Plymouth. (734) 455-4080

CHORAL

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS

The group is looking for members and former members to help celebrate its 25th anniversary with a gala ball Friday, Oct. 2, at Laurel Park Manor, Livonia. (734) 459-6829 or write to P.O. Box 700217, Plymouth, Mich., 48170

JAZZ

ABLER-LEDUFF AND HAYDEN TRIO

8:30 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Aug. 27, Fleetwood on Sixth restaurant, 209 W. Eighth St., Royal Oak. Free. All ages. (248) 541-8050

THE ARTICLES

With Aka Mama, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, Blind Pig, 208-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 19 and older. (Jamaican Jazz) (734) 996-8555

SEAN BLACKMAN

With John Arnold, 8:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages, (gypsy jazz) (248) 652-1600

GARY BLUMER TRIO

8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Aug. 27, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

JACK DRYDEN TRIO

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 28, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

PAUL FINKBEINER TRIO

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 21, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

WENDELL HARRISON

With his trio, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25, Duet, 2711 Woodward Ave. (at Martin Luther King Boulevard), Detroit. (313) 831-3838

ROY HAYNES QUARTET

8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 21-22, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$15 in advance. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

HEIDI HEPLER & MICHELE RAMO

6-10 p.m. Mondays at Too Chee, 27155 Sheraton Drive, Novi. (248) 348-5555; 7-10 p.m. Wednesdays to Saturdays at Encore in the Quality Inn, 1801 S. Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 335-3790; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's Market, 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi. (248) 305-7333

JAZZHEAD

9:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 965-9500 (be pop/swing)

SHEILA LANDIS

8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5080

LORI LEFEBRE AND JIMMY LEE TRIO

9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 28-29, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

MEDESKI, MARTIN AND WOOD

7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$21 in advance, \$23 day of show. All ages. (313) 961-5451

MATT MICHAELS TRIO

With percussionist Dennis Tini and saxist George Benson, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, and with guest vocalist Patti Richards, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27, Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. \$5 cover waived with dinner, \$5 drink minimum. (248) 474-4800

MUTUAL ADMIRATION SOCIETY

8 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, Aug. 20-21 and 27-28, and Wednesday, Aug. 26, Duet, 2711 Woodward Ave. (at Martin Luther King Boulevard), Detroit. (313) 831-3838

ROBERT PIPHO

With his trio, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150; With his duo, 8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 24, Duet, 2711 Woodward Ave. (at Martin Luther King Boulevard), Detroit. (313) 831-3838

NELSON RANGELL

With Braxton Bros., 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26, Chene Park, 2600 E. Atwater, Detroit. \$5. All ages. (313) 393-0292

PAMELA RANSFORD

With Ursula Walker/Buddy Budson Trio, 8:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, Kellogg Park, Ann Arbor Trail and Main Street, downtown Plymouth. Free. All ages. (734) 453-1234

SAX APPEAL

8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

PAUL VORNHAGEN

8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Aug. 20, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON

With Den Kalton, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays and Fridays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

ALEXANDER ZONJIC

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27, Shain Park, Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 645-0731

WORLD MUSIC

TASLIMAH BEY QUINTET

6-9 p.m. Thursdays through Sept. 9, Bert's on the River, Belle Isle. (313) 823-8000

IMMUNITY

6-8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, Augle's, 31660 John R Road, Madison Heights. Free. 21 and older. (248) 588-3120; 10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-9110 (reggae)

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

JAN KRIST

8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (folk) (248) 650-5080

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Celebrates the release of its CD with a party and performances, 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$9 members, students and seniors. All ages. (bluegrass) (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

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With Nanci Griffith, John Hiatt, Joan Baez, Marc Cohn, The Staple Singers, The Violent Femmes, Wilco, Rickie Lee Jones, Rodney Crowell, Arnold, and emcee Loudon Wainwright III, 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$35 pavilion, \$18 lawn. All ages. As previously announced, Lucinda Williams will not perform. (variety) (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>

SHAWN PHILLIPS

8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$13.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

COMEDY

CARROT TOP

8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. \$22.50 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Hector Rezzano and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 20-22; Norm Stulz and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 27-29, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 9 p.m. Wednesdays (\$2), 9 p.m. Thursdays (free), 9 p.m. Friday (\$10), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturdays (\$10), unless otherwise noted. (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S

Jef Brannan, 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21 (\$8), and 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22 (\$8); J.R. Remick and Manny Shields, 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28 (\$6), and Saturday, Aug. 29 (\$8), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE

Cathy Ladman, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20 (\$9), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 21-22 (\$12); Jim Dallakas, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27 (\$7), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 28-29 (\$9), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Spike Rizzo and David Luther Glover, Thursday-Sunday, Aug. 20-23; Vince Morris and Tim Rowlands, Wednesday-Sunday, Aug. 26-30, at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays (\$6), 9:30 p.m. Fridays (\$12), and 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays (\$6). Prices subject to change. (248) 542-9900 or <http://www.comedycastle.com>

JOAN RIVERS

With Don Rickles, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$25 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>

SECOND CITY

"Viagra Falls," 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays with additional shows at 10:30 p.m. on Fridays-Saturdays through September, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

POPULAR MUSIC

BACKSPACE

With Nightside Eclipse and Esion, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, Blind Pig, 208-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)

BUGS BEDDOW BAND

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 28-29, Hennessey's Pub, 49160 Grand River Ave., Wilcom. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-4404 (blues)

BETTER DAYS

10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, Mount Chalet, 32955 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 549-2929 (rock)

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PETE "BIG DOG" FETTERS

8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (acoustic blues)

FOSSIL CIRCUS

10 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-9110 (rock)

GANGSTER FUN

9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. \$5. 21 and older. (313) 875-6555 or http://www.lilis21.com (ska)

GOD LIVES UNDERWATER

With Getaway Cruiser, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6.50 in advance, \$8 day of show. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (techno-driven rock)

KERRY GRANT

10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (313) 886-8101 (acoustic rock)

GREYBOY ALLSTARS

9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$12. 18 and older. (248) 335-8100 or http://www.961melt.com (ska)

G.R.R.

9 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 27-29, Mr. B's, 6761 Dixie Highway, Clarkston. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300/(248) 625-4600 (rock)

ALVIN YOUNGBLOOD HART

7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12 in advance. All ages. (734) 761-1451

HARVEY DANGER

8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (pop)

LISA HUNTER

9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, Tuscan Cafe, 150 N. Center St., Northville. Free. All ages. (248) 305-8629; 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, Gypsy Cafe, 214 N. Fourth St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 994-3940; Hosts open mic night, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23, Gargoyles's, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. All ages. (248) 745-9790; 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28, Java Master, 33214 W. 14 Mile Road, West Bloomfield. Free. All ages. (248) 626-7393 (acoustic rock)

INMATURE

3:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, Chene Park, 2600 E. Atwater, Detroit. \$13.50-\$26.50. All ages. (313) 393-0292 (R&B)

GLADYS KNIGHT

With Jeffrey Osborne, 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28, Chene Park, 2600 E. Atwater, Detroit. \$18.50-\$46.50. All ages. (313) 393-0292 (R&B)

KORN

Does in-store performances and auto-graph sessions: noon to 3 p.m. Monday, Aug. 24, Harmony House, 37824 Van Dyke Ave., Sterling Heights. Free. All ages. (810) 939-6969; 5-8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 24, Rock of Ages, 31015 Ford Road, Garden City. Free. All ages. (734) 522-4590

THE LEDGE

9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 18 and older. (734) 485-5050 (rock)

THE LOOK

10 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-9110 (rock)

RICHARD MARK

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$25 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com (rock)

MERGE

9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 18 and older. (734) 485-5050 (rock)

MICHIGAN INTERNATIONAL METAL FEST

With Revile, Secretion, Arius, Blood Coven, Grievance, Exploding Zombies, Harms Way, Bones Garage and Halloween, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28, and Epoch of Unlight, Profecy, Sonnus, Dark Moon, Enter Self, Lucifer's Hammer, Lords of Algol, November Doom, Oblivion and Morglorn, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (810) 465-5154 (metal)

MIGHT AS WELL

9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 18 and older. (734) 485-5050 (rock)

MISS BLISS

With Shallow and the Autumns, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (734) 998-8555 (rock)

MOTOR CITY JOSH AND THE BIG 3

9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28, Bad Frog Tavern, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 624-9400 (blues)

MUDPUDDY

9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older; 10:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-9110/(248) 650-5080 (blues)

STEVE NARDELLA

8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 21-22, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave.,

Fest celebrates Warner Bros.' 75th anniversary

Warner Brothers is celebrating its 75th anniversary with a festival featuring 31 of their most beloved films.

The Landmark Main was a last minute addition to the list of theaters chosen for the festival, and Robert Teachman, general manager of the Main and Landmark Maple Theater in Bloomfield, is excited.

"Certain movies tie in with memories," he said. "The Adventures of Robin Hood" is one of my favorites. I've seen it on TV hundreds of times, but never on the big screen. It reminds me of afternoons I spent with my grandma watching old movies on TV."

Teachman is a little disappointed, too. "Because I'll be working I won't be able to see as many films as I'd like," he said.



Dawn of sound: Warner Bros. introduces sound to movies with "The Jazz Singer" at the Warners' Theatre in New York City on Oct. 6, 1927.

Warner Brothers 75th Anniversary Film Festival

Where: Landmark Main Art Theatre, 118 N. Main (at 11 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Call (248) 542-0180 for information.

When: Friday-Thursday, Aug. 21-27

Tickets: Festival week pass \$60; day pass \$15; individual movie ticket \$4.50; prior to 6 p.m., \$7 after 6 p.m.

Schedule:

Friday, Aug. 21

2 p.m. - "All the President's Men"
4:45 p.m. - "Dog Day Afternoon"
7:30 p.m. - "Blazing Saddles"

9:30 p.m. - "The Exorcist"
Midnight - "A Clockwork Orange"

Saturday, Aug. 22

11 a.m. - "The Color Purple"
2 p.m. - "Chariots of Fire"
4:30 p.m. - "Full Metal Jacket"
7:15 p.m. - "Bladerunner"
9:45 p.m. - "The Shining"

Sunday, Aug. 23

11:30 a.m. - "Driving Miss Daisy"
1:30 p.m. - "The Fugitive"
4:15 p.m. - "Unforgiven"
7 p.m. - "Goodfellas"
10 p.m. - "J.E.K."

Monday, Aug. 24

3 p.m. - "The Jazz Singer"
5 p.m. - "42nd Street"
7 p.m. - "Adventures of Robin Hood"

9:15 p.m. - "Public Enemy"
Tuesday, Aug. 25

2 p.m. - "Mildred Pierce"
4:30 p.m. - "Now, Voyager"
7 p.m. - "Casablanca"
9:15 p.m. - "The Maltese Falcon"

Wednesday, Aug. 26

2 p.m. - "The Searchers"
4:30 p.m. - "Dial M for Murder"
7 p.m. - "Streetcar Named Desire"
9:30 p.m. - "Rebel Without a Cause"

Thursday, Aug. 27

2 p.m. - "Days of Wine & Roses"
4:30 p.m. - "Bullitt"
7 p.m. - "Bonnie & Clyde"
9:30 p.m. - "The Wild Bunch"

Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

NINETEEN WHEELS

With The Serfs, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (roots rock)

NRBQ

8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$13. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com (blues)

PEARL JAM

With Cheap Trick, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. \$23. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com (rock)

ROBERT PENN

8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800; 8:10 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26, D.L. Harrington's, 2086 Crooks Road, Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 852-0500; 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

ROD PIAZZA AND THE MIGHTY FLYERS

8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$15 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com

PSYCHOTICA

8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (glam rock)

"PUMPSOCK 1998"

With Thorneita Davis, Jazzhead, Black Beauty, Marooned, G.R.R., Broken Toys, Ravenloft, Luis Resto and Dave McMurray, Face, Bonne Temps Roule, Quasar Wut Wut, Reefermen, Merge, Robert Jones, Johnny Bassett, Jazodity and Mudpuppy, 5 p.m. to midnight Friday, Aug. 21, and noon to 2 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, behind the Town Pump, 100 W. Montcalm St., Detroit. (313) 961-8310 (variety)

JODY RAFFOUL

8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, and 9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, and with Gary Rasmussen, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26, Local Color Brewery, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-2600 (rock)

THE REV. RIGHT TIME AND THE 1ST CUZINS OF FUNK

With Funktelligence, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355

PAUL RODGERS

With Foghat, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$20 pavilion, \$10 lawn. Free. (rock) (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com

KENNY ROGERS

With Daryle Singletary, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$29.50 pavilion, \$15.50 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com (country)

SAR-NA

With Radiocraft, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (rock)

KRISTIN SAYER BAND

9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28, Local Color Brewery, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-2600 (rock)

THE SCOFFLAWS

7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-POOL (ska)

TERRANCE SIMIEN AND MALLET PLAYBOYS

9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 (blues)

SISTER SEED

8-10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, Espresso Royale Cafe, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838 (acoustic rock)

SLAYER

With Fear Factory, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$21.50 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-5451 (rock)

MICHAEL W. SMITH

Featuring Wilshire with Chris Rice, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. \$24.50 pavilion, \$15 lawn. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com (Christian pop)

SPAT

With Church of the Open Bottle, 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, 313-JAC, above Jacoby's, 624 Brush St., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 884-7824 (pop)

SPENTEN GROUP

Featuring Peter Green, founding Fleetwood Mac guitarist, 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$25 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com (rock)

"SUFFRAGETTE SESSIONS TOUR" With performances by the Indigo Girls, Kate Schellenbach of Luscious Jackson, Gail Ann Dorsey, Jane Siberry, Lourdes Perez, Lisa Germano, Jean Smith of Mecca Normal, Josephine Wiggs, and Thalia Zedek of Come, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 24, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$23.50. All ages. (313) 961-5451 (variety)

SUGARBUZZ

9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 18 and older. (734) 485-5050 (rock)

THE SUICIDE MACHINES

With Buck-O-Nine and Bourgeois Fifth, 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit; With Buck-O-Nine and Slo-Poke, 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$9 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (ska/punk)

TANGERINE TROUSERS

9-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, Max and Erma's, 250 E. Merrill, Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 258-1188 (pop)

"TAYLOR BLUES FESTIVAL"

With Buster Blues Band (2 p.m.), Mudpuppy (3 p.m.), Bill Perry (4 p.m.), Monster Mike Welch (5 p.m.), Kinsey Report (6:30 p.m.), Carey Bell (7:45 p.m.), and Tinsley Ellis (9 p.m.), Saturday, Aug. 22, and Code Blue (2 p.m.), James Gray Group (5 p.m.),

Joe/Lyn B. and Detroit Street Players (4 p.m.), Big Dave and the Ultrasonics (5 p.m.), Bill Perry (6:30 p.m.), Guitar Shorty (7:45 p.m.), and Jimmie Vaughan (9 p.m.), Sunday, Aug. 23, Heritage Park on Pardee Road, between Goddard and Northline roads, Taylor. \$20 in advance for two-day passes; \$15 per day at the gate. (313) 278-5340 or http://www.siskos.com (blues)

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With Marshall Tucker Band, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$22.50 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com (rock)

MARY THOMPSON AND THE DELTA CHILDREN BLUES BAND

8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, B.C. Beans Coffee House, 2964 Biddle, Wyandotte. Free. All ages. (313) 284-2244 (blues)

THE TRAGICALLY HIP

7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, Toledo Zoo, Toledo. \$23.50. All ages. (248) 645-6666 (pop)

"TUESDAY BLUES"

With Peter Ruth and Shari Kane, Steve Baker and Chris Jones, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25, Holly Hotel, 110 Battle Alley, Holly. \$8, \$6 club members. (248) 634-5208 (blues)

2XL

10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 421-2250 (R&B)

VELOUR 100

With Propeller and Godzuki, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)

VAL VENTRO

10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (313) 886-8101 (blues)

RANDY VOLIN AND THE SONIC BLUES 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, BW3, 1234 S. Lapeer Road, Lake Orion. Free. 21 and older. (248) 814-8600; 9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 or http://www.rockindaddys.com (blues)

THE X HUSBANDS

9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Fridays-Saturdays, J.B. Bamboozles, 32350 Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 426-6454 (acoustic rock)

CLUB NIGHTS

BLIND PIG

"Swing-a-billy" night with dance lessons from 8-9 p.m. and dancing with DJ Del Villarreal, 7:30 p.m. Sundays at the club, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5 before 9 p.m., \$3 afterward; "Solar" night presents record release party for DJ Godfather's new mix CD (Twilight 76), 10 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26, at the club. \$5. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555

CLUTCH CARGO'S/MILL STREET

"Flashback" night with "The Planet" WPLT on level two (Clutch Cargo's), old school funk on level three, and techno and house on level four, 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, at the club, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older; Alternative dance night, 8 p.m. Wednesdays in Clutch Cargo's. 18 and older. (248) 333-2362 or http://www.961melt.com

THE GROOVE ROOM

Funk, hip-hop and top 40 with DJ Mac D, Thursdays. Women admitted free; "Love Factory" alternative dance night Fridays; Alternative dance with DJ Matt Saturdays; Alternative dance Tuesdays: gothic, industrial and retro with DJ Paul Wednesdays. Free, at the club, 1815 N. Main St. (at 12 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Free before 10 p.m. nightly, 21 and older. (248) 589-3344 or http://www.megrooveroom.com

INDUSTRY

Electronica, Euro and retro, 8:30 p.m. Fridays. Free before 10 p.m. 21 and older; Euro dance, 9 p.m. Saturdays. Free before 10 p.m. 21 and older; "Homesick Night," 9 p.m. Tuesdays. Free for those 21 and older before 11 p.m. Cover charge for those 18-20; all at the club, 19 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 334-1999 or http://www.961melt.com

MAGIC BAG

"Playhouse," techno dance with resident DJs Terrence Parker, Eric Hinchman, Jeremy Guerlin and Cold Crush Rus, 9 p.m. Sundays in June, at the club, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Free before 10 p.m., \$5 afterward, 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com

'The Governess' transforms time, memory and identity

Like Narcissus who became enthralled as he stared into a stream reflecting his image, the sensually adventurous Rosina in "The Governess" stands enchantingly before what has become the modern-day version of the mythic reflecting pond.

In front of the disengaged eyeball—a lens in an experimental 1840s camera—Rosina, played with virtuosity and passionate charm by Minnie Driver, documents what had until then only been fixed in the heart, and held in secret by those who stared into their souls.

Arguably, "The Governess" reminds us that no other modern invention has transformed the notion of time, memory and identity as much as photography.

What is it that we learn when we see ourselves in a photograph, posed and fixed in time?

Perhaps it's the stark difference between expectation and empirical reality. Hope and disappointment. Life and memory.

In a brilliant and measured use of the photography metaphor, director/writer Sandra Goldbacher and cinematographer Ashley Rowe have beautifully recreated 19th-century London and the Scottish Isle of Skye with an unmistakably contemporary aesthetic.

Hidden away in the London streets is the Sephardic Jewish community where Rosina and her family live a life steeped in custom and ritual. Amid the insular comfort of Jewish cul-

ture, Rosina dreams of becoming an actress.

But when her beloved father is murdered, she must discard her dream and fend for her family.

Throwing off the harness of an arranged marriage, Rosina sets out to support her family as a governess. But there are obvious obstacles she must overcome as a woman in a man's world and a Jew in a land of Christians.

Because of rampant anti-Semitism, Rosina must create a new identity. Mary Blackchurch, a cultured and contrite Protestant (certainly not a Catholic).

Through audacity, perseverance and imagination, she secures employment for the wealthy Cavendish family, who live on the misty seaside of the

unsullied Isle of Skye in Scotland.

The Cavendishes are the archetypal 18th-century dysfunctional family. The patriarch Charles, is a sexually repressed workaholic, and the matron is a bitter tight-laced prude. Meanwhile, the offspring appear less as precocious aristocrats and more as candidates for reform school.

In due time, Mrs. Blackchurch melts the icy, spoiled princess, Clementia, and is the target of seduction of the irrepressible son, Henry, who was expelled from Oxford after a bout in a dope den with a prostitute.

Enchanted by the devotion shown by Charles to his pioneering work in finding a solution to fix photographic impressions on paper, Mrs. Blackchurch soon becomes his assistant.

By happenstance, she discovers the highly sought formula. Along the way to refining their discovery, Charles and Mrs. Blackchurch take distinct paths in exploring the purpose of photography.

Whereas Charles pursues the scientific ideal to objectively document reality, Mrs. Blackchurch is interested in the possibilities of self-expression through photography.

Eventually, she persuades



Beyond superficial impressions: Minnie Driver as Rosina, the lead character in "The Governess." Driver creates a multifaceted personality with a sensual intelligence.

Charles to cast the lens on her. And in a mature and sensual exploration, the camera doesn't fail to reveal the sexual lure of Mrs. Blackchurch, nor the uncanny emotional range of Driver.

As she demonstrated in "Sleepers," "Big Night," and "Good Will Hunting," the camera has a love affair with Driver. She fills the screen with a sensual intelligence, and an intriguing curiosity.

In time, Charles and Mrs. Blackchurch's passions prove to be a combustible mix in a consuming affair that forces each to

confront their identities and responsibilities.

While Mrs. Blackchurch contends photography allows time to be fixed, there's no restraining the yearnings of the heart, nor the pangs of obligation.

That raw, fleeting lustiness that distinguishes "The Governess" is precisely what science and art set out to capture: a snapshot of the human condition.

"The Governess" opens exclusively Friday, Aug. 21, at the Maple Theater, 4135 W. Maple, Telegraph; (248) 855-9090.

'Return to Paradise' explores cost of making ethical choices

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

"Return to Paradise" sounds like the title of a typical summer escape movie, perhaps starring Jean-Claude Van Damme as a kickboxing champion on his way back to Fiji.

Instead it's a serious, introspective movie about accepting obligations, finding courage and weighing ethical concerns.

Director Joseph Ruben has a keen sense of the aimless drift that seems to infect a large segment of the mid-20s population and the irresponsibility that it breeds.

In fact, the movie begins as a trippy travelogue through Malaysia. Three young men have joined up briefly to enjoy all the temptations of paradise—alcohol, casual sex, drugs and aimless days of sun and fun under the palm trees.

Two of the friends return to



Moral choices: Attorney Beth Eastern (Anne Heche) tries to convince Sheriff (Vince Vaughn) that he must go back to Malaysia.

the "real" world, leaving their stash of hashish with their idealistic friend who is staying behind to help save some endangered animals.

The movie jumps ahead two years. Sheriff (Vince Vaughn) is driving a limo in Manhattan, going nowhere and unsure where he wants to go. Tony (David Conrad) is more ambitious, working construction and engaged to be married. Though they both live in New York, the two men

haven't seen each other since their lark.

One day, an attractive, intense young lawyer (Ann Heche) arrives and turns their worlds upside down. She tells them their friend Lewis (Joaquin Phoenix) has been sentenced to be hanged as a drug trafficker. His only hope is if they return and accept some of the responsibility for the hash. If one returns he will serve six years, if both return they will serve three. Lewis has been in a hell-hole Malaysian prison for two years.

Ruben contrasts the grim Malaysian prison with the slick, fast-moving, glittery world of Manhattan. He also contrasts the true Malaysia of the city slums with the tourist Malaysia of palm-lined beaches.

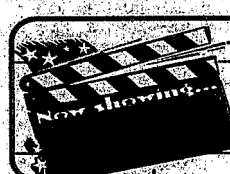
The screenplay by Wesley Strick and Bruce Robinson, loosely based on the French film "Force Majeure," captures the language, the mealy-mouthed excuses of the young, while also conveying the force that a moral choice places on someone. The action in this film is the fight within a person's soul.

Vaughn, best known for his comic turn in "Swingers," makes Sheriff's carelessness and his agony real by his casual, almost brutal disregard which masks his real concern. The performance suggests a young Paul Newman, who often navigated these kind of roles, drifting between Sheriff and his father, says volumes about coming to terms with yourself. Watch Vaughn's eyes, they say it all.

Ann Heche proves again that she is a strong actress, capable of both comedy ("Wag the Dog") and drama.

Joaquin Phoenix, as the gentle Lewis, conveys the madness brought by isolation and fear.

"Return to Paradise" has strong things to say about press irresponsibility, the injustice of third world "justice" and the hypocrisy that masquerades as moral resolve. But its strongest exploration is into the souls of the young and the struggle they have coming to terms with their responsibilities.



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STREET SCENE

Medeski, Martin and Wood draw rock audience to jazz

The audience at last year's sun-drenched H.O.R.D.E. Festival wasn't exactly, shall we say, enthusiastic. The only exception was a flickering, soon-to-be shining light called Medeski, Martin and Wood.

The organ-based jazz/funk band's participation in H.O.R.D.E. defied the usual lineup of roots rock acts. But folks in seashell necklaces, dreadlocks and baggy clothes ignored the humidity and danced for the next 45 minutes.

Chris Wood, bassist for Medeski, Martin and Wood, said the jam band Phish is responsible for the trio's large, atypical jazz following.

"That happened a lot because Phish was playing our CDs for quite awhile at their shows. Phish is playing to crowds of 100,000 kids. They play our CDs at their concerts. A few of those people got turned on and that's a lot of people," he explained.

"Some of those kids are



Coming to the State: Left to right, keyboardist John Medeski, drummer Billy Martin and bassist Chris Wood.

attracted to Phish or the Grateful Dead, bands that stretch out songs and jam out on instruments. That's what we're about. That's really how that happened. It's also because we're improvising a lot, the same as Phish."

That boost has enabled Medeski, Martin and Wood to move into bigger venues during its four in support of its latest album, "Combustication" (Blue Note). The trio hits Detroit's State Theatre on Sunday, Aug.

23. "We prefer more intimate rooms," Wood admitted. "It's always scary to get to a bigger room. It's harder to communicate with our audience, and it's hard to make it sound good for us. So we set up really close together so we can really feel each other."

"Ideally, we love playing in someone's living room together. That's the funnest situation. There's no PAs or mics. It just feels natural and the music seems to flow naturally. We try to get that feeling as much as we can."

Being at home was the key to the recording of "Combustication." For its last album, "Shackman," Medeski, Martin and Wood recorded at a studio tucked in a remote area of Hawaii. This time around, the trio stayed in New York.

"The original reason we were spending so much time in Hawaii was because we were touring so much that we didn't

have apartments. We were renting this little tiny shack in Hawaii. It was cheap so we spent time there," Wood said with a chuckle.

"When we made this record, we decided to settle back down in New York and stay home with this record. We didn't want to travel anywhere and also we wanted the resources of a nice studio."

Blue Note put the band in the Magic Shop in New York City. Working with 16-track, 2-inch tape and analog equipment gave the sound a "phatter and warmer sound."

"Also, John (Medeski) has so many different keyboards, and I have a lot of different basses, all that stuff is in New York. So it was nice to have all of it at our fingertips."

The trio didn't totally abandon Hawaii, however. "Combustication" includes a cover of the traditional Hawaiian song "No Ke Ano Ahiahi" that was inspired by Hawaiian slack key guitarist Gabby Pahinui's version. Also on the album is a cover of Sly Stone's "Everyday People."

Through their friend, former Living Colour guitarist Vernon Reid, the band met Jason Kibler, also known as DJ Logic. He added scratching and ambient sounds to songs like "Sugarcraft," "Start-Stop" and the

appropriately named "Church of Logic."

The trio will tour through the end of the year but will soon take a break for drummer John Wood's wedding. While he's on his honeymoon, Medeski and Martin are going to tour with John Scofield. The jazz guitarist chose the trio to back him on his latest album "A Go Go."

Recording with Scofield, Wood explained, was "very natural and painless. It just felt like we were jamming with a friend next door. He just called us up, and we thought it was a joke by one of our friends."

Thanks to the trio's friends, Phish, the band is moving closer to mainstream acceptance.

"Phish has great taste in music. We listen to all these different types of music. I love to collaborate and support music and it's cool. The Grateful Dead did a similar thing. Miles Davis opened for them. It's cool, the respect that they had for the jazz world."

Medeski, Martin and Wood perform at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets are \$21 in advance, \$23 day of show for the all-ages show. For more information, call (313) 961-5451 or visit <http://www.961melt.com>.

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BACKSTAGE PASS



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son previews from our area's top artistic experts and connoisseurs. A case in point is Marsha Miro. I love to call Marsha to

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find out what's coming up in area galleries, because her passion for the visual arts is contagious. I practically have to run out to a gallery as soon as I hang up the phone. So I called Marsha for a Fall preview.

She started off with the Detroit Institute of Arts. "Despite its lack of a director, the DIA is really going full force. They have great shows this year. We should all be visiting at least once or twice this Fall.

"Of course, the big one is 'Angels from the Vatican.' It's not just paintings, but sculptures, religious artifacts - angels

given many forms. This is how major artists envisioned them, and there are a lot of them in this show, including Raphael, who's about as good as you can get when it comes to angel painting. I think it's going to be a great show."

While "Angels" is looking like this season's blockbuster at the DIA, I asked Marsha if they had any smaller exhibitions planned. "They're doing a show this fall of

prints and graphics by Terry Winters, a New Yorker whose images have to do with mutating nature. His works are really captivating and curious."

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