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ow much do you know about your home state? Take this quiz to find out! The answers will appear next week, along with more on the history

of our great state.

1) What is the state bird?: a) robin;
b) cardinal; o) blue jay; d) mallard.

2) How many counties are there in Michigan?: a) 65; b) 92; c) 83; d) 110. (Were you paying attention? The answer was in this column two weeks

What is the state fish?; a) bluegill; b) small mouth bass; c) wall-

eye; d) brook trout.
4) When did Michigan enter the union?: a) 1776; b) 1803; c) 1837; d)

5) Native Americans did NOT teach early Michigan settlers how to: a) make maple syrup; b) ride horses; c) grow corn; d) use herbal medicines.

grow corn; a) use neroal medicines.

6) What transportation-related feature was first introduced in Michigan? a) the paved road; b) the tricolored traffic light; c) roadside parks; d) all of the above.

ored traffic light; c) roadside parks; d) all of the above.

7) Who did NOT start an automobile company in Michigan?: a) Walter Chrysler; b) John and Horace Dodge; c) Antoine Cadillac; d) Ransom Olds.

8) Michigan leads the nation in the production of: a) apples; b) cherries; c) plums; d) all three.

9) What percentage of Michigan is

9) What percentage of Michigan is covered with forest? a) 10; b) 25; c) 50; 10) In 1835, Michigan and Ohio went to "war" over; a) Detroit; b) Cleveland; c) Toledo; d) The Ohio

State/U-M football game, Vintage Clarkston is written by Kim Huttenlocker, vice-president of the Clarkston Community Historical Soci-



Judge denies motel zoning request



An Oakland County judge has upheld a recent rezoning in Independence Township, despite a request by a property owner and a developer to force the zoning to revert to its prior sta-

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER

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Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Colleen O'Brien has denied a request to return to its former zoning a piece of property on M-15 north of I-75 where a developer wants to construct a Holiday

O'Brien last Thursday denied a pre-

liminary injunction on behalf of Baylis Properties and Eagle Investment of Mid-Michigan against Independence

Township.

Baylis Properties and Eagle Investment of Mid-Michigan asked for the preliminary injunction to prevent the rezoning from C-3 (highway commer-cial) to OS-2 (office service) on the par-cel owned by Baylis Properties on the east side of M-15 in Independence

Township O'Brien also conducted a summary disposition yesterday (Wednesday) as requested by the township. She took the motion to dismiss the case underadvisement and is going to issue a written opinion at a later date, according to township attorney Gerald Fisher and the plaintiffs' attorney, David

Eagle Investment of Mid-Michigan wants to build an 82-room two-story brick motel on the site. Under the former C-3 zoning, a motel could have been constructed without any special provisions. The new zoning requires a special land-use permi

If O'Brien had ruled in favor of

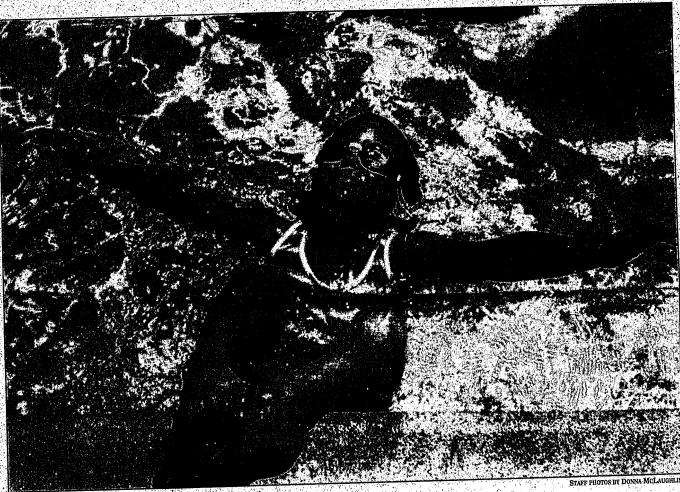
Baylis Properties on the preliminary injunction, the plaintiffs could have gone forward with township approval of their site plan review under the former C-3 classification.

mer C-3 classification.

Black filed a lawsuit April 15 on behalf of Baylis Properties and Eagle Investment of Mid-Michigan against Independence Township. The suit charged that the township zoning board of appeals (ZBA) violated the law and the plaintiffs' property rights. This occurred, the suit contended, when the ZBA didn't overturn the decision by the township planning commission to recommission to recommend the suit contended. township planning commission to rec-

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Ah-h-h-h-h



Kicking back: Gianna Locricchio, 4, lounges in the water.

Summer plunge

Campers build friendships, memories

By Stephanie Angelyn Casola

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Elizabeth Frederick would rather spend sunny sum-

mer days at camp than stuck at home. The 10-year-old swam the day away Monday at Deer Lake Athletic Club's Summer Sports Camp. She was happy to be there, making new

friends and enjoying the games. She wasn't the only one. Kelsey Monicatti, an 8-year-old from Waterford, hopped dripping wet out of the pool Monday to say

that she was looking forward to in-Very prepared: Three-yearold Luke Schroeder donned floatation devices, goggles and water shoes for his dip in the pool.



"It's something I hope we're gonna do," she said, with a little post-swimming shiver. Her counselors assured her that skating was part of the program and her face lit up with anticipation.

The Sports Camp includes a chance for kids to engage in soccer, flag football, walleyball, volleyball, baseball,

in-line skating, dodge ball and softball. Tennis and swim classes can be added to the schedule for a fee. Instructors will take those students away from camp activities for the class and then bring them back. The camp is one week long, but kids can register more than once.

Camp counselors said patience and having a way with kids means the

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State weigh stations promote road safety

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER STAFF WRITER stauber@oe,homecomm.net

Sports Camp.

The green signs on either side of I-75 south of Sashabaw Road say "weigh station." Travelers often see the trucks lined up but usually don't know what

Hitting the water: Jim Vyskosckil,

9, gets ready to get wet as he can-nonballs into the pool at Deer Lake Athletic Club's Summer

they're there for. These Michigan Department of Transportation weigh stations are more than they seem. Officers from the

Michigan State Police Motor Carrier Division operate the weigh station in Independence Township.

Officer Robert Meade was in charge of the southbound station Monday. Although it was closed for a couple hours due to expressway construction nearby, he still was busy performing varied and numerous duties.

He asked Raymond Cummins to pull

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Line 'em up: This view of an I-75 weigh station shows trucks lined up for the scales and inspection.

STAFF PHOTOS BY DONNA MCLAUGHLIN

OBITUARY

REV. JULES J. TONER, S.J.

Rev. Jules J. Toner, S.J., of Clarkston died June 16, 1999, at age 85. Rev. Toner attended Babour

Hall in Kalamazoo and University of Detroit High School and College in Detroit.

He entered the Jesuit Order in August 1932 and was ordained a priest in June 1945.

After entering the priesthood, Rev. Toner was a teacher from 1939 to 1969; a master of novices from 1969 to 1972; a writer and teacher from 1972 to 1982; rector, directing work-shops from 1982 to 1985; writer, workshops from 1985 to 1995;

and spiritual director/directing

retreats from 1995 to 1997. Rev. Toner is survived by his sister, Marjorie Costello of St. Clair Shores.

Visitation and prayers took place Sunday, June 20. A funer-al service was held Monday, June 21, at the Colombiere Center in Clarkston.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Colombiere Center, 9075 Big Lake Road, Clarkston, MI 48347, care of Rev. Tom O'Brien.

Arrangements were made by the A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road,

Horse show set for fairgrounds

O.A.T.S. hrh, Inc. (Offering Alternative Therapy with Smiles, horseback riding for the handicapped) will be hosting a horse show and fair at the Oakland County 4-H Fairgrounds, 12451 Andersonville Road in

Davisburg on Saturday, July 24.
There is a \$3 admission charge per vehicle; all proceeds go to support therapeutic riding programs.

The fair opens at 8:30 a.m. with a pancake breakfast. Horse shows featuring special equestri-

ans begin at 10 a.m.
There will also be pony rides, clowns, face painting, magic and puppet shows, games, prizes, concessions, and other activities until 4 p.m. when the fair closes.

NOTABLES

Deborah Gruber of Davisburg recently became a consul-tant for Tastefully Simple Inc., a national direct sales company

upscale, convenience-driven gournet foods. During these inter-

active taste testing parties, guests receive easy meal ideas, recipes and entertainment suggestions

Tastefully Simple was founded national direct sales company based in Alexandria, Minn. As a consultant, Gruber con-ducts in-home presentations of upscale, convenience-driven ple's high quality products and income potential.

Project shopping list: Lumber, nails, permit

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER STAFF WRITER stauber@oe.homecomm.net

When you're making plans for that new deck, shed or addition to your home, be sure and make getting a building permit the top

item on your list. Municipalities require a build-ing permit for most types of interior and exterior projects other

than routine maintenance or cosmetic changes. While homeowners may frown over the need for a permit, they should be thankful municipalities

require them. Permits protect the homeown er," explained Beverly McElmeel, director of Independence Township Building Department. "They ensure that work is being done up to code, that it's done correctly and safely.

She's even written a memo on permits. It's available in the township hall's building depart-

The memo reminds township residents they need a permit to build decks 30-inches or more in

height; sheds, kit-type or stick-built barns, carports and garages; above-ground and inground pools, porch or patic enclosures, addition of aluminum or vinyl siding and for most structural changes to existing buildings and also for additions.

The homeowner or contractor must apply for a permit before a project begins.

Some municipalities can issue a permit in a matter of days; some a matter of weeks.

Once a permit is issued, the municipality's building or other type of inspector visits the site to inspect the project.

The inspector checks to make sure work is being done in compliance with the BOCA Code, established by Building Officials and Code Administrators Inter-national Inc. This is a profession-

al code administration and enforcement agency that looks out for the protection of the public's health, safety and welfare.

"If a homeowner were to hire a contractor to do the work, that person wants to make sure they're getting code compliance," McElmeel said. "By having a per-mit, the homeowner has some protection if, for instance, the deck starts sagging after the con-

tractor has completed the work."
Inspections throughout the project can also protect from future disasters from fire, structural collapse and general deteri-

oration. Art Pappas, city manager for Clarkston, agrees that permits aide the homeowner.

"Basically, whenever anyone living in the city does anything to their house, they should check with us to see if they need a permit," said Art Pappas, city manager, "Permits provide a safeguard. Even if someone is just

having a hot water heater changed, it should be inspected by our plumbing and heating inspector or our building inspector to see if the work was done

properly. Pappas said municipalities don't require permits as a way to

make money.
"It's a state law," he said. "It's a
way to protect people."
Clarkston residents living in
the historic district also are required to have plans for exteri-or work reviewed by the historic

district commission. McElmeel also said people hir-ing a contractor should ask to see the person's builders license or maintenance and alterations con-

tractors license. "Building permits can save you time, money and frustration," she wrote in her memo. "The inspections that you are entitled to may give you peace of mind just knowing that your construction results in safe construction.

Medical center relocates, adds health care professional

North Oakland Medical Centers (NOMC) has relocated its Deer Lake office, now situated at 6770 Dixie Highway in Clark ston. Dr. Louinda Zahdeh will join the Deer Lake staff with the grand opening of the new facility

NOMC decided to relocate the medical center because the older building was too small to accommodate the growing patient pop-

ulation. Although the services will remain the same, patients can now expect to visit a more spacious medical center, which will run in a more efficient man-

The older facility, which operated for five years, was located at 7650 Dixie Highway.

Dr. Louinda Zahdeh joins the Deer Lake staff after working in the Family Practice medical cen-

ter at the NOMC main hospital cal center. in Pontiac. Dr. Zahdeh received her training at the North Oakland Medical Centers Family Practice program. She is board certified in family practice medicine and has a special interest in preventive medicine.

Dr. Ricardo Cabrera and Dr. Raouf Sefeldin, both family physicians, will continue to see patients at the Deer Lake medi-

Services at the medical center range from minor surgeries to routine exams, EKG tests, pap smears and treatment of acute and chronic illness. Patients of all ages, including pediatric and geriatric cases, are welcome at the medical center,

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New limousine company opens in Clarkston

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For Lori and Dale Thomas, life is like a dream come true, So far, the ride's been pretty

The Clarkston couple opened

The Clarkston couple opened its own limousine service in the area, a goal Lori Thomas stretched toward for many years, "My husband made it happen," she said. The couple started the business "out of their pockets" without the help of loans.

"This was something she always wanted to do," her husband added.

Though Celebrity Limousines of Clarkston opened last May,

of Clarkston opened last May, the company is still in the process of purchasing a lime of its own. For now the couple operates a sedan service and rents limos from other limo companies on an as-need basis.

The Thomases can't stop smiling when talking about their new family business. It truly is a family business; with Dale and Lori at the helm, their daughters are helping to make that dream a reality. Nikki will work as a receptionist, and Ryann has cre-ated the "Celebrity Dog" mascot — a tuxedo-wearing pooch that will be reprinted on limousines

will be reprinted on imousines and company merchandise.

Ryann said that while her mom requested a cricket mascot, she went with a dog instead.

"I drew a dog in a tux," she said proudly. "I drew two kinds. There's one with a cane."

Nikki said she's excited about the business and will likely have easy access to a limo for upcoming special eyents, such as prom. ing special events, such as prom.

Taking the driver's seat

What is the draw to driving a limousine? Lori Thomas, who limousine? Lori Thomas, who was a truck driver for 13 years, said a combination of reasons makes the work appealing. Not only does she get to dress up, but people always get excited to see a limousine pull up.

"Everyone's always in a great mood," she, said of her customers.

Lori Thomas said there is a need in the area for a chauffeur service. From airport travel to service. From airport, traver to weddings, she said North Oak-lands County, requires quality service. And she said the compa-ny is different than others in the

Their vehicles will each be equipped with a global position-ing system, which means clients need only give an address to their destination. The driver will have access to complete direchave access to complete direc-tions without having to ask a single question. The company is offering discounts to senior cit-zens and to students in the Clarkston school system. They will also offer "celebrity min-utes." which means it a customer utes," which means if a customer utes, which means it a customer uses only two hours and 45 minutes of a three-hour minimum rental, he or she will be given a credit for 15 minutes free on the next rental.

Drivers are all professionally trained and licensed, said Thomas. Drivers must have a

Thomas. Drivers must have a clean driving record, free of points and tickets. They are randomly drug-screened.

"They have to be professional drivers," she said. "No road rage is allowed at all, They have to be drug-free, a happy-go-lucky person."

Dale added that punctuality and courteous behavior are a

least 15 minutes beforehand," she said. "We want to provide a prompt, courteous service."

But good drivers are also those individuals who possess a positive attitude.

The following incidents were

On June 17, a cell phone was

reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Pine Knob Road. On June 18, a cell phone was reported stolen from a vehicle

parked on Ortonville Road.
On June 19, a "for sale" sign

was reported stolen from a White Lake Road location. On June 19, a cell phone was reported stolen from a vehicle

parked on Clarkston Road.

On June 19, a driver failed to ay \$10 for gasoline at a Dixie Highway location.
On June 20, a cell phone and

medication were reported stolen

from a vehicle parked on Tahoe

reported to police and fire agen-cies in Independence Township

Independence police

June 17-20.

Thefts

Service now available

vice will become even more accessible in North Oakland

ny in Charkston — Chashic Limousine Service — would like to welcome the newcom-ers to the family. The compa-ny established its Clarkston. roots over the past three

than enough of a need to sup-port two companies in Clark-ston. Most of their clients rent limos for concerts, proms and airport service. With tremendous growth in communities like Clarkston, the service can

packages (for Pine Knob),

are seeking the same goal: providing an enjoyable, mem-orable moment for their clients.

Lori Thomas said rides have been going smoothly:

been going smoothly.

"We pour champagne," she said. "It's very prestigious stuff. We also decorate for weddings."

But not all clients are heading to weddings or anniversaries. Lori Thomas has driven her share of celebrities — which spurred the company's name. She's driven everyone from the Coorgia hased hand R.E.M. to Snes driven everyone from Georgia-based band R.E.M. to star Donny Osmond. And her daughters especially hope to hear more stories about the rich and famous from their mom as the business continues to grow. Dale Thomas said the feel of

prestige and luxury draws people to rent limousine service. Lori Thomas added convenience to that list. Both agree their prices are affordable. The sedan service costs \$40 for a minimum of two hours. Airport runs start

and from their destination in safe-

The company's mission states that succinctly: "Our goal is for our customers to be able to sit back, relax and enjoy the ride, knowing that they will arrive to their destination safe and in

The road ahead

POLICE NEWS

offers 20 airport runs per week and five stretch runs per week. The Thomases are working around the clock—seven days a week, 24 hours a day. They are also seeking office space in downtown Clarkston to accom-

in wide area

As a second limousine com-pany — Celebrity Limousines of Clarkston — enters the Clarkston area, chauffeur ser-

County.

And the pioneering company in Clarkston — Classic

Kathy Charlebois, spokes-person for Classic Limousine Service, said there is more

"We target the whole northern Oakland County," she said, which includes all nearby airports. "We offer concert

backages with a lime."

She welcomes the competition and looks forward to working with the Thomases at

Working which are the Celebrity Limousine.

"It's like a family. If you get booked, everyone seems to help each other."

She said both companies

Riding in style

at about \$60.
"Anybody can afford that," said
Lori Thomas. "They can get to ty. They can relax and enjoy it."

At the most, the company modate the business.

"It's not an easy business,"

said Dale Thomas. "It's very competitive." But the couple is

parked on Staghorn Trail.

apartments. Shoplifting

Vandalism

On June 20, a compact disc player and the soft top of a Jeep

were reported stolen from a

vehicle parked at Lancaster

A Dixie Highway store

On June 19, a sign was reported damaged and shrubbery uprooted at a location on Horn-

Host Ordinance Violation On June 19, police issued a host ordinance violation to a

Clintonville Road address where a 20-year-old White Lake

man was found to have a blood

reported that a shoplifter walked out with \$38.25 in gro-

Take a ride: Thomasfamily (from left) Dale, Ryann, Lori and Nikki started Celebrity Limousines of Clarkston to give Clarkstonites a chance to ride in style.

STAPP PHOTO BY DONNA MCLAUGHLIN

willing to stick with it.

Lori Thomas doesn't want to take the driver's seat forever. She hopes to hire enough drivers so that she can run the business

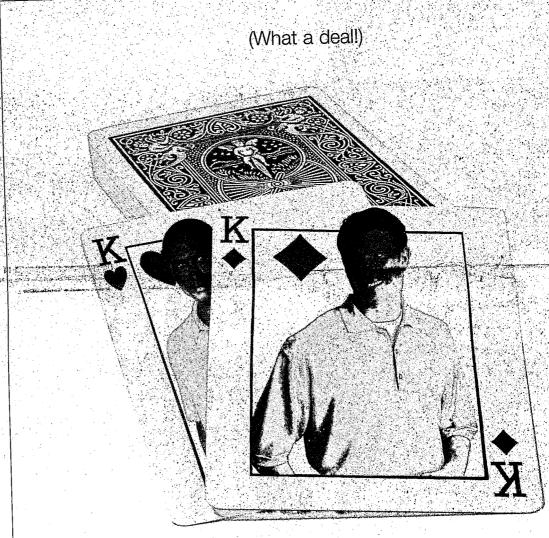
from the office and drive when

what will the future hold for this budding business? If the Thomases have their way, the

dream will only continue to grov

"We named it Celebrity Limousines of Clarkston in the hopes of expanding," said Dale

For more information, call Celebrity Limousines at (877) 610-LIMO, a toll-free number, or mail the company at celebrity@sugarbush.net.



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On June 20, approximately \$5 in change, a cell phone, and a nylon computer case were reported stolen from a vehicle

alcohol level of .112. Independence fire

Between June 17-20, firefighters responded to 20 calls. Among them were 13 medical calls, two personal injury accidents and two investigations.

Planners support rezoning rest of historic farm land

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER scasola@oe.homecomm.net

Tim Birtsas wanted it all Tim Bursas wanted to all.
Even though he missed Monday night's meeting of the
Springfield Township Planning
Commission, he got what he

The developer has been shuffling between the planning com-mission and Springfield Township Board of Trustees to rezone approximately 79 acres of historic farm property in the township. The property, located along Dixie Highway and Old Pond Road, includes the historic, Ellis Farm. Birtsas has propoise to build 40 homes on 58 acres of land, Approximately 16 acres was recently rezoned for commercial endeavors, leaving more than six acres to be referred back to the planning commission

By unanimous vote, the commission supported a recommendation to the township board to re-zone 6.067 acres of land from residential R-1 to residential R-2.

Brad Thompson represented Birtsas and RBI Development Co. at the meeting. The commissioners discussed the remaining portion of the property. Chair-person Paul Rabaut recalled past action taken on the issue.
"We looked at this (rezoning

request) on March 15 and denied the applicant's request to do so with 79 acres ... We recom-

mended to the township board that it be denied."

Despite that recommendation, the board voted to rezone a majority of the property, leaving only 6.067 acres at its original zoning. That remaining acreage included a 60-foot wide area of land bordering Old Pond Road, which Rabaut said would "act as a buffer" for the development.

a buffer" for the development.
Commissioner Zona Sommers
asked: "What are you supposed
to do with (a parcel that is) 60foot wide by 3 feet long?"
Dennis Vallad, township
trustee, said simply, nothing.
The space was meant to restrict
commercial access to the property. The commercial portion of
the property may be developed
into what Birtsas has described
as a smaller version of Orion

as a smaller version of Orion
Township's Canterbury Village.
Moving forward, Springfield
Township Planner Dick Carlisle
said it "would make no sense for (the remaining portion) to be R-1."

Another matter of concern was how the historic Ellis Farm

house and barn would fit into Birtsas' plans for development. Thompson assured the commissioners that efforts would be

missioners that efforts would be made to protect the historic ele-ments of the area.

"It's his every intent still to try and save the house and barn," said Thompson on Birtsas-behalf, "We're looking for some real inhovative methods, (such as the possibility) of having the entry go through the barn."

New supervisor a familiar face in township By Mary J. Moilanen

Susan Hoffman is the new Oakland Township supervisor,

but she's already familiar to those acquainted with township government. Hoffman, 44, a township trustee for the past nine years, was appointed Tuesday to

replace former supervisor Joan Buser, who recently moved to North Carolina after 17 years in the position. A mother of two sons and

township emergency technician, Hoffman said she doesn't plan to shake things up when she switches seats at the board

"Basically, we wanted to keep up the same policies, the same way of growth that we've been experiencing," Hoffman said. "I really don't see my coming in and making major changes in

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happening in your

and Sundays

community -

Nerves are not a problem for Hoffman, mainly because she has a supportive board behind

We have a really stable board, stable people," she said. "We'ye always worked well

together as a whole board." Hoffman, who is also a nurse for the Clarkston Urgent Care Clinic and on the state board for Odyssey of the Mind school competition, was involved in the township even before she became a trustée.

She first became active when a prison was proposed at Stoney Creek and Lake George roads in the late 1980s. Shortly after, Oakland Township topped the list of possible locations for a county land fill.

At that time, Buser had Hoffman placed as the township's sentative on the county land fill sighting committee. Not

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long after, Buser encouraged Hoffman to run for the township board.

"She was a friend and she was a good mentor for me," Hoffman said of Buser. "She was a great leader.

Now she will take over for her mentor, but in a much different way. Last year, the board decided to appoint a superintendent to handle much of the day-today operations of the township, much like a city manager form of government.

Ās supervisor, Hoffman will still chair the meetings and be responsible for signing certain documents, but she will not be needed on a full-time basis at the township like Buser was, The former Imlay City manager was hired in December.

In keeping with this decision, the board, before appointing Hoffman Tuesday, reduced the supervisor's salary to \$10,000 a year.

Andrea Lehnert of Maxxar

If makes perfect sense to Hoff,

"Joan was a very bright woman. I don't think the township knew was a professional they had running it for so many years," she said. "It worked extremely well because she was a professional that ran for office. There's no guarantee we'd get that lucky again."

But that doesn't mean Hoffman doesn't think her job as supervisor in unimportant, and she's looking forward to working

with fellow board members in a different capacity.

"We have a lot of respect for each other," she said. "I can't think of a time where there's been name calling or nastiness.

With Hoffman taking over as supervisor, a vacancy still remains for a township trustee. Creech said the board will likely discuss options for filling that position at their next meeting.

Campers

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Lake, but Monday she started working at Deer Lake Athletic Club. She was offered the job after taking lifeguarding classes at the pool. Now, Simpson splits her time from swim coach in the morning and counselor in the afternoon. And she doesn't mind

a bit.
"I like working with the kids,"
said the Commerce Township

"Kids amaze me.

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molded and shaped so much. You just kind of get to see who they are." Simpson's

just one of the coun-selors working with 16 kids : who range in age from 6 to 12.

Heather Stai, a 10-year-old from Clarkston, was having .a great first great first day at camp. If she wasn't

camp counselor enrolled in

enrolled in camp, she said she'd "probably be at home being bored."

Anthony Eubay, 8, agreed. He said he likes swimming and playing soccer the best while at sports camp. If he wasn't attending the camp, he said he'd be at home doing "nothing."

It's Travis Montera's job to see to it that all the kids are doing

to it that all the kids are doing something productive with their time. As director of the camp this summer, he's keeping a loose schedule to accommodate the campers' preferences and abilities.

And he's making sure they get a lot of exercise, too. Montera is also a personal fitness trainer at the club.

"I love working with kids," he said. He said they're an "easy-to-

please group of youngsters who really get into sports. Montera said if the campers

learn anything this summer he hopes they learn sportsmanship. But sportsmanship, he said, should come second to making

lasting friendships.
"Everyone gets to know each other," said Montera. "This is

easy for them. "It's not competitive. They'll make new friends.

Friendship, Montera noted, is the most important thing a camper can take with him when

By keeping the campers busy, and interested, he's doing his

Deer Lake also offers a program for campers 13 and older to become counselors-in-train-

ing.
"They're part of the camp,
too," said Montera. "Maybe
down the road they'll get hired."

Camila Ferreira has already reached counselor status, and she said the first day of work went well.

"The kids are really easy to get along with," she said. Fer-reira said the kids look up to the counselors.

She even gets hugs from time

to time.
The children learn to respect each other and work together, she said.

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The architect, Dennis Pike, is a volunteer at Habitat's South Oakland Chapter in the Southfield Presbyterian Church. He's one of about two dozen people working on a single family house on Melrose in Southfield. The minister, the Rev. Ray-

mond B. Knudsen II, is one of about 70 volunteers from Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church in Bloomfield Hills. Along with other volunteers, including employees from Home Depot stores in Oakland County, they are working on three single family houses in north-

east Pontiac Pike and Knudsen are typical of hundreds of volunteers who

have built 17 Habitat for Humanity houses in Oakland County in the 1990s. Since the organization, "Habitat" for short, was founded in 1976, it has become one of the nation's leading home builders with 27,000 units built or reconstructed in the U.S. and more than 50,000 internationally.

Among Habitat's most notable supporters is former President Jimmy Carter and his wife Rosalynn who are sometimes seen on national television in the process of building houses for, moderate- and low-income fami-

But as famous as Habitat might be internationally, success is predicted on volunteers - like Pike and Knudsen.

"It's definitely a labor of love," said Pike, "and aching muscles are a big part of being a volun-

The architect should know. In addition to helping to draft plans for Habitat houses, he often works on site, wielding a hammer, shovel or paint brush.

Knudsen said he enjoys getting his hands dirty.

"I'd like to do it more often," he said Tuesday after he and other volunteers finished another day constructing the house.

congregation likes working in Pontiac, he said, "we're so close (to the city) and a significant number of our parishioners come from there.

Habitat volunteers are a diverse group, according to Richard Brochu and Kris Hanstrom, the executive direc tors of north and south Oakland Habitat, respectively.

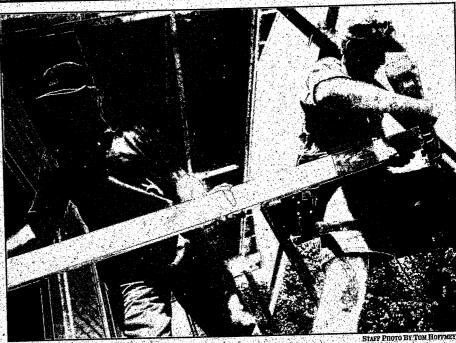
Some are in their teens, while others are in their 70s,

Experience is always helpful, but it's not necessary," said Brochu, who expects to turn the homes over to the new owners later this summer.

Information on Habitat of North Oakland is available at (248) 338-1843.

"We welcome everybody," said Hanstrom. "There's always a place for anybody who wants to

Information for Habitat of South Oakland is available at (248) 827-4663.



Just plumb satisfying: Jerry Meaxh (left) and John Hagen, Habitat for Humanity volunteers, work on a Habitat house in Pontiac. Many volunteers say building houses gives them great satisfac-tion

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Mortgage includes her 'sweat equity'

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Habitat for Humanity doesn't give away houses, emphasized Clay Ottoni, a Farmington Hills lawyer who is also president of the organization's South Oakland chapter.

To be considered for a house, applicants must have the means to qualify for a mortgage as well as a need for housing, he explained.

There's also the matter of "sweat equity," he said, referring to the applicant's willingness to work at a construction site in

order to own a home.

Habitat for Humanity, or "Habitat" for short, has built or refurbished about 27,000 homes in the United States. Typically, Habitat acquires property, buys the construction material, then turns things over to volunteers.

Ottoni is among the volunteers finishing a three-bedroom house on Melrose in Southfield.

Its future owner is Mary Deaton, a 42-year-old single mother who is currently a typist at the Signal Building Co. in

Deaton estimates she's put nearly 250 hours of sweat equity

into the house she and Kyle, her 6-year-old son, hope to occupy later this summer. "I've painted, and I've patched," she said. "I've lifted, I've hammered and I've gotten blisters.

"But it's worth it," added Deaton, a resident of Lighthouse PATH (Pontiac Area Transitional Housing). Lighthouse is a nonprofit human services agency serving those with low incomes. PATH is its facility for homeless and/or abused women.

Kyle is really excited about moving in;" said Deaton, who said her son has invested some of his own sweat equity. "He's looking forward to a neighbor-

hood where he can ride his

Habitat for North Oakland is currently building three houses in northeast Pontiac. Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church in Bloomfield Hills is sponsoring one house and Home Depot stores are sponsoring another.

The third Habitat house in Pontiac is sponsored by a businessman who prefers to remain anonymous, explained Richard Brochu, executive director.

"He has agreed to pay expenses, providing volunteers do the work. But he doesn't want his name used," said Brochu.

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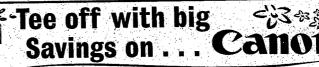
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his truck over for an inspection. Cummins, of Ray's Construction, was on his way to a job with his son and assistant, Austin. Meade was inspecting his pickup truck and trailer, asking him to activate the turn signals and headlights and turn the wheels in different directions.

He told Cummins, among other things, that his pick-up truck needed permanent letter-ing on it to identify the business.

"I didn't know I'm a trucker," said Cummins. "I'm just a car-penter. I didn't know I had to have the identification of my business on my pick-up truck since I have the information on my trailer?

Not being familiar with all the regulations is one of the common issues officers like Meade deal with at the weigh stations

"There are two main prob-lems," he said, "Drivers don't know if they should drive through when the weigh station is open and many people don't know if what they're driving is considered a truck."

A truck can vary from what Cummins was driving —a pick-up truck pulling a trailer to a utility truck, a cutaway yan or a rental truck.

"People often aren't told when they rent a truck that they have to go through the weigh stations," Meade commented. "If they are pulled over for not stopping, they could face a \$100-\$200 fine."

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"We are involved in all types of er division officer for nine years. control, from working at the U.S. Canada borders to being He loves his job because, he said, it makes him feel good to have

called in to investigate and assist with accidents," he remarked.

Although motor carrier division officers aren't certified police officers, they have a lot of power. They carry weapons on them and in their vehicles and have the power to arrest. They're required to wear bullet-proof

"It's a wonderful job, but we're having a hard time recruiting people. All someone needs is a high school education. The pay is good and so are the benefits

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Their shifts at the weigh stations are eight-hours long. They open the stations randomly so truck drivers don't know when they'll have to drive through

one. When stations are open, the green light seen from the

ommend approval of preliminary

site plans for the motel.

The suit also contends the

facts don't support the action taken by the ZBA and it asks the

court to reverse the decision.

Black called O'Brien's opinion

on the preliminary injunction

probably lose its sale on the property," he stated. "We con-tend there are still issues of fact

the court will need to determine,

primarily whether the new zon-

ing law was truly made as a legislative power or is a reaction to

our proposed project (the build-ing of the motel)."

He also said he doesn't believe

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and the driver. Meade, for instance, is looking at the gross vehicle weight, the spacing between the axles and the condition of the tires.

He is also checking out the driver.

We look to see how they drive as they approach the scale and if they look overly tired. We also check on whether or not they speak English clearly. Meade explained drivers are

required by law to speak English clearly and understand it. They need to be able to under-

stand an order and road signs," Meade also checks to be sure

the driver has the proper type of commercial motor vehicle driver's license and medical forms as well as the log book and other necessary papers. He also can see if the driver is wanted for any infractions.

If a truck driver has a prob-lem, Meade turns on the red light, informing him or her to drive to the back of the weigh station. Then he performs an

He is also responsible for answering the telephone, helping stranded motorists and answering calls for back-up

Meade has heard the some of the usual complaints that motor carrier officers ticket as many drivers as possible to meet a quota or to raise money for the department.

Phat's not true at all," he said. "Our department is funded through our own tax money and grants. It gets nothing from cita-

And one question he's asked repeatedly is if he can tell whether a truck driver is a male or female.

Usually the person asking expects him to respond that one gender is a better drive than the

"No." he said, "I can't tell the difference between male and female truck drivers. They drive the same.



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Motel from page A1 "It would be an exercise in futility (to request the special land-use)," Black said. "It was apparent at all the township meetings that zoning officials had completely caved in to the reactions of the public."

Fisher said township records show this rezoning was the product of 10 years of study, including an amendment of the towning an amendment of the tubership's master plan in the 1980s. It included talks with property owners, including Maria Baylis.

"All that unfolded over a 10-

year period with ongoing discussions," Fisher said. "It's clear that the rezoning was done as a deliberate, well-planned matter, not as a knee-jerk reaction to the Holiday Inn Express site plan.

Independence Township trustees on May 4 approved the the rezoning of the Baylis property to OS-2 as part of a rezoning package of 16 parcels of land on M-15 north of I-75.

O'Brien wrote in her opinion and order based on the preliminary injunction that "the court is not convinced that plaintiffs will suffer irreparable injury if an injunction does not issue. As stated earlier, plaintiffs are not foreclosed from their objective of building a motel."

She also stated the present zoning ordinance (OS-2) should remain in effect.

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Trying to be the first state to hold a presidential primary election is like bidding for the Superbowl — you can try, but the competition is tough.

"It's more like bidding for the Olympics," quipped one legisla-tive aide, who then chose to remain anonymous,

State senators voted unani-

51 students

After 15 weeks of training, 51 students graduated from the 76th Oakland Police Academy Basic Police Training Program June 11. Ceremonies were held in the Oakland County Commis-sioners' Auditorium in Pontiac. Southfield Police Chief Joseph

F. Thomas was principal speaker, arriving at the auditorium shortly after directing operations at the Southfield Town Center, where a gunman fatally wound-ed two people, then killed him-

Nineteen of the 51 graduates

Oakland Community College has played a key role in the professional instruction of the region's law enforcement and other public services personnel since its establishment in 1964. The college's highly regarded police academy, founded in 1967

tion in the next two years. Graduates are: Julie Adams, Northville; Anthony Barlow, Dearborn PD; Janet Baxter, Wayne County Dept. of Airports; Christopher Belling, Ferndale; Patrick Bick-ett, Waterford PD; Jeffrey Brooks, Mt. Clemens; Cory Brummeler, Holly; Kevin Coney, Highland Park PD; Carmelo Crapanzano, Taylor, Shona Davenport, Pontiac PD; Joseph Demare, Clawson; Nora Downs, Southfield; Jeffrey Filzek, Shelby Twp.; Christopher Fritz, Waterford PD; Gilbert Garrett, Pontiac PD; Robert Ginther, Berkley PD; Nichole Gradinscak

mously Wednesday, June 16, to mously weenessay, only to, move the date of next year's Republican presidential primary election up from the third Tuesday in March to the fourth Tuesday in February.

"I'm sure Goy. Engler would like Michigan to be the first state to nominate George W. Bush," Rep. Ruth Ann Jamnick, D-Ypsilanti, said. But it likely will not work out that way.

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Michigan's primary on the date of New Hampshire's scheduled lection, February 22, New Hampshire law calls for the primary there to be held one full week ahead of every other state,

So that primary will just be moved up. Still Michigan would be first among the larger states to host the Republican primary.

Sen. Ken Sikkema, R-Grandville, sponsored Senate

Bill 51 to move the primary date ahead of those held in New York, California and the "Super Tuesday" primary elec-

Michigan Democrats too will challenge the traditional domi-nance of New Hampshire and Iowa in the presidential race next year.

Where the Michigan GOP holds an open primary, the Democrats hold caucuses limit-

ed only to those who have declared party membership. The state party has set its cau-cuses for February 12, five days after the scheduled February 7 Iowa caucuses.

All this is intended to gain a more prominent place for Michigan in the selection of the

At present, with the Republican primary election held in late March, Michigan is the

26th state to vote. That's late in the process, and often the nominee has already been decided by that time.

Since the election carries a cost of \$6 million, lawmakers want to make the state's preferences known earlier.

But even supporters are skeptical about whether the changed date will bring Michi-gan the attention of the national campaigns.

Oakland **Police** Academy. graduates

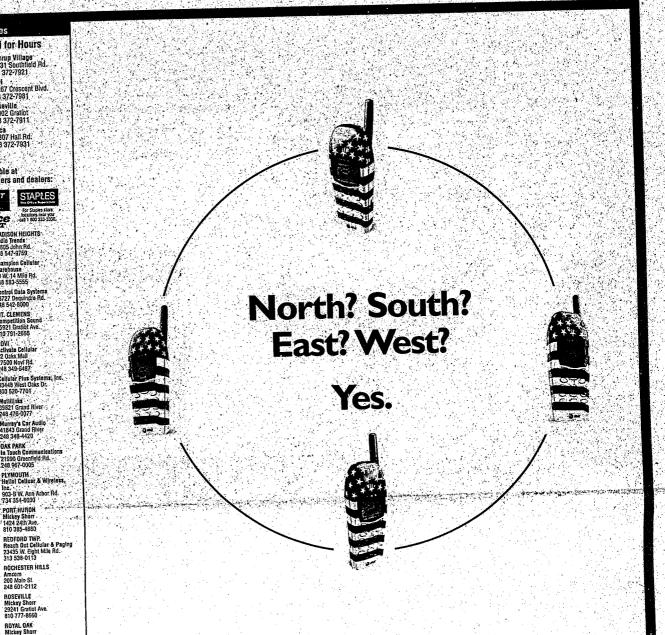
self that afternoon.

were from law enforcement agencies throughout the metropolitan area including Dearborn, Highland Park, Pontiac, and Waterford and Wyandotte. Such students enter the academy as officer trainees once they have been accepted for employment by the agency. The balance of the class consisted of students who are accepted directly by the academy, then find employment after graduat-

has enrolled more than 2,600 law enforcement trainees over

the past three decades. In 1981 a 207,000 square foot Criminal Justice Center to house the growing program was con-structed at the Auburn Hills Campus, and in a regional training center to provide state-of-the art instruction to law, firefighter, and emergency medical personnel is scheduled for comple-

Novi; Nader Jamil, Southfield; Charles Janczarek, Pontiac; Shawn Johnson, Waterford; Adam Kammer, Farmington Hills; Wesley Kipke, Davisburg; Brian Kreilach, Oakland County Sheriff's Dept.; Dale Labombard, Sault Ste. Marie; Jonathan Lamb, West Bloomfield; Timo-thy Larrison, Auburn Hills; Oraig Lewis, Waterford; Julia MacCormack, Waterford; Brian McBroom, Monroe; Melissa McClellan, Oakland County Sheriff's Dept.; Bradley McKenzie, Clawson; Brandy Mendici-no, Sault Ste Marie; Christopher Miller, Oakland County Sheriff's Dept.; Christopher Miracle, Pon-tiac PD; Lonnie Mullins, Oakland County Sheriff's Dept.; Thomas Nelson, Flint; Mario Palacios, Pontiac PD; Michael Paramo, Pontiac PD; Larry Perry, Oakland o Sheriff's Dept.; Andrius Radze, Farmington Hills PD; Jay Reynolds, Troy, James Rohrer, Whitelake; James Saunders, Oakland County Sheriff's Dept.; David Silver, Goodrich; Michael Sloan, West Bloomfield; Timothy Stevens, South Lyon; Daniel Torolski, Wyandotte PD; Jacob Wagner, Palmyra; Millissa Warren, Shelby Twp.; Timothy Wilcox, Birmingham; Paul Zimmer, Waterford.



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Treasurer completesprogram

James Wenger, the treasurer of Independence Township, has graduated from the Michigan Municipal Treasurers Institute. The Institute is a three-week program, one week annually, offered through the Center for Public Service at Central Michi-

Othered through the Canada Michigan University. The program consists of more than 100 hours of instruction in the duties and responsibilities of a municipal treasurer. Completion provides substantial points toward the title of certified municipal finance administrator, awarded by the Municipal Treasurers of the U.S. and Canada.



Helpmates

Caring for the doggles: Fairwinds Brownie Troop 420 has chosen Leader Dogs for the Blind as its community service project this year. The girls collected 600 cans for the organization at a recent can drive. Troop members include (back row, left to right) Moriah Roan, Lindsay Petku, Caitlyn Sirmon, Julia Walter, Amanda Campbell, Jessica Goyke; (middle row, left to right) Amanda Tucker, Mickayla Meola, Jenica Dabrowski, Jana Scheibel, Heather Davis; (front row left to right) Georgia Suter, Ashleigh Wrubel, Ashley Waring, Taylor Benson and Gandice Walsh.

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As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspa-pers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Live-nia 48150. Please include the date of the reunion and the first and last name of at léast one contact person, and a telephone

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Amend Article 4 - Regulations, Section 4.3 to read as follows:

4.3 Any development to be serviced by a community sewer system shall also be required to secure approval pursuant to applicable provisions of the Township Zoning Ordinance.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the complete text of Ordinance No. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the complete text of Ordinance No. 63 and documents related to the proposed amendment may be examined at the Clerk's Office, Charter. Township of Springfield, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, MI during regular office hours Monday through Friday. Written comments may be submitted to the Springfield Township Clerk, P.O. Box 1038, Davisburg, MI 48350 until the time of the SECOND READING. Telephone inquiries may be directed to the Clerk at 625-4802 or 634-3111. Those persons needing a special accommodation at the meeting should contact the Clerk at least two business days in advance.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk Charter Township of Springfield

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Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HERBBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Springfield will hold a PUBLIC HEARING at its regular meeting on Monday, July 19, 1999, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Hall, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, Michigan to consider the following:

Proposal by Springfield Investors, LLC, P.O. Box 300765, Waterford, Michigan 48330, to rezone 1.0847 acres as follows: 0.32 acres from OS (Office Service) to C-2 (General Business) and 0.78 acres from Research Control of the Proposal Pro 2 (One-Family Residential, 1 acre minimum) to C-2 (General

The Properties proposed for rezoning adjoin one another along the northwest corner of Dixle Highway and Davisburg Read. P.I. #07-11. 351-005, #07-11-351-006.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that information related to the rezoning request may be examined at the Springfield Township Clerk's Office, 850/Broadway, Davisburg, Michigan during regular business hours. Written comments may be submitted to the Springfield Township Clerk, P.O. Box 1038, Davisburg, Michigan 48350 until the time of the PUBLIC HEARING. Those persons needing a special accommodation at the hearing should contact the Clerk at least two (2) business days in advance.

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Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE

SECOND READING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield will hold a SECOND READING at its Regular Meeting on Thursday, July 3, 1999, beginning at 7,30° p.m. at the Springfield Township Hall, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, Michigan, to consider the following proposed amendment to Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance No. 26, Section 17,09;

Amend Section 17.09 to read as follows:

SECTION 17.09 - Community Sewer System. Any development in which a community sewer system is proposed shall comply with the Charter Township of Springfield Community Sewer System Ordinance and all other applicable County and State Regulations.

Ordinance and all other applicable County and State Regulations.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the complete text of the Zoning Ordinance and documents related to the proposed amendment may be examined at the Clerk's Office. Charter Township of Springfield, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, MI during regular office hours Monday through Friday Written comments may be submitted to the Springfield Township Clerk, P.O. Box 1038, Davisburg, MI 48360 until the time of the Second Reading. Telephone inquiries may be directed to the Clerk at 625-4802 or 634-3111. Those persons needing a special accommodation at the meeting should contact the Clerk at least two business days in advance.

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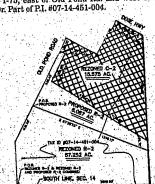
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD AMENDMENTS TO ZONING ORDINANCE AND MAP NOTICE OF ADOPTION

The Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield ordains that the Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance and Map is hereby amended to rezone the following described property to C-2 (General Business) from R-1 (1.5 acres One Family Residential): Approximately 15.575 acres located south of Dixie Highway, north of 1-75, east of Old Pond Rd. and west of Softwater Woods Dr. Part of P.I. #07-14-451-004.



Said amendment having been adopted in accordance with the provisions of the Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance No. 26 at a regularly-scheduled meeting of the Township board held June 10, 1999, which amendment shall become effective seven (7) days after publication of this Notice of Advision.

The entire Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance, and file related to this amendment, may be examined at the Office of the Springfield Township Clerk. 650 Broadway, Davisburg, MI during regular office hours Monday through Friday, Anyone needing a special accommodation should contact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance,

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State promises MEAP scores will be released soon

BY MIKE MALOTT HOMETOWN NEWS SERVICE mmalott@oe.homecomm.net

They only missed one question on the entire test. No, not the takers, the graders.

The Department of Education was set to unveil results from the most recent round of Michigan Education Assessment Program tests on Friday, June 11, when personnel there began to notice discrepancies in some of the numbers, according to Public Information Officer Brad Wurfel.

Upon checking, they found the firm hired on contract to tabulate the statewide scores, National Computer Systems of Iowa City, Iowa, had missed one question on the 5th grade science test. The answers to

Oakland group picks 3 directors

Three directors joined Oakland University Foundation today. They are: Margaret A. Allesee, Frederic Gonzalez and Dennis Pawley. Molly Beresford also joins the OUF as an ex officio member.

Allesee is an avid supporter of Oakland University: She serves on the School of Nursing Board of Visitors and the boards of the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance in the College of Arts and Sciences and Meadow Brook Theatre Allegee also recently donated I million to the SON to support geriatric nursing and rehabilitation.

The Maggie Allesee Chair in Geriatric and Rehabilitation Nursing will support a faculty member and a graduate assistant who will promote nursing care of the elderly in acute care and community settings.

Gonzalez is CEO and chair of Gonzalez Design Engineering. A graduate of Princeton University, he is a former trustee of Michigan Technological University, Gonzalez Design Engineering designs manufacturing equipment for the Big Three automakers, provides drafting and design support for TACOM, and has contract and graphic arts services. Besides its locations in Detroit, Madison Heights and Warren, the company has a subsidiary, Semi-kinetics, Inc., in Laguna Hills, Calif.

Pawley, the recently retired executive vice president of manufacturing at DaimlerChrysler Corporation, is now president and CEO of Performance Learning based in Las Vegas, Nev. The Oakland alumnus, class of 1982, 'a Distinguished eceived Alumni Achievement Award in 1995. Pawley served on the OUF from 1993-1996, then resigned when Governor John Engler appointed him to the university's

appointed in the total board of trustees. He served as a trustee from 1996-1998.

Molly Beresford, a bookkeeper for the family business, W.T. Beresford Company, Southfield, holds a BS in Education from the University of Vermont. Her community activities include serving on the boards of the Birmingham Junior League and The Village Club of Bloomfield Hills.

She and Bill, her husband, are docents at Christ Church Cranbrook. Both are avid golfers, life-time OU President's Club Members and President's Club ambassadors, Beresford is the incoming chair of the Presi-

dent's Club.
The OUF is a private, nonprofit corporation comprised of business, civic and community leaders that advances Oakland University with financial support of scholarships, internships, academic programs and research.

"We're honored to have these leaders on our board," said OUF Executive Director David Disend. "Their business experience will be valuable in shaping the future of higher education to provide students with the skills they need to succeed in the 21st they need to succeed in the 21st century workplace."

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that question simply weren't included in the final tallies.

State Superintendent Arthur Ellis decided to pull back the results until NCS could correct the error and verify the remainder of its results, Wurfel explained.

With scores still being checked this Monday, Wurfel was unable to give a date certain for release of the test

scores. But he said he anticipated they would be ready for release soon.

Some individual and school test results have already been issued, sent to students' homes by districts, but those numbers will change slightly for the 5th grade science test as a result of retabulation. Wurfel said he anticipates any changes will be minor, since the error occurred

only on one question on the test, Early indications are that adding that question will improve test results, Wurfel said, but again only slightly.

NCS has been preparing, distributing and tabulating the results of Michigan's MEAP test under contract with the state Department of Education for 12 years. This is the first year of a three-year contract.

Wurfel said the glitch will result in "negotiating some of the finer points of the contract." He said the department will be talking with NCS to "iron out communications" between the department and the contractor. Wurfel attributed the glitch to problems in communications.

Only three companies in the U.S. are large enough to handle administration of Michigan's MEAP tests, Wurfel said. For the last contract renewal, only NCS submitted a bid, he explained. Wurfel emphasized the errors indicated no problems with the test itself, only with the tabulation of the results. When issued, the results will include scores of science and writing tests given to students in January 1999.



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Celebration time

Clarkston area to come alive this 4th

f you want to have fun with family and friends this Fourth of July, plan to stay

Independence Township — and the city of the Village of Clarkston — will host a day-long celebration of America's birthday Saturday, July 3. We'll have full coverage of all of the festivities in this coming Sunday's Clarkston Eccentric.

The celebration will begin with a parade at 10 a.m. through downtown Clarkston, continue with a festival in Clintonwood Park in Independence Township and culminate with a fireworks display, also in Clintonwood Park, sponsored by the Clarkston Area Chamber of

Commerce. The Fourth of July parade, considered the largest in Oakland County with an estimated 15,000 people attending, is thought to be the community's 60th annual. About 20 floats and three bands, along with business people, politicians and local organizations, will march along Main from Church Street to Miller

Road. Take along your copy of the Clarkston Eccentric's special section, Independence Day in Independence Township, which will be distributed with this Sunday's Clarkston Eccentric. The keepsake supplement contains stories, photos— even old-time recipes—from past Fourth of July celebrations in Clarkston. to peruse while waiting for the parade to

About 20 floats and three bands, along with business people, politicians and local organizations, will march along Main from Church Street to Miller Road.

If you forget your copy,— or miss Sunday's not to worry. The Clarkston Eccentric will be distributing additional copies of the supplement to parade watchers before the parade begins.

After the parade, head over to Clintonwood Park, where there will be an arts and crafts show, live bands, old-fashioned games, including a pie-eating contest, hot-air balloon launch, athletic competitions, Civil War demonstrations and more, co-sponsored by the chamber and Independence Township Parks and Recreation department.

Bring a picnic basket full of food for lunch and dinner, or purchase refreshments from the many food vendors there. Then stick around for the second-annual fireworks display put on in Clintonwood Park by the cham-

There's no need to leave town this Fourth of July with so many activities planned close to home. Of course, with Clarkston's celebration taking place Saturday, you still have Sunday and Monday to head Up North — if you still want to fight the traffic on I-75.

Hospital merger mania doesn't serve public interest

ospital mergers — or health care alliances, as the industry likes us to think of them — are a good thing.

At least that's what we were told in the early 1990s as one after another major trauma centers and community hospitals in southeastern Michigan began adding each other's names to the signs in front of their buildings.

St. Joseph Hospital became St. Joseph Mercy Health Systems, also affiliated with Mission Health (Providence Hospital); St. Mary Hespital was a partner with William Beaumont Hospital; and Oakwood Hospital took on Annapolis and Beyer to become the Oakwood Healthcare System.

Look at the efficiencies, we were told. A replication of services would lead to leaner staffs and lower costs. Expanded purchasing power would do the same, as would sharing of technology.

And for a while, it looked like it might be working. For about three years, health care costs — which had skyrocketed through most of the 1980s — rose in step with (or slightly above) the national inflation rate. That "progress," combined with a stellar marketing campaign by the insurance industry, increased prevalence of HMOs and some severe missteps by the Clinton Administration, was enough to kill off talk of nationaliz-

Then Congress lowered what turned out to be the boom. The 1997 balanced budget deal included declining reimbursements for Medicare and Medicaid, government insurance programs for senior citizens, poor and disabled people. Beginning this year, hospitals in southeastern Michigan will receive \$400 million less annually from the state and federal government to cover patients in those programs, according to the Southeast Michigan Health and Hospital Council.

While the pain has been particularly sharp

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for urban-based health care networks like the Detroit Medical Center, the shockwaves are reverberating for residents in western Wayne and Oakland counties as well - even in relatively well-off communities where a majority of residents carry employer-funded, private medical insurance.

This spring, for example, St. Joseph Mercy Health Systems closed its urgent care facility in Plymouth, opting to send those patients to a newer building in Canton Township. It also consolidated urgent care to one site (formerly two) in Ann Arbor. The moves will save \$3.5 million a year, a hospital spokesman said. Some 250 jobs will be cut this year. Given the latest round of job cuts and

endangered hospitals, The Eccentric questions what all this consolidation has really accomplished. A recent study showed southeastern Michigan hospitals with more employees and more acute-care beds per resident than the national average.

Much of that is due to generous health benefits tied to the auto industry, said Don Potter, hospital council president. A high demand for health care services has led to construction almost all of it in the suburbs – and additional medical workers.

Potter also pointed out that doctors have taken a carte-blanche approach to ordering drugs through hospital pharmacies, further a add that hurting the bottom line ance companies have no trouble dictating their desire for generics and other cost-saving measures to the general public. Perhaps hospitals need better controls in this area.

One can hope that merger mania among hospitals will slow, now that most of the players have found their partners. But it isn't likely to reverse direction.

That's too bad. Because in hindsight, the public might have benefited from more local competition, not less.

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LETTERS

Columnist hit the mark

want to congratulate Philip Sherman for his June 10 editorial "one gun owner tells why. Like 99.9 percent of all gun owners in America, Mr. Sherman is a prudent, decent, thoughtful, rational, law-abiding citizen who understands that it is his right and responsibility to protect himself and his family. Mr. Sherman is NO threat to my family or society.

Most of the incredibly biased media attention depicts gun owners as a craven cult, manipulated by the NRA, ready to decimate a school yard at any moment. What insulting

Gun owners are the people who live on your street, with college degrees and children in Sunday school. We work hard, pursue the American dream and believe in the Constitution that makes that pursuit possible,

We are those good neighbors who love their children, their creator and their country. Because we respect others, we don't want to limit our neighbors' rights or liberties or tell them how to live their lives. We offer our neighbors a cup of sugar or a ride to the doctor when they are in need. We volunteer our time and money to help those who have not been as

Like Mr. Sherman, we pose no physical or political threat to others. We encourage every Eccentric reader to extend these same courtesies to their good neighbors, and to recognize that 50 percent of your good neighbors are gun

Ronald DeLorme Independence Township

'You're a gun nut'

o Philip Sherman: I could give you many literary reasons; your June 10 column (on guns) does not defend your stance in the least. You asked the question, "Does this make me a rabid gun nut?" The answer to your question is "Yes." Consider yourself.

Judy McConnell Clarkston

Public school indictment

it segment on the NBC show "Date-Aline? portrayed the story of first-grader Zachary Hood; who lives in Medford, N.J. Little Zach was given an assignment by his teacher to read a story out loud for the first

Zach chose an incident from his beginner's Bible about the time Jesus miraculously pulled the coin out of a fish's mouth to pay a tax. The teacher deemed the story inappropriate and the principal concurred. Zach returned home in tears, not at all understanding what had happened.

Eventually, the parents sued, asserting that Zach had been denied his First Amendment rights. The Hoods lost the case. In the

meantime, the two who killed 13 in Colorado were known hoodlums who proudly displayed their Nazi propaganda in the school and their intense fascination with Hitler.

They even had a personal website espousing their racist ramblings and one wrote an essay explaining he "would love to be a bullet." These two incidents without explanation indict the American public school system – guilty as charged. The crime? The destruction of traditional family values and the unimaginable tolerance of such evil as

shown in Littleton. Isn't it sad that Zach cannot read from the

Bible, but two hooligans can spread Nazi and racist agendas with no chance of being silenced? Does anyone really believe our founding fathers had this in mind while penning our beloved Constitution? Steve Jeffers

Westland

Piano article 'wonderful'

hanks for Susan Tauber's wonderful article on Jeffrey and his views on the importance of a piano being taken care of properly (June 3 edition of the Clarkston Eccentric). It is a delight to know classical music is alive and well in Ms. Tauber's heart as well

Thanks again.

Jeff and Barbara Bargeon Independence Township

Too much construction

I am a Boy Scout. I am working on the i, I am a Boy Scout. I am notations for communications Merit Badge. One of the requirements is to write a letter to an editor of a local newspaper.

I would like to tell you my opinion on all the road construction in our area. I think they are doing too much construction at once. I think they could do some, then do more after the other construction is complete. This way there would be more ways for you to go where you want to go. I would like to hear your opinion on this issue.

Joey A. Borgesen

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POINTS OF VIEW

Capital news still crucial, despite media focus shift

here's a disconnect going on in the news business.

Increasingly, through a process called "devolution," tax dollars and the authority to spend that money are being transferred from Washington to state capitals around the country, including Lansing. The idea is that state governments are closer to the people than far-off federal bureaucrats and, therefore, state governors and legislatures will make better decisions about spending priorities.

That's perfectly sensible. And you'd think that the news media, in response, would double and redouble the resources they devote to news coverage from Lansing.

Far from it. Over the past 10 years, the number of reporters assigned to cover goings on in Lansing has dropped by nearly half. Both the great wire services (Associated Press, for example, the biggest) and the regional daily newspapers (the Detroit dailies and the Booth Newspapers, for example) have over the years reduced staff assigned to Lansing. Excepting public broadcasting, where Tim Skubic's Off The Record remains essential fare for insiders, TV and radio stations no longer count for day-in, day-out coverage.

The news media cite two factors. Budgets for news coverage are always under pressure. And readers, listeners and viewers supposedly aren't interested in Lansing news.

Be that as it may, HomeTown Communications Network, the company that owns this newspaper, has maintained for years a news service that specializes in covering stories that may originate in Lansing but which have singular consequence for local communities.

It takes skill and experience to distinguish between the general Lansing story and the one that has concrete meaning in the daily lives of local residents. For years, Tim Richard performed brilliantly in the role: Earlier this year, Tim decided to retire up north, where the fishing is better.

His successor is Mike Malott, who comes to the job with more than 25 years of journalism experience: You'll see his reporting in this newspaper. Watch for his byline; he's good.

An example comes from a piece Mike filed last week, in it, he describes a move in the Legislature to shift annual local school board elections from June to November. The chief sponsor is House Majority Floor Leader Andrew Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills.

Raczkowski argues consolidating elections would save money for schools, which have to reimburse municipal clerks for running separate school elections in June. And he adds that turnout in local school elections — often less than 2 percent — would go up if school boards were elected in November, when voter turnout



PHILIP POWER

is higher.

School boards are vehemently opposed to consolidation. Adding local school board candidates to the November ballot — already called a "bedsheet" ballot because of the number of candidates on it — would only insure that the outcome of school board elections would be largely random because nobody would know what the candidates stand for, let alone their names.

They've got a point. For newspapers like this one, detailed local coverage of school board elections is an important point of our responsibility. The big city dailies don't do it, of course. I'm concerned that if school board elections were consolidated onto the November ballot, our local coverage would get lost in the shuffle of elections for president, governor, U.S. Senate and House, state Senate and House, not to mention various judges, initiatives and references.

Another idea is to consolidate elections for statewide education posts — state board of education and the boards of U-M, MSU and Wayne State University — into the June elections for school board. That would create a statewide "education election," allowing the public an opportunity to focus on Michigan's educational policy and spending. That's entirely lacking at present, which is a terrible state of affairs for an activity that consumes the largest share of state taxpayer expenditures.

State Sen, John Schwarz, R-Battle Creek, has requested an opinion from Attorney Gener al Jennifer Granholm whether such a change could be accomplished by legislation alone or whether it requires a constitutional amend-

I'd suggest those who are concerned about the bad consequences of consolidating school board elections onto the November ballot urge the attorney general's office to render an opinion before the Legislature returns for business this fall.

Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1880, or by e-mail: at ppower@oeonline.com

Man of faith is fine messenger in spreading the word of God

ne of the most distinctive and recognizable voices in America is that of Ernie Harwell, radio announcer for the Detroit Tigers. I was once Ernie's pastor and hearing this man of faith doing what he does so well is always a pleasant, relaxing experience for me.

But Harwell's influence goes well beyond baseball. Many who listen to Tiger ball games feel like they're hearing a trusted friend, a man they've come to respect and appreciate.

What makes Ernie Harwell so loved and respected? What's the secret of his success?

A major daily newspaper in search of answers to these questions quoted Ernie as follows: "The most important thing to me is how I walk with God, whether I please Him or not. My family is second and job third. I keep trying to keep things in perspective."

No wonder this hall of famer has a certain peace about him that comes through in his broadcasting,

Priorities like his enable him to bring a depth to his communicating that is rooted in his walk with God.

Listening to Ernie often reminds me of the time he and I visited a woman in a hospital who had come through serious surgery and had been bed-ridden for weeks. Knowing she was an ardent Tiger fan, I thought a visit from the voice of Tiger baseball might encourage her and brighten one of those routine, sometimes boring, days that can be a part of a long hospital stay.

When I called Ernie to see if he would be willing to make the visit his reply was characteristic Harwell. "Sure, I'll be glad to go,"

During our drive to the hospital, I told Ernie about the woman we were going to see—about her faith, her illness and the long recovery period she would have ahead. I also shared her husband's enthusiastic response when I told him about our planned visit.

Upon arriving at the hospital room, we found it decorated with baseball signs. Here was a true blue baseball fan who, as a girl

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chosen the Tigers
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That year the
Tigers finished
last, but she had
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playing was good or bad: When Ernie and I stepped into this loyal fan's hospital room, I knew her husband had been right.



ROGER CAMPBELL

Here was Ernle Harwell, the man of faith, caring for someone who was going through a difficult time in her life. He was encouraging her and representing his Lord.

peen right.

The voice she had heard for so long on the radio she now heard in her room and she could hardly believe it. To say the least, Ernie had made her day.

Here was Ernie Harwell, the man of faith, caring for someone who was going through a difficult time in her life. He was encouraging her and representing his Lord. Ernie was ministering ... being a sermon in shoes:

Some never take time to reach out to hurting and discouraged people. When opportunities come along they just stand there, as Ernie would say, "Like the house by the side of the road" and refuse to get involved, nevergetting to first base in Christian growth.

Others care. They go out of their way to represent their Lord to troubled people.

They are encouragers and faith builders.
May their numbers greatly increase. When
they reach heaven, they will find themselves
members of God's great hall of fame.

Roger Campbell, a resident of Independence Compship, is the president of Roger Campbell Ministries in Waterford. His radio program, Higher Ground, can be heard on WUFL, 1030 AM.

North Oakland rich in wetlands, other important features

ater! Water! This month some residents of Oakland County went from wondering how to get some water to wondering how to get rid of it.

Thanks to the driller who poked a note in a municipal water system pipe, a large portion of the county was left dry — literally without water. By now, having used bottled water and boiled their local water, their tap water is back to normal.

Then, the rains came, in lengthy and hard downpours, which added up in inches, collected in large pools and flooded areas. The roostertails were being made by cars, not boats, and the hums came from sump pumps, not birds. Some people are still bailing out!

Most of the water in our area, northwest Oakland County, comes from local or individual wells, tapping into aquifers dating back centuries and refilled periodically with filtered rain water. As the rains come, the ground becomes saturated and water eventually seeps, being filtered as it moves, down to the water veins within the earth. Also, when there is a downpour, water runs off the land into wetlands where it is filtered as it makes its way to lakes and streams.

This area is fortunate that such natural conditions still exist. Indeed, life and livelihoods depend on it. The area is the home of the headwaters of four great rivers: Huron, Clinton, Shiawassee and Flint. This is where they begin.

However, these natural features cannot be taken for granted. What is here today may not be here tomorrow. Unfortunately, some of what was here yesterday is gone already.

The mission of the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy is to protect the rural character and quality of life in northwest Oakland County by conserving the woods, fields,



streams and other natural resources in the headwaters area of the Clinton, Shiawassee, Huron and Flint rivers.

The North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy partners with individuals, neighborhoods, organizations, municipalities, developers, and planners in a continuing effort to preserve the best of today's natural environment so that future generations can enjoy a better tomorrow in our community.

Currently, NOHLC is working on land preservation projects in Brandon, Groveland, Independence and Springfield Townships. Some of these projects have been developing for years, while others are new this year. All of the projects are consistent with the Conservancy's mission, goals, and objectives.

Incorporated in 1972 as the Independence Land Conservancy, the NOHLC has worked in and for the community for about 27 years. Currently, the Conservancy has stewardship of 25 parcels of land comprising about 516 acres, some properties totally owned and some protected by conservation/scenic easements.

NOHLC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, tax-exempt corporation, receiving tax-deductible gifts of all kinds. Also, various membership donation categories exist, such as a renewable life-membership donation of \$100 and an annual family membership donation of \$25.

Questions for the Conservancy may be directed to North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy (NOHLC), P.O. Box 285, Clarkston, MI 48347; e-mail at NOHLC@aol.com; or by calling (248) 620-4700.

This column space is shared by local community groups. Up next week: Lighthouse of Clark-



Signing on

Career opportunities for the deaf explored

By LARRY O'CONNOR STAFF WRITER

a recent workshop in Farmington. applause was enthusiastic - but silent.

Instead of the hearing world's customary clap, many teenagers raised and shook their hands earnestly as a token of appreciation for the speaker who, like themselves, is deaf.

More than 50 students from around Oakland County attended the first-ever workshop, which is designed to inspire and inform deaf children about their career choices.

Students, including those from Farmington, attend Bloomfield Hills School District's countywide program for deaf and hearing impaired.

Before, people who were deaf were largely consigned to manual labor jobs. Today, their ranks are just as likely to include engineers. neers, computer analysts; jour-nalists and accountants.

Many like retired General Motors engineer Winston Aerosmith - who is also deaf - met with students to explain hurdles he had overcome.

"This is an opportunity for them to have a deaf role model," said Linda Booth, Deaf and Hearing Services executive

Farmington Hills-based Deaf and Hearing Services of Southeast Michigan hosted the confer-

"With many of them having hearing parents, they never get to see this," Booth said. "One 8-year-old child told me he'd never seen a deaf adult. He thought he'd either learn to hear or die,

Farmington Hills student Sean Forbes, 17, appreciated their trailblazing ways.

"It makes you feel like . . . you can do it; "said Forbes, who attends Bloomfield Hills Labser.

Forbes has been deaf since age 2 after a severe bout with spinal meningitis. He speaks and is able to read lips as well as use sign language.

He also works as a busboy at his father's restaurant, Mr B's in Troy, where he sometimes meets customers who are deaf or hearing impaired.

Forbes plans to attend either Western Michigan University, where he would have an interpreter and a note taker, or the National Technical Institute of the Deaf in Rochester, N.Y. He hasn't decided on a major yet.

That's where the conference helps. "It gives me an idea," Forbes said.

Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 has done much to open job prospects, Booth said. For people who are hearing impaired, change is slow in coming at the workplace.

"We still have to advocate more and more," Booth said. Because (deafness) is an invisible disability, it passes by many companies in terms of what's required by the ADA.

"They know they have to increase the size of bathrooms to allow wheelchair access, but they're not sure about how to deal with people who are deaf."

That said, an increasing number of attorneys, social workers and police officers are learning American Sign Language in order to communicate with people who are deaf.

Through a voice interpreter, Chris Hunter of the state divi-sion on deafness gave students an overview on what awaits. them in the job world.

Hunter focused on the basic do's and don'ts of job searches and interviewing, which in itself may be a sign of progress.

"In a job interview, the employer will ask how are you doing? The deaf person says, 'fine,'" Hunter relayed to the

"The deaf person just gives one-word answers

"If you continue to do that, this employer is not going to think you're very smart."

In terms of reminding them of their own potential, Hunter left with a quote from Gallaudet University President I. King Jor-

dan, who said, " The deaf can do anything but

Silent sounds: Brad McFarlin tells the audience about his job at Ford Motor Co. Al

Kettinger (left) interprets for audience members who sign.

Alliance sets events for July

The Alliance for the Mentally Ill will host several events during July. They are:

Family support meetings (south) for relatives of persons who suffer from mental illness at 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 19, at the Mental Health Building, 15920 W. 12 Mile Road, Southfield. There will be no meeting Monday, July 5, because of the July 4 holiday.

Family support meeting.

(north) at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 7, at Christ the Redeemer Church, 4005 Baldwin Road,

Lake Orion. The church is located two

miles north of I-75. ■ An AMI general meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 22, in Classroom AB1W of Beaumont Hospital's Administration Building, 3601 W. 13 Mile Road, Royal Oak,

There will be a speaker.



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CAROLYN WALKER

'Scary' a fitting word for mom's definition of girdle

nce upon a time on a day that just happened to be the last day of school, a middle-aged mother climbed into her wan, slammed its door shut and addressed the roadway, much like a golfer might address a ball: She eyed it calmly, surveyed the surrounding terrain for obstacles and water, firmed up her grip on the steering wheel and swung her way easily forward, the van taking a mod-

est dog-leg to the left.
Overhead, a perfectly beautiful sun came round from the other side of the world to illuminate the path that went before her. At her side a boy, the youngest of her children, offered up a sing-song cheer to begin their day. "It's the last day of school. Hoo-ray, Hoo-ray, It's the last day of school. Hoo-ray."

The braces on the boy's teeth glinted in the sunlight as he laughed with the pleasure of his thoughts and the mother began to engage him in conversation.

"What makes that so wonderful?" she asked to his incredulous, "What do you think?".The boy rolled his eyes around in a great big circle, but he resisted the urge to say, "duh."

Idling down the road, the mother

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By Susan B. Tauber

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he Tarvestad family really knows how to live during the summer.

Kim and Tim Tarvestad, their three children, two birds and two small dogs leave their Independence Township home and spend several weeks living on 360 acres of undeveloped land. Nearby they have a beau-tiful swimming, fishing and boating lake with a water slide to use as well as playgrounds and sports courts. To top things off, they can enjoy live entertainment and special events for adults and children alike to pass the

Sound like a good thing? They sure think so. They live this way every summer without the trials and tribulations of owning a summer home.

They just drive north a few miles along Dixie Highway, past Grange Hall Road to Groveland Oaks County Park where they park their trailer and settle in for awhile. Kim's moth-er and step-father, Kathy and Lloyd Berry, join them next-door in their

vn trailer. "It's absolutely wonderful here,"

Tarvestad said about Groveland Oaks. "We have everything we could possibly want for a vacation without having to travel far from home."

They are close enough, in fact, that Kim goes home every morning to let their two large dogs outside for the day and start some laundry. Before joining his family at Groveland Oaks at the end of his work day. The change of the end of his work day. at the end of his work day, Tim stops

Please see CAMPING, A15



For the fish: Jerry Conger and his 10-year-old son, Andy, said they love to spend their camping days fishing on Stewart Lake at Groveland Oaks County Park.



Near nature: Camping brings nature to the forefront, but not all "flowers" are real.



Staying until July: Left to right (clockwise), Kathy Berry, Kim Tarvestad, Lloyd Berry, and Heather Tarvestad spend their summers at Groveland Oaks County Park camping.

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Aaron S. Bailey, the son of Ron Bailey of Clarkston and a 1995 of Clarkston High School graduate, graduated from the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y., and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

During his four years at West Point, Bailey went through a rigorous academic regimen, in addition to military training and a character-building education that stressed leadership skills. Bailey majored in systems engi-

neering. Brent W. Golembiewski, the son of Bill and Margo L. Golem-biewski of Davisburg and a 1998 graduate of Holly High School, has graduated from his basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio,

Golembiewski, during his six weeks of training, studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, Golembiewski

upon completion of his basic training, earned credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air

The following students have been named to the Dean's List for the spring term at North-wood University: Jonathan Burklow, sopho-

more, the son of Michael and Carolyn Burklow of Clarkston; Antonio K. Cotton, senior, the son of Maria Garcia of Clark-

Tiffany L. Honey, sopho-more, the daughter of William and Tammy Honey of Clark-

Stephanie M. Marino, sophomore, the daughter of Lee and Marcia Marino of Clark-

Jacqueline N. Puroll, sophomore, the daughter of Martin and Judith Puroll of Clarkston; Georgia R. Senkyr, sopho-

more, the daughter of Charles and Jody Senkyr of Clarkston. To achieve Dean's List recognition, students must earn a 3.0

grade point on a 4:0 scale. Northwood University is a private, accredited university specializing in managerial and entrepreneurial education offering two- and four-year degrees in a variety of enterprise fields,

Class distinction



Cream of the crop: The Clarkston State Bank recently hosted a dinner at the Deer Lake Racquet Club in Clarkston honoring the top graduating seniors from the Class of 1999. Pictured (from left) are Jonathan Moniaci, Bobbi Thorndycraft, Michael Savas, Mindy Jensen, Supt. Dr. Al Roberts, Clarkston, High School Principal John Diliegghio, Jeremy Parrott, Sarah Uchman, Eric Romein and Scott Krull. Not pictured were Jennifer Gifford and David Dixon. The students were joined at the dinner by officials of Clarkston State Bank and their parents.

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while the boy's part of the conversation went abruptly from topic to topic. "What will we have for dinner tonight?" he asked. *What time will you pick me up from school? What is a girdle?"

The boy's voice hung on the word "is" and stretched it out almost through a full red light.

The mother glanced sideways and added her smile to that which was already present in the van. Surprised by his out-ofthe-blue question, she let her thoughts wander back through time before she spoke. Back to when 45 rpm records were still available in stores. Back to when telephones had dials and not push buttons. Back to when pantihose were considered to be on the cutting edge (and so were braces for the teeth, for that

How to describe a girdle to a : the fact that they were used to

listened with half-hearing ears boy of the '90s? she thought: And, she pictured herself at age 13, in her old bedroom, surrounded by white furniture and gingham curtains, pulling her first girdle out of a drawer. She held it up before her — its hosiery clamps dangling loosely like udders from a flattened cow - and she pressed it to her emerging hips and grimaced at herself in the

> At the time she hadn't thought much of those hips. Now, however, from the vantage point of her er, from the vantage point of the somewhat sagging middle-age reverie, she realized that they had once looked pretty good. And that they probably would never look good again.
>
> "She addressed the boy much as she had addressed the roadway. "A girdle," she said. "is a thing women used to wear to belo hold in their fat."

help hold in their fat."

For no real reason she omitted

hold up hose as well, and she temporarily took her hands off the wheel. Putting her crooked thumbs against her hip bones --now cushioned in a stretchmarked roll of middle-aged flesh that was made worse by the fact that she was sitting - she attempted to demonstrate for the boy (and this while driving) an average girdle as she remembered them: slightly bigger than a slice of bread with those curious udders — and just about as

"The worst part about a girdle," she continued, "was that they were usually about half the size of the stomach that they were meant to go on.

pliable.

"They were tough to get into-You had to do this "," she said, glancing at the oblivious driver who passed in his vehicle beside her. And she held an imaginary girdle against her body and urged her hips back

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and forth in an old-fashioned wiggle, while giving an equally imaginary — though mighty — tug upward

She put her hands back on the steering wheel and threw her eyes to the side, toward her son, awaiting his reaction.

The boy looked at the roadway, put his hands in the air as if he were attempting to stop a hold-up (talk about your ironic turn of phrase!) and he peered at. his mother in disbelief and spoke with particularly good enuncia-

"Now, that is scary," he said.

And for just one fleeting moment the mother thought she saw the perfectly beautiful sunturn its face back toward the other side of the world. Turn its face away with mortification.

Carolyn Walker is a free-lance writer. She lives in the city of the Village of Clarkston.

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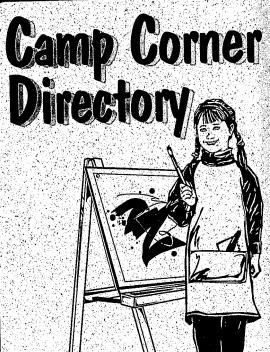
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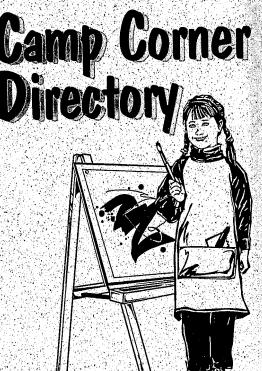
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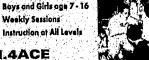






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I have a tendency to prioritize tasks by deciding what needs to be done immediately and what can wait. Unfortunately, even though I have made a mental list of priorities, often the boring, tiring or unrewarding tasks never make it to the top of the list. When we recently built our

When we recently built our house, our priority had to be completing everything that was required to get a final certificate of occupancy. Since we needed to be out of our previous house, by March 1, we couldn't spend time on anything that wasn't required for that all important C-of-O.

The result was, when we moved in on Feb. 28, we still needed to finish the house. The kitchen and dining room floors

needed to mish the house. The kitchen and dining room floors still needed the flooring laid. All the doors in the house needed to be stained. Some areas still needed paint. We had to finish hooking up the telephones.



Then, there was the mountain of boxes piled in the basement waiting to be unpacked. The list went on and on. In early March, in Michigan,

In early March, in Michigan, the last thing on the list was hooking up the air conditioning. Who in their right mind would worry about such a silly thing when it's 20 degrees outside? We were still worrying about plowing snow off the driveway. We had plenty of time to think about air conditioning. When our heating and cooling

about air conditioning.

When our heating and cooling contractor called in April to see if we were ready to have the A/C hooked up, we assured him we would start working on our part of getting ready for the air and would call back as soon as we

We had the best of intentions, but somehow April slipped into May and we hadn't gotten any closer to being ready. When we had the few really hot days in May we started to seriously rethink our priorities, and we called our buddy, the heating and cooling guy, and got more specific directions as to what we needed to do to get ready for the

hook-up. Ne went to Home Depot and looked for supplies. We were making progress but then the weather changed.

I think it was a nice, cool breeze which blew through the house and rearranged our priorities list again. The next thing we knew, the words "hook up A/C" had settled back to the bottom of the list.

I've noticed that priority lists can change based on apparently unrelated events. For instance, the week before we were having friends over who had not seen our new house, instead of working in the basement drilling holes and causing saw dust, I was standing on a chair in my

dining room, hanging my plate collection over the doorway. Instead of moving shelving units in the basement to access the wall adjacent to where the air conditioning unit will sit, I was putting a nice coat of hunter green paint on a rocking chair that I purchased from a flea market to decorate my new wran-around porch. wrap-around porch.

It was the second week in June and about 93 degrees out the day we finally placed the call to the A/C contractor to tell

him we were ready.
"Whenever you're ready, come
on over and hook up our air," we told him. You probably won't believe this, but we weren't his

believe this, but we werent his first call.

"I'm backed up for the next three weeks" he advised. "But I'll put you on my list."

Frankly, I'm concerned. If his list is as unsteady as ours, we may have to shovel a path in the snow for him to move the air

conditioning unit into place behind our house. Rochelle Smith, who lives in Clarkston, is a free-lance colum-

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The Clarkston Eccentric publishes calendar items free of charge. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing an event. Type or print event, date and time, loca-tion, telephone number and any additional information and mail to the Clarkston Eccentric, 7151 Ortonville Road, Suite 2, Clark-ston, MI 48346, or fax to 625-5712. The deadline is noon Fri-day for the following Thursday.

TUESDAY, JUNE 29

"PARENT-TO-PARENT" 7-9 p.m. Carriage House, Clintonwood Park, 5980 Clarkston Road. The Task Force will be offering a three-part Drug Prevention Workshop. Several years ago, approximately 300 Clark. ston parents attended this work shop and 18 people were trained as parent-facilitators. We think the time is right for a resurgence of "Parent-to-Parent," with a whole new generation of parents.

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THURSDAY, JULY 15

UNCHEON MIXER 11:45-1:00 p.m. Clarkston Creek. Golf Club, 6060 Maybee Rd. Topic: "What to do with Bad Checks," Speaker:/Susan Barnett. Oakland County Prosecutor's Office. Cost: \$12. RSVP by July 9 and pay only \$11.

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home to brings the dogs inside

and finish the laundry
The Tarvestads moved to the
park even before the school year ended. She drove Heather, 10, and Trisha, 6, to school at Springfield Elementary every day once they took up residence at Groveland Oaks. Their son,

Tim, turns 4 in July:
Living at Groveland Oaks
park has another benefit — it's
not costly. Kim said it costs her
family just over \$120 a week to
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Al Johnson is one of the assis tant park rangers at Groveland Oaks: This is the fourth year he's worked there after his reg-ular job as a teacher in the Holly school district ends for the

summer break, "I've met people who have camped all over the United camped an over the United States who rate this camp-ground as one of the top three," he said proudly. He credits its popularity to its natural beauty, popularity to its flat and a constraint an entities, varied recreation offerings, cleanliness and safety. The park offers bikes for rent, a wading area for young children, drinking water from an artesian well, pavilions for

rent, sites for group camping and more.

For more information on camping at Groveland Oaks, contact the park at 248-634-9811.

Groveland Oaks isn't the only park where residents can set up camp close to home throughout the summer months. Here are several others with camping facilities: Addison Oaks County Park, 248-693-2432 in Leonard, Independence Oaks County Park, 248-625-0877 in Independence Township has youth group camping sites only; Holly Recreation Area state, park, 248-634-8811 in Holly; Ortonville Recreation Area

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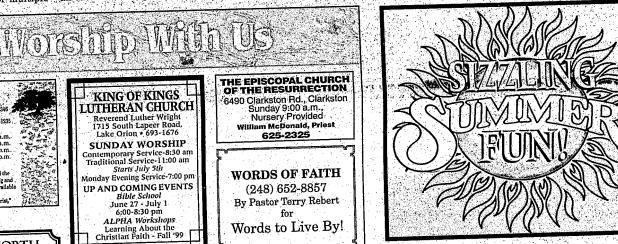
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Before setting out for a night or two of camping at any of these beautiful parks, it might be worth the price of a day pass to check them out. Or just load everyone in car with the tent or camper and take a chance. That's what adventures are really made of.





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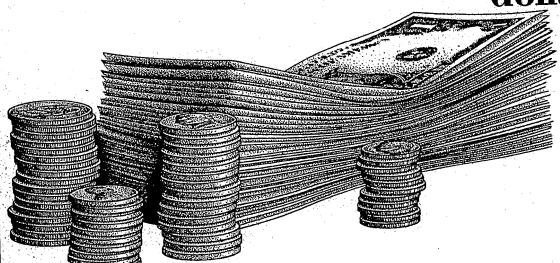
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Earth Angels show passion for '50s music, community spirit

ou're never too old to rock 'n' roll, But thanks to the Earth Angels, you're never too young to learn about giving to others, either.

The dancing, lip-synching non-profit Oakland County group, made up of talented kids ages 9 17, travels around the state to do pro-bono performances at hospitals and nursing homes.

At the end of the shows at nursing homes," said Barbara Krasman, a Farmington Hills resident and mom of Earth Angel Danielle, 13, "they shake everybody's hands and thank them for being at the show.

Joan Lynn, another Earth Angels parent from Farmington Hills, noted how the group is "giving something back to the community, and it helps them realize how good they've got it."

Krasman, Lynn and other par ents of group members laud Earth Angels' founder and direc-tor Lisa Campos for emphasizing that particular aspect

"Lisa's the angel in Earth Angels," said slick-back-haired parent David Berman.

ties practice hard to perfect their nostalgic routines for quite a different reason – entertainment, which they do very well.

Evidence of such was the recent "Blast from the Past and Into the Millennium Sock Hop' at the William Costick Activities Center in Farmington Hills.

More than 300 attended the sock hop, the Earth Angels' largest annual fund-raiser, which is essential to keep them traveling to charity shows

Bringing back an era

At the "Blast from the Past" sock hop, songs from a bygone era came back to life. Meanwhile, with two sets of good time music, comedy and fun, the Earth Angels were a hit with the audience – many dressed in cool 50s garb and sporting the Amer-ican Graffiti attitude.

For example, girls and women came out wearing the outfits that made Laverne and Shirley popular, while some guys in the crowd harkened back to the past tucking packs of cigarettes in the rolled-up T-shirt sleeves.

Dashing out before the event to buy a pack of Salems for his T-shirt was Earth Angels parent Joe Lynn, but he made it clear

they weren't for smoking.

"I'm wearing white socks, though," said Joe, attending with wife Joan to watch 17-year-old son Patrick wow the crowd.

David Berman probably was the coolest cat at the sock hop wearing a wild, purple suit and shades. He and his wife, Susie, have two kids in the group, Evan

and Jordan. He wasn't eligible for the bestdressed contest, judged by Farmington Hills Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi and 47th District Court Judge Maria Parker, and others. Winners were: age 10 and

under, Jackie Efrusy, Nick Wasko; teens, Courtney Adams, Kaylin Connors; adult, Donna Mazzioti and Larry Hollinick.

Also appropriately dressed was the Costick ballroom, with walls adorned with replicas of old record albums. There also were colorful balloons and card board cutouts of some of the stars of the 1950s and '60s.

Talent's no accident

"There's just something about.
'50s music," said a sock hopper.
Apparently, the same could be said for the Earth Angels, started by accident in Campos' back.

yard 13 summers ago. "We were putting on a little show in our back yard (in Livonia) and charging a quarter for said Campos, five songs," said Campos, between sets at the sock hop.

"Obviously, it grew from th

For that first show, they didn't even have a name for the group. Campos settled on "Earth Angels," the name of the final song from that very first show.

Helping Earth Angels, grow to 60 members today were several performances at the Livonia Spree, along with word-of-mouth praise. Even though the group is much bigger now, Campos said the philosophy hasn't changed since 1986.

"The kids don't earn a penny," Campos said, "because I want them to learn they can make

others happy, and be happy without making money."

They make others happy with their performances, which often include jumping off stage and running to the tables, as Chelsea Swanderski, 10, didi while lipsynching "Heat Waye." "We just go out to some person

who looks like they'll get into it," said Chelsea, of Farmington Hills. Chelsea, whose mom Michelle co-chaired the event with Bonnie Murphy, was among several Earth Angels who credits the experience for helping them learn a lot more than music.

At the top are self-discipline, confidence, poise, teamwork and respect for themselves and others. And with many practices and performances - such as at a May 21 ice cream social at High-meadow Common Campus they carry personal planners

with them. "It's helped me in so many ays," said Livonia's Erin Martell, who left the group last summer after an eight year stint. "I'm not afraid to go up to people, which will always help





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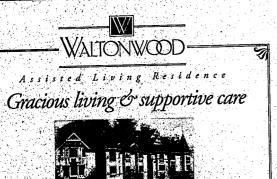
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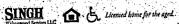
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DANIEL STICKRADT

Some rules, decisions don't make sense

With the conclusion of the MHSAA baseball and softball tournaments this past weekend at Battle Creek's Bailey Park, the 1998-99 high school

year came to an end. Here then are some argumentative points of the home stretch with my eyer-so-valid opinion following suit: NEWS: Livonia Stevenson junior

sweeper Andrea Sied was named winner of the 16th-annual Miss Soccer award, given to the state's top player regardless of class, at least according to the Michigan High School Soccer

Coaches Association.

MY VIEWS: Sied is the state's top defender and top junior — not too many coaches will argue with that. But the state's top overall player? Not

Voting Sied as Miss Soccer has just. about every coach not only within the Oakland Activities Association, but oakiant Activities assured a sound Oakiand County wondering how they came up with this decision.

In my opinion, Rochester Adams senior midfielder Kristin Fisher was senior midfielder Kristin Fisher was the county of the count

the best all-around player in Michigan with teammate Abby Crumpton, an explosive forward, a very close sec-

Adams won three straight OAA Division I and district championships, finished as state runner-up last year and were MHSAA Division 1 state-champions this year. And Fisher and Grumpton were the leaders.

They both recorded goals and assists by the bunches, both are headassists by the bunches, both are headed to premier college programs.

Fisher to defending NCAA champion.
Florida and Crumpton to Michigan.

and both play on premier club teams, which seems to pull heavy weight with the MHSSCA even though it should not; (The only thing that should matter is an individuals performance on and off the field March 15-June 12.)

So how did Crumpton finish third and Fisher fifth in the voting? Easy. First, only five coaches on the 250-

plus MHSSCA member board actually voted for Miss Soccer and the 11member Dream Team, among them Stevenson coach Jim Kimble and Madison Heights Bishop Foley coach Rick Larson. (Please note that Foley sophomore forward Nicole Breger was

second in the voting).

Second, Adams coach Ralph Torre and Troy Athens coach Tim Storch, a usual member of the voting committee, did not attend the meeting for personal reasons. In fact, Larson was the only Oakland County representa-

tive on the committee.

Third — well I don't think I need a third to make my point. The MHSSinghout the years that it is nothing more than a political machine that has a knack of not

always doing the right thing. Obviously, Fisher and Crumpton vere robbed because no one from the OAA conference were there to back

Was this decision done in spite? Who can say for sure.

But how come such a small group was allowed to vote? How come every member of the association doesn't vote for the Dream Team and Miss Soccer, like they do in boys basketball and girls basketball? And how come game officials and media members aren't invited to join the MHSSCA and vote?

Perhaps you might see a little more parity and - heaven forbid - accuracy. Having more people voting will sure take a lot of the politics out of

the picture Think about it.

NEWS: Clarkston's boys 3,200meter relay unit was disqualified after winning their regional in mid-May due to a very minor uniform infraction. Apparently, one of the members of this quartet didn't have a

small 'C' logo on the leg of his shorts.
MY VIEWS: How can the MHSAA be so petty over something like this? These were school-issued shorts and all four were the exact same color, but due to a manufacturer's default — a small 'C' the size of a quarter was left off a pair of uniform shorts - four

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Fast to the finish



All-Area boys track team has the speed to break the tape

BY DANIEL STICKRADT STAFF WRITER dstickradt@oe.homecome

Although only two area individuals were able to place at the state meet, by no means did North Oakland area perstruggle this season in boys track & field. In fact, they turned quite

Led by five state qualifiers and several school record holders, this group of talented, blue-collar athletes provided more than enough memories to fill a

long segment of a sportscast Here is their action-packed highlight

FIELD EVENTS ■ SHOT PUT: Eric Ghiaciuc

Oxford — In his third season on the varsity, this junior excelled and broke the 50-foot barrier, tossing a seasonbest 50-5 in a dual meet in late May Ghiaciuc, who won six of seven dual

meets, was also the Flint Metro League champion, placed fourth at the Oxford Invitational, fifth at the Water-ford Mott/Ashley Relays and ninth at the Class A Port Huron Northern Regional. "Eric started to concentrate this season a lot more and that's why he did well," said Oxford coach Pat Dorohue. "He set some goals and became our best in the (weight events)." Ghiaciuc also tossed the discus 137-8 and was third at the FML

neet in that event.

■ DISCUS: Klinton Powell, Clarkston — A senior in his fourth varsity campaign, Powell emerged as one of Oakland County's best in the discus, tossing a season-best 143-10-this season. A winner at five dual meets, Powell was also third at the Oakland Activities Association Division I league meet and Ashley Relays fourth at the Oxford Invitational, and seventh at the Port Huron Northern Regional. "Klinton was just a very strong competitor," said Clarkston coach Walt Wyniemko. "He was one of those guys that did so many events he was so versatile. He will be one of those guys that will be hard to replace

next season."

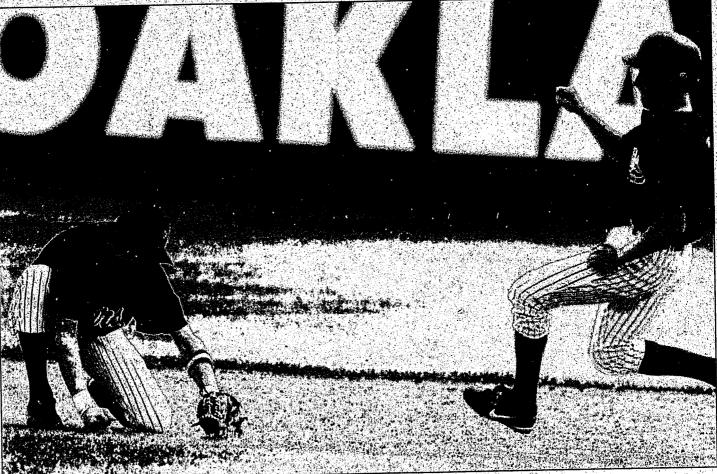
HIGH JUMP: Rob Ellerman, Oxford — A transfer from Saginaw Arthur Hill, where he was a two-event state qualifier last season, Ellerman continued to develop into a fine allaround performer this year at Oxford. A sophomore, Ellerman overcame an early-season injury to placed second at both the regional and FML meet, third at the Oxford Invitational, fifth at the county and 10th at the state meet with a leap of 6-2. "He had an injury all sea-son so we told him to go see a doctor shortly before the regionals," said Donohue. "So he went through physical

he finished the season very strong." Ellerman also ran a 51,5 in the 400 this season, and placed fifth at the league and eighth at the regional in that event.

LONG JUMP: Kevin Breen,

Clarkston — Breen didn't long jump in every meet this season, but still cleared the 20-foot barrier this season on two occasions, finishing with a 20-1.5 as his best mark, A three-year varsity performer, Breen, who won three dual meets in this event and placed second at the Andover Relays, was a also a standout in the 800 meters, where he was a regional champion with a 1:58.3 clocking and the OAA Division I and Oxford Invitational run-ner-up. Kevin is another one of those versatile kids who is just a great competitor," said Wyniemko. "He just

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Not quite: John Drallos (right) of the Michigan Lake Area Rams steals second, beating the tag of North Oakland Stars second baseman Joe Ortiz during their game in the Great Eight Classic at Oakland University Saturday. Ortiz and his Stars teammates came out ahead in this clash, winning the game 3-1.

Dimmed at the end

Braves shoot down shorthanded Stars in Great Lakes diamond final

BY BRAD KADRICH SPORTS EDITOR bkadrich@oe.homecomm.net

The Michigan Braves were going to be tough to beat in the Great Eight Classic even for opponents with a full

The North Oakland Stars found a win over the Brayes an impossible task with a lineup depleted by injury and other commitments.

The Stars (5-1) were missing three of their top pitchers and couldn't hold the Braves off in a 12-4 loss that ended their chances at the Great Eight title. The Braves scored four times in the

first inning and the Stars could never The Braves went on to beat the Rochester Yankees, the Pool B champion, in the tournament title game.

The Stars were missing three of their best pitchers: Justin Young pitched in a Flint all-star game; Nick Tomczak had pitched the day before; and Josh Clark, a Clarkston product who went 7-3 as a freshman at West-

ern Michigan, left for another team.

In addition, perhaps the team's best all-around player, Rochester Adams' Jason Daniels, hurt himself during batting practice and was unavailable.

"When you go into a game against a team like that without your top guys, you're going to get your buns kicked," Stars manager Dan LaNoue said. "Those are three quality pitchers that we didn't have."

Scot Murdoch (Rochester Adams) started for the Stars, and the Braves touched him for four runs in the first inning.

The Braves then pulled away with single runs in the second and fourth and two runs in each of the third and fifth innings.

Bryan Crosier, who had a bit of a tired arm after pitching for Rochester Adams in the state quarterfinals, relieved Murdoch and pitched four strong innings.

Chris Brown also pitched well in

relief for the Stars. "It was just one of those games," LaNoue said, "We were missing some

The Stars did get some production from their hitters. Matt Lestan (Troy), John Handley (Rochester) and Chris Crowder (U-M) all had two hits and an RBI. Chris Brown drove in North Oakland's other run.

Stars 3, Michigan Lake Area Rams 1 — Danny LaNoue had a single and drove in the go-ahead run with sacrifice fly, and Tomczak threw a three-hit complete game as the Stars edged the Rams.

Brett Wattles (Rochester) added a triple and scored the final run on an infield single by Chris Crowder.

■ Stars 6, Michigan Bulls 4 -John Handley pitched nine strong innings and the Stars, who came back to force extra innings, won it on a two-run hit by Jason Daniels in the ninth.

Handley struck out nine and got help from a clutch hit from Ryan good, a stolen base by Brown and Wattles' RBI single that sent the game to extra

Tomczak, Crowder and Daniels also contributed key defensive plays.

Rams bats help pound Braves, 14-6

By Brad Kadrich Sports Editor bkadrich@oe.homecomm.net

The Michigan Braves rolled to the championship in the Great Eight Classic boys baseball tournament, hosted by the Michigan Lake Area Rams, at Madonna University last

weekend. On Tuesday, the Rams got some

payback. Chris Mitchell pitched four strong innings and five hitters had multiple hits as the Rams improved their record to 5-3 with an easy 14-6 win over the Braves.

All three of the Rams' losses came in the Great Eight tournament by a total of five runs. They took a little of that frustration out on the Braves

Tuesday.
"Our hitting is our greatest strength, and we took advantage of " Rams coach George Drallos said of the win over the Braves. "We moved guys around, we hit in the clutch. We just hit the ball."

The Rams scored once in the first inning, then broke through for five runs in the third behind a two-run triple by Spencer Hynes (Clarkston).

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hated to lose. When he long jumped, he was always right there at the top. And whatever running eyent we had him in, he really excelled. We even tried him in the 200 and the (800) relay, and he still ran

POLE VAULT: John Londer, Oxford — An injury marred this four-year varsity performer's senior campaign, but he still was able to clear

an area-best 10-6 this season. Londer, a repeat first-team selection, won three dual meets this season, and was eighth at the FML meet. "He had some injuries and I think that bummed him out a bit, but he still stuck with it, and a lot of guys wouldn't do that.' said Donohue

SPRINTS

100 METERS: Mark Churchill, Lake Orion –

The seniors chal-

lenged the returning

kids to step up and

Churchill slowly improved each of his four years at Lake Orion and became one of the area's premier sprinters this year. In the 100, Churchill won five of seven dual meets was a semifinalist at the regional and county, but was disqualified after taking second at the league meet. His best effort this season was an 11.3 clocking on two separate

■ 200 METERS: Mark Churchill, Lake Orion -Churchill did not run the 200 at most invitationals so he could concentrate on the 100 and sprint relays, but this senior was undefeated in five dual meets, including a career-best 22.5 against Fern-dale. He was also fourth at the OAA Division II league meet. When a race was close, Mark always competed hard and he was tough to beat in our league in the sprints," said Burrell. "He was just on of those kids with a great work ethic who hated to lose. He had a fine senior season

■ 400 METERS: Klinton Powell, Clarkston - Powell broke a 21-year-old record this season when he clocked a 50.3 in a tri-meet against Pontiac Northern and Southfield. Although he won only three dual meets in the ultra-com petitive OAA Division I this season, he was fourth at the league and seventh at the regional. "Klinton really came on strong in this event this

season to break the school record," said Wyniemko. "It was too bad he had an off day at the regional and didn't make it to state, but he had a great season and has nothing to be a shamed of at all. He will be missed.

DISTANCE ■ 800 METERS: Jordan Desilets, Lake Orion — One of the best distance runners in the state, Desilets finished off his brilliant four-year career by placing 14th at the state meet in this event. Undefeated in five dual meets, Desilets was also the OAA Division II was also the One Division at champion, placed second at the regional and third at the county meet in a school record 1:57.0. "Jordan ran anything from the 400 on up and was just tough to beat," said Burrell. "He really wanted to break the record in something and with his great foot speed, he finally was able to do that at the county in 800. ■ 1,600 METERS: Jordan

Desilets; Lake Orion — In his signature event, Desilets fought off extremely humid temperatures to place fifth at the state meet in a season-best and county-leading 4:16.75. Bound for Eastern Michigan University on a track and cross-country scholarship, Desilets was also league, regional, county, Ashley Relays, EMU Huron Relays, and Oxford Invitational champion, and placed third at the Please see TRACK, B3



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Burrell steers Dragons to consistent success

BY DANIEL STICKRADT TAFF WRITER STICKRADT@OE.HOMECOMM.NET

When it comes to Rich Burrell coached track field only one comes to mind:

consis-

tency. the past nine years, Burrell, the 1999 All-North Oakland Coach of the Year, has guid-ed his Lake Orion Dragons to several quality seasons –

go after the league title' Rich Burrell

Lake Orion track coach and 1999 was one of Orion's

best. "One of our strengths over the years has been senior leadership and we had a lot of seniors who stepped up this season," said Burrell who took over Lake Orion's boys track program in 1991.

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Poisson plays in Scholar-Athlete Games

Sarah Poisson of Lake Orion has been selected to participate in the inaugural United States Scholar-Athlete Games, scheduled to start Saturday at the University of Rhode Island and in nearby Newport, R.I.

A sophomore honor roll stu-dent at Lake Orion High School, Poisson will partake in the soccer component of the Games.

More than 1,500 scholar-ath-letes and scholar-fine artists rep-

resenting all 50 states are expected to participate in the inaugural United States Scholar-Athlete Games, which start Saturday and run through July

Administered by the Institute for International Sports, the 1999 U.S. Games will continue the Scholar-Athlete Games tradition, which was launched in 1993 with the first World Scholar-Athlete Games, The U.S.

Games will bring the Institute one step closer to achieving its goal of hosting Scholar-Athlete

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Track from page B2

West Bloomfield Invitational. "Jordan helped us out in so many ways," said Burrell. "But when it came to the mile, he was nearly unbeatable. He is one of the best ever at Lake Orion and he will be missed." Desilets also excelled in the 3,200, where he won four dual meets, was league and Oxford Invitational champion, placed second at the Ashley Relays and regional, but elected to forgo the event at the state meet: His top time was 9:30.8.

3,200 METERS: David

Sage, Clarkston — In the extreme heat, Sage gutted out an impressive fifth-place finish at the state meet to conclude a fine junior campaign. Undefeated in dual meets, Sage was also OAA Division I and regional champion, second at the Oxford Invitational and Oakland County meet in a career-best 9:26.9, and third at the Ashley Relays and Andover Relays. In the 1600, Sage was also undefeated in duals; won the league meet and was second at the regional in 4:24.6, but withdrew from that event at the state to concentrate on the 3200. "David keeps getting better each year," said Wyniemko. "He is a very competitive young man who rarely has

a bad day. He's very consistent."

HURDLES

110-METER HIGH HURDLES: Nick Holland, Clarkston - Although overshadowed by some of the state's best hurdles in the OAA Division I and slowed by an ankle injury, Hol-land still Irad a fine senior campaign. A three-year varsity per-former, Holland placed third at the Andover Relays, fourth at the OAA Division I meet in 15.6, was eighth at the regional and a semifinalist at the county meet. Nick had some injuries, but he fought through them to become best in the high hurdles," said Wyniemko. "He is a strong competitor and that showed

when he placed at the league against some very good hur-

■ 300-METER INTERMEDI-ATE HURDLES: Cody Senkyr, Clarkston — Although just a sophomoré, Senkyr improved leaps and bounds to become the tops in the area in the 300 this season. Senkyr won two dual meets this spring. placed fourth at the league meet, seventh at the regional and 10th at the state meet in 42,0. "Cody is just a really hard worker who really came a long ways this sea said Wyniemko. "I think he going to be a good one in this event as he continues to mature and improve."

Orion (Tom Rocheleau, Nick Gonzales, Dan Torres, Mark Churchill) — This foursome of seniors Rocheleau, Gonzales and Churchill, along with sophomore Torres, ended the season by placing seventh at the county meet in a season-best 44.9 seconds. That's just how the season went for them — they just kept get-ting better and better," said Burrell. This group also broke the tape at all seven of their dual meets, were OAA Division II runners-up, third at the region-al, and sixth at both the West Bloomfield and Oxford invita-

RELAYS

■ 400-METER RELAY: Lake

■ 800-METER RELAY: Lake Orion (Tom Rocheleau, Nick Gonzales, Dan Torres, Mark Churchill) — Although not as successful as they were in the 400 relay, this unit still won seven dual meets, were second at the league meet, and seventh at the regional. Their best performance was 1:34.6. "Their handoffs were very proficient and with great senior leadership they did very well together," said Burrell. "When the race was close and Churchill got the baton watch out. You knew it was

going to be an exciting finish.

1,600-METER RELAY: Clarkston (Klinton Powell, Mark Carlson, Brett Quantz, Kevin Breen) — This foursome broke a long-standing school record when they clocked a 3:26.2, fourth-place finish at the Ashley Relays. Made up of Powell, a senior, juniors Breen and Quantz, and sophomore Carlson this group also won four dual meets and placed third at the league, fourth at the regional and Ashley Relays, sixth at the Oxford Invitational and eighth at the county meet. "These guys were all very hard workers and strong competitors and it was nice to see them do so well and break the record," said. Wyniemko. "Hopefully, we can find someone to fill Powell's spot

■ 3,200 METER RELAY: Clarkston (David Sage, Matt Haver, Brett Quantz, Kevin Breen) - After defending their regional title, this quartet was disqualified due to a minor uni form infraction and were unable to compete at the state meet. Still, this unit's 8:03.8, firstplace clocking at the Oxford Invitational ranked among the top 15 times recorded in the state this season. Made up a four juniors, the Wolves were unbeaten in six duals in this event. They were also QAA Division I champions and placed third at the county meet. "This group was very exciting to watch. Unfortunately, because of what happened at the regional, they couldn't earn a medal at state. But with everybody coming back next year, hopefully we can get it down to where they are consistently running under eight min-



League champs: The Clarkston Impact Under 13 boys captured their division this spring: Members of the squad include (top, l-r) assistant coach Mark Schneider, Cam Darrow, Frank Cerra, Eric Gauthier, Mike DuFresne, Gordon Bokuniewicz, Dan Martin and coach Mark Verlinden; (middle, l-r) Drew Spencer, Aaron Torres, Matt Smith, Jeff Lowrie; Dan Spencer, Aaron Verlinden; (front, Er) Evan Schneider, Brendan Pawlik, Travis Walts, and Justin Fittoneneville. Not pictured is Tyler

Impact rolls to league title

In what was already an extremely successful year for Independence Township Parks and Recreation's select soccer traveling teams culminated June 12 when the Clarkston Impact Under-13 boys captured their division.

a remarkable It was turnaround for the Impact squad which suffered through a 2-3-5 record last fall, then went unde-feated this spring while posting an 8-0-2 mark.

"The difference was condition-

I 'It was hard for anyone to keep up with us in the second half.'

Mark Verlinden -Impact coach

ing," said coach Mark Verlinden. "Half our team also ran track for either Sashabaw or Clarkston Middle School. It was hard for anybody to keep up with us in the second half."

That was evident June 12

when the Impact beat Sterling Heights, 3-0, in their final regu-lar season game to clinch the title.

In the brutal 90-degree heat Clarkston managed a 1-0 lead just before the half on a goal by Dan Spencer, then took control of the game in the second half with goals by Mike DuFresne and Justin Fittoneville.

The team finishes its season by participating in the Saginaw 7-Eleven Soccer Classic Friday and Saturday.

Burrell from page B2

"Plus, we had plenty of depth on this team. This group was a

pleasure to work with this year."
In 1999, Lake Orion finished a perfect 7-0 in dual meets, including 6-0 in the Oakland Activities Association Division II, where they won their first overall league title since 1993. The Dragons won their seven duals by an average of 43.5 points.

The Dragons were also the OAA Division II league meet champions, finished fourth at the Port Huron Northern Regional, seventh at both the Oxford Invitational and Bloom-

II 'That shows you what type of kids we have running track.'

> $Rich\ Burrell$ Lake Orion track coach

field Hills Andover CorEd Relays, 10th at the West Bloomfield Invitational, 12th at both the Waterford Mott-Ashley Relays and Oakland County meet, and tied for 49th at the Lower Peninsula Class A State

"At the end of last season, the

seniors challenged all of the returning kids to step up and go after the league title," recalled Burrell, who is 46-13 at Lake Orion. "This year's group took that challenge and won the

league. "Plus, this bunch of kids was a very intelligent group," he continued. "We had 86 (out of 110) athletes finish out the season and 64 of those kids were Lake Orion Scholar Athletes, which is having a 3.0 grade-point-average or above. That shows you what type of kids we have running track here at Lake Orion.

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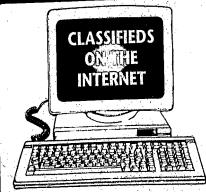
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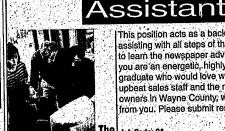
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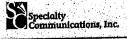
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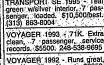
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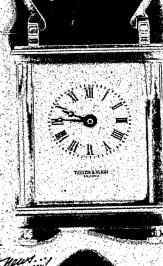
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athletes couldn't participate in an event at the state meet where they were favored to place inside the top eight.

I asked an MHSAA official at the Lower Peninsula Class A finals about this decision (he asked not to give his name), and his response was "When a (meet) official makes a decision, then we stand behind it."

Fine. Officials are human and not all decisions are perfect Then my question is what kind of ruling is this?

It's not like this relay unit was disqualified for running out of a lane, or dropping the baton, or running on the inside line, or bumping the opposition during

Nor did they have different color shorts on that were not school-issued, or boxers sticking out from underneath their shorts, or multi-colored T-shirts visible from underneath the jersey. A quarter-sized 'C' was missing from a pair of shorts.

I can't believe, in the first place, that someone actually spotted this. And I can't believe that someone actually disqualified a relay for this so-called infraction.

If this particular case is an infraction under MHSAA track t field rules, then perhaps the MHSAA should reconsider its rules guidelines because they are obviously just a little too petty.

I can't remember ever hearing of something as ridiculous as this when its comes to a disqual-

ification. Never.

NEWS: The MHSAA decided to move back its girls soccer finals one week to the same weekend as the baseball and

softball finals. They have also expanded girls soccer from three to four divi-

MY VIEWS: With the increas ing popularity of girls soccer, it's nice to see there will be four divi-

This may actually attract more small schools to sponsor the

But moving the girls soccer finals back one week doesn't seem to be such a great idea, at least in the eyes of the media cir-

First, it leaves one weekend during June without some sort of a state championship and makes the season-ending weekend a little bit more crowded.

In terms of staffing reporters and photographers, having too much on one day makes it difficult to cover all the bases

And with space restrictions, a certain sport could be hurt at a given paper because of an imbalance when it comes to splitting up the finals for the seven spring sports over three separate week ends.

Judging by attendance figures at various MHSAA finals, more people find out the results of MHSAA tournaments by picking up various newspapers during

Rams

from page B1

Brad McCloskey (Brother Rice) led off with a double and scored on a double by John Drallos (Clarkston): Drallos moved to third on Mitchell's single, and both runners scored on the triple by Hynes.

Drallos finished the game 4for-5 with four runs batted in and three runs scored. Mitchell was 3-for-4 with an RBI and two runs, while Tim Clouse (Lake Orion), Hynes and George Marculitsas (Madison Heights) each chipped in a pair of hits. Everyone in the Rams' lineup had a hit.

Meanwhile, Clarkston's Mitchell was throwing four strong innings. He did give up three runs, but he also had five strikeouts. Justin Robinson (Rochester) finished up, giving up one earned run and striking

"People think our hitting is our strongest suit, but we've been getting pretty good pitching," Drallos said. "Mitchell has pitched two games this summer and both have been strong. McCloskey threw two no-hitters (during the high school season), and Robinson is strong."

■ North Oakland Stars 3, Rams 1 — McCloskey pitched a strong game, but the Rams couldn't overcome Nick Tomczak's complete game, seven-strikeout performance.

The Rams got their run on back-to-back hits by Robinson and Mitchell and a fielder's

choice grounder by Hynes. Danny LaNoue's sacrifice fly scored the go-ahead run for the

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the following couple of days. Yet, for some reason, the MHSAA SHOT PUT - Eric Chiaciuc never considers the media when (Oxford) 50-5; David Chavers (Clarkston) 47-8; Matt Cagle (Oxford) 45-10; Ron Tolbert (Clarkston) 45-4; Ryan Clement (Clarkston) 44-9.5. NEWS: The OAA has decided

(Clarkston) 20-1; Dustin Coleman

(Clarkston) 19-9; Dan Torres (Lake Orion) 19-5; Chris Daniels (Oxford) 19-

son Calvin (Lake Orion) 19-59.

HIGH JUMP — Raphael Fauza

(Clarkston) 6-2; Rob Ellerman (Oxford)

6-1; Adam Gebus (Clarkston) 6-0; Dave

Chavers (Clarkston) 5-10; Brad Miller

(Oxford) 5-8.

Lake Orion) 5-10; Chris Daniels

POLE VAULT — John Londer

sarcilli (Oxford) 8-0; Wayne Bulinda

(Oxford) 8-0; Jeff Bischoff (Oxford) 7-6;

Dan Dunham (Oxford) 7-6.
100 METERS — Mark Churchill

(Lake Orion) 11.3; Tom Rocheleau

(Lake Orion) 11.4; Kevin Alban (Oxford) 11.4; Shane Bennett (Clark-

ston) 23.5: Nick Potocki (Oxford) 23.6:

Kevin Alban (Oxford) 23.7; Andy Raab

(Oxford) 23.8; Chris Daniels (Oxford)

24.0; Mike Renda (Clarkston) 24.1;

Adam Gebus (Clarkston) 24.1; Nick

400 METERS - Klinton Powell

(Clarkston) 50.3; Rob Ellerman (Oxford) 51.5; Jordan Desilets (Lake-

Orion) 52.0; Mark Carlson (Clarkston)

52.6; Andrew Fons (Lake Orion) 53.1;

800 METERS - Jordan Desilets

Gonzales (Clarkston) 24.2.

Ryan Hickmott (Oxford) 54.0.

(Oxford) 10-0; Ryan Burns (Oxford) 9-6; Ryan Hickmott (Oxford) 8-6; Tom

to abolish tri-meets, sometimes known as double-duals, in favor DISCUS - Klinton Powell (Clark of dual meets in the sport of ston) 147-10; Eric Ghiaciuc (Oxford) track & field beginning in the 137-8; Jon Parker (Oxford) 132-7; Matt 1999-2000 school year, MY VIEWS: This decision lagle (Oxford) 128-11: Ron Tolbert (Clarkston) 124-5; Faris Caleca

means schools will have to run two separate dual meets during the week before entering an invitational on Friday and Saturday. This is way too much running

making a decision

for anybody. Three meets within a seven-day period is just too demanding on the body.

Another problem is host sites

Within the 28-member OAA, there are several schools whose tracks are in such bad shape they are simply not suitable for

And there are several schools that just don't have the resources to host a meet.

I was at one tri-meet this year where the host school didn't have half as needed to work the meet, so the two visiting schools had to lend a helping hand. And this is a case at a third of the conference's members.

So having more dual meets is not going to solve any problem. In fact, it going to make matters much, much worse for everybody:

This is a rule that really needs to be considered before next April

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(Lake Orion) 1:57.0; Kevin Breen (Clarkston) 1:58.7; David Sage (Clarkston) 1:59.5; Brett Quantz (Clarkston) 2:00.9; Matt Haver (Clarkston) 2:02.4; Eric Lohr (Lake Orion) 2:03.4; Jaime Garcia (Lake Orion) 2:03.7; Andrew

Fons (Lake Orion) 2:04.2 1.600 METERS - Jordan Desilets (Lake Orion) 4:20.3; David Sage (Clarkston) 4:24.0; Eric Lohr (Lake Orion) 4:29.6; Pete Minton (Lake Orion) 4:32.0; Mark Rice (Lake Orion) 4:35.0; Matt Haver (Clarkston) 4:40.5; Dan Burke (Clarkston) 4:44.9; LONG JUMP - Kevin Breen

3,200 METERS - David Sage (Clarkston) 9:26.9; Jordan Desilets (Lake Orion) 9:31.0: Eric Löhr (Lake Orion) 10:04.0; Matt Haver (Clarkston) 10:09.8; Pete Minton (Lake Orion) 10:16.0; Spencer Aston (Lake Orion) 10:26,0; John Stein (Oxford) 10:43.0; Dan Nelder (Oxford) 10:45.0.

110 HURDLES - Nick Holland (Clarkston) 15.5; James Johnson (Lake Orion) 15.7; Cody Senkyr (Clarkston) 16.0; David Spezia (Oxford) 16.0; Matt Evans (Clarkston) 17.3; Paul Tinetti (Clarkston) 17,3.

300 HURDLES - Cody Senkyr (Clarkston) 42.0; Nick Holland (Clarkston) 43.1; Paul Tinetti (Clarkston) 43.0; Mike Sullivan (Oxford) 43.2: Michael DeRuiter (Lake Orion) 44.6;

Scott Davidson (Oxford) 44.6. 400-METER RELAY — Lake Orion ston) 11.6; Nick Potocki (Oxford) 11.6 200 METERS — Mark Churchill (Lake Orion) 22.9; Kevin Breen (Clark 44.9; Oxford 45.7; Clarkston 46.6; Lake Orion 'B' 49 8.

800-METER RELAY — Lake Orion 1:34.6; Clarkston 1:35.9; Oxford 1:37.0; Lake Orion B. 1:43.9.

1,600-METER RELAY - Clarkston 3:26.2; Oxford 3:36.3; Lake Orion 3:37.1; Lake Orion 'B' 3:58

3,200-METER RELAY - Clarkston 8:03.6; Lake Orion 8:21.0; Lake Orion 'B' 8:43,3; Oxford 8:47,1; Lake Orion 'C' 9:23.0.

GIRLS TRACK SHOT PUT - Liz McKinner (Oxford) 39-10; Katie Jerge (Clarkston) 31-8; Laurie Mudd (Oxford) 30-9,5; Meghan Whipp (Clarkston) 28-9.5; Lindsay Hawley (Clarkston) 28-3; Becky Friesen (Clarkston) 26-10;

DISCUS - Liz McKinnon (Oxford) -108-2; Katie Jerge (Clarkston) 101-10.5; Constance Webb (Clarkston) 92-3; Becky Friessen (Clarkston) 91-5; Laurie Mudd (Oxford) 90-8; Louie-Jean

Spindler (Lake Orion) 82-1.

LONG JUMP — Rachel Uchman (Clarkston) 17-5; Kelly Gleeson (Lake Orion) 15-6; Allison Spinweber (Clarkston) 15-0.5; Lyndsay Vincent (Clarkston) 14-11; Jessie Ressler (Clarkston) 14-3; Julia Ludeman (Oxford) 14-1-

HIGH JUMP — Ashley Patten (Lake Orion) 5-2; Brittani Brewer (Clarkston) 5-1; Tovah Bazely (Clarkston) 4-10; Lindsay Brandt (Clarkston) 4-10; Cheri Charboneau (Lake Orion) 4-8; Jenni Wray (Oxford) 4-8.

100 METERS - Kathryn Wonderly (Oxford) 13.1; Nicole Brown (Lake Orion) 13.2; Lindsay Brandt (Clarkston) 13.2; Andi Thomas (Lake Orion) 13.2; Holly McClusky (Lake Orion)

200 METERS - Andi Thomas (Lake Orion) 27.4; Kathryn Wonderly (Oxford) 27.4; Holly McClusky (Lake Orion) 27.9; Rachel Uchman (Clarkston) 28:0; Lindsay Brandt (Clarkston) 28.5; Nicole Brown (Lake Orion) 28.6. 400 METERS - Ashley Patten

(Lake Orion) 58:8; Karen LeRoy (Oxford) 1:00.4; Rachel Uchman (Clarkston) 1:00.8; Jennifer Rooding (Clarkston) 1:03.2; Somer George (Lake Orion) 1:04:1.

800 METERS - Jennifer Rooding (Clarkston) 2:21.8; Nicole Fisher (Clarkston) 2:23.1; Karen LeRoy (Oxford) 2:25,2; Megan McTaggart (Oxford) 2:29.6; Lissa Lukens (Clark ston) 2:35.5; Tovah Bazely (Clarkston) 2:38.8; Leah Walker (Lake Orion) 2:38.9; Sarah Stolk (Clarkston) 2:39.9; Carla Delvecchio (Clarkston) 2:40.7;

Beth Cordes (Lake Orion) 2:41.3. 1,600 METERS - Karen LeRoy (Oxford) 5:08.4: Lissa Lukens (Clark ston) 5:25,8; Nicole Fisher (Clarkston) 5:29.6; Julia Cummins (Lake Orion)

5;30.9; Hilary Judd (Oxford) 5:39.9. 3,200 METERS — Karen LeRoy (Oxford) 11:25.5; Lissa Lukens (Clarkston) 12:23.0; Carla Delvecchio (Clarkston) 12:27.8; Cindy Kus (Lake Orion) 12:33.0; Lisa Gauthier (Clarkston)

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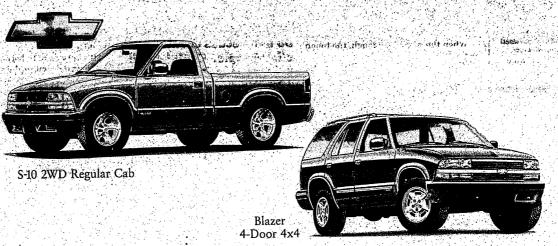
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Condo board can evict cats



I have a disability and am renting a unit in a condominium. The condominium association is seeking to evict me because I have three service provider cats living with me, and I am keeping my cats in accordance with my doctor's recommenda.

Do you think I have a chance of prevailing against the association's efforts to evict

While you raise a very difficult question, similar case was recently decided by a Wayne County Circuit Judge who affirmed the decision of the District Judge who ordered the person in question to be evict-

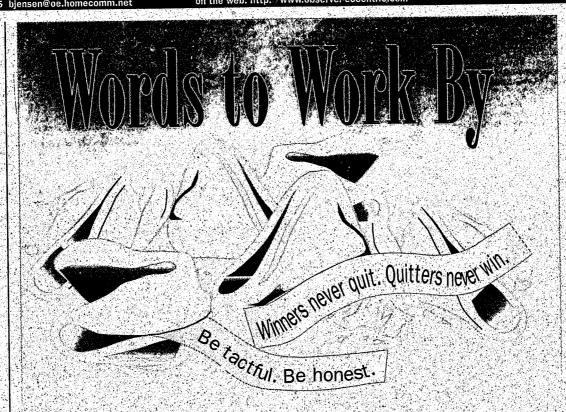
The court ordered the tenant to remove the cats or move by a certain date. The court basically found that this was not a way of "treating a disability by anyone of any competence."

Therefore, it would appear that in a similar situation, at least one circuit judge in Wayne County has found that this is not a basis by which you can maintain your cats in the unit.

Just what these animals do for you is significant. A blind person using a Seeing-Eyed Dog often can ignore "No Pets" warnings posted on businesses. However, this is not an absolute right.

Your referring to a doctory's recommendation that you live with three cats in a rented living unit could be intrepreted as just that: an excuse to justify keeping pets against the desires of the condominium board and, presumably, contrary to the condominium documents.

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It's not where you find the wisdom, it's how you use it in your life

BY DOUG FUNKE STAFF WRITER dfunke@oe.homeco necomm.net

When the going gets tough, the tough Winners never quit. Quitters never

Last week's effort won't win this

week's game. Words of advice can motivate to great

heights and turn the tide when things start going down the dumper. Realtors talk about experiencing wild swings on the emotional pendulum. It's challenging work, especially when

just embarking on the career trail. Realtors who succeed have anchor points. Something they've heard or observed along the way sticks in their minds and serves as a beacon in the

harbor. Some maxims may sound corny or trite. The words aren't always weighty.

Simple things, apparently, mean a lot.
Listen to Bert Kozlowski, affiliated
with Century 21 Town & Country in
Rochester and a Realtor for eight

"I guess it probably goes back to my parents, Bert and Irene, and a highschool priest, the Rev. Ned Donoher, to do a good job and be honest with peo-ple. That's the basic thing of life,"

ple. That's the Kozlowski said,

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Five had a situation where I turned house and I knew what the people were going to put on the seller disclosure statement." he said.

To me, that would compromise my integrity. If you don't give people good service and be honest all along, you won't get referrals."

Kozlówski proudly shows prospective clients a letter he received from satis-fied customers that said in part, "He was open and honest and we could not

Be tactful. Be honest. Be professional at all times. Do not discuss clients with other people. Confidentiality is important.'

Florence Abel associate broker with Ralph Manuel Associates West in Farmington Hills

have asked for a better agent."

Karen Thomas, an associate broker with Coldwell Banker Schweitzer in Farmington Hills, has served home sellers and buyers for six years

"The first manager I had, Ann Shahin, told me to learn as much as you can, take as many classes as you can and do it when you start," Thomas

"Real estate is a lot more complicated than it seems. You learn to market yourself and properties. You have to protect whoever your client ... legal issues, various environmental and construction problems, fair housing laws,

she said. Another agent, whose name Thomas couldn't recall, also made an impres-

"She said be different, don't be the same as everyone else. Whenever I see something I like, I try to make it my own. It may be something I see in a purchase agreement or advertisement.

"The last thing I want to be is the same as everyone else. It's such a competitive business," Thomas said.

Nadine Henderson, a 25-year veteran currently affiliated with Quality Real Estate/ Better Homes & Gardens in Livonia, puts faith in a simple philoso-

phy.
"Never give up. Remember your

manners. Just be kind," she said, crediting her parents, Nila and Russell Farr, now deceased, for those words of wisdom.

"It's very easy to become discouraged in anything you're doing and become upset with people," Henderson said. You may not see things from their

"Sales have been made because of that - for observing simple rules. How can that not help you? You hear of everyone being gung-ho to make sales, beat the bushes. Sometimes, it's easier than that," she said.

Florence Abel, an associate broker with Ralph Manuel Associates West in Farmington Hills, said she's seemed to have picked up on several things intuitively during the 30 years she's been in the business

"Tell the truth so you never have to remember what you said. The only time I would fudge something is if it would be personally hurtful," Abel said. "If I went into a filthy, dirty house, I would be tactful about straightening it up or doing something with it.

"Be tactful. Be honest. Be professional at all times. Do not discuss clients with other people. Confidentiality is important," Abel added.

Tricia Garner, a Realtor with the Prudential Pickering in Canton, said she's also found good advice through personal experience with 15 years in the field

"Be honest and diligent," Garner "You have to be straightforward

with what you're doing. Be persistent.
"I think when you go in, you have to have your own mindset," she added. "Different things drive different people. If you're dedicated and put your heart in it, you'll make it."

And be prepared to put in a lot of hours, too, Garner added.

MARKET HOTNESS

Here are the areas with the greatest boom in residential construction based on population density as of the beginning of this year.

Naples, FL Mrvtle Beach, SC Las Vegas, NV Ft. Myers, FL Boulder, CO Greeley, CO Raleigh/Durnam, NC Orlando, FL Wilmington, NC Phoenix, AZ

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Using ARMs



DAVID C.

Q. How does my lender determine what the rate will be from year to year? A. Although your

interest rate can be subject to change, the lender will calculate the interest rate at each adjustment period by adding its margin (an interest rate that is specified when you get the loan) to an

established monetary index. The margin will vary by lender but will usually be an interest rate of 2-3 percent. Most lenders use the yield on the one-year U.S. Treasury bill as an index. For example, if at the time of adjustment the index value is 5 percent, and the lender's margin is 2 percent, your interest rate would change to 7 percent. Your lender will establish a maximum amount (cap) that your rate can change each adjustment period.

Q. What types of indexes are used on ARM loans?

A. Most lenders use the yield on the one-year Treasury bill, but may also use the yield on the three-, five-, sevenor 10-year Treasury notes as the index for loans whose rates adjust less frequently. For loans that adjust more than once a year, the lender may use the LIBOR (London Interbank Offered Rate) or the COFI (Cost of Funds Index) as the index.

The Cost of Funds Index is the least volatile of the indexes, so it could be advantageous in times of rising interest rates. The other indexes could work to the borrower's advantage in times of falling rates.

Key elements of ARMs

Start Rate/Introductory rate Initial interest rate changes on a loan Only good for designated period Often reduced as borrower incentive Margin

Fixed interest rate determined by

Added to the index value to determine the new mortgage rate

The margin can vary widely from lender to lender (2-3.5 percent)

Adjustment period Time between interest rate changes When lender determines rate changes

by adding index and margin Can vary from a month to several

Rate Cap/Payment Cap Periodic Rate Cap (limit on how much

rate can rise at each adjustment) Lifetime Rate Cap (limit on how much rate can rise for the life of the loan) Index

Gauge that measures interest rate lev-

els in the economy Added to lender's margin to determine new mortgage rate

Negative Amortization Can occur on ARMs with payment caps Occurs when capped mortgage pay-

ment cannot cover loan's interest

Unpaid interest gets added to outstanding loan balance

David Mully's company, Mortgage Search Services, surveys lenders and provides updates on mortgage rates for homeowners. His survey and weekly column can be accessed online at www. rateupdate. com The survey report appears inside Thursday and Sunday's Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. The company provides consumers with a Mortgage Search Hot line at 1-877-MTG-SHOP (684-7467). For information, call Mully at (248) 305-7337 or email info@rateupdate.com

Don't get stuck with the wrong loan

The mortgage industry is booming to meet climbing demand for home mort-gage loans. It's a jungle out there. Smart consumers who do their home-work get the best deals, while complacent consumers risk paying inflated

tes. "Remember that the "buyer beware" rule applies no matter where you shop for and purchase a mortgage," says Richard Roll, president of American Homeowners Association, "Whether you borrow from a savings and loan, mortgage company, bank, credit union or mortgage broker, always shop around and compare interest rates and

closing costs." Many consumers don't understand the role of mortgage brokers. On a national basis, mortgage brokers han-dle about half of all mortgage transactions annually. The mortgage broker processes your application and submits it to a mortgage bank or savings and loan, which then underwrites and clos-

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es the loan. A mortgage broker's job is to find the best loan product for you and handle the loan origination process. Once that's over with, the actual loan provider takes over with servicing and closing the loan. That's how it's supposed to work. But some mortgage brokers may receive fees from certain lenders for steering consumers toward those lenders' products. That's not necessarily a bad thing, so long as the broker gives you the straight facts, and you end up with a good deal. But mortgage brokers may promote loans on which they make the largest fees, not necessarily ones with the best rates.

Fortunately, all consumers have cer-tain rights under federal law. Before you enter into any loan agreement,

remember you have the right to:

Be informed about the total cost of your loan including the interest rate,

points and other fee Ask for a Good Faith Estimate of Homeowners Association

all loan and settlement charges before you agree to the loan and pay any fees. Know what fees are not refundable if you decide to cancel the loan agreement. Ask your mortgage broker to explain exactly what the mortgage broker will do for you. Know how much the mortgage broker is getting paid by you and the for your loan. Ask questions about charges and loan terms that you do not understand.

Receive a credit decision that is

> national origin, sex, marital status, age, or whether any income is from public assistance. Know the reason if your loan was

not based on your race, color, religion,

turned down. Ask for the HUD settlement costs

booklet "Buying Your Home." Information provided by American'

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VA, FHA, conventional and low interest mortgages will be offered, along with home improvement

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credit advice and information on city housing programs. For more information, call

ACORN at (313) 963-1840.

HOME BUY CLASS RE/MAX Hometeam Realtors presents a free seminar on how to go about purchasing a house 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 29, at its offices, 6018 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

For reservations and information about a free credit report

call (800)m 650-1933 extension

HOME BUY CLASS II

Vicky Love, senior consultant with Concept One Mortgage, and Glenda Brooks, Realtor with RE/MAX in the Village, host a free, no-obligation home buyer's workshop 7-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 29, at the Southfield Parks and Recreation Center, 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield.

For reservations, call (248) 354-3686.

SELECTING TEN-ANTS

The Wayne County Real Estate Investors Association presents a program on tenant selection 7 p.m. Tues-day, July 6, at the Southgate Holiday Inn, 17201 Northline, one block east of I-75.

Cost for non-members is \$10. Begin ning landlords interested in a free introductory pack-age should call Wayde Koehler, president, at (313) 386-7228.

MR. LANDLORD TALKS The Real Estate Association of Oakland hosts Jeffrey E. Tay-

lor, consultant and newsletter editor, at its July dinner/program 7 p.m. Friday, July 9, at the Stephenson Haus, 25000 N. Chrysler Drive, Hazel Park

Dinner costs \$14. The program portion, which begins at 8 p.m., is \$10 for non-members

For reservations, call (800) 747-6742.

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Call Diana Sepac of the Detroit Historical Society at (913) 833-0481

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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit, whose goal is to promote and monitor fair housing practices and laws, has launched a membership drive

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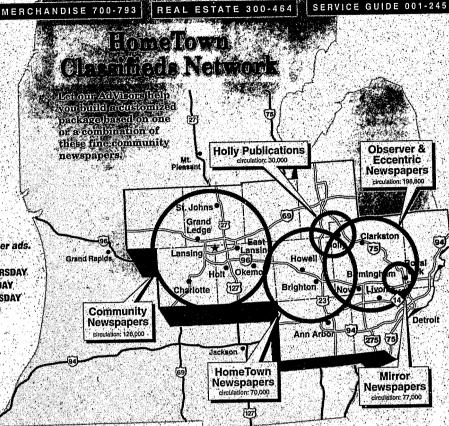
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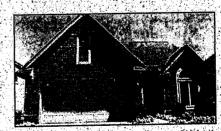
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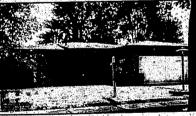


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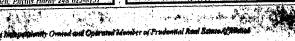


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Garden books help cultivate crafts



MARTY FIGLEY

I hope by now your bookshelves are getting filled with gardening books that have and taught inspired you. Here are some to read as we go into some really hot weather.

The Complete Guide to Flower

Arranging," Jane Packer (DK Publishing, \$13.95), takes the reader through the steps necessary to create, starting with the basics of flower arranging.

Each design - there are 130 - includes a list of materials and equipment with close-up photos of individual flowers. Fresh and dry flowers are used for all seasons. I question using shards in the bottom of the pots used for planting, as our soils are more refined than they were previously.

"Wild Orchids Across North Americar A Botanical Travelogue," Philip Keenan (Timber Press, \$39.95), is for all orchid and wildflower enthusiasts

Keenan knows these plants inside and out and carefully explains their form and habitat and other pertinent information. His pleasure in hunting and finding the plants is apparent as he shares his experiences as he traveled the country.

This is a story that needs to be told, not only to learn from it, but to appreciate the beauty and to be aware of the danger of losing some of the species.

"Papermaking With Plants," Helen Hiebert (Storey, Books, \$24.95), presents a very detailed system of the craft by using herbs, flowers, grasses and leaves.

Hiebert is a papermaker and artist who has traveled to many countries to learn the art of papermaking by using warious plants of each region, Her lively account is fascinating.

She shares the basic skills that need be mastered before the reader should try the more complicated papers. The directions and photos are clear. There are also directions for the end products

such as a lampshade, stationery envelopes and an accordion-fold book. This might be a fun project for a group.

"Taylor's Guide to Growing North America's Favorite Plants," Barbara Ellis (Houghton Mifflin, \$35), should be your next addition to the bookshelf.

Ellis writes in a down-to-earth style that leaves no questions unanswered. Whether you need to know where to plant, what to plant or how to plant, the answers are here.

She discusses propagation, starting from seeds as well as soils, sites and care about annuals, bulbs, herbs, perennials, shrubs, trees and vines, with short descriptions of them. The species are grouped according to bloom time or cultural needs to make selection easy. Great!

"Gardening From Scratch: How to Turn Your Empty Lot Into a Living Garden," Ann Lovejoy (Macmillan, \$19.95), is a book with great ideas,

She writes: This book attempts to demystify the garden design process by explaining the principles that inform every state, from fact gathering to the variety of practical applications which result in a satisfying garden ... I offer you the practical and philosophical tools with which to make your own garden of personal delight.

We learn that a well thought out plan pays rewards whatever the design. A keeper.

Heirloom Flowers: Vintage Flowers for Modern Gardens," Tovah Martin, with consultant Diane Whealy, Flower and Herb Exchange, (Fireside, \$16), is abloom with flowers that will help us remember those in our grandmothers'

Martin deftly explains the origins and histories of many plants that we carrand still grow in our gardens, from annuals to wildflowers.

Many are hundreds of years old. For instance, an Aquilegia dates from the 1700s, Campanulas 400 years; Moes



Marty Figley Rooted in history: Still grown in sunny gardens today, Celosia, cockscomb, dates back to 1570.

phlox were sent to England from North America in 1745.

A dark purple morning glory with red center was the inspiration of the formation of the Flower and Herb Exchange by Whealy.

This book is important in that it tells how to protect and propagate these old flowers to keep their heritage alive. Many resources for the seeds and plants are listed by state.

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (734) 953-2047 on a touchtone phone, then her mallbox number, 1859, Her fax number is (248) 644-

Troy resident named supervisor

Diane Ker of Troy has been named cashier and data processing manager at English Gardens' Royal Oak store, 4901 Coolidge north of 14 Mile. The announcement was made by Rick Vespa, vice president of operations.

Previously, Ker was the general manserved as a banking officer at Security

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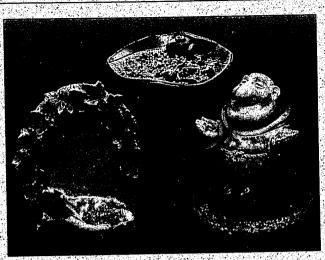
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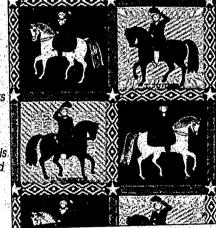


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Garden grouping: For the garden enthusiast; this unusual frame features a variety of garden images to last year-round; a dragonfly sitting atop a to-do list, a single pink tulip cut and awaiting a vase, gardening gloves with hand in terra cotta pots, and a lucky ladybug about to fly away. The window box is filled with yellow and pink. tulips, while the poppy and petunia seeds await plant-



ing. The scene is complete with gardening shears having just clipped an onion. The 3-by-5-inch frame is handcrafted by Figi Graphics and retails for \$20 at Jacobson's new houseware collection.

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appliance doctor

Oil change wasn't quick enough



JOE GAGNON

Many people who read this column can easily recognize how simple a man I am. Thoseof you who meet me might even place your own. I.Q. at a higher level than mine.

Those people in the business world

who would try to shaft me might be the only ones who would garnish my name with words like "intelligent" or "cognizant." The word "beware" is one I should have tattooed on my forehead. The story you are about to read is true.

Two months ago I took my vehicle to one of those fast oil change places — the same place I've been going to for the past five years — to have the obvious performed.

A few weeks later I raised the hood to check the windshield washer level and found the dip stick for the transmission oil lying on top of the engine. I figured, "New guys in the place, mistake, no big deal."

One month ago, my Valorie asked me to take her new car on my fishing trip to Canada because she loves me. The new car had 3,000 miles on it so I took it in for an oil change, etc.

The new guy at the oil change place greeted me like a long-lost cousin and informed me that because this new vehicle took a total of eight quarts of oil, he was going to give me a deal. He would put in eight quarts and charge me only for seven of them.

I said nothing, but smiled, and I'm sure he took that as approval to go on with the job. Within 30 seconds I had the owner's manual opened to the page with all the specifications of this particular car. The car takes six quarts of oil, not eight quarts.

I beckoned the technician over to my driver's window and asked him sternly if he knew what he was doing. I asked if his book said the car took eight quarts and he replied that it did. I then showed him the owner's manual that said six

"Holy smokes," he replied. "I'm glad you showed me that."

I've been asking myself since this happened, "Was this an honest mistake?" I don't know of a standard American car that takes eight quarts of oil, which is the first thing that made me aware of a possible rip-off. I wonder if he was really going to put in six quarts and charge me for seven, which would give me understanding of his quick shuffle

I tried to get hold of Tom Denton, my good friend at the Ford Motor Co., to ask what kind of damage occurs when too much oil is put in an engine. Tom was, out of the country but I did get answers such as smoking engine, blown seals.

If this guy was so ready to give me a good deal, into how many cars did he put eight quarts of oil? How much damage has he caused to how many people? Or, was it all a scam to charge the consumer for an extra quart or oil?

I have made contact with the corporate headquarters and am waiting for a reply, which I will publish in the next four week?

I met with Judge Richard Hammer and asked if he gets many complaints from consumers about oil change places. He said that he had several complaints filed before the last few years and that he couldn't remember any of late.

I talked to my brother-in-law, Pete, who has a few vehicles in the construction world, and he told me of the time they lost the drain plug and put in a self taper in its place. That's OK for now but they have a tendency to leak after a few times removed.

Remember, I'm an appliance expert and this story wasn't written to create 1,000 phone calls to my office about all the problems with your vehicle, But, if you've had problems with an oil change place, I would like to hear from you.

Meanwhile, I think, I'll have 10,000 bumper stickers printed that say, "Do Not Attempt To Rip Off The Driver Of This Vehicle – We Know The Appliance Docton" Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon was the president of Carmack Appliances for 20 years and is today a weekend talk show host on 760 WJR. He can be reached at (313)873-9789. His book "First Aid on Appliances" is available in book stores and Damman Hardware.

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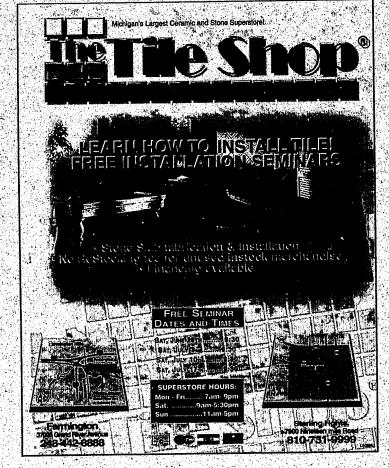
The Garden Conservancy's Open Days Program provides garden lovers across the United States with access to hundreds of private gardens through its Open Days Directory.

Open Days Directory,
An Open Day will take place Saturday, July 17, in the Bloomfield Hills area.

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Reflect about using mirror lenses



MONTE NAGLER

you have telephoto. blues? Want the effect of a 500mm or even 1000mm lens but can't get. turned on to the problems inherent in such a lens – weight, size, cost? Suppose I told

you there's a hand-holdable 500mm lens; reasonable in price, that weighed only 18 ounces and was just over 3 inches in length. Furthermore, this lens could focus closer than a conventional telephoto and could give your pictures special artistic effects not obtainable with any other kind of

Sound too good to be true? Do you

think I've flipped my lens cap?
"Well, it's no put-on. Such a lens exists, and for you telephoto lovers, it can be a valuable addition to your equipment.

Long in name but short in length, it's called a "catadioptric lens." More commonly, it's called a "mirror lens."

How do they work? Essentially, it's the same principle as the reflecting telescope. By using a reflective system that employs mirrored optics, a design that allows extreme focal lengths can be packaged in a very short lens barrel. The combination of a concave spherical mirror and conventional lens elements is what does the trick.

What are the advantages of mirror lenses? I've touched on a few that I'll now cover in greater detail.

First, mirror lenses are lightweight and compact. There are fewer glass elements in the design, considerably reducing their weight. Also, because mirror

lenses operate on a reflecting light principle, the overall length of the lens is

Another advantage is that mirror lenses enable you to focus to very close distances. Some 500mm lenses, depending on the manufacturer, can focus to an astoundingly close 8 feet, compared to about 50 feet for a conventional 500mm lens. Some mirror lenses even have the capability of macro focusing.

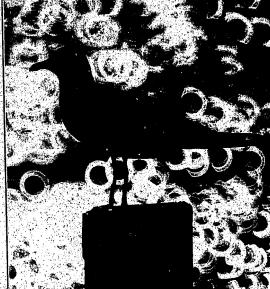
To the creative photographer, a major advantage of mirror lenses is their ability to turn out-of-focus light highlights into ring-shaped "donuts." This occurs because there is a reflecting central mirror in the lens rather than a diaphragm. These "donuts" can add an artistic touch to your photographs and give you very dramatic results. This is especially effective with sun sparkles on water.

Any disadvantages? There is one. Because it's impossible to incorporate a diaphragm into the design, mirror lenses must operate at a fixed f-stop, usually f-8 or f-11. This means exposure is manipulated only by varying the shutter speed control.

Also, because of a constant f-stop, depth-of-field can't be varied at a given camerá-to-subject distance.

Overall, mirror lenses are fun and exciting, and can give you results not possible with any other type of lens. "Reflect" for a moment on the value of mirror lenses. You'll be glad you did.

Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave him a message by dialing (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then his mallbox number, 1873. His fax number Is (248) 644-



A good tern: Notice the artistic "donut" effect produced by Monte Nagler's 500mm mirror lens in this picture of a silhouetted seagull. The "donuts" are actually outof-focus sun sparkles shimmering on the water.



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Be alert when hiring contractor

From The Service Connection

This is the home improvement season, and we'd like to give you some items to look out for before using a contractor, as well as a few questions that came in our office this past week from consumers.

When deciding on a contractor to do work on your home, most importantly: Stick with your gut feeling. Don't let a contractor change your mind for you or make you feel uncomfortable. This is your home!

Things to remember:

■ Don't open your home to a doorto-door sales person. Usually a good contractor has enough business to keep him busy from referrals.

■ If a contractor asks if you will be alone during the installation, be cautious. This should never be asked. If you don't know the contractor, always have someone with you when they are there.

■ When you ask for a copy of their builder's license or insurance and they come up with an excuse, be cautious. All contractors know this is something they must provide, by Michigan law.

■ Get references or get someone from a referral service. There are too many

ways to find someone good to allow a stranger into your home.

Get an estimated time of completion in writing, this will help you if a problem should arise with an uncompleted job.

■ Never, never, never pay for a job before it's finished. You need to have the work completed before paying (and the honest contractors won't ask for the money up front).

Q: We bought a lot in Livonia, and are having the building done by a company referred to us by the property owner. Friends of ours did the same thing, but when they moved in they found many things that were done incorrectly or not finished at all. What can we do to protect our new investment?

A: There are many things you should know about your new home warranty. Most new homes are protected by a one-year warranty on defect in materials and workmanship, though the law doesn't require a warranty.

Under a new house warranty, the builder is obliged to repair items when contacted (usually in writing) by the homeowner. Ask about the new house When you ask for a copy of their builder's license or insurance and they come up with an excuse, be cautious. All contractors know this is something they must provide, by Michigan law.

warranty before buying, and be sure to get a signed warranty document.

Some builders offer an extended new home warranty, called an "insured warranty." This generally covers any systems – plumbing, electrical, sewers, etc. – usually for a two-year period, but may also warranty the structure for up to 10 years. Insured warranties are actually issued by an insurance company; your home is covered even if the builder goes out of business.

Consider taking out a separate policy to ease your mind. Contact your insurance agent and find out what types of policies are available to you for your new home.

In addition, be sure you receive a package with product warranties – such as the roof, appliances, garage doors. These are offered by the manufacturers of your home's materials. If something goes wrong with these items in your home, you must contact the manufacturer, not the builder.

Q: My Farmington Hills home is in dire need of interior painting. I have four small children who are extremely active, and I'm not sure what type of paint I can use that will truly be "WASHABLE." What are your suggestions?

A: The big question always is: "How many times can I scrub the walls?" Interior paints have a scrubability rating, established through standardized testing. This is a good indication of a paint film's toughness and ability to withstand physical abuse.

Though this rating may not be posted on the can, a paint retailer or contractor

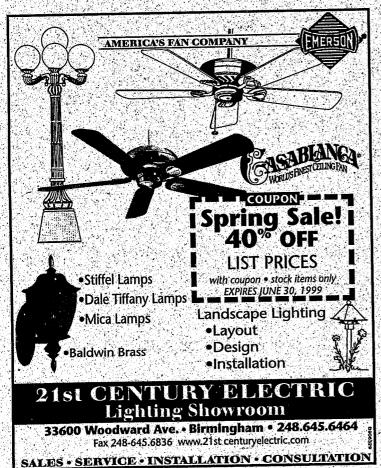
should have information on the rating. By comparing these, you can get a good idea of the paint's quality.

One problem with using a flat paint on interior walls is that it can be washed, but it doesn't take kindly to scrubbing. If you scrub it with a damp cloth, you'll remove the dirt or smudges, but exposed pigment particles actually become burnished of polished, which ruins the finish.

To avoid this, it's better to choose a high-performance eggshell (not flat) paint. Some new high-performance finishes are amazingly easy to clean. You just sponge them off as if you were wiping off a countertop. Ketchup, food, scuff marks, mud – all of these things just wipe clean. Almost all brands have easy-clean paint.

Explain to the retailer what type of abuse your walls will be taking and let them suggest their best brand. If you are using a contractor to do the painting for you, invite them in, sit them down and explain your concerns, and make sure they understand what types of problems you had in the past. They will be more than willing to make sure you're happy the first time, instead of getting complaints if it isn't done to your satisfaction. Take your time and educate your

The Service Connection is a Uvonia company that links consumers to licensed contractors. To contact The Service Connection, call (800) 287-0883, fax (734) 421-2724, or visit its website: www.theserviceconnection.com





Help kids know summer weather



LISA LUCKOW-HEALY

Your 5-year-old comes home from school giggling about a classmate telling everyone the sound of thunder is the angels bowling in heaven. He recognizes that his peer is simply having fun with what came out of

the severe storm the previous night. Then he hits you up with the BIG question: "So where does thunder come from?"

Pull out your thinking cap or take a crash course in Weather 101. You've entered the Question Years Zone. Visit your local library to find references to thunder in question and answer books in the youth reading section. If you have access to the Internet, try surfing the net

with your child to track down weather

Your research should tell you that when lightning - a giant spark exploding in the air - strikes, it heats up the surrounding air so fast that the air spreads out rapidly. The spread generates a giant sound wave called thunder.

Inevitably, this response might lead your child to ask, "Where does the lightning come from that makes thunder?" Now that you've taken one step forward, take two steps back into your information resources.

You might start by explaining that the giant spark exploding in the air is actually a huge spark of electricity just like the kind you create when you rub your socks on the carpet, then touch a metal object.

Don't close your library book or sign off the Internet just yet. Anticipate that the next question might be, "How do we get rain?" by first explaining the clouds that bring the rain,

Simple weather references will show your child that clouds consist of little bits of water or ice. This cloud of water vapor in the sky gets cooler and cooler as it rises. Some of the vapor remains in the form of ice, some in the form of

When warm air on Earth causes water from various bodies such as oceans, lakes and ponds to turn into water vapor, it rises into the air and cools to form clouds. As the water and ice get too heavy for the cloud to retain, they fall back down to the ground in the form of raindrops.

The presence of clouds in the sky may cause your child to think every time he sees them, rain must be coming. This isn't necessarily true. Help your child look for the signs of rain.

One indicator is a temperature change caused by rain clouds that block

out the sun. A temperature change also occurs when a storm arrives and brings in new air that pushes the old air out of your area. Another indicator is what many people say is the smell of rain—the wind circulating around that contains moisture.

Now that your family is more aware of some of the season's weather elements, perhaps it's time to take your weather discoveries one step further. Use the same research skills to brush up on your family's understanding of summer storm safety.

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Local landscape architect receives national award



Donald Westphal

A Rochester-based landscape architect and site planner recently received a national award for a new manufactured home community in Grass Lake, Mich.

Donald Westphal, of Donald Westphal Associates in Rochester, is a 30-year veteran of the manufactured home industry.

Andover, an upscale land-lease community, received the national industry, honor of "Land-lease Community of the Year" for communities of less than 150 sites in the East Central Region of the United States. This distinction is awarded annually at the Manufactured Housing Institute's National Manufactured Housing Congress:

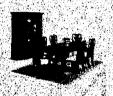
Westphal's forward-thinking designand uncompromising attention to detail not only resulted in this award but helped establish new standards for manufactured home communities: Andover, a 35-acre community, will have 140 home sites and feature an unusual residential appearance, innova-

tive home design, attractive landscaping, classically styled lighting and stone monument designs throughout.





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Garden beauty reaches everywhere

By MARY KLEMIC At Home Editor mk@oe.homecomm.net

"Being able to see (something) from seed to bloom" is what Leslie Woodhams said she likes about gardening.

She has seen many plants – and many ideas bloom in the Woodhams' Livonia garden. Up and out and over and around, the colorful cultivated beauty on the property extends everywhere.

When the Woodhamses moved into the house about 18 years ago, the Vard featured only a few green shrubs and a bed

"There was no garden here," Leslie said.

Now the grounds are filled with a wide variety of flowers and plants, some of which climb up the house and garage and along structures specially built by husband Charles.

The garden is one of seven featured on this year's Livonia Garden Walk, taking place 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat-urday, June 26. The walk is sponsored by Friends for Development of Greenmead, the historical village at Newburgh and Eight Mile in Livonia.

In the Woodhams garden is a patch of Dutch iris, now part of a glorious array of annual and biennial flowers

including roses, daylilies, clematis, foxgloves, allium, hostas, Johnson blue geranium, sca bosia, peonies, lady's mantle, columbine, astilbes and sweet woodruff. This year will be the first black hollyhock will bloom. Fresh strawberries from a small patch can be easily picked.

A climbing hydrangea is spread like a giant fan at the back of

the house. Out front, an Eden

climber reaches up the garage and



Locust and cottonwood are among the trees in the yard. Not only the kinds of flowers come in a broad range, but their colors do as well. There is a rose in a lively

rouge hue, and one in a gentle peach shade.

Elements of European gardens are featured. Charles Woodhams built a copper arbor, and tall, obelisk-shaped towers for roses; designed a walk made of old bricks; and built wooden benches encircling a tree.

A large deck was put in, providing a pleasant place from which to sit and savor the lovely surroundings, and picket fences added.

Birds who visit the grounds include cardinals, blue jays, finches and house wrens.

A separate area in back contains the Woodhams veg-

etable garden. Tomatoes, eggplant, lettuce, green beans and sweet peas are among the good things growing here. "You just have to put everything back into the soil," said Leslie, who has a farming background.

Features of the other sites on the garden walk include: ■ More than 1,140 varieties of hostas. The gardeners at this location will be hosting 500 visitors to the 1999

American Hosta Society convention Satur-

day morning.

A rock garden containing hostas and mums, and a rose garden.

A newly expanded pond, with gurgling stream and peaceful waterfall. Many multicolored fish in the pond swim among flowering pink opal water lilies, variegated cattails and a dark blue Louisiana

A cottage garden filled with phlox, yarrow, foxglove, bachelor's button and shasta daisy; and a large arbor covered with

A planting garden of perennials, clematis and rud-beckia (which grows to 6 feet in height). A flower-bordered path, a fountain, a collection of sun faces, and two bridges that cross to another garden are also at this loca-

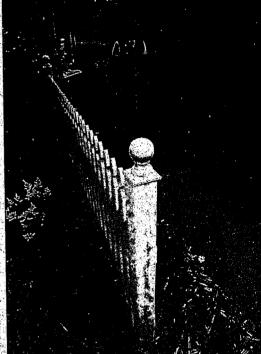
A deck edged in clematis, several flower islands ringed with impatiens, a raspberry patch and an herb

Tickets for the garden walk are \$7 in advance and \$8 Inckets for the garden walk are by in advance and \$8. Saturday, Tickets are available at Greenmead; Community Resources, on the fifth floor at Livonia City Hall, Five Mile and Farmington Road; and all Livonia libraries; For information, call Community Resources at (734) 466-2540 or Greenmead at (248) 477-7375.

All proceeds from the event benefit the restoration and preservation of Greenmead Historical Park. The Friends donated \$35,000 toward the restoration of the historic Blue House in May. The organization had contributed a

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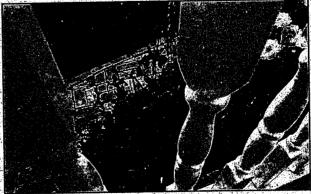


Glorious grounds: Leslie Woodhams walks along a plant-lined path that is one of the attractive features of her garden, which will be on this year's Livonia Garden Walk. Also on the grounds are tiny blooms (far left) and tall foxglove (at left). Staff photos by Bryan Mitchell.

On the cover:

Sandy Kramer looks at some of the giant blooms in her Redford garden, one of the area gardens féatured on walks this weekend. Staff photo by Bryan Mitchell.





Eye for iris: Dutch Iris grows near a railing at the Woodhams back yard (above). A gently winding path made of old bricks adds another charmina element (at left).



cover story

Design attracts viewers as well as wildlife

BY MARY KLEMIC At Home Editor mk@oe.homecomm.net

That isn't a traffic signal stopping vehicles and pedestrians outside Ken and Sandy Kramer's house in Redford Township. It's a glorious cluster of vibrant red roses

The roses aren't the only attentiongetters growing in the garden. Sandy Kramer has raised a Jush setting that attracts wildlife and has features that are almost larger than life.

"People always stop and say, I just had to come here and ask you," she

The garden will be on Redford's ninth biennial Garden Walk, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Satur The garden will be on Kedford's ninth Diennial Garden Walk, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 26. Six other beautiful yards will also be on the walk, which is sponsored by the Redford Township Beautification Commission.

"I always had a love of gardening and wildlife," Sandy Kramer said.

The more she read about gardening, the more involved she became. She completed master gardener classes last year

When the Kramers moved to the house in 1995, "there was nothing here," said Sandy, who advocates organic gardening.

"The challenge here has been working with

rock-solid clay.

Measuring about 60 by 120 feet, the lot seems bursting with blooms and greenery.

The garden, which contains a miniature wetland, was designed primarily for wildlife – flow-ers and plants were selected for how well they supported small creatures. The horticultural beauty is a bonus. For Kramer, seeing something like a yellow warbler in the yard is pleasure indeed.

"Gardening gives me a great sense of accompiishment.

"You see the fruits of your labors."

Rambler roses along one side offer cover for birds to hide their nests. A dill plant is food for butterfly caterpillars; a pearly everlasting serves the caterpillar for the painted lady butterfly. Koi

glide around a pond that is dotted with lily pads.
Some of the flowers on the property are giantsized. A cluster of the Bobbie James great rambler rose is large enough to be a corsage. A clematis bears large blossoms

But even the smaller blooms are stunning,

such as the spectacularly speckled candelabra primroses. Columbine, sevilliana, Joe-Pye weed are here; climbing roses reach around and up a tree trunk and branches

"It can be done. Even people with rock-solid clay can have a nice garden."

Visitors touring the seven gardens will see relaxing, natural hideaways, and accents including a gazebo, a fountain, waterfalls and a sundial. They can pick up gardening tips

For families with children.

An herb garden, 300-year-old oak trees, hanging baskets, an organic vegetable garden, a nature pond and courtyard splendor are some of the other attractions.

Tickets for the garden walk are \$4 in advance, \$5 Saturday. For information, call (313)

mouth Road, on the southwest corner of Beech and Plymouth; and Seven Mile Garden

Center, 26346 W. Seven Mile, between Beech and Inkster Road.

Saturday, tickets will be available only at 20020 Lennane, south of Eight Mile and east



Full of life: Reaford resident Sandy Kramer stands in the Kramer back yard, which includes a pond, and flowers and plants that attract birds and insects. Primroses (at left), climbing roses (below, left) and large blossoms (below) are some of the other lovely and interesting features. The garden will be on Redford's Garden Walk. Staff photos by Bryan Mitchell.

Plan to visit lovely area gardens

Garden walks are scheduled in other communities. They include:

The lifth annual Lathrup Village Home & Garden Tour, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 10, is co-sponsored by the Lathrup Village Historical Society and the

Vinage Gardeneers.

Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 iour day, \$8 for ages 60-plus. Tickets are available at the Lathrup Village City Offices, 27400 Southfield Road, three blocks north of I-696, between 11 and 12 Mile. Call Elisabeth Martin at (248) 559-7087 or Anita Stromberg at (248) 569-5420 for tickets or information.

View the interiors of some of Lathrup's most interesting residences and stroll through some of its beautiful private gardens. Proceeds support beautification pro-

through some or its beautiful private gardens. Proceeds support beautification pro-jects throughout the village.

Free refreshments will be served. A garden boutique offering plants, garden statuary, unusual garden accessories and giftware will be at the shelter in the park adjacent to the Municipal Office Building on Southfield Road. Southeastern Oak-land County Resource Recovery Authority volunteers will staff display tables dur-ing the day with information on tree and flower selection, composting, garden

maintenance and lawn care.

The Troy Garden Club proudly presents its 25th anniversary Garden Walk & Boutique 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 14, rain or shine. Tickets are \$7 in advance, \$10 day of walk. Advance tickets are available at the Troy Historical Museum, Telly's Greenhouse, Ye Olde Flower Barn; Uncle Luke's Feed Store and Wilkop Landscape, On walk day, tickets will be available only at the Troy Historical Museum. Call (248) 641-7904 for information.

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Refreshments will be served at several gardens. A buffet luncheon will take place in the Atrium Cafe at the Double Tree Guest Suites for \$8.50.



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Summer perfect for watermelon



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Watermelon has

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melon, go beyond

that big slice.

melon (which does taste like a cucumber) makes a mighty fine pickled side dish or relish.

While the flesh of the watermelon should be sweet, there are many ways to incorporate melon into a myriad of dishes from sweet salsas to simple salads.

Need some help picking out a watermelon? Here are some tips:

■ Look at all the watermelons – find one that is free of bruises, dents or slash-

■ Choose a firm melon that is symmetrical and has a healthy sheen.

Like a good coconut, a watermelon should be heavy for its size

■ Turn over the watermelon to check for a pale or mellow yellow underside, for a ripe melon!

If buying a pre-cut melon, make sure the flesh appears dense and firm (and that it has been covered)

Always' rinse the outside of a watermelon with tepid water before cutting (as with any produce item).

With a pre-cut melon, cover the cut surface loosely with plastic wrap to preyent flesh from becoming mushy and absorbing refrigerator odors

Store chunks of melon in covered. glass or plastic containers.

Always use watermelon fresh. It loses its sweet taste if cooked

Once a melon has been cut, it should be wrapped in plastic wrap and refrigerated.

WATERMELON CENTERPIECE

Equipment:

1 large symmetrical oblong watermel-

Sharp chef's knife large soup spoon (for scraping)

Plate

Fresh flowers (wild flowers), foliage of your choice and accessories (flags or dried flowers)

Directions:

Measure about 9 inches from one end of watermelon; cut crosswise (reserve other part for a recipe).

If necessary, cut a thin slice from the bottom end so it sits upright and steady. Remove about 1-inch layer of flesh from top of watermelon vase to form a rim

Place on a plate to protect your table or table linens from moisture.

Arrange flowers and foliage in vase. The watermelon flesh will hold them in place and provide moisture for the flowers.

The following summer salad is radiant in color and the perfect first course for a luncheon or al fresco dinner. Add homemade croutons if desired.

WATERMELON AND RED ONION SALAD

Yield: 6 servings

Ingredients:

1 1/2 tablespoons peeled and chopped shallots

1/3 cup cranberry or raspberry vine-

1/3 cup fresh raspberries, pureed and strained'

2 tablespoons chopped mint leaves 2 teaspoons honey (or to taste)

1/3 cup light olive oil

Sea salt (to taste)

Pinch of cayenne pepper

2 medium red onions, peeled and thinly sliced

I bunch watercress, stems removed

I handful of arugula, washed well 8 cups watermelon cut into 1-inch

1/2 cup of fresh figs, chopped (optional)

1/2 cup blueberries, lightly washed Directions:

In a large bowl, whisk together the shallots, vinegar, raspberry puree, mint, honey and light olive oil, Season to taste with salt and cayenne pepper

Separate the red onions into rings. Pour the raspberry vinaigrette over the onions and marinate in the refrigerator for at least 15 minutes; reserve vinaigrette. To serve, divide into 6 portions, arrange on a bed of watercress and arugula. Top with cubed watermelon, figs and blueberries; drape red onion rings on top. Drizzle the reserved raspberry vinaigrette on top of the completed

Serve the following as a relish accompaniment to chicken, fish or seafood. MELON-PINEAPPLE SALSA

Ingredients:

3/4 cup diced cantaloupe or honeydew, chilled

1 cup diced watermelon, seeds removed, and, chilled

1/2 cup diced fresh pineapple, grilled and chilled

1 feaspoon serrano chile (jalapeno can be substituted), seeded, stemmed, and minced

1/4 cup finely diced red onion (or Vidalia)

1/3 cup olive oil

l clove garlic; peeled and finely minced

2 tablespoon raspberry vinegar

1 tablespoon fresh lime juice

Honey (to taste) Sea salt and freshly ground pepper

2 tablespoon minced fresh cilantro

1 tablespoon minced fresh chives Directions:

In a large bowl, gently combine the melon(s), grilled pineapple, serrano chile and onions. In a separate bowl, whisk together the olive oil, garlic, raspberry vine gar, lime juice and honey! Season with sale and pepper to taste. Just before serving with rubber spatulas, combine the vinai grette, fruit, cilantro and chives.

Ruth Mossok Johnston Is an autho and food columnist who lives li Franklin. To leave her a voice ma message, dlal (734) 953-2047, mailbo

at home calendar

Plan to visit Cranbrook House an Gardens, 380 Lone Pine Road in Bloon field Hills. Thursday house tours, 1 a.m. and 1:15 p.m., cost \$10 and include a stroll through the gardens. No through Sept. 30, Thursday lunch noon is offered only with a house to and only by reservation for an additio al \$10. Now through Sept. 26, Sunda house tours are 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. \$10 ticket includes a one-hour guide tour of 10 rooms of the stately residen - built by Cranbrook founders Ellen ar George Booth - and a stroll through acres of gardens. Cranbrook Garde hours are 10 a.m., to 5 p.m. daily, and a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays, now throu August. Garden walk only is \$5. Fr parking is available in Christ Chui Cranbrook's lot across Lone Pine Ro For Thursday lunch reservations, p vate tours, guided tours, fall hours other information, call (248) 645-3147.

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Be responsible in pet choice, care



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Q: My children really want a dog but I am reluctant to grant their request because of our busy schedule. I am concerned the dog will require more time and care than we have to offer.

A: Owning a pet is a rewarding

experience. Many animals such as dogs and cats respond to the attention we give them but they also require time and training. Animals such as fish are pleasurable to watch and don't expect to be spoken to or touched.

Choose a pet that will meet the needs of your family without becoming a burden. They should become the object of your affection, not a nuisance.

If you don't own a pet but would like to, it would be prudent to count the cost before making a trip to the pet store. A pet should enhance your life and bring you pleasure, not create chaos in your life. Don't buy a pet on an emotional whim unless you are prepared to properly care for the animal.

Things to consider and do before buying a pet:

Food and medical care will be an additional expense to the family budget

Pets need to be fed, watered and groomed

groomed

A specific household member should be assigned to their care

Time will be spent in training

You will need to arrange for a baby-sitter when you are out of town

Pets will be members of your household

Find out your community's laws for owning a pet

Find a reliable veterinarian

Pets need love

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Benefits of owning a pet:

House protector

■ Companion and family member

■ Playmate

Once you have made the decision to add a pet to your family, decide what animal would best suit your family. Buy a pet care book for the specific animal you have adopted. Use this book to educate yourself on how to meet the needs of your new friend.

Owning a pet is an excellent way to teach children responsibility. Learning how to care for a pet and maintaining the care takes discipline, and this is part of child rearing.

Keep a file on your pet for important papers. Buy a calendar to record veterinary visits and shots. Keep a journal or diary to record your pet's habits, his likes and dislikes. Schedule annual visits to the yet.

Take pictures of your new friend and create a photo album. Feature baby pictures and adult shots in your album. This will ensure that you will always have special memories of him in future years.

Be a responsible pet owner. Don't allow anyone to tease your pet or treat it unkindly. Make sure your pet isn't a nuisance to anyone else or their property. Take a bag and a dropping scooper on walks with your dog.

Pets that aren't in cages need boundaries. You should establish these boundaries in the very beginning and be consistent to enforce the rules you create. If you don't want pet toys all over your house, train pets to keep toys in a designated area. Establish rooms and furniture that are off limits. Baby gates set good boundaries for dogs.

Puppy and kitty behavior will continue into adulthood if you don't stick to established rules. Don't compromise or this will confuse them.

at home calendar

The Do It Yourself Center presents "How To Decorating Classes for the Talent Impaired" at its Oakland County location (Jossman and Grange Hall Road in Ortonville). Scheduled sessions include "No Sew Window Treatments," Thursday, June 24; "Faux Finishes," Tuesday, June 29; and "Slipcovers," Wednesday, June 30. Call (248) 627-2068 for fees and other information.

Learn the basics of making a beautiful decorative square pillow and bias cut fabric-covered cording in a three-session class for the beginner sewing home decorating student scheduled Thursdays, July 1-15, at Haberman Fabrics, 117 W. Fourth in Royal Oak. Pre-registration is required. Call (248) 541-0010 for fees and other information.

■ Workshops sponsored by Michigan State Extension-Oakland County, in cooperation with the Tollgate Garden Volunteers, feature practical knowledge every gardener or homeowner can use. Outdoor demonstrations are included. "A Garden Walk at Tollgate," 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 8, will be an informative evening of highlights, seasons and plant material of the gardens at the MSU Tollgate Center in Novi, featuring questions and answers with gardeners of the sites. Workshop fee is \$15. Call (248) 858-0887 for enrollment information.

A pet should become the object of your affection, not a nuisance.

Be careful where you put their food or litter box. Don't keep the litter box near a furnace. Keep feeding bowls away from babies and toddlers.

When our son was crawling, we were visiting his grandparents' house. As we were all in the kitchen proudly watching him crawl, he headed straight for the dog's water dish and began drinking before any of us could react.

Request written instructions if you are taking care of someone's pet.

I wasn't an educated fish sitter when I cared for the neighbors' fish. They were gone for several days and I was in charge of feeding the fish and changing the water. I had never been a fish owner but it sounded easy.

On day three I changed the murky water to a crystal white, leaving behind

a vigorous fish. I returned the next day to a still tank and stiff fish. I had put cold tap water in the fishbowl, sending the helpless creature into shock. Imagine explaining that to your neighbors' 8 year-old son.

Pet-sitters will also want a phone number where owners can be reached, and a backup plan.

We cared for the neighbors' black Lab when they were on vacation. We were given clear instructions on feeding the dog and when to let her out of the house, and a phone number where they could be reached.

The first day I went to let the dog outside I couldn't imlock the door with the key. After numerous tries I returned home to get some help. My husband assisted me in this endeavor, also unsugcessfully. We called the neighbors at the phone number they had left and we both concluded to call a locksmith:

We have since taken care of the dognumerous times and they always leave us a key and garage opener.

Today's refrigerator bulletin: "A lovable friend to care for!"



Color, texture among garden trends

By MARTY FIGLEY

Garden trends are just as important to people as are the popular colors and styles for indoor fashions, clothing and

So watch for red foliage from deep pink to variegated such as seen in the polka-dot plant and New Guinea impations to surface in 1999.

Texture is also important. People want big plants such as large, 8-inch, dinner plate-size dahlias of many colors and varieties and very large angel wing begonias 2 and 4 feet tall with silver spotted leaves with red undersides. The array of colors blooms in non-stop clusters.

This trend shows that gardeners want color and large plants now. So annuals are available in six-packs now because the plants are larger and more established and people don't want to wait for them to grow. For the same reason, flats that contain 18 plants rather than 48 sell-

People also want performance. They don't necessarily want to grow only native plants. Instead they want different and improved cultivars with good color, variety, textures and hardiness.

A shrub that will be seen often this

year is Chamecyparis, an evergreen shrub that is good for a dark corner, has a golden thread leaf and grows well in indirect light.

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I spoke with Tim Travis, owner of Goldner-Walsh Nursery Inc. of Pontiac, and Julia Janiak, garden center manager, about 1999 garden trends and learned these and/a number of other surprising

"Our customers have changed over, the years; young people are shopping where their parents originally shopped and are generally more savvy." Travis said. "Books, magazines" and television allow people to know more about gardening and plants than their parents

"Martha Stewart drives trends."

"Trends often come from the western side of the state where they are on the cutting edge," Janiak said.

Customers

They have found their customers now have college careers, buy a condo or home, meet someone and buy a home with them. When they decorate the interior they also want to do the yard as an extension of the interior. If both people work, they want to enjoy the garden in the evening, consequently they want color, scent and texture and lots of white and pale silver foliage.

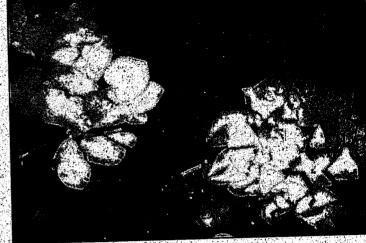
Because many lots are small, smaller

Because many lots are small, smaller scaled plants are needed to fit. Condo owners have less and less garden space and are usually restricted to what they can plant, which limits some plant choices.

"Love what you plant. If the right plants are used and the garden is successful, you'll enjoy it more and want to try more."

Other customers are the empty nesters who have the means and time to devote to gardening. They want something low maintenance because many of them travel. They also see more gardens and landscapes in their travels and get now ideas.

Theme gardens are popular. Butterfly, bee, hummingbird and bird gardens are



Marty Fialey

Big: Begonias, especially large varieties, are popular again.

being planted, as are collection gardens where people plant a variety of one flower such as hostas, daylilies and

Miniature roses, the hardiest of roses, are also very popular. Old-fashioned gardens' like Grandma's that evoke childhood memories are a trend.

"Everybody's coming home now.". Children's gardens, and sensory gardens, often filled with herbs, are in:

Accessories

Another trend is accessories for the garden. Often people who have filled their space with gardens are building patios, decks and porches so furniture, sculpture and containers are in great demand. People want different, more attistic and tasteful items that are high quality.

Pottery is used for dramatic arrangements and is being filled with grasses, perennials such as lamium, spider plant, hostas and annuals including tropicals such as Wandering Jew, Philodendron and Nephthytis, a vertical plant with var-

iegated foliage.

Aeonium, Irish or Texas Rose, is green and resembles a rose and is another new idea for containers. It's in the jade family.

An old garden style, especially in pots and perennial-looking annuals such as caladiums, coleus and begonias are high on the list of new design.

Hanging baskets are high-tech now, and towers and pouches are used a lot. Ivy geraniums are often used in these situations. New ways to display containers are of great interest.

Honors

The Michigan Nursery and Landscape Association's awards program, the Growers Choice Award, is given to any woody plant, shrub, perennial or groundcover that meets certain criteria. Three to five are chosen each year.

"The reason these winners are important is that the organization is regionally based and the plants are Michigar grown," Janiak said, "We are so fortunate to have the caliber of these judges to award this distinction."

Jim Slezinski, Goldner-Walsh vice president and senior horticulturist, is judge. The 1999 Winners are Malu "Sugar Tyme," Rosa: "Nearly Wild" and the shrub Itea Virginica "Henry's Gar net." They are important plants to add.

Another recent trend is that cities an institutions are installing memorial gardens for birthdays, anniversaries of deaths or to honor someone. Some communities such as Sylvan Lake an Southfield have an area where memoriatees can be planted.

Another direction in gardening is the people are mixing fewer annuals will perennials. They also want ideas from their nurserymen. One final trend for 1999 is that "customers keep the receipts for the guarantee," Travis said.



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■ The Hardy Plant Society-Great Lakes Chapter will have a plant sale:1-4 p.m, Saturday, June 26, at Congregational Church of Birmingham, at the southwest corner of Cranbrook Road and .Woodward in Bloomfield Hills. The sale will feature a comprehensive collection of perennials, native plants, shrubs and collector plants from specialty nurseries, plant vendors and private collector gardens, You can also four the church's gardens, which contain one of southeastern Michigan's largest collections of tree peonies, daylilies, lilies, roses and hostas. For information, call Maryann Whitman at (248) 652-4004 or Barbara Johnson at (248) 589-2286

■ The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham, presents classes related to the home and garden, including "Let's Do Topiary!" Wednesday, June 30. Call (248) 644-5832 for fees and other information.

A seminar, "Interior Design for the Next Century," will take place 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 30, at Colorworks Studio, 32506 Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills. Fee is \$25 per person, \$30 per couple. Reservations required; call (248) 851-7540. The seminar will feature inspiring information on new decorating trends and design technology as the past meets the future. It will offer tips on decorating homes with current lifestyles and future technology in mind.

Organize-It, a specialty storage and organization store, continues its grand opening sale through Wednesday, June 30, at the Campus Corners Center, 133 S. Livernois at Walton in Rochester Hills. The store features a large selection of products specifically designed to organize your home and office - including closet organizers in melamine wood and ventilated wire, sports racks, shelving, built-in ironing boards, hampers, shoe cubbies, CD storage, lawn and garden tool racks, work benches, office storage and organizers, wine racks and drawer dividers. The sale includes savings of 10 percent storewide, along with a free gift with any purchase. Call (248) 656-3350.

■ The Home Depot offers free "howto" clinics every week for do-it-yourselfers. The clinics last approximately 30 to 45 minutes and are taught by experienced Home Depot associates who cover step-by-step instructions on how to tackle a variety of home improvement projects. For more information, contact your local Home Depot store. Topics scheduled for June are "Installing Pergo Flooring," 7 p.m. Tuesday; "Planning and Building a Deck," 10 a.m. Saturday; "Replacing Your Roofing," 1 p.m. Saturday; "Building a Retaining Wall," 11 a.m. Sunday; "Installing Ceramic Tile," 1 p.m. Sunday; and "Exterior Painting Preparation," 2 p.m. Sunday.

Crafters are wanted for the North Farmington Garden Club's 21st annual arts and crafts show, to take place Saturday, Nov. 6, at Dunckel Middle School in Farmington Hills. For an application, call (248) 477-4951 or (248) 553-4461.

■ The American Hosta Society will have its yearly convention Thursday-Saturday, June 24-26, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Ann Arbor. Three convention activities are open to the public with free admission: plant sales, featuring some of the newest hosta cultivars and companion plants, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., 3i30-5:30 p.m. and 9-11 p.m. Thursday, and 9-11 p.m. Friday; a cut-leaf display of hundreds of immaculately "groomed" leaves, showcasing the vast diversity of hosta color and size, 3-5 p.m. Thursday, 4-5 p.m. Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday; and an auction, 12:30-4 p.m. Saturday. The hotel is on the Briarwood Mall Circle Drive, which is the first available left turn when heading north on State Street after exiting I-94 at State Street.

■ Celebrate the beginning of summer with "A Day in the Garden," noon to 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, June 26-27, at the University of Michigan Matthaei Botani-cal Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor, General public admission is \$7 for adults, \$5 for students K-12; members' admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students K-12; admission is free for under age 5. Call (734) 998-7061. Among the features are: "Gardenscapes for the New Millennium," an experimental garden, on view for the first time, exploring the new convergence of art and gardening designed by award-winning landscape artist John Hollowell; "A Summer Breeze," an outdoor juried whirligig exhibit by Michigan artists; "Summer Bouquets," a display of decorative containers by local artists and suppliers; "Garden Delights," a trio of dancing fruits from Artistry in Motion Dance Studio of Southfield; "Under the Willow Trees," a gazebo setting by Willow Pond including plantings by local nurseries and music by a stringed quartet; "The Best of Bonzai," carefully crafted horticultural masterpieces shown as art; "The Refreshing Arbor," a floral setting for rest and refreshment; hosta of the year selections by American Hosta Growers; new 1999 rose cultivars; and "People, Plants and Cultures," a juried exhibit of original work by minority artists.

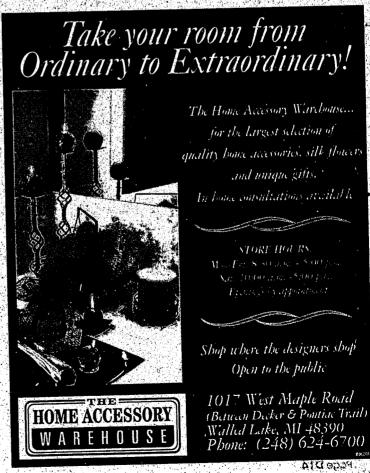
Adult education classes and children's camp at the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor, help prevent summertime blues. Members of the Gardens receive 10 percent off any education classes, a 10-percent discount on camp fees is available to Family Matthaei Botanical Gardens Members. Call (734) 998-7061. The schedule includes "Growing Grasses," an adult education class, Wednesday, June 30; and "Flower Ecology (Flowers and Pollinators)," a weeklong, half-day camp for ages 7-8 (grades 2-3), June 28 to July 2,

The Deborah Roberts Design Room, 206 W. 11 Mile in Royal Oak, will close its doors Wednesday, June 30. Savings are offered on jewelry and art work to the end of June; most items 50 percent off. Call (248) 543-7372.

Adopt-a-pet



Emmy: Emmy, is such a sweetheart! She, is a 3-year-old female-spayed cat who is looking for a new home. Emmy had a home at one time, but her owners had to turn her in because—she didn't get along with the other pets in the home. So Emmy has to be adopted into a home without any other animals. She is already litter box trained and just loves people. Please come take a look at Emmy at the Michigan Humane Society's Rochester Hills Shelter today! Emmy (No. RO94572) and other pets are available at the shelter, 3600 Auburn Road. Call (248) 852-7420 between noon and 7-p.m. Monday-Wednesday and 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday.



Experts offer advice on choosing window treatments

(NAPS) - You can take advantage of this window of opportunity to learn the art of selecting window treatments.

Consider this advice from experts at Hunter Douglas:

■ Space: First, look at the window space itself, then the area surrounding it and, finally, the entire room!

To visually expand a window or room, choose soft, light or cool colors. Another hint: Coordinate the window treatments with the wall color because low contrasts keep the eye moving around the room.

Reverse the technique to make the window or room appear smaller and cozier by using dark, warm colors and high contrast between the window and

Line: Vertical lines add height and dignity to a room; creating a formal atmosphere, and drawing the eye upwards. Vertical lines can also add height and importance to patio doors and other types of windows. Vertical blinds are good options here.

Horizontal lines are usually considered less formal. However, certain horizontally oriented treatments can be quite formal and elegant. Also, using valances and other decorative overtreatments can add height and formality to

any horizontal window covering.

Curved lines on windows have a softening effect. Treatments with curves include swags, tapered valances and balloon shades.

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■ Form: Window fashions may also be used to alter and improve existing window shapes. For example, considering rectangles are generally more attractive than squares, a treatment can be installed outside the window opening and above any molding to lengthen the look of the window.

■ Color: This is the most important element in a room when it comes to setting a mood. It is also what drives many decorating decisions.

A good rule of thumb when combining colors in a room is to let the primary color be featured in up to 75 percent of the room, your secondary color about 15 to 20 percent, and your third color about 10 percent, The primary color is usually in the floor and/ or wallcoverings since they take up the most area.

Texture: More and more interesting textures are being introduced every day. Visual texture – a material's roughness or smoothness – is the most important consideration. Using several levels of complementary textures adds, variety and maintains interest.

Smart shoppers fight fire with flame-retardant furnishings

(NAPS) - Fight fire with furnishings? That's what smart shoppers can do when they buy flame-retardant furnish-

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, more than 55 Americans die each month in fires involving upholstered furniture.

When it comes to fires, "Upholstered furniture is the most dangerous product in the home," said Donald F. Bliss, spokesman for the National Association of State Fire Marshals.

California is currently the only state that requires furniture to meet flammability standards. Since these standards took effect in the 1970s, California has seen a 25-percent decrease in deaths from fires starting in upholstered furni-

ture

Consumers in other states can benefit from California's standards, too:

"Many stores across the nation will sell furniture meeting California flammability standards – but you have to ask for it." Bliss said.

to ask for it," Bliss said.
You shouldn't have to pay extra for furniture with this additional measure of safety. Bliss added.

In 1994, NASPM urged the CPSC to develop national flammability standards to deter furniture fires. That research is ongoing, but progress has been delayed by furniture industry lobbying.

So for the time being, buy only upholstered furniture that meets California flammability standards, and rest a little easier, Bliss said.

at home calendar

The Grosse Pointe Garden Center's garden tour will be 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Sunday, July 9-11. Tickets are \$8 presale, \$10 tour days. Call (313) 881-4594 or (313) 885-8836. Nine private and three public gardens in Grosse Pointe; garden statuary and a plant sale at the Children's Home of Detroit will be fea-

tured. Lunch will be sold July 9 only at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. For advance tickets, mail a self-addressed, stamped, business-size envelope and a check payable to the center to the Grosse Pointe Garden Center, 32 Lake Shore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms 48236. Tour days, tickets will be at the memorial.



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SATURDAY



Fifes and drums, cannon fire demonstrations, a mid-1700s fashion show, and activities for children, are some of the high-lights of the Colonial Life Festival at Greenfield Village in Dearborn, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission \$12.50 adults; seniors age 62 and over, \$11.50; kids 5 to 12, \$7.50; children under five and members admitted free. Call (313) 271-1620 for more information.



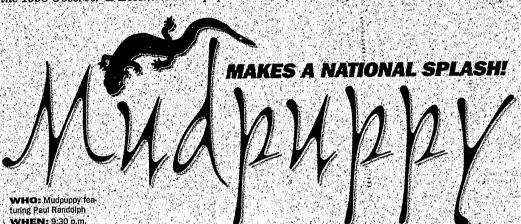
Duke Robillard, founding member of Roomful of Blues and formerly of the Fabulous Thunderbirds, performs at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Tickets are \$10 in advance for the 18 and older show. Doors open at 8 p.m. Call (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com



Hot Tix: Bobby McFerrin performs with Astral Project at 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 29, during the Ann Arbor Summer Festival. Tickets \$30, \$27, \$24, and \$21, call (734) 764-2538. Tickets are available at the Power Center box office on the corner of Fletcher and Huron streets in downtown Ann Arbor, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Friday and noon to 9 p.m. Sat-urday. Call the Festival office (734) 647-2278 for more information. The festival continues through Sun-day, July 11. See schedule



Beat: Mudpuppy drummer Darryl Pierce kept the beat moving all night long. Mudpuppy is the 1998 Observer & Eccentric Newspapers' Band of the Year.



WHEN: 9:30 p.m. Friday, June 25

WHERE: Oxford Inn. 43317 E. Grand River Ave., Novi. \$5, 21 and older, Call (248) 305 5856 for more informa-

Mudpuppy also performs as part of the Michigan Tastefest, 8 p.m. Friday, July 2, on the Nestle Ice Cream Stage: Call (313) 927-1000 or visit http://www.teste-fest.org for more informa tion: and at 6 p.m. Friday, Founders Festival in downtown Farmington.



Tapping: Lorenzo "Spoons" Brown, taps away at the conga.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO starr writer cfuoco@oe.homecomm.net

udpuppy featuring Paul Ran-dolph has a lot to celebrate these dolph has a lot to celebrate mess-days. It just released a live album "One Night Only," and now it's advertising campaign part of a national advertising campaign for Corona Extra.

Corona and its marketing company, Fogarty Klein and Partners in Houston, chose Mudpuppy and 14 other bands to perform in the radio spots. Randolph, a Southfield High School graduate, and his band play. "A Song For My Friend" in the ad which runs from mid-June until December. More than 800 bands submitted material to the company.

That really kind of took me aback. Of all the songs, I wonder why they picked that one. What does that have to do with beer?" he said with a chuckle.

'It's still great. I'm still kind of in shock. When I finally hear it on the radio, it'll be, like, real to me.'

The Mudpuppy spot will run on five Detroit-area radio stations - WRIF (101.1), WPLT (96.3), CIDR (93.9), WJLB (97.9) and WKQI (95.5) - and will be in rotation elsewhere in the United States. tric Newspapers Band of the Year, plays for 45 seconds "undisturbed."

It's a great thing for all the bands involved in that. Corona is behind this 100 percent. They're putting a lot of time



Warming up: Mark Thibideau, keyboards, Paul Randolph, bass and vocals, and Mark Pasman, guitars, do a soundcheck prior to their CD release party.

and effort into promoting the bands and helping them. It's promotion that you couldn't pay for."

"A Song For My Friend" was recorded at Harmonie Park studios, the former home to WXDG "The Edge" Edge Sessions, in Detroit on May 18. The Corona commercial isn't the first for Randolph, who frequently does session work.

"I recently did a Toyota spot for a dealership in Boston. I'm getting more of that kind of work. The thing about that stuff is you do it and forget about it. They'll either use it or they won't use it. That's the nature of the business."

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OzzFest opens doors 💈 for new bands

By CHRISTINA FUOCO STAFF WRITER

For OzzFest veteran and Fear Factory guitarist Dino Cazares, the decision to

rejoin the metal tour was a no brainer. Originally, the band wasn't slated to play OzzFest but when Judas Priest backed out, Fear Factory stepped up to

We weren't planning on doing it but then they offered us the headlining slot on the second stage. We would have been happy to do the bathroom, if we could. It's definitely a good summer thing to be a part of," explained Cazares, whose band played OzzFest in

The 1999 OzzFest tour, which comes to Pine Knob on Friday, June 25, and Sunday, June 27, features performances by some of metal's top acts on two stages - Deftones, Primus, Gods mack, and, of course, Black Sabbath,

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Black Sabbath

"Ozzfest" begins at 11 a.m. Friday, June 25, and continues Sunday, June 27, at Pine Knob Music Theatre, 1-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Town-ship. Tickets are \$49.50 pavilion and jawn: Call (248) 377-0100 or visit http://www.palacenet.com/or... http://www.ozzfest.com for more infor-...

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ON THE MAINSTAGE:

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- Slayer, 5:25 6:05 p.m. Deftones, 6:45 7:30 p.m. Rob Zomble, 7:55 8:55 p.m. Black Sabbath, 9:15 11 p.m.
 - ON THE SECOND STAGE:
- Flashpoint, 11:25 11:50 a.m.
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- Drain STH, 4:55 5:25 p.m.
 Fear Factory, 6:05 6:45 p.m.

Sunday, June 27:

ON THE MAINSTAGE:

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Frog Island Festival shakes up Depot Town

WHEN: Friday Sunday, June 25-27.

WHERE: Frog Island, on the Huron River in Ypsilanti's Depot Town district at the intersection of Huron and Cross streets.

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Motor City Street Band, 5:30 p.m.

Beau Jocque & The Zydeco HI-Rollers, 7 p.m. The Charmaine Neville Band, 8:50 p.m. Nathan & The Zydeco Cha Chas, 10:40 p.m.

Saturday, June 26

Imperial Swing Orchestra, Noon

Hot Club of Cowtown, 1:30 p.m. Johnny Johnson with George Bedard & The Kingpins, 3 p.m.

Sonta Dada, 4:30 p.m.

The Campbell Brothers featuring Katle Jackson, 6 p.m.

. Alberta Adams & The Blues Insurgents, 7:30 p.m. Anson Funderburgh & The Rockets with Sam Myers, 9 p.m.
 Son Seals & The Chicago Rhythm & Blues Kings, 10:45 p.m.

Sunday, June 27

• The Campbell Brothers featuring Katle Jackson, 1 p.m.

Pamela Wise Latin Jazz Ali Stars, 2:30 p.m.

Straight Ahead, 4 p.m.

Larry Coryell Quartet with Donald Harrison & Alphonse Mouzon, 7:30 p.m.

Blues guitarist Anson Funderburgh dedicated his group's newly released CD to Muddy.

No, not blues great Muddy Waters, but the 9-year-old dog Funderburgh lost to a tumor in 1997. Funderburgh's just a down home boy who loves his dog. Like Muddy, Rue, his 2-year-old female pooch, frequently travels on the band bus with Funderburgh, The Rockets and vocalist Sam Myers to some 200-plus

dates a year. Fresh from stops in Denver, Aspen, Albuquerque, Farmington, N.M., and Ohio, the blues group arrives June 26 to play the Frog Island Festival in Ypsi lanti. Presented by The Ark in Ann Arbor, the three-day festival features zydeco, blues, and jazz by headliners such as Funderburgh, Son Seals & The Chicago



Highway blues: Anson Funderburgh & The Rockets with Sam Myers roll into town with their new release "Change in My Pocket."

Rhythm and Blues Kings, Larry Coryell with Donald Harrison and Alphonse Mouzon, the Charmaine Neville Band, and Johnny Johnson (Chuck Berry's pianist)

with George Bedard & The Kingpins.

Funderburgh, Myers, drummer Danny Cochran, upright bassist J.P. Whitefield, and keyboardist John Street will be playing songs from their new CD, "Change in My Pocket," Funderburgh's 10th recording since 1981, the first with Bullseye Blues & Jazz.

"We're just starting to promote the new record," said Funderburgh in a phone interview from Denver. "We have a lot of work ahead of us. We try to play every night. We've made a lot of wonderful friends all over the country. We live in a pretty big town

Funderburgh's style is all his own but it's easy to tell he grew up listening to country and blues. It all started with his first

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"When I bought the guitar the lady gave me a bunch of records by Albert Collins, Freddie King and Jimmy Reed, I thought this is the stuff," said Funderburgh who's played with the Fabulous Thunderbirds, David Sanborn and Boz Scaggs through the years. "I just loved music. My parents danced all the time. But they weren't musicians they played the radio and records. I first met B.B. King when I was 15. B.B. King has been a big influence on me. Over the years, he's spent time with me. He makes people feel like they're the only person in the room."

Funderburgh met Myers, a drummer with Elmore James for 10₁ÿears, in 1982 in Jackson, Miss., when the visually impaired musician sat in on a By that time, Funderburgh had already been on the road

with The Rockets for four years.

"Back in those days, we played a town three or four days not just one," Funderburgh said. We'd return every six to eight weeks and Sam would sit in. We just became friends. We both like old things. We looked for old records and clothes together when we got into town."

In 1986 when the lead singer quit, Funderburgh asked Myers if he would like to move to Dallas. Myers said yes and The Rockets were on their way. Fun-derburgh's clean Texas licks play off of Myers Delta-style voice but never competes with it.

"We love playing blues," said Funderburgh. "Over the last 20 years, we've grown into some-thing that sounds like us. People will hear a song on the radio that sounds like us and say I'll bet that's Funderburgh and The

Rockets with Sam Myers. We're pretty straight-ahead traditional blues.'

The Texas-based group has been out of the country for the last month and a half touring. Funderburgh is looking forward to the group's second trip to Frog Island.

"It's a great festival, more like a block party," said David Siglin, director of The Ark. "There's only one stage so everybody focuses on the music. In the beginning it was only one day of blues and jazz. Then we added zydeco and Louisiana jazz. Now we've added a third day of World Music from South Africa to Soweto. It's a roots music fest emphasizing African American music."

Seventeen-band lineup Siglin searches for groups all year long at industry conferences and festivals, and by listening to

"I get excited about the groups that are unknown- Hot Club of Cowtown, Sonia Dada, the Campbell Brothers with Kate Jackson," Siglin said: "I want to educate people while their listening to it. If you put on an unknown quantity as opposed to someone like Bruce Springsteen and they hold a match up in the air that's one thing but if they hold up matches for Sonia Dada, you feel good about making the connection."

Sonia Dada

Erik Scott doesn't take offense to Sonia Dada being called relative unknowns even though its first album was released in 1992. Together eight years, the group has only been to Detroit twice (once in February at The Ark), but Scott's visited many times while playing bass with Alice Cooper, including two sold out shows on Halloween in 1981 and

'82. Before Alice, he'd worked with Flo & Eddie, The Turtles and Kim Carnes. He returns to Detroit to promote Sonia Dada's latest release "My Secret Life."

"We've had problems with labels and marketing," said Scott in an interview from his home in Chicago. "We haven't got much radio exposure in Detroit, but offer this tour we have you have to the said of the said after this tour we hope we'll be invited back to Detroit

Scott met Dan Pritzker, Sonia Dada's guitarist/primary songwriter, when he was living in LA in 1986. Pritzker had a band called the Idle Tears and had come to L.A. to make a record. Scott was a session player. Through the late 80's they stayed in contact, getting together every so often to record ritzker's songs. Then in 1990, Pritzker called Scott,

"What do you think of three singers? I said, Dan we can't find one. Where are we going to find

three," said Scott. "Well, it so happens Dan was on the way to a Cubs game when he found Sam (Hogan), Michael (Scott) and Paris (Delane) in the subway

singing. Hogan is no longer with the group. Chris Cameron, pianoforgan; Shawn Christopher, vocals: Hank Guaglianone, drums; Phil Miller, lead guitar; Delane, and both Scotts now comprise the group with the mel-low sound. They release their fourth album, "Lay Down & Love It Live," with a four-piece horn

section on Sept. 14.
"I'd describe us as a collision between rhythm & blues and rock n' roll," said Erik Scott, who grew up listening to Paul McCartney and Motown bassists, but favors fretless player.Pino Palladino. "We don't just duplicate our records. Live, it's a little more freer, a little more rau-



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Certainly, the Corona ad was really cool. I got to do the vocals and the voice-over work. The song was one that I wrote. That was perfect in every way.

That aside, Randolph is excited about the live album, which takes material from Mudpuppy's self-titled debut and its stellar sophomore effort "White Bread and Hot Sauce" They decided to do a live album because, frankly, we really didn't have a lot of time to sit down and rehearse for a brand new CD of all new mate-

"We knew that during live shows, as with many bands, a lot of magical things can happen. Certainly when you record a song, you're capturing a moment and trying to make it as perfect as you can for that studio environment," Randolph said in his one-too-many-cigarettes vocals.

"We just wanted to capture the energy of a live show. Music

evolves constantly. You play a song every night and after awhile it just kind of evolves into something. You put in new ideas, take things out. It turned out a really good thing."

"One Night Only" marks the new moniker of the band, once known as purely Mudpuppy. Randolph said it was a logical step to rename the band Mudpuppy featuring Paul Randolph.

"I've always been the front person, the frontman of the band, and the principal songwriter, It seemed like a very logical step to make, and, also keeping in mind that a lot of record companies are really not signing bands.' They're signing artists like the Dave Matthews Band," he said.

"There has to be a focal point. It's turned out to be a really great thing for everybody."

Randolph's solo career has also taken off. The past couple of years, he has played solo acous-

tic shows in New York City. On June 26, he will join Detroit techno artist Carl Craig for a show in Central Park.

His side jobs, he explained, are not indications that Mudpuppy is coming to an end. Randolph said he gets the best of both worlds this way.

"No. 1, as an individual, I get what I want from my music, which is to play all kinds of dif-ferent stuff. Certainly when I go out there, I take Mudpuppy stuff in hand, after all that's a big part of me, and it's taken up a lot of my time and sweat and blood and tears and all that stuff, I do that in the hopes that I'll get closer to some of the people that are the decision makers" at record companies.

Mudpuppy is moving in the right direction, he added.

"Things are progressing in a very positive way.

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West Side

Stratford presents youthful, dancing 'West Side Story'

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER hgallagher@oe.homecomm.net

The Stratford Festival in Ontario is not all Shakespeare. In fact, some of the best productions have no connection with the Bard of Avon at all.

The musical "West Side Story" falls somewhere in between.

Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" was the inspiration for the story and many of the characters, but the setting was transposed from Renaissance Italy to the hard streets of 1950s New York City, from a feud between noble families to gang warfare and from the music of language to the glory of music and dance.

Major talents created this rare musical tragedy. Composer Leonard Bernstein was at his peak, moving easily between classical and popular music as no one ever had before, Arthur Laurents was a successful play-wright with an ability to distill and alter the source into something new and a young Stephen Sondheim provided lyrics that snapped, crackled and popped with street jargon and rich irony. But at the center of this show was director-choreographer Jerome Robbins' expressive,

explosive street ballet. Dance is celebrated in this exuberant, youthful, close-to-perfect Stratford production. It is Robbins' vision that choreographer Sergio Trujillo brings to vibrant life, capturing the rhythms of the city, the sexual and violent tensions that energize and destroy the city's young

Often the emphasis is put on Bernstein's wonderful score and Sondheim's vernacular lyrics, Stratford Festival

At the Festival Theatre: . William Shakespeare's "The Tempest," through Nov. 7. William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream," through Nov. 5.

Christina Calvit's adaptation of Jane Austen's "Pride and Prejudice," through Nov. 6.

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but dance is really the heart and soul of "West Side Story" from the first snap of Riff's fingers to Tony's final death throes, this is a fine example of modern dance and its power to tell a story.

Youth is the other triumph of this production. The young gang members are the right age, the right attitude.

Of course, this is the story of the Jets, the established "American" kids of Irish, Polish and Italian background, and the Sharks, the new Puerto Rican young trying to establish their place on the turf. The Jets' Tony falls in love with Maria, sister of

the Sharks' leader Bernardo.

. The performances are uniform-ly excellent. Jake Simons makes Riff a swaggering but sympa-thetic young man, proud of his position. His dancing is strong, athletic Equally proud, with the stance of a flamenco dancer is Raymond Rodriquez as the headstrong Bernardo, moving with the formal elegance of a tango. Karen Andrew is a sassy, highkicking Anita.

In the lead roles are two actors who capture all the nervous uncertainty of young lovers, sing beautifully and dance gracefully. Tyley Ross has a sweet, choirboy voice, but his Tony shows the early stages of a dawning maturity. Ma-Anne Dionisio's Maria is giddy with new love.

.Of course, the songs are all memorable from the rousing 'Jet Song" to the anthemic "Somewhere" to the comic "America" and "Gee Officer Krupke" to the beautiful "Tonight." This is American musical theater at its

Pride and Prejudice

Christina Calvit's "Pride and Prejudice" is also an adaptation. Jane Austen has been enjoying a richly deserved revival in recent years. The ironic humorist has found an audience receptive to her arch take on the romance genre. Though she helped create some of the genre's forms, her humorous, observant books were far removed from the values of the typical romance novel.

Calvit neatly condenses the story and changing settings of Austen's most popular story. But, unfortunately, a clumsy system of rotating narration and confusing directoral flourishes weaken a generally good production.

Director Jeannette Lamber-mont gets good performances from her experienced cast and designer Dany Lyne captures the early 1800 period. But swirling bodies, a Greek chorus of townspeople and a continuing motif of a young girl are theatrical affec-tations that don't enhance the

story telling.

This is the story of the Bennets, a family with five daughters who are prohibited by law from inheriting their father's estate. Their father is a a lowkey, easy-going man more happy in his books than worrying about his estate. His wife, on the other hand, is desperate to find matches for her daughter.

The second daughter, Elizabeth, is not eager to jump into marriage with someone because of his money. She rejects the suit of her twittish cousin, a minister who is legal heir to her father's

But Elizabeth's heart is finally stirred by Mr. Darcy, a man she initially detests because of his

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secretive (proud) manner and serious misunderstandings about things he's done.

Lucy Peacock is a properly sharp-tongued Elizabeth, though perhaps a bit too severe. Geordie Johnson is a handsome, brooding Darcy, the very model of a romantic hero.

Other fine performances are Steven Sucliffe as the simpering, obnoxious Mr. Collins; Brian Tree as the amusingly henpecked Mr. Bennet; Lally Cadeau as the loud and rough-mannered

Mrs. Bennet; and Patriciari, Collins as the imperious Lady : Catherine de Bough to whom Mr. : Collins happily grovels.

These are especially good productions for young people.

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According to the ÖzzFest Web site, this is Black Sabbath's farewell tour. It is a dream line-up for fans -

and even the bands on the bill. "I get to see Black Sabbath for ree everyday," Claypool said in "duh" tone-of-voice. "I'm just

here to meet Geezer Butler." Although Primus is in the middle of mixing its new album, due out on Interscope in August, the band is going to play the hits during its 45-minute set.

The Deftones, on the other hand, steadfastly stayed away from metal scene, bassist Chi Cheng explained But now that the band's latest CD, "Around the Fur," is close to hitting gold status, it decided to jump

"We've always strayed away from this scene. We've taken like three Warped Tours and turned down all the Family Values-type tours," Cheng said,

"Family Values" tour featured its creators Korn along with Rob Zombie:

I think we're a diverse band to take punk rock tours and more alternative-type tours and still be able to do well. But we have a real strong metal asp to our music and now we're going to develop that. We want to hit this fan base. I have a lot of respect for a lot of these bands, a lot."

The amazing part of playing OzzFest, Cheng explained, is that the fans sing along with every song despite the fact that these bands receive very little

"Most of the bands on here aren't radio or MTV-type bands. But these are really strong, legendary acts. You know a lot of the songs because you have their

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The Players Guild of Dearborn and the Guildings present, "Pocahontas, The Musical," at their air-conditioned theater, 21730 Madison, near the southeast cor-ner of Monroe and Outer Drive in Dearborn.

Local playwright Lisa Andres of Livonia has chosen the story of Pocahontas as her ninth original musical for the Guildlings, PGD's youth theater. The show will be performed 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, June 24-27.
Tickets are \$5. Reservations

are recommended but not required. For reservations or ticket information, call (313) 561-TKTS.

albums. I think that is impor-

Detroit fans are especially grateful, he added.

"I think that they're open to ever gave it up."

rock music, you know? Whereas now metal, rock and the new metal is getting really big across the country, I don't think Detroit



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'Lib," an original play by Kim Carney, 8 p.m. Thursday Saturdays; and 7 p.m. Sundays, through June 27, at the technique ndays, through June 27, at the the ater, 2357 Caniff, Hamtramck. (313) 365-4948 or www.planetant.com. P.T.D. PRODUCTIONS

The Boys Next Door," a play about four mentally handicapped men living in a communal residence, 8 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, July 8-11 and Thursdayounday, July 5-11 and Inursday Saturday, July 15-17, at the Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron Street, Yosilanti, \$12, \$9 seniors/students, (734) 483-7345

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS 'You're a Good Man, Charlle Brown, 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 25-26, and 3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, June 26-27, sultable for all ages, performers are ages 12-18, at the theater, 205 W, Long Lake, between Livernois and Crooks, Troy, \$6. (248) 988-7049

STAGECRAFTERS "After-Play," a comedy drama by comedian Anne Meara, through June 27, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 8 p.m. Thursday June 24, and 2 p.m. Sunday, June 27 at the Baldwin Theatre 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak, \$7, all seats reserved. (248) 541-6430

PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN Pocahontas: The Musical. 7:30 p.m. Thursday Sunday, June 24:27, 21730 Madison, Dearborn: Presented by the Guildings, youth theater, Tickets \$5, 13) 561-TKTS THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA-

REDFORD Au Naturale," a one act play festival, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 25-26, and 2 p.m, Sunday, June 27, at the theafer, 15138 Beech Daly, Redford, (313) 531-

ZEITGEIST THEATRE

Eugene Ionesco's "Victims of Duty: A Pseudo-drama," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 25-26, at Zeitgelst, 2661 Michigan Ave., west of Tiger Stadium, between 19th and 20th streets, Detroit. \$10. (313) 965-9192

DINNER THEATER

BACI ABBRACCI ITALIAN CHOPHOUSE

"Tony n' Tina's Wedding," continue through July 10, at the restaurant, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. 7:30 p.m. Thursdays Fridays, 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sundays, \$50 Thursdays and Sundays, \$55 Fridays and Saturdays, in advance at 40 W. Lawrence St., Pontlac. (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-6666

ANDIAMOS

An evening of dinner and entertainment featuring Mike Carluccio, accompanied by Darryl Onderlk and the Coachmen Band, 6:30 p.m. dinner, 8 p.m. show, Wedneday, June 30, Andlamos on 14 Mile Road between Van Dyke and Mound Road in Warren, Tickets \$35 in advance, call (810) 977-3292 or (248) 268-3200.

SPECIAL EVENTS

FILM PREMIERE

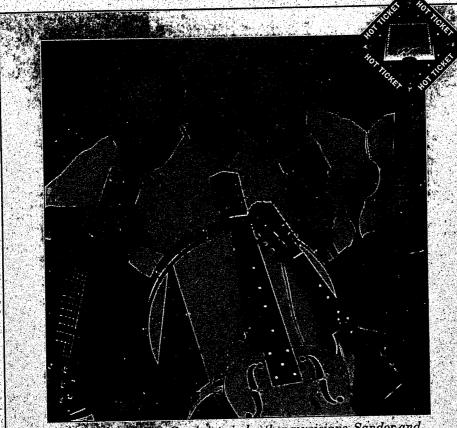
'The Quest for the Lost Tribes of fareel," doors open 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, lune 29, film starts 7:15 p.m. at the Masonic Temple Theatre in Detroit. Tickets \$36, available at Ticketmaster outlets, or call (248) 932-2889 or (248) 855-4482. A post film gala will be held with filmmaker Simcha Jacobovici immediately after the show-ing. Tickets are \$180, and include reserved seating and valet parking, Call umbers listed for information. Proceeds benefit Chad's Children of Chernobyl, a nonprofit relief agency. E'S RECORD AND CD MUSIC

COLLECTIBLES EXPO

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 27, Royal Oak Elks Hall, 1-75 and 11 Mile Road, Royal Cak. Free. (248) 546-4527 "GIRLEE"

An art exhibit opening and variety of performances by a collective of women artists and performers, 6-11 p.m. Saturday, June 26, continues to July 31 at 1145 Griswold, corner of State, on second floor above Colonial Toy Store, Datroit. (313) 921-9891/(313) 821-

HUDSON'S FIREWORKS



Featured periormers. Gemini, twin brother musicians, Sandor and Laszlo Slomovits, will perform 1 p.m. Sunday, June 27 at the Top of the Park in downtown Ann Arbor during the Ann Arbor Summer Festival. Their light-hearted folk songs bring smiles to the faces of children and adults. Top of the Park will be filled with activities and entertainment on Sunday. Kids can participate in ArtVentures creative workshops under the tent. There is no charge for this event.

Ann Arbor Summer Festival Schedule Concerts at the Power Center for the Arts Kevin McCarthy, 8 p.m.: Thursday, June 24 Art Garfunkel, 8 p.m.

Friday, June 25, (almost sold-out) Theatre of Luma: Light, 8 p.m. Saturday,

Bobby McFerrin and Astral Project, 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 29, Bolcom and Morris, 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 30

10:06 p.m. Wednesday, June 30, rain

date is July 1, on the Detroit riverfront.

MANGIA, MUSICA AND

Lecture by on Michelangelo, and dinner,

6 p.m. Monday, June 28, at the Scarab

Featuring various bands and "tastes" of

area restaurants, Thursday-Monday, July

1-5, Detroit's New Center Area. (313)

872-0188 or http://www.tastefest.org

7:30 p.m. organ overture followed by 8

p.m. film Friday, June 25, and 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. overtures with 2 p.m.

Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road, Detroit. \$2.50, (313) 537-2560

or http://theatreorgans.com/mi/red-

Featuring the U.S.Army Golden Knights,

an aerial sports team, demonstrations

Falcon, the "Heritage Formation Flight' including the F-16 and the P-51

Skytypers, and Jimmy Franklin and the world's only jet-assisted WACO, plus

son Kyle's wingwalking act, Saturday-Sunday, June 26-27, Williow Run Airport, Ypsijanti, \$12, \$8 for children

aupuit, ippliatit, \$14, \$5 for children ages 6.11 in advance at Farmer Jack stores, \$15 adults and \$10 children at the gate, Children ages 5 and younger are free. (734) 482-8888

Featuring Goldberg, "Diamond Dallas" Page, Sting, "Nature Boy" Ric Flair, "Macho Man", Randy Savage,

Gorgeous George," Charles Robinson,

7:30 p.m. Friday, June 25, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills, \$15, \$25, Groups of 15 or

more receive \$3 off \$25 and \$15 tick-

BENEFITS

An evening of poetry readings, live

music and visual art, also a silent auc-

tion, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 24,

at Pangborn Design Gallery, 275 Iron

St., Detroit's Rivertown District. \$25,

to raise funds for programs to aid the

homeless and mentally III at the Defroit

Central City Community Mental Health.

ets. (248) 377-0100 or

http://www.palacenet.com

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"Bam Bam" Bigelow, Hak and more,

by the F-14 Tomcat and F-16 Fighting

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Nighthawk fly by, the French

Aerobatic Team, the

Connection Husband and Wife

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WAYNE COUNTY AIR SHOW

Film "Kismet," with guest organists Sharron Patterson and Gus Borman,

and 8 p.m. films, Saturday, June 26,

Club. 217 Farnsworth, behind the

885-4521/(313) 831-1250

MICHIGAN TASTEFEST

REDFORD THEATRE

Detroit Institute of Arts. \$40. (313)

MICHELANGELO

Thursday, July 1 Peter Sparling Dance

Company, 8 p.m. Friday, Gloria Loring, 8 p.m. Saturday, July 3 Capitol Steps, 5 and 8 p.m. Sunday, July 4

Trio Voronezhm, 8 p.m. Vednesday, July 7 The Wilkinsons, 8 p.m. Thursday, July 8 Paula Poundstone, 8

p.m. Friday, July 9 Marcel Marceau, 8 p.m. Saturday, July 10 Ticket prices vary accord-

Diana Krall, 8 p.m. ing to program, For information, call (734)764-2538. Tickets are available in person at the Power Center Box Office, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Friday and noon to 9 p.m. Saturday.

A variety of free concerts and movies are presented during the festival at the Top of the Park in downtown Ann Arbor beginning at 7 p.m.

For more information, call the festival office (734) 647-2278, or visit the Web site www.mlive.com/aasf

MIKE CARLUCCIO With the Coachmen Band and Magicomedian Mark Tripp, &:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 30, at Adjamos, Warren. Portion of proceeds to benefit Disabled Veterans of America, Macomb Chapter. (248) 901-5010 GARDEN WALK

The Friends for the Development of Greenmead showcase seven gardens and yards, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 26, in Livonia. \$7 advance, \$8, proceeds go to Greenmead Historical Village, (734) 425-4855/(734) 464-

FAMILY EVENTS

CHILDREN'S DAY

The Tree House for Earth's Children funfilled day on the theme "what comes from the heart, reaches the heart, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 26, arts and crafts with talented people to guide the youngsters, pupper shows, petting animal area, clowns, and hugging booth, at 22906 Mooney St., Farmington, west of Orchard Lake, off Grand River.

(248) 473-0624

HIGHLAND RECREATION AREA "Bird Beaks," a program for children to learn the different types of beaks and how they help birds survive, 10 a.m./ Thursday, June 24; "Turtles and Snakes," 1 1/2-hour walk observing the animals, 1 p.m. Saturday, June 26; "Animal Homes," 10 a.m. Thursday, July 1, at the park, 5200 E. M-59, White Lake Township. Free, motor vehicle per-mit required. Children must be accompanied by an adult. (248) 685-2187 PROUD LAKE RECREATION AREA

"Frogs and Turtles," 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 29, at the park, 3500 Wixom Road, Milford, Free, motor vehicle per-mit required. (248) 685-2187

SUMMER CONCERTS

COSMOPOLITAN BAND

With Armand Angeloni, 6 p.m. Sunday, June 27, at Westland Library Performance Pavilion behind Westland Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford Road, between Wayne Road and Newburgh. In case of rain, concert will be inside the Balley Recreation Center whenever feasible. (734) 722-7620/(734) 522-3918 RED GARTER BAND

7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 7, at the gazebo in Burgh Park, Berg Road and Civic Center Drive, Southfield. Free, (248) 424-9022

CLASSICAL

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

'Salute to America".concerts with the U.S. Army Field Band and Soldiers Chorus, 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, July 1-4, Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn, \$18, \$9 for children ages 5-12, free for children ages 4 and younger. (313) 576-5100 or http://www.detroitsymphony.com

POPS/SWING

10:30 p.m. Friday, July 2, Rochester Mills Beef Co., 400 Water St., Rochester, Free, 21 and older, (248) THE MUSIC MENU JAZZ

ORCHESTRA

9 p.m, Tuesday, June 29, Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown Cover charge, 21 and older, (313) 964-

AUDITIONS **OPPORTUNITIES**

BIRMINGHAM CONCERT BAND

Looking for adult musicians (woodwind, brass, and especially percussion players) of all ages, rehea reals are 7:30 9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at Groves High School Birmingham. (248),474-4997 NANCY GURWIN

She holds auditions for children ages 7-15 for "Harmony Garden Tour," an origi-nal music production promoting love growth and harmony, 2.5 p.m. Sunday, June 27, Jewish Community Center, room 150, 6600 W. Maple Road (near Drake Road), West Bloomfield, Children are asked to bring proper dance attire, sheet music with proper cuts for one ballad and one uptempo song, and a photo and resume. (248) 354-0545
MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE

Auditions for chorus members for 1999-Additions to influe and "Peter 2000 season for "Tosca," "Peter Grimes," "Werther," and "The Barber of Seville," prepare to sing two memorized e in English, bring sheet music. (313) 961-3500, ext. 3237 to schedule

SPIRIT OF DETROIT CHORUS Looking for new members of all ages to

rehearse and become new members of the ladies group that sings four-part harmony in the barbershop tradition, 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile west Inkster Road, Livonia. (313) 937-2429

STAGECRAFTERS Auditions for "Joseph and the Amazing

Technicolor Dreamcoat," 7:30 p.m. (registration begins 6:30 p.m.) Friday and Monday, July 9 and 12, also casting non-pit musicians/actors who can play violin/fiddle, electric/string bass, electric/acoustic guitar, flute/recorder and hand percussion, at the Baldwin

theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. For performances Sept. 17-19, 23-26 and 3d, and Oct. 1-3 and 8-10. (248)

SUMMER DRAMA CAMPS

Ages 5 and up Join the Whistle Stop layers for sessions 10 a.m., to 2 p.m Monday-Friday, July 12-16 and Aug. 9-13, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, at Junction \$100, \$75 PCAC members. (734) 416-

AART SUMMER INSTITUTE FOR PERFORMERS

Workshop with Walk & Squawk's artis-tic directors Erika Block and Hilary Ramsden and Lavinia Moyer and Angela De Castro, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday Saturday, July 12-17 (\$180); also the saturday, not reenagers July 19-23 (\$100), at the Walk & Squawk Performance Project, 122 East Mosley, Ann Arbor. (734) 668-0407 TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS Auditions for high school and college age actors for "Godspell," also needed electric gultar and drums, 1-6 p.m. Sunday, June 27 and 6-9 p.m. Monday, June 28, in the Scottish Rite Cathedral Theatre, Masonic Temple, Detroit, For performances Sept. 11-18; also placement auditions for Performing A Summer Camp for children ages 1-12,

camps to run 9 à.m. to 4 p.m. July 19-30, latch-key available. (313) 535 VILLAGE PLAYERS

Auditions for three women and two mer for "Crossing Delancey," a contemporary remantic comedy, 7:30 p.m. Sunday and Tuesday, June 27 and 29, at the theater, 752 Chestnut Birmingham. (248) 644-9667/(248)

JAZZ

TASILIMAH BEY

8:30 p.m. to midnight, Saturdays, at Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe, 29244 Northwestern Hwy., north of 12 Mile, Southfield. (248) 351-2925 (reg

GARY BLUMER TRIO 8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 1. lison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 niano/bass/drums)

JUDIE COCHILL TRIO

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, June 26, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birminghar Free, 21 and older, (248) 645-2150 (vocal/plano/bass)

"FROG ISLAND FESTIVAL"

With Motor City Street Band (5:30 mm, motor city street Band (5:30 p.m.), Beau Jocque and The Zydeco H-Rollers (7 p.m.), The Charmaine Neville Band (8:50 p.m.), and Nathan and the Zydeco Cha Chas (10:40 p.m.), Friday, 19:20 p.m. June 25; Imperial Swing Orchestra (noon), Hot Club of Cowtown (1:30 p.m.), Johnny Johnson with George rd and the Kingpins (3 p.m.). Sonia Dada (4:30 p.m.), The Campbell Brothers featuring Katle Jackson (6 p.m.), Alberta Adams and The Blues Insurgents (7:30 p.m.), Anson and the Rockets with Sam Myers (9 p.m.), and Son Seals and the Chicago Rhythm and Blues Kings (10:45 p.m.), Saturday, June 26; The Campbell Brothers featur ing Katie Jackson (1 p.m.), Pamela Wise Latin Jazz All-Stars (2:30 p.m.). Straight Ahead (4 p.m.), Bobby Watson and Vincent Herring (5:30 p.m.), and Larry Coryell Quartet with Donald Harrison and Alphonse Mouzon (7:30 p.m.), Sunday, June 27; Frog Island park, Ypsilanti's Depot Town, \$17,50 per day in advance, \$20 per day at the gate, \$40 special, non-transferable three day pass, available only in advance. A special group rate of "buy 10, get two free" available by mall order only, (248) 645-6666/(734) 764

MIKE GABRIEL TRIO

8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 24, at Tom's Oyster Bar, 29106 Franklin Road, Southfield, Free. (248) 356-8881 (gul-tar/stand-up bass/keyboards/vocals) HEIDI HEPLER AND MICHELE

RAMO

With Todd Curtis, 7-11 p.m. Thursdays Fridays, Too Chez, 27155 Sheraton Dr., Novi. Free, All ages. (248) 348-5555; 8 n.m. to midnight Saturdays, Northern Lakes Seafood Company's Tavern Bar, 475 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, Free, 21 and older. (248) 646 7900 (Brazilian jázz/American stan-

KIMMIE HORNE 6 p.m. Friday, June 25, at Chandler Park, east of Coriner Road, Detroit. (313) 822-7665

VANESA JOHNSON/SCOTT RIETER AND FRIENDS 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 25-26, at

Tom's Oyster Bar, 29106 Franklin Road Southfield, Free. (248) 356-8881 KATHY KOSINS JAZZ QUARTET 7 p.m. Thursday, June 24, The Plaza at Kercheval Road and St. Clair Street, Grosse Pointe's Village Shopping District. Free. (313) 886-7474 or http://www.thevillagegp.com IOHN LAWRENCE

8 p.m. Saturday, June 26, Center Stage, 39940 Ford Road, 1/4 mile east of I-275, Canton, Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 464-8447 or

http://www.sbshow.com/MI/SuperTrex With Dee Dee McNell, vocalist, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, June 24, at the Botsford

Inn. 28000 Grand River Ave... Farmington Hills, \$5 cover waived with dinner, and \$5 drink minimum. (248) LARRY NOZERO QUARTET

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, June 25, Edison's, 220 Merrill St.,

Birmingham, Free. 21 and older. (248)

645-2150 (sax/plano/bass/drums) GARY SCHUNK TRIO

8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, June 24, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. ree, 21 and older, (248) 645-2150 (plano/bass/drums)

SIMONSON, TAYLOR, TYE

9 p.m. Mondey, June 28, Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown. Cover charge, 21 and older, (313) 964-

LOUIS SMITH QUARTET 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, July 2, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

(trumpet/piano/bass/drums) JANET TENAJ TRIO Featuring Sven Anderson; plano and Kurt Krahnke, bass, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays during brunch, at

Fishbone's Restaurant, 29244 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield, (248) 351-2925; 8:30 p.m; to 12:30 a.m. Friday Saturday, June 25-26, at Absolute Tiffany's, (313) 964-8900 PAUL VORNHAGEN TRIO 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, July 3, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham.

Free, 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (sax/plano/bass) URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON

With Dan Kolton, 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursdays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ava., Birmingham, Free, 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

THE WARREN COMMISSION 6:30-10:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Big Rock Chop and Brew House's stone terrace, 245 E. Eton, Birmingham, Free. All ages. (248) 647-7774

Fred Hersch, plano, Michael Moore, alto sax/clarinet and Gerry Hemingway. drums, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Friday, July 2, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor: \$25, \$15, \$10 general. (734) 769-2999 or

With Guernica and Nefrete, 9 p.m. Thursday, June 24, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit, Cover charge, 21 and older. (acid Jazz)
PAMELA WISE AND THE AFRO-

WIRELESS GREEN

CUBAN ALL STARS 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Fridays, at Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe, 29244 Northwestern Hwy., north of 12 Mile, Southfield. (248) 351-2925

WORLD MUSIC

ANN ARBOR IRISH ENSEMBLE 9 p.m. Wednesday, June 30, Arbor Brewing Company, 114 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor, Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393 (acoustic Irish) BEENIE MAN A TELLO BELLEGIO With Tanto Metro and Devonte, all backed by The Shocking Vibes Crew, 9 p.m. Friday, July 2, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit, \$20 in

advance, 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 or http://www.99music.com (reggae) IMMIGRANT SUNS My Priday, July 2, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Defroit. Cover charge, 18 and

older. (313):833-9700 (Eastern IMMUNITY

g p.m. Saturday, June 26, The Deck above The Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit, Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older. (313) 965 9500; 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Sunday, June 27, Jamaica Joe's, 6041 Haggerty Road, West Bloomfield, Free, 21 and older. (248) 926-5300; 6:30-10:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 30, The Big Fish, 700 Town Center Dr., Dearborn, Free, 21 and older. (313) 336-6350 (reggae) LUKIE D

With Nittle Kutchie, Admiral Balley and Junior Cat, 9 p.m. Saturday, June 26, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$20 in advance. 18 and older. 313) 833-9700 (reggee

JIM PERKINS AND FINVARRA'S WREN 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 30, as part of Troy Parks and Recreation Department's Summer Concerts at the

Troy Civic Center, 500 W. Big Beaver

Road, Troy, Free, All ages, (248) 524-3484 (Celtic) UNIVERSAL XPRESSION 9 p.m. Friday, June 25, The Deck above The Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detrolt, Free before 9 p.m. 21 and Older. (313) 965-9500 (reggae)

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

JAN KRIST 9 p.m. Friday, July 2, Jimmy's, 123

Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. All ages. (313) 886-8101 (acoustic

GORDON LIGHTFOOT 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 1, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland

University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester, \$24.50 pavil-lon, \$12.50 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com MOONDOG MATINEE

8 p.m. Friday, June 25, Borders Books and Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248)

RAMBLE STONE

8-10 p.m. and 10 p.m. to midnight Saturday, June 26, Zou Zou's, 101 N. Main St., Chelsea, Free: All ages, (734)

JAKE REICHBART

8 p.m. Friday, June 25, Borders Books and Music, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, Free, All ages, (248) 652-0558 (solo gultar)

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With Geoffrey Esty, 8-10 p.m. and 10 p.m. to midnight Friday, June 15, Zou Zou's, 101 N. Main St., Chelsea. Free. All ages. (734) 327-2041 MICHAEL SHELATA

With Richard Lawrence, 10:30 a.m. to 12;30 p.m. Saturday, June 26, Pierce's Pastries Plus, 103 W. Middle St.; Chelsea, Free: All ages, (734) 327-

SPYDER JOE With Richard Lawrence, 8-9:30 p.m.

Filday, June 25, Angel Caravan, Coffeehouse; 1420 Hill St., Ann Arbor, F@p, suggested donation \$7 adults. \$5 tudents ages 13 and older, \$3 for kids 6.12. (734) 327-2041

POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

RICHARD TILLINGHAST AND POIGNANT PLECOSTOMUS

RAGHUDAS

With Melbal Joyce Boyd, Bill Harris and Bob Hicok, 6 p.m. Sunday, June 28, Detroit Opera House's Madison Lounge, Detroit. Free! Donations go to The Writer's Voice of the Metropolitan Detroit YMCA. (313) CLARK IVERSON AND RISHIKAVI

7:30-10 p.m. Thursday, July 1, as part of the Plymouth Poets! seventh annual Summer Celebration of Poetry at Coffee Bean Company, 844 Pennimen, Harvey Street, Plymouth. (734) 459-

POET IN RESIDENCE" Rod Rheinhart, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, and Sunday, July 1 (Kellogg Park), at the Plymouth Public Library, 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth. (734) 453-0750 for specific

events and programs.
LINDA SIENKIEWICZ AND MATTHEW SCOTT OLZMANN As part of "Poetry in Motion," 6-10 p.m. Sunday, June 27, The Grand Cafe, 33316 Grand River Ave., Farmington.

DANCE

ADVANCED CONTRA DANCE

Free, All ages. (248) 615-9181

For experienced dancers, minimal walk throughs, many dances will not be taught or walked through at all, Peter Baker calls to music by the ... Contrapreneurs, at the Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor Saline Road, South of I-94, Ann Arbor, \$8, (734) 665

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING

With calling by Eric Arnold and Don Theyken and live music by David West and Donna Baird, all dances taught, previous experience and partner not required, 7:15-9:45 p.m. Tuesday, June 297 at Chapel Hill Condominium ouse, 3350 Green Road, north of Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734)

662-5158 "HAWAIIAN LUAU DINNER DANCE" With music by The Mike Wolverton Band and entertainment by Hawailan Alcha Tropics and a special appearance by "Elvis," 5 p.m. Sunday, June 27, talian American Banquet Center, 39200 Five Mile Road, Livonia. \$25 includes dinner of roast pork, roasted potatoes, two pastas, marinated zucchini and eggplant, salad, rolls, coffee, tea and pineapple cake, Tickets sold in advance only. (313) 534-5924/(734)

"THE SHOW...'99"

Starring Freedom: Danz Xpressionz, Detroit's hip-hop flavored dance studio, The Company and the X Generation, 7:15 p.m. Saturday, June 26, at the Wayne State University Community Arts Auditorium, on Cass at Kirby, McGregor Bidg., Detroit. \$15 advance, \$20 at door. (313) 964-8497

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Leo DuFour, Manny Shields and Jeff Margrett, Thursday-Saturday, June 24-26 (\$10); No events July 1-3; Billy Ray Bauer, Robert Mac and Tim Lilly, Thursday-Saturday, July 8-10 (\$10), at the club above Kicker's All Americ Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m., Wednesdays-Thursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays (\$5). (734) 261-0555 JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT

PAISANO'S

Joe Dunkel, 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 25-26 (\$10, \$22,95 dinner show package), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885 MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-.9080

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE Kevin Naughton and Tim Rowlands, Thursday-Sunday, June 24-27; Bryan McCree and Jason Douglas, Wednesday Sunday, June 30-July 3, at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak, 8:30 p.m. uesdays (\$5), 8:30 p,m, Wednesdays Thirsdays (\$6), 9:30 p.m. Ridays (\$42), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Stundays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays (\$6). Prices subject to charige. (248) 542-9900 or http://www.comedycastle.com

SECOND CITY "Alternative Mondays" with "Funny Like Cancer," 8 p.m. Mondays. \$8; Improv Jammers, 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, \$5, at Trie club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Mainstage comedy acts; \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays \$17,50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on

Saturdays, (313) 965-2222 MARV WELCH

7-11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Marvin's Bistro and Plano Bar, 15800 Middlebelt Road, between Five and Six Mile Road, Livonia. (734) 522-5600

> MUSEUMS AND TOURS

BELLE ISLE ZOO Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. dally through; Oct. 31, at the zoo on Cethtral Avenue on Belle Isle, two miles east of downtown Detroit, entrance is on East Jefferson at East Grand Boulevard. \$3. \$2 seniors age 62 and older and stu-dents, \$1 ages 2:12, (248) 398 CRANBROOK HOUSE AND

GARDENS Tours 1:30 p.m. and 3'p.m. Sundays 🕼 through Sept, 26 (\$10); Thursdays to Sept. 30 a noon lunch is offered only with a house tour and only by reserva tion for an additional \$10; gardens ope through Aug. 31 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m; Sunday (\$5), at Cranbrook, 380 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 645

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND ART MUSEUM

Contemporary Art from Cuba: Irony and Survival on the Utopian Island, at the art museum. (248) 645-3361; 111 "Scream Machines: The Science of, Roller Coasters;" "Our Dynamic Earth," and planetarium and Lasera programs at the science center, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, Extended Friday hours, 5-10 p.m., through Aug.

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM "Frontiers to Factories: Detroiters at Work 1701-1901." formerly known as *Furs to Factories," with a new Land Office, a "Wheel of Fortune" style land acquisition interactive, three new video screen interactives, a documentary video, a new Heavy Industry section and a display explaining Detroit's move from "Stove Capital of the World" to the Motor City, automobile capital of the world; *Remembering Downtown 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit: Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m. 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Free admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1,50 eniors and children aged 12-18, free 1 for children ages 11 and younger.
Thursdays Sundays: (313) 833-1805 or

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER

"More than Meets the Eye," an Interac-

tive exhibit from the Smithsonian Institution takes visitors through some of the daily experiences of blind and visually impaired people, continues through Aug. 29. (313) 577-8400, ext. 417; IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, "Thrill Ride" at 1 p.m. Mondays Fridays, and "Everest" multiple showings seven days a week "Whales" opens June 19, at the center, noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 7 p.m. Fridays Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 4 p.m Sundays, at 5020 John R (at Warren), Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3-15. and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are additional \$4..(313) 577-8400 HENRY FORD ESTATE-FAIR LANE Estate tours include the restored riverside powerhouse, Henry Ford's persona garage and cars, giant generators placed by Ford and Thomas Edison that still operate, and the tunnel to the 56room mansion with elaborate carved woodwork and personal artifacts, at 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. (313)

ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM Something Old, Something New: Wedding Gowns of the 19th and 20th Centuries," on display 1-4 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays through Sept. 25, at the museum on Van Hoosen Farm, 1005 Van Hoosen Road, one mile east of Rochester Road off of Tienken Road, Rochester Hills. \$3, \$2 seniors and students. (248) 656-4663

CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY Free concerts celebrate Black Music Month on Fridays in June. "A Taste of the Caribbean" featuring LoBa Aku (West Indian Jazz) and YatlFari (bohemian), 6-8 p.m. Friday, June 25, on the museum's lawn; "The Third Root: Africans in Mexico" continues, at the

museum, 315 E. Warren Ave., Detroit.

\$5, \$3 for children ages 17 and

younger. (313) 494-5800

POPULAR MUSIC

ALBERTA ADAMS

With The Bill Held Trio, 9 p.m. Thursdays, June 24 and July 1, Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown. Cover charge, 21 and older. (313) 964-6368 (blues) ANGELS OF LIGHT

With Windsor for the Derby, 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 30, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw St., Pontlac. \$15 in advance, \$18 day of show. All ages. (248) 335-8100 or http://www.961melt.com

THE B-52'S

7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 1, Pine Knob Music Theatre, 1-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township, \$28,50 pavillon, \$15 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com

(pop) DEBORAH BARTLEY

8-10 p.m. Saturday, June 26, Espresso Royale Cafe, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, Free, All ages, (734) 668-1838 (singer/songwriter) BIG DOG AND THE WOOFERS

9 p.m. Saturday, June 26, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609 (blues) **BLACK BEAUTY**

With Thornetta Davis, 9 p.m. Wednesday, June 30, Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown, Cover charge, 21 and older, (313) 964-6368

"BLIND PIG SHOWCASE" With Sky Pilots, Tucker, The Color Sound Experiment and Ajna, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 29, Blind Pig, 208-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor, Free: 19 and older, (734) 996-8555 or http://www.blind-

igmusic,com (variety) 9 p.m, Friday, June 25, The Alley behind Main Street Billiards, 215 S. Main St.,

Rochester, Free, 21 and older, (248) 11 (pop) BLUE CAT 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 25-26, Fox

and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave. Bloomfield Hills. Free, All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues) THE BLUE MOON BOYS

9 p.m. Friday, July 2, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi, Free. 21 and older. (248) 735-4011 (blues) BLUE SUIT 9.c.m/Friday, June 25, Lower Town Grill; 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth: Cover charge, 21 and older, (734) 451-1213 (blues)

BOON DOGGLE With Bowl Scraper, Dose and Hellooselnation, 9 p.m. Thursday, June 24, Alyin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older, (313) 832-2355

ROBERTA BRADLEY AND GYPSY 9 p.m. Thursday, June 24, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. Free 21 and older, (248) 735 4011 /hlues/rock)

BRANDY With Silk, 702, and C-Note, 8 p.m. Friday, July 2, Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. \$28, \$38 and \$48. All ages. Tyrese is off the bill. (313) 983-6600 or http://www.ticket. r.com (R&B)

BRIDGE With Robb Roy, 8 p.m. Saturday, June 26, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., \$6, 18 and older. (248) 544 3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com

CHEF CHRIS BLUES BAND 9 p.m. Thursday, June 24, Karl's Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free, 21 and older, (734) 455-8450

COLONEL SUN With Sublimation, 9:30 p.m. Thursday

June 24, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor: \$4: 19 and older: (734) 996-8555 or Http://www.blindplgmusic.com DARK STAR ORCHESTRA A band that recreates Grateful Dead

concerts in their entirety, 9 p.m. Friday, June 25, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit, \$10 in advance, 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 or http://www.99music.com (rock)

7 p.m. Friday, June 25, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit, \$22.50. All ages. (313) 961-5451 or. w.statetheater.com (hip-hop) JOE DIFFIE

With Sara Evans, 8 p.m. Thursday, June 24, Clio Area Amphitheater, 301 Rogers Lodge Dr., Clio. \$26 reserved, \$21 bleachers. (810) 687-7611 or http://www.clioamp.org (country) ANI DIFRANCO

Saturday, June 26, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Ro Rochester, \$25 pavillon and lawn, All ages. (248) 377-0100 or

http://www.palacenet.com (rock/folk)
ELECTRIC BOOGALOO With Sugar Pill, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, June 26, Blind Pig, 206,208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 19 and older. (734) 998-8555; 9 p.m. Thursday, July 1, Karl's Cabin, 9779 N> Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450 or http://www.blindplgmu-

sic.com (rock) With Kari Newhouse and Waka Jawaka, 8 p.m. Thursday, June 24, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. \$6. All ages. (248) 335-8100 or

http://www.961melt.com; 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 2-3, Mr. B's Farm, 24555 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-7038 (pop)

ENSIGN 6 p.m. Saturday, June 26, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

KATIE GEDDES AND THE USUAL SUSPECTS

B p.m. Saturday, June 26, Trihity House 8 p.m. Saturday, Julie 22, Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile road, west of I-275, Livonia. \$10, \$8 for members. All ages. (734) 464-6302 (country/folk)

J. GEILS BAND

With Peter Wolf, Seth Justman, J. Gells, Danny Kieln and Magic Dick, and spe-cial guests Toots and the Meytals, 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 2-3, and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 14, Pine Knob Music Theatre, 1-75 and Sashabaw

Road, Independence Township, \$37.50 ion, \$20 lawn, Ali ages, (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com

GRAVITY WELL With Propeller and Prime Numbers, 9:30 p.m. Friday, June 25, Blind Pig 208-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor, \$5, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or http://www.blindplgmusic.com (rock)

"GRREAT HOWLING JAM" Hosted by Johnny Evans of The Howling Diablos and Gary, Rasmussen of GRR, 9 p.m. Thursdays in July, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 GRR

9 p.m. Wednesday, June 30, Oxford Inn, 43317 E. Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856 (rock) HARPER

9 p.m. Thursday, June 24, Fifth Avenue Billjards, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Cover charge, 21 and older, (248) 542 9922 or http://www.fifthayenue

HARRINGTON BROTHERS 9 p.m. Tuesday, June 29, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., field Hills, Free, All ages, (248) THE HIGH ROLLERS

With The Burning Sensations, 9:30 p.m Friday, July 2, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor, \$5, 19 and older (734) 996-8555 or http://www.blindgmusic.com (rock)

AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS 9 p.m. Thursday, June 24, Arbor Brewing Company, 114 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor, Free, 21 and older. (734) 213-1393; 9 p.m. Saturday, June 26, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty ., Plymouth. Cover charge, 21 and older, (734) 451-1213 (boogle blues) WHITNEY HOUSTON

8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 25-26, Fox theatre 2211 Woodward Ave.: Detroit. \$100, \$77.50, \$67,50 and \$50. All ages. (248) 433-1515 (pop/R&B) HOWLING DIABLOS

9 p.m. Saturday, June 26, Fifth Avenue, 215 S. Main St., Royal Oak, Free, 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 or http://www.fifthavenuebilliards.com CHRIS ISAAK

With The Robert Cray Band featuring The Memphis Horns, Susan Calloway and Stewart Francke, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, June 26, Chene Park, Detroit. \$29.39, All ages. (313) 983-6611

ISLEY BROTHERS With Kool and the Gang, 8 p.m. Friday, July 2, Chene Park, 2600 E. Atwater St., Detroit. \$25, \$35 and \$45, All ages. (313) 393-0292 (R&B/soul) JILL JACK

With Waka Jawaka and Daniels Crossing, 9 p.m. Saturday, June 26, Alvin's, 5657 Cass Ave., Detroit, \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock/world

JOHN MELLENCAMP With Son Volt, 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 30, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independent Township, \$39.50 pavillon, \$20 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com (roots rock)

With Harbinger's Mile and Tucker, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, July 1, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or http://www.blindpigmusic.com o http://www.harbingersmile.com (roots

MUDPUPPY 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 25-26, Oxford Inn, 43317 E. Grand River Ave. Novl. \$5, 21 and older. (248) 305-5856

MURDER CITY WRECKS With Gore Gore Girls, 9 p.m. Friday, June 25, Magic Stick in the Majestic ex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit \$7. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700

MYSTERY TRAIN WITH JIM MCCARTY

p.m. Thursday, July 1, Gameworks inside Great Lakes Crossing, 4316 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 745-9675 (R&B) STEVE NARDELLA

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 2-3, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (rockabilly)

NIGHT RANGER With Survivor, 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 29, Clio Area Amphitheater, 301 Rogers Lodge Dr., Clio. \$21 reserved, \$17 achers. (810) 687-7611 or http://www.clioamp.org (rock)

NOXIN OLOM

8 p.m. Tuesday, June 29, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Canceled. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com (rock) ORIGINAL BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF LOVE

9 p.m. Sunday, June 27, Arbor Brewing Company, 114 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor, Free, 21 and older, (734) 213-1393 or http://www.arborbrewing.com ("Appalacian-style soul") "OZZFEST '99"

With Black Sabbath, Rob Zomble, deftones, Slayer, Primus, Godsmack and System of a Down on the main stage beginning at 1 p.m., and Fear Factory, Puya, Slipknot, Hed Pe, Flashpoint, Pushmonkey, Drain. Apartment 26 and Static X, 11:30 p.m. Friday, June 25, and Sunday, June 27, Pine Knob Music Theatre, 1-75 and

Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$49.50 pavillon and lawn, All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com

JIM PARAVANTES WITH MERIDIAN Perform a Frank Sinatra tribute, 8:30 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays In June, Andiamo Italia West, 6676 Telegraph Road, at Maple Road, Bloomfield Hills. Free, All ages. (248) 865-9300 (pop)

ROBERT PENN 9 p.m. Friday, June 25, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland Free, 21 and older. (734) 721-8609

PSYFUNK

9 p.m. Sunday, June 27, Music Menu 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown Cover charge, 21 and older, (313) 964 **OUEEN BEE**

With Easy Action and The Crash, 8 p.m. With Easy Action and the Crash, 9 Priday, June 25, Meglo Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferridale, \$5, 18 and older, (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themaglobag.com (rock)

THE REEFERMEN 9 p.m. Saturday, June 25, and Wednesday, June 30, Fifth Avenue Ballroom; 25750 Novi Read, Novi. Free d older. (248) 735-4011 (blues)

DUKE ROBILLARD g p.m. Sunday, June 27, Magic Bag 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, \$10 in advance, 18 and older, (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com

ROOSTER 9 p.m. Wednesday, June 30, The Alley behind Main Street Billiards, 215 S. Main St., Rochester, Free, 21 and older (248) 652-8441 (rock) ROOT DOCTOR 9 p.m. Friday, June 25, Fifth Avenue

Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. Free, 21 and older, (blues/R&B) RUTH'S HAT 7 p.m. Thursday, July 1, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

SAX APPEAL

8 p.m. Thursday, July 1, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, Free, All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blués KRISTIN SAYER BAND 10 p.m. Friday Saturday, July 2-3, Woody's, 208 W. Fifth St., Royal t., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-6911

(funk/R&B/Motown) SEMISONIC With Old 97's, 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 30, Clio Area Amphitheaten 301 Rogers Lodge Dr., Clio: \$22 reserved, \$18 bleachers. (810) 687-7611 or http://www.cliosmo.org/country/

imp.org (country) VONDA SHEPARD With Stewart Francke, 8 p.m. Thursday, June 24, Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. \$25, 21 and older. (248) 433-1515; With Shawn Mullins, 8 p.m. Thursday, July 1, Clio Area Amphitheater, 301 Rogers Lodge

Clip. \$22 reserved, \$18 bleachers (810) 687-7611 or http://www.clioamp.org (country) SICK OF IT ALL

With Good Riddance, Anti-Flag and No Motiv, 7 p.m. Thursday, June 24, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$10 in advance, \$12 day of show. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (punk) KRISTYN SMITH

Friday-Saturday, June 25-26, at D. L. Harrington's Roadhouse, 2086 Crooks Road at M-59, Rochester Hills. (248) 352-0550 (top 40)

SPATI

With 40 Acre Donut, 9 p.m. Saturday, June 26, Berkley Front, 3087 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 547-3331/(313) 884-

SUN MESSENGERS 9 p.m. Thursday, June 24, Oxford Inn. 43317 E. Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856 (R&B) SUN 209

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 25-26, CK Diggs, 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester Free. 21 and older. (248) 853-6600; 10 p.m. Friday, July 2, Hamlin Pub, 1988 S. Rochester Road, Rochester, Free. 21 and older, (248) 656-7700 (roots rock) THEY COME IN THREES

With Palk and Tom Spacey, 9 p.m. Saturday, June 26, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or http://www.thegolddollar.com (space

TRASH BRATS

With Bumpin' Uglies and Bomb Pops, 9 n.m. Saturday, June 26, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit, \$7, 18 and older, (313) 3-9700 (glam rock) TWISTIN' TARANTULAS

Celebrate release of CD with party and performance, and special guests The Tumblers and Volcanoes, 8 p.m. Saturday, June 26, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door. All ages. (248) 335-8100 or http://www.961melt.com; 9 p.m, Thursday, July 1, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older, (248) 735-4011 (rockabil-

UNIVERSAL INDIANS

With Glone Defects, 9 p.m. Friday, June 25, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit, Cover charge, 21 and older, (313) 833-6873 or http://www.thegolddollar.com (punk)

UTOPIA BLACK
Featuring vocalist Marcia Allen, 9 p.m.,
Tuesday, June 29, as part of Mood
Indigo night at Bird of Paradise, 207 S., Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 21 and older, (734) 662-8310 (R&B) RANDY VOLIN AND THE SONIC

BLUES 9 p.m. Friday Saturday, July 2-3, Union Lake Bar and Grill, 2280 Union Lake Road, Union Lake. Free. 21 and older. (248) 360-7450 (blues)

With Todd Thibaud, 8 p.m. Monday, June 28, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw St., A. Pontiac. \$8 in advance, 18 and older. (248) 335-8100 or http://www.961melt.com (roots rock) KELLY WILLIS

8 p.m. Wednesday, June 30, The Ark, . 12 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, Cover charge. All ages, (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org ("cowgir! blues"); DWIGHT YOAKAM

With Deana Carter, 7:30 p.m. Thursday.) June 24, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75, and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township, \$25 payillon, \$15 Jawn. All an ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com (country)

> CLUB NIGHTS

ALVIN'S The Hush Party with resident DJs Melvin Hill and Cent, 10 p.m. Mondays and Club Color, featuring funk and disco, 8 p.m. Wednesdays (free before 10 p.m.), at the club, 5756 Cass Ave 1.0 Detroit, \$5, 18 and older, (313) 832-355 or http://www.alvins.xtcom.com ARBOR BREWING COMPANY Latin dance night, 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays in June at the restaur

rant/bar, 114 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor, Free, 21 and older, (734) 213-1393 or http://www.arborbrewing.com BLIND PIG 'Swing-a-billy" night with dance lessons, dancing and a special perfor mance by The Blue Moon Boys, 7:30 $^{1.7}$ p.m. Sunday, June 27, with DJ Del Villarreal, at the club, 206-208 S. First

Villarreal, at the club, 20220 5. 118, 5. 5t., Ann Arbor. \$8, \$10. 19 and older, Solar night Datcyde, 8en and Craig Gonzalez, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 230. \$8, 18 and older, (734) 996-8555 or http://www.intuit-solar.com or http://www.blindpigmusic.com CLUTCH CARGO'S/MILL STREET "Flashback" night with "The Planet" WPLT on level two (Clutch Cargo's), old

school funk on level three, and technol 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 hight, 8 p.m. Wednesdays in Clutch Cargo's, 18 and older. (248) 333-2362 or http://www.961melt.com

GOLD DOLLAR Hip-hop and dancehall reggae dance night with DJ Chino, 8 p.m. Wednesdays at the club, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit: Cover charge, 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or

http://www.golddollar.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 Tuesdaysic 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

www.thegroovercom.com LA BOOM TEEN NIGHTCLUB Dance night for teens ages 15-19, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays at the club, 1172 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. Ages 15-19. (248) 926-9960 MAJESTIC THEATRE CENTER "Good Sounds," with music by The Tonehead Collective and images by Thomas Video, 9 p.m. Fridays at Magle, Stick, 18 and older, Free; "Work Release," Rock 'n' Bowl happy hour with bowling, music and complimentary, food from the Majestic Cafe, 5-8 p.m.

Fridays at Garden Bowl. \$6. 18 and older; "Rock 'n' Bowl" with DJ Del Villareal, 9 p.m. Fridays and DJ Gutterball, 9 p.m. Saturdays at Gardet Bowl, Free. 18 and older; "The Bird's Nest," punk rock night with live perform mances, 9 p.m. Mondays at Magic Stick. Free. 18 and older, "Soul Stick. Free. 18 and block. Shakedown with DJ Big Andy, 9 p.m. Tuesdays at Magic Stick. Free. 21 and older. (313) 833-9700 MOTOR LOUNGE

"Back Room Mondays," service Industries employee appreciation night, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Mondays, Free. 21 and older; "Community Presents" with resident DJs, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tuesdays. \$3. 18 and older; "Maximum Overload," 9 p.m. Fridays. \$6. 18 and older; "Divine" with Dis Mike Clark, Mark Flash and Brian Gillesple, 9 p.m. to 2* a.m. Saturdays. \$6. 21 and older, all at the club, 3515 Ceniff, Hamtramck. (313) 396-0080 or http://www.motordetrolt.com

ST. ANDREW'S/THE SHELTER

Three Floors of Fun, 9 p.m. Fridays.** \$3 before 11 p.m., \$5 afterward, 18 and older; X2K dance night, 10 p.m. ", Saturdays; "Incinerator," 9 p.m. Wednesdays in The Shelter. \$6, 21 and older, St. Andrew's and The Shelter are at 431 E. Congress, Detroit, (313) 961-MELT of http://www.961melt.com STATE THEATRE

"Ignition" dance night, 9 p.m. Saturdays at the club, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit, Cover charge, 18 and older, (313) 961-5451.

John Travolta at his best in 'General's Daughter'

By VICTORIA DIAZ SPECIAL WRITER

A rock out in the middle of some mossy swamp might appear to be simply a rock. What can happen if the rock were turned over? We might discover myriad forms of revolting life clinging to its underside. In a sense, this is what happens when an investigator works to uncover a killer in the gripping murder mystery, "The General's Daughter."

As the movie opens, the investigator is posing as someone he is not. Take this as a clue of

sorts. Almost none of the charac-ters in "The General's Daughter" are who they appear to be.

On a sultry night, Capt. Elisabeth Cambell (Leslie Stefanson) is murdered on an army training field. Her arms and legs bound tightly to tent pegs; the position of her unclothed body suggests a kind of crucifixion. Seemingly a fine officer and a gentle woman, it soon becomes clear that the former West Point cadet had another, much darker side.

Called in to investigate by the camp's provost marshal, warrant officer Paul Brenner (John Travolta) soon arrives at the scene.

An undercover detective with the Army's Criminal Investigation Division, Brenner is a smooth operator who's a little rumpled around the edges. In the role, Travolta delivers some of his best work ever.

"The General's Daughter" takes on issues such as betrayal, women in the military, psychological aberration, parental responsibility, and the army's code of honor The picture is artful enough to at least suggest the mind-boggling complexity of these issues, and offers no easy answers or resolutions.

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rather stiff Madeleine Stowe) pursue the killer, a motley crew of suspects emerges. Not the least of these is Col. Robert Moore, a glib, fast-talking psychiatrist (and the murdered woman's mentor) played by James Woods,

One brilliant yerbal exchange between Woods' and Travolta's characters simply crackles with wit, and is one of the memorable moments of the movie.

Other suspects include the general's right-hand man, Col. George Fowler (Clarence Williams III); local police chief

(Daniel Van Bargen); the general's youthful aide, Capt. Elby (Boyd Kestner); the provost (Timothy Hutton); and the general himself (James Cromwell, who brings exquisitely measured amounts of both fearfulness and authority to his role).

West, production designer Dennis Washington, and director of photography Peter Menzies, add punch to the movie. Not that the film is always a pretty picture. Some of the images are utterly grisly as when one unfortunate character meets his death via an activated outboard motor,

and, a surrealistic nighttime rape sequence, illuminated by background explosives and a pale, ghostly light.

The entire film seems cobwebbed in a kind of yellowingsi light or mist that further enhances the nightmarish moon

Although slightly confusing at times, the inventive cross-cutting and juxtaposition of scenes turns up the crispness and the pace. The effect is that "The General's. Daughter" is a claustrophobic,... dripping-with-moss world located at the slippery edge of hell.

Check out the summer festivals



you go this summer to have a great time without spending a lot of money or travels hours? Here's a suggestion. Stay here. From the huge festivals that attract hun-dreds of thousands of visitors

to the small community bandshells that become mini-Woodstocks with strollers as far as the eye can see, this season offers entertaining opportunities that aren't available any other time of the

Summer festivals are ideal for those not inclined to visit the clubs to enjoy performers they've heard much about. A couple of weeks ago, Detroit Public Television's BACKSTAGE PASS pro gram featured a blues jam with Johnnie Bassett and the Blues Insurgents as a preview to the band's concert at the Greektown Arts Festival

Sure to grab plenty of atten-tion at the annual TasteFest, running July 1 through July 5 in Detroit's New Center Area, is Kimmie Horne. A smooth, sultry and sophisticated talent in the clubs, Kimmie's outstanding voice is now set to receive the

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adds. This quest for new experiences carries over into indoor events as well. The Ann Arbor Summer

Festival has a reputation for offering premiere works of accomplished performers. Earlier this week, saxophonist Branford Marsalis unveiled his latest sounds. Coming Friday, July 2, The Peter Sparling Dance Company presents "Dances for the Gods, Angels and Mortal Beings," which features Martha Graham's beloved "Diversion of Angels," a 1948 masterwork rarely performed outside of Graham's company. Also highlight-ing the evening is the premiere of Sparling's "Orfeo Suite," and his 1998 work "Chronicles and Small Comforts," which will be previewed in the next edition of BACKSTAGE PASS.

Since we're all in a good mood, how about putting the top down on our imaginary convertible and cranking up the music? The long awaited "New Pop Sunday" album from Sponge contains a few tunes that are irresistible when loud. The band shakes up the studio of Detroit Public TV in a summertime edition of BACK-STAGE PASS airing 7:30 p.m.

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aren't the most comfortable places to sleep, and at home he doesn't get a lot of rest either. But it's well worth it, he

Jay Farrar's

for Son Volt and Farrar, a man of Son Volt is touring in support few words. The band is on the of "Wide Swing Tremolo," its

road opening for John Mellencamp, including the Wednesday, June 30, date at Pine Knob. The roots rock/Americana group is used to playing clubs, so stand-ing on stage in front of a 15,000plus crowd is a bit of a change.

"It'll be different for us. It's something we haven't done much of in the past."

When asked if he's a big Mel lencamp fan, Farrar sighed and said, "I've always been aware of what he's done. His longevity and success kind of speak for

third album for Warner Bros. It was recorded in the band's rehearsal space, a former lin-gerie warehouse, which allowed Son Volt to take its time.

"In the past when you're recording due to budgetary restraints, we only had four weeks. We had the freedom and the time to try things the way we wanted. I'm not sure we'd do it

"Some of the songs were allowed to just sort of germinate a bit I guess, especially song like Driving the View.' We tried it with an acoustic approach the first time around, subsequently

To diversify the sound, Son Volt called upon three people to mix the album - Jack Joseph Puig (Verve Pipe), David Barbe and John Agnello.

"He definitely knows what he's doing. He has a very expansive collection of equipment," he said with a laugh about Puig.

"I just wanted to try different songs with different people. Hopefully they all go together."

Son Volt opens for John Mellencamp at 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 30, at Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw

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Usual Suspects inspired by higher power

By Linda Ann Chomin STAFF WRITER

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Katie Geddes and Mark Brokaw were fellow parishioners at First United Methodist Church, Ann Arbor when pastor Tom Wachterhauser decided to start a band for a Saturday afternoon worship service at its new location, Green Wood, in 1995. Mike Fedel was "shopping" for a church when he heard about the band and joined.

Not the usual way most bands get together, but for Katie Ged-des and The Usual Suspects their liaison promises a long, fruitful#future. Geddes credits the seemingly-unbreakable union to the church.

Before long, the group was being asked to play at weddings. By 1997, they were on their way to playing weddings and benefit concerts in and around Ann Arbor, and open stage nights at The Ark in Ann Arbor. On Saturday, June 26, they take to the stage of Trinity House Theatre in Livonia.

"Our close friendship and love of music has held the band together three years," said Ged-"There's never once been a harsh word or raised voice. We're all really good friends."

Not easy, for a group as large

What: Katle Geddes and The Usual Suspects perform their mix of country, folk and folkgospel, including tracks from their "Live at Green Wood"

When: 8 p.m. Saturday, June

Where: Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile Road, west of I-275, Livonia.

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as Katie Geddes and The Usual Suspects. When Rev. Wachterhauser, also the group's drummer, harmonica and piano player, was assigned to a new church in Davison, Andy Callis, a parishioner there, came on board the group on mandolin/piano: Occasionally, Davison parish-ioners Jim Callis, harmonica and Mo Jones, bass also join in. Fedel plays lead guitar, and Brokaw, guitar/bass/harmony/vocals for every engagement:

"We play everything from Woody Guthrie to Buffy St. Marie, Aretha Franklin, Emmy Lou Harris, Willie Nelson, Eric Clapton and Bare Naked Ladies," said Geddes. "We're pretty versatile. Our first set is



Country folk: Katie Geddes joins The Usual Suspects for a concert at the Trinity House Theatre in Livonia.

traditional old folk and country songs. The second set we get out the electric guitars and get a little bit rowdier, we also try to fill requests."

Geddes and The Usual Suspects will also be playing songs from their new CD, "Live at Green Wood" at Trinity House Theatre. Green Wood is the coffee house founded by Rev. Wachterhauser in 1996. While the opening of a coffee house is certainly not an earth-shaking

revelation because many churches initiate settings to bring people together while hosting fledgling entertainers, the problem was no one wanted to volunteer to perform until Geddes came forward. She'd been singing in the church choir, but lacked confidence to be out there fronting a group. Then a twist of fronting a group. Then a twist of fate gave her the boost she needed. Geddes was waiting in line outside The Ark to hear Livingston Taylor perform when who should she meet but the singer himself Livingston usually asks a volunteer to sing "City Lights," a song originally recorded with brother James, with him. Geddes boldly asks him if she could sing "Loving Arms" with him. She does, and her confidence level soars.

"People have been passing our CD along and playing them, said Geddes, who sells life insurance and investments for a Northville company "We've been so fortunate, I don't think we've done a gig we asked for It's all been word of mouth."

The group still plays the 5 p.m. Saturday service at First United Methodist, Green Wood, not the rock Rev. Wachterhauser originally envisioned but their own brand of music, a combination folk and country inspired by a higher power.

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The Fiddler preserves Old World traditions.

By JUDITH DONER BERNE SPECIAL WRITER

Michael Kurchersky had a dream — to prėserve his Mom's

His dream began in the former Soviet, Union where he studied hotel and restaurant management, eventually working as assistant manager in the largest restaurant (400 seats) in

It persisted even as he and his family left in 1976, during the Russian-Jewish exodus.

"I came with no money and no English," he says. And, as he set-tled in metro-Detroit, learned English, worked as a painter and in a factory, and saved enough money to buy Kelly Hamburgers, in Hazel Park.

It was partially realized starting in 1983 when, with the help of the Hebrew Free Loan Association, he purchased a former Waffle House on Northwestern Highway in Southfield. It became the Sunrise Cafe. A string of five more Sunrise Cafes followed, all open for breakfast and lunch. He still owns three.

The dream was actualized last October when he opened The Fiddler, a full-service restaurant serving home-style Russian, Ukranian Polish, Jewish and Middle Eastern foods on Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield Sadly, his mother died two months before. . His wife Maya is intimately

involved with the restaurant, conveniently located next to her own successful skin care salon. "I tell him, it's your destiny to be next to me;" she says with a

She also contributed many recipes, including the best-sell-ing mushroom barley soup. And Maya is responsible for the Fiddler's name and that of the Sunrise Cafes, both inspired by the musical "Fiddler on the Roof.".

i "We cook at Fiddler like we do at home — all from fresh ingredients," says Maya, who spends her days off from the salon making sure that the recipes carefully described on the menu are being closely followed. We don't deep fry or use additives or preservatives," Michael says proudly. "We grill with no oil." For instance, the potato latkes

Where: 6676 Orchard Lake Road, south of Maple in West Bloomfield Plaza: (248) 851-8782.

Menu: Russian, Ukranian, Polish, Middle Eastern and Jewish-style

Hours: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and Sunday; 11 a.m. to

10 p.m. Saturday. Live music, Friday and Saturday nights.

Reservations: Suggested on Friday and Saturday. Visa and Mastercard accepted.

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(pancakes) that lead off a hefty list of appetizers are detailed as "made from an old family recipe you're sure to remember. Served golden brown with sour cream or apple sauce or with mushroom gravy." The list includes blini (the traditional Russian pan-cakes), stuffed cabbage or stuffed pepper (vegetarian or with meat), Siberian pelimeni (paper-

thin dumplings wrapped around seasoned ground beef and onion) and chopped liver announced as better than "the most famous delis in New York." Most are in the \$6 range.

Vareniki combines Ukranianstyle dumplings filled with fresh Michigan tart cherries and served with cherry sauce and either sour or real whipped cream. Would you consider that a fusion dish? Although it's listed as an appetizer, it is often ordered for dessert, Michael reports.

Check out Michael's mom's recipe for Pozharski chicken cutlet, "two fluffy and delicate patties of fresh ground chicken breast served covered in our homemade mushroom gravy," as well as the legend behind it. Or a 19th century recipe for beef stroganoff, cited as "created in Russia for Count Pavel Stroganoff, a dignitary at the Court of Alexander III." Or Veal Rasputin, a scallop of veal rolled and stuffed with mushrooms and onions, then grilled.

Other entrees, served with a side of vegetables or potato or rice, bread and a choice of soup or salad, include more robust versions of the ethnic appetizers as well as cornish hen, calves liver, lamp chops and short ribs. Prices are from \$9 to \$15.

Gourmet omelets are available at any time as are an assortment

of main course salads, including Caesar, tuna, tabbouli and fattoush, A Russian summer salad contains sliced cucumbers, fresh tomato, red onions, garnished with garlic, dill parsley and

Desserts include amaretto almond cheesecake, homemade blintzes and apple and cherry strudels, All but the blintzes are in the \$3 range.

As you might expect, two large paintings depicting fiddlers fig-ure prominently in the decor of the simply-decorated neighborhood restaurant, where small vases of fresh flowers grace the

On Friday nights, patrons can expect the lighting of Sabbath candles and passing around of a Challah bread. A fiddler and keyboard player entertain on Friday and Saturday evenings "We make kind of a club for

Russian Jews," Michael says, 15,000 of which now live in metro Detroit. But he counts many regulars who are nativeborn Americans.

Like Sharon and Ken Singer who live in Farmington Hills, "I enjoy everything," Sharon says. "It's like eating in my Mom's home. I've never had a bad meal there. Everything is quality food. My husband loves the stuffed cabbage. My granddaughter loves the potato latkes." West Bloomfield resident Jack-

ie Kraft and her college-age daughter Dana were enjoying lunch-time salads, one a Caesar and the other, a chicken salad with fruit. Jackie also touted the omelets and vegetarian stuffed peppers. Her husband, she says, likes the short ribs.

An empty storefront between The Fiddler and Maya's Skin



At your service: Maya and Michael Kurchersky present some of the dishes featured: at The Fiddler.

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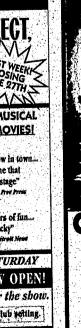
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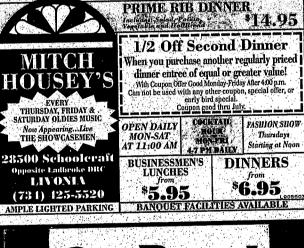
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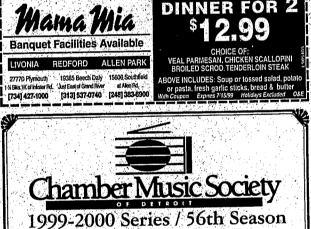
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