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VINTAGE



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How 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; c) 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 ago!)
- 3) 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) 1885.
- 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.
- 6) What transportation-related feature was first introduced in Michigan? a) the paved road; b) the tri-colored 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 covered with forest? a) 10; b) 26; c) 50; d) 75.
- 10) In 1885, 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 Huttenlocher, vice-president of the Clarkston Community Historical Society.



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Judge denies motel zoning request



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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-16 north of I-75 where a developer wants to construct a Holiday Inn Express.

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 commercial) to OS-2 (office service) on the parcel owned by Baylis Properties on the east side of M-16 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 under advisement and is going to issue a written opinion at a later date, according to township attorney Gerald Fisher and the plaintiffs' attorney, David Black.

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 permit.

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.

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 re-

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Ah-h-h-h-h



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

Summer plunge

Campers build friendships, memories

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Elizabeth Frederick would rather spend sunny summer 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-

line skating most of all.

"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, volleyball, 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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Hitting the water: Jim Vyskoskil, 9, gets ready to get wet as he cannonballs into the pool at Deer Lake Athletic Club's Summer Sports Camp.

Very prepared: Three-year-old Luke Schroeder donned floatation devices, goggles and water shoes for his dip in the pool.



State weigh stations promote road safety

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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 they're there for.

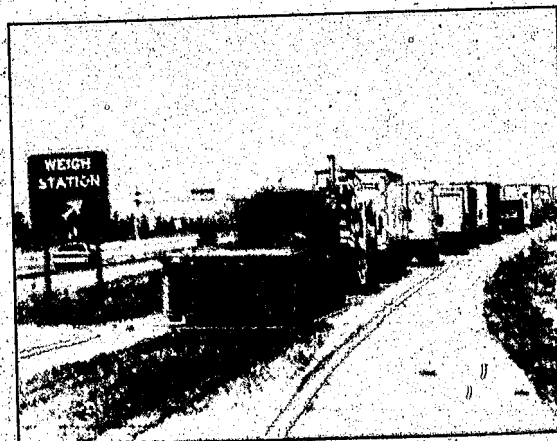
These Michigan Department of Transportation weigh stations are more than they seem. Officers from the

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.

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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 workshops 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 funeral service was held Monday, June 21, at the Colomiere Center in Clarkston.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Colomiere 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, Troy.

Project shopping list: Lumber, nails, permit

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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 building 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 homeowner," 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 department.

ment.

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 patio 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 International 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 permit, the homeowner has some protection if, for instance, the deck starts sagging after the contractor has completed the work."

Inspections throughout the project can also protect from future disasters from fire, structural collapse and general deterioration.

Art Pappas, city manager for Clarkston, agrees that permits aid 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 exterior work reviewed by the historic district commission.

McElmeel also said people hiring a contractor should ask to see the person's builders license or maintenance and alterations contractors 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."

Horse show set for fairgrounds

O.A.T.S. hrh, Inc. (Offering Alternative Therapy with Smiles, horserback 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 sup-

port therapeutic riding programs.

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

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 Clarkston. Dr. Louinda Zahdeh will join the Deer Lake staff with the grand opening of the new facility on July 12.

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 manner.

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 center at the NOMC main hospital 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 medical center.

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.

To make an appointment, call NOMC Deer Lake at (248) 620-3500.

NOTABLES

Deborah Gruber of Davisburg recently became a consultant for Tastefully Simple Inc., a national direct sales company based in Alexandria, Minn.

As a consultant, Gruber conducts in-home presentations of upscale, convenience-driven gourmet foods. During these inter-

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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 smooth.

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, the company is still in the process of purchasing a limo of its own. For now the couple operates a sedan service and rents limos from other limo companies on an as-needed 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 created the "Celebrity Dog" mascot — a tuxedo-wearing pooch that will be reprinted on limousines 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 events, such as prom.

Taking the driver's seat

What is the draw to driving a 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 weddings, she said North Oakland County requires quality service. And she said the company is different than others in the area.

Their vehicles will each be equipped with a global positioning system, which means clients need only give an address to their destination. The driver will have access to complete directions without having to ask a single question. The company is offering discounts to senior citizens and to students in the Clarkston school system. They will also offer "celebrity minutes," which means if 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 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 must.

"All drivers must arrive at 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.

Service now available in wide area

As a second limousine company — Celebrity Limousines of Clarkston — enters the Clarkston area, chauffeur service will become even more accessible in North Oakland County.

And the pioneering company in Clarkston — Classic Limousine Service — would like to welcome the newcomers to the family. The company established its Clarkston roots over the past three years.

Kathy Charlebois, spokesperson for Classic Limousine Service, said there is more than enough of a need to support two companies in Clarkston. Most of their clients rent limos for concerts, proms and airport service. With tremendous growth in communities like Clarkston, the service can be spread around.

"We target the whole northern Oakland County," she said, which includes all nearby airports. "We offer concert packages (for Pine Knob), tickets with a limo."

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

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

She said both companies are seeking the same goal: providing an enjoyable, memorable moment for their clients.

Riding in style

Lori Thomas said rides have 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 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 at about \$60.

"Anybody can afford that," said Lori Thomas. "They can get to and from their destination in safety. They can relax and enjoy it."

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 style."

The road ahead

At the most, the company 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 accommodate the business.

"It's not an easy business," said Dale Thomas. "It's very competitive." But the couple is



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

STAFF 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 she feels like it.

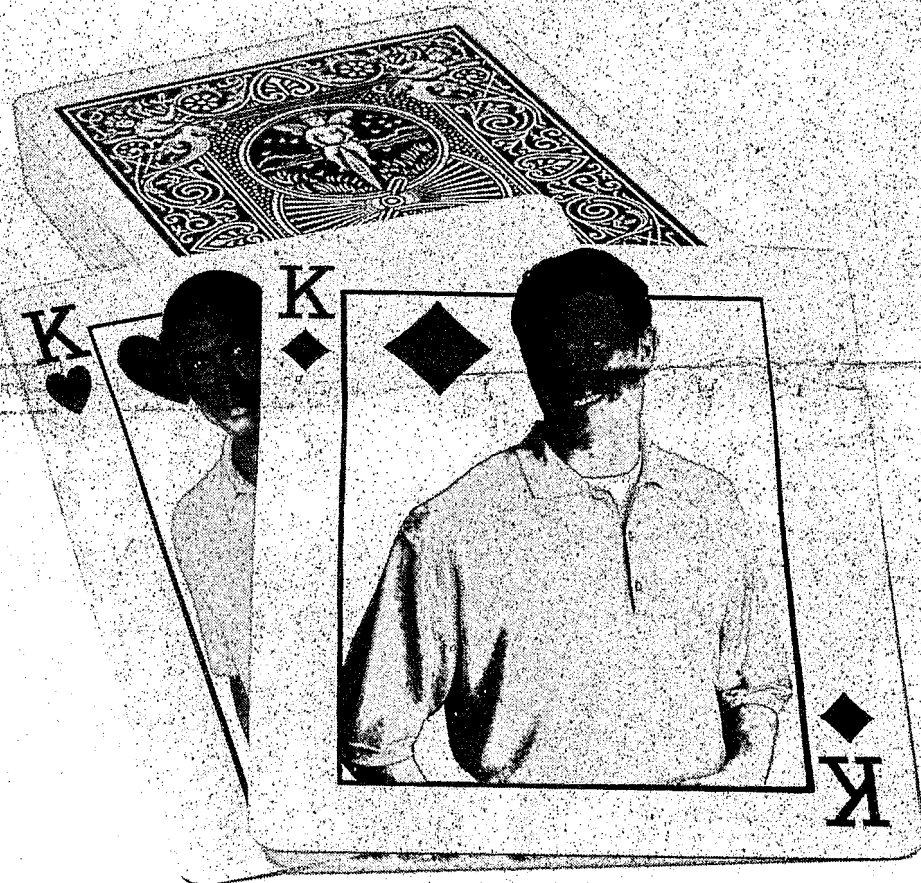
What will the future hold for this budding business? If the Thomases have their way, the

dream will only continue to grow.

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

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POLICE NEWS

The following incidents were reported to police and fire agencies in Independence Township June 17-20.

Independence police

Thefts

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 pay \$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 Court.

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

parked on Staghorn Trail.

On June 20, a compact disc player and the soft top of a Jeep were reported stolen from a vehicle parked at Lancaster apartments.

Shoplifting

A Dixie Highway store reported that a shoplifter walked out with \$38.25 in groceries.

Vandalism

On June 19, a sign was reported damaged and shrubbery uprooted at a location on Horncliffe.

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

The developer has been shuffling between the planning commission 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 proposed 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 rezone 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. Chairperson 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.

Commissioner Zena Sommers asked: "What are you supposed to do with (a parcel that is) 60-foot 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 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 made to protect the historic elements 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 innovative methods, (such as the possibility) of having the entry go through the barn."

New supervisor a familiar face in township

BY MARY J. MOILANEN
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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 a township emergency technician, Hoffman said she doesn't plan to shake things up when she switches seats at the board table.

"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

any one area."

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

"We have a really stable board, stable people," she said. "We've 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 trustee.

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 representative on the county land fill siting committee. Not

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-to-day operations of the township, much like a city manager form of government.

As 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 Inlay 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.

If makes perfect sense to Hoffman.

"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 is 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.

Local residents among winners of trip to computer show in Chicago

Computer Directory Service has announced the winners of the CDS-sponsored drawing for a trip to InternetWorld in Chicago on July 21.

Don Rau, the president of CDS, made the announcement of the two winners:

Julie Steinke of Coast to

Coast in Clarkston.

Andrea Lehnert of Maxxar Corp. in Farmington Hills.

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Campers

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Lake, but Monday she started working at Deer Lake Athletic Club. She was offered the job after taking lifeeguarding 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 resident.

"Kids amaze me. They're a lot of fun and I think you can learn a lot from kids, too. They haven't been molded and shaped so much. You just kind of get to see who they are."

Simpson's just one of the counselors working with 16 kids, who range in age from 6 to 12. Heather Stal, a 10-year-old from Clarkston, was having a great first day at camp. If she wasn't 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 Montero's job to see 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. Montero 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 Montero. "This is easy for them."

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

Friendship, Montero noted, is the most important thing a camper can take with him when he leaves.

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

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

"They're part of the camp, too," said Montero. "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. Ferreira 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.

For more information, call Deer Lake Athletic Club at (248) 626-8686.

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camp counselor

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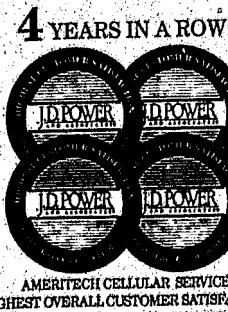
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Local volunteers hoist hammers for humanity

By PAT MURPHY
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Aching muscles, dirty hands... and a sense of satisfaction.

That's the payoff for volunteers involved in Habitat for Humanity, according to two people who have first hand experience — an architect and a minister.

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. Raymond 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 northeast 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 60,000 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 families.

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 volunteer."

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.

His 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 directors of north and south Oakland Habitat, respectively.

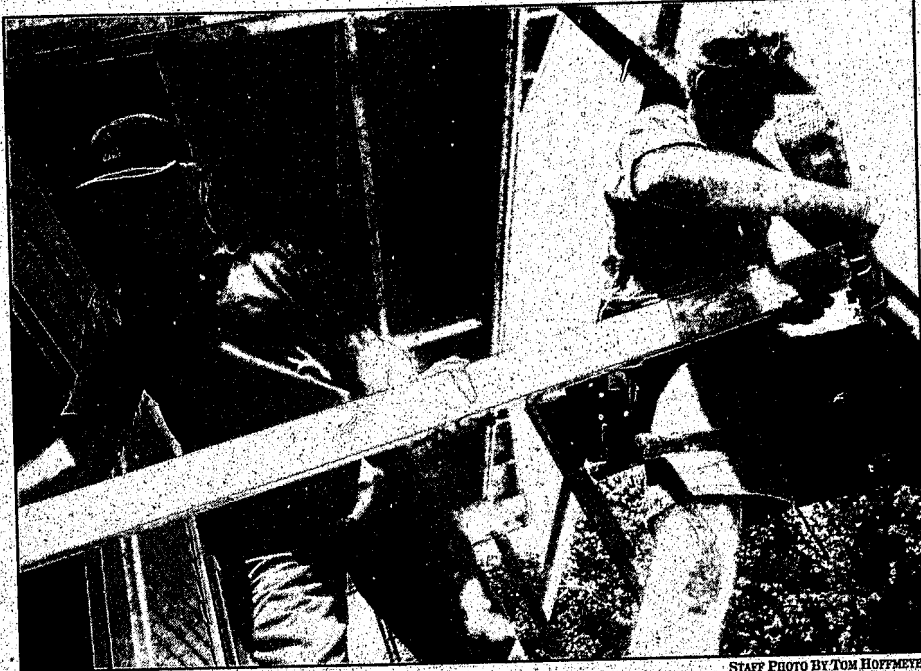
Some are in their teens, while others are in their 70s, the said.

"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 work."

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



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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 satisfaction.

Mortgage includes her 'sweat equity'

By PAT MURPHY
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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 Troy.

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 non-profit 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 bike."

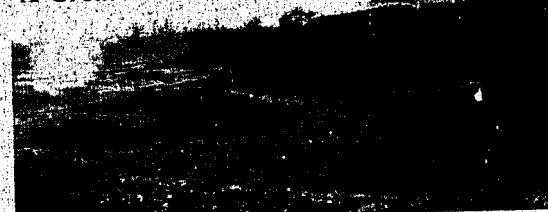
Habitat for North Oakland is currently building three houses in northeast Pontiac. Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church in Bloomfield Hills is sponsoring one house and Home Depot stores are sponsoring another.

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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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 pick-up 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 lettering on it to identify the business.

"I didn't know I'm a trucker," said Cummins. "I'm just a carpenter. 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 problems," 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 van 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."

Meade suggested people contact the Michigan Truck Safety



Check it out: Officer Robert Meade of the Michigan State Police Motor Carrier Division inspects a truck Monday used by Ray's Construction Co.

Commission at 1-800-682-4682 to request the fifth edition of the Truckers Guide Book to learn the regulations. They also can call the Michigan Trucking Asso-

ciation for information.

Meade has been a motor carrier division officer for nine years. He loves his job because, he said, it makes him feel good to have

such a great effect on highway safety.

"We are involved in all types of control, from working at the U.S.-Canada borders to being

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 vests.

"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."

The officers undergo a 12- to 18-month training program and continue training on an on-going basis.

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

expressway is on.

The officer inside has several jobs to perform.

When the trucks drive very slowly over the scales, he or she is looking at several things at once—keeping one eye on the scale and the other on the truck 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 understand an order and road signs," he said.

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 problem, Meade turns on the red light, informing him or her to drive to the back of the weigh station. Then he performs an inspection.

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

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.

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

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 other.

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

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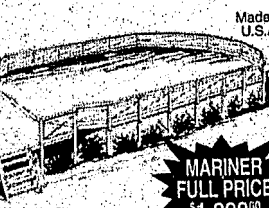
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Trying to be the first state to hold a presidential primary election is like bidding for the Superbowl — you can try, but the competition is tough.

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

State senators voted unani-

mously Wednesday, June 16, 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 Gov. Engler would like Michigan to be the first state to nominate George W. Bush," Rep. Ruth Ann Jannick, D-Ypsilanti, said. But it likely will not work out that way.

While the bill would set

Michigan's primary on the date of New Hampshire's scheduled election, 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 elections.

Michigan Democrats too will challenge the traditional dominance 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 caucuses 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 nominees.

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 Michigan the attention of the national campaigns.

Oakland Police Academy graduates 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 Commissioners' 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 wounded two people, then killed himself that afternoon.

Nineteen of the 51 graduates 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 graduating.

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 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 constructed 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 completion in the next two years.

Graduates are:

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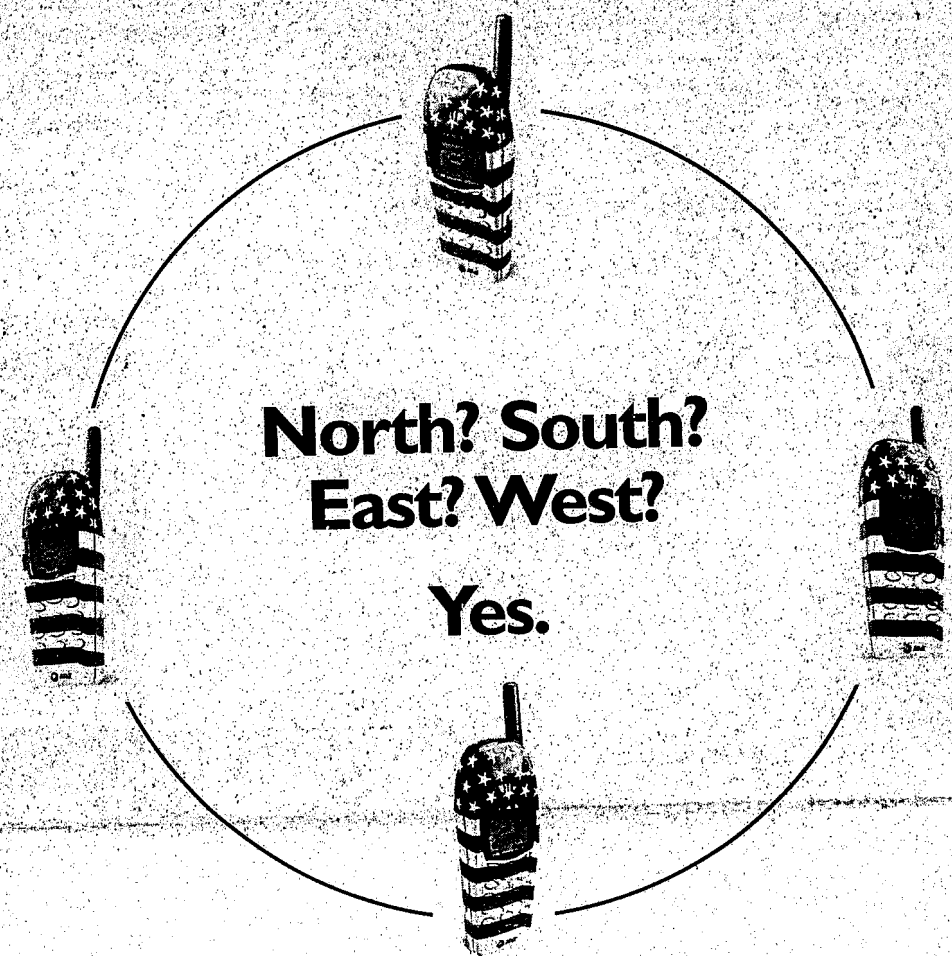
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Treasurer completes program

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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. 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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NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY 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 48380, to rezone 1.08+- acres as follows: 0.32 acres from OS (Office Service) to C-2 (General Business) and 0.76 acres from R-2 (One-Family Residential, 1 acre minimum) to C-2 (General Business).

The Properties proposed for rezoning adjoin one another along the northwest corner of Dixie Highway and Davisburg Road. 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, 650 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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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.

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 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.

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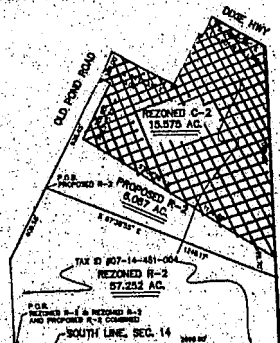


Charter Township of Springfield

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 I-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 Adoption.

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

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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

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 han-

dle 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.

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. Allesee also recently donated \$1 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, received OU's Distinguished 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 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, lifetime OU President's Club Members and President's Club ambassadors. Beresford is the incoming chair of the President'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 century workplace."

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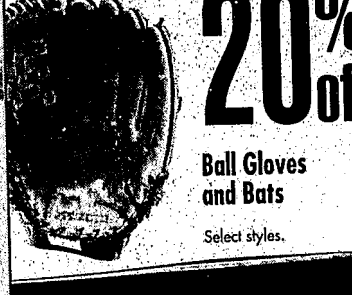
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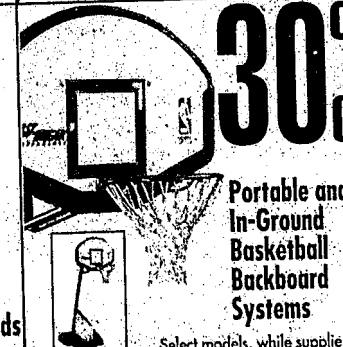
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THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 1999

Celebration time Clarkston area to come alive this 4th

If you want to have fun with family and friends this Fourth of July, plan to stay close to home.

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 begin.

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 paper — 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 chamber.

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

Hospital 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 Hospital 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 nationalizing health care.

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

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 hurting the bottom line. It's odd that insurance 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.

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

What is your favorite type of firework?



"Never watch 'em."
Elaine Chamberlain
Waterford



"Sparklers."
Dianne Miller
Waterford



"The big ones like they have downtown Detroit."
Dianne Hannon
Independence Township



"The ones with all the sparkles that go out."
Florence Dudley
Independence Township

This question was asked at Farmer Jack in Independence Township.

LETTERS

Columnist hit the mark

I 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 nonsense.

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 fortunate.

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 owners.

Ronald DeLorme
Independence Township

'You're a gun nut'

To 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

A recent segment on the NBC show "DateLine" 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 time.

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 hoodlums 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'

Thanks 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

Hi, I am a Boy Scout. I am working on the 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
Troy

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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Capital news still crucial, despite media focus shift

There'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 Raczowski, R-Farmington Hills.

Raczowski 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 referenda.

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 General Jennifer Granholm whether such a change could be accomplished by legislation alone or whether it requires a constitutional amendment.

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

One 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," he said.

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.

"You'll make her day!" he said. "She must be easily satisfied," Ernie replied.

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

growing up in New York, had chosen the Tigers as her team just to have one to support that was different from those boosted by her brothers.

That year the Tigers finished last, but she had kept supporting them through the years whether their playing was good or bad.

When Ernie and I stepped into this loyal fan's hospital room, I knew her husband had been 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, never getting 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 Township, is the president of Roger Campbell Ministries in Waterford. His radio program, *Higher Ground*, can be heard on WUFL, 1030 AM.



ROGER CAMPBELL

■ 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.

North Oakland rich in wetlands, other important features

Water! 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 hole 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 roosters 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.

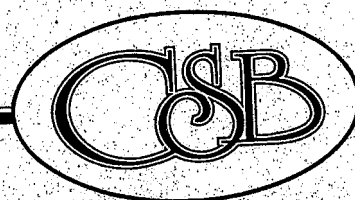
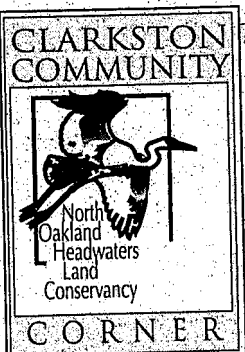
Currently, NOHLC is working on land preservation projects in Brandon, Groveland, Independence and Springfield Townships. Some of these projects have been developing for years, while others are new this year. All of the projects are consistent with the Conservancy's mission, goals, and objectives.

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 Clarkston.



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Career opportunities for the deaf explored

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At a recent workshop in Farmington Hills, 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 county-wide 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, computer analysts, journalists 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 director.

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

"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 Lahser.

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 division 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.

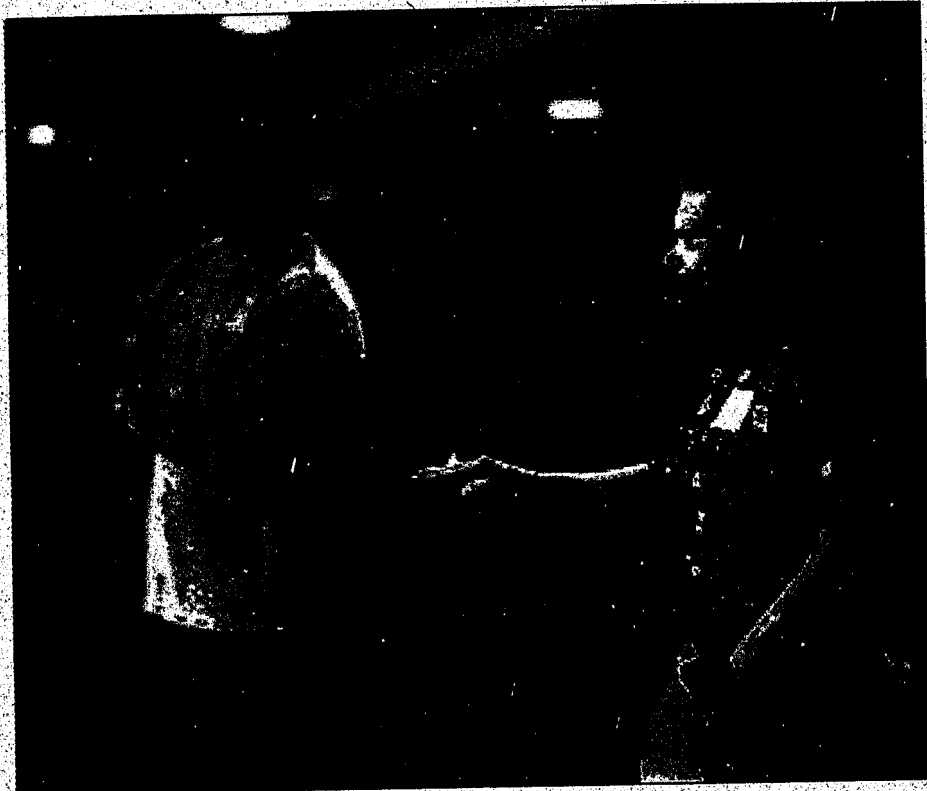
"In a job interview, the employer will ask how are you doing? The deaf person says, 'fine,'" Hunter relayed to the group.

"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 Jordan, who said,

"The deaf can do anything but hear."



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.

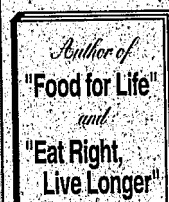
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CAROLYN WALKER

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

Once upon a time on a day that just happened to be the last day of school, a middle-aged mother climbed into her van, 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 modest 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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CAMPING CLOSE HOME

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER
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The 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 undevel-

oped land. Nearby they have a beautiful 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 hours.

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 mother and step-father, Kathy and Lloyd Berry, join them next-door in their own 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, Tim stops

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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 engineering.

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

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 Force.

The following students have been named to the Dean's List for the spring term at Northwood University:

Jonathan Burklow, sophomore, the son of Michael and Carolyn Burklow of Clarkston;

Antonio K. Cotton, senior, the son of Maria Garcia of Clarkston;

Tiffany L. Honey, sophomore, the daughter of William and Tammy Honey of Clarkston;

Stephanie M. Marino, sophomore, the daughter of Lee and Marcia Marino of Clarkston;

Jacqueline N. Purcell, sophomore, the daughter of Martin and Judith Purcell of Clarkston;

Georgia R. Senkyr, sophomore, 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.

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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 Mohiari, Bobbi Thorndycraft, Michael Savas, Mindy Jensen, Supt. Dr. Al Roberts, Clarkston High School Principal John Dileggio, 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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listened with half-hearing ears 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 girder?" 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-of-the-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 paintings were considered to be on the cutting edge (and so were braces for the teeth, for that matter).

How to describe a girder to a

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 girder 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 mirror.

At the time she hadn't thought much of those hips. Now, however, from the vantage point of her 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 road-way. "A girder," she said, "is a thing women used to wear to help hold in their fat."

For no real reason she omitted the fact that they were used to

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 stretch-marked 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 girder as she remembered them: slightly bigger than a slice of bread with those curious udders — and just about as pliable.

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

"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 girder against her body and urged her hips back

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 road-way, 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 enunciation.

"Now, that is scary," he said. And for just one fleeting moment the mother thought she saw the perfectly beautiful sun turn 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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A/C hook-up is always in season

Have you ever heard the old saying "Never put off until tomorrow what you can do today?" Well, I have my own personal version of that: "Never put off until June what you can do in April."

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 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 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.



ROCHELLE SMITH

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, 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 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

were ready for him.

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.

We 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 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 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 columnist.

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home to bring 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 rent the campsite, which has electricity and water for her camper. Groveland Oaks also has four log cabins, one handicapped-accessible, that people can rent for one night or multiple

nights.

Al Johnson is one of the assistant park rangers at Groveland Oaks. This is the fourth year he's worked there after his regular 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 States who rate this campground as one of the top three," he said proudly. He credits its popularity to its natural beauty, amenities, 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; Holly Recreation Area state park, 248-634-8811 in Holly; Ortonville Recreation Area

state park, 248-627-8828 in Ortonville and Pontiac Lake Recreation Area state park, 248-666-1020 in Waterford.

It's easy to get more information on the state parks by calling 1-888-78Great or searching its web site: www.michigan.org. Another website address is www.dnr.state.mi.us.

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.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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, location, telephone number and any additional information and mail to the Clarkston Eccentric, 7151 Ortonville Road, Suite 2, Clarkston, MI 48346, or fax to 625-5712. The deadline is noon Friday 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 Clarkston parents attended this workshop 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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will take place Sunday, June 27.

THURSDAY, JULY 1

WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP

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THURSDAY, JULY 15

LUNCHEON 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.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

GOLF CLASSIC AND DINNER PARTY

1 p.m. The Clarkston Foundation Presents its Annual Golf Classic and Dinner Party at Pine Knob Golf Course. Shotgun Start 1 p.m.; Cocktails with three hour open bar. Dinner at approximately 6:30 p.m. This year's Golf Scramble includes: Skin's Game, Purchases of Mulligans, three team-based trophy categories and Las Vegas Holes.

Worship With Us

OAKLAND WOODS Baptist Church
6528 Maybee Rd., Clarkston, MI 48346
Bob Galey, Pastor (248) 625-1657 (Fax) 625-1635

Sunday Bible Study 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night 7:00 p.m.

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Contemporary Service: 8:30 am
Traditional Service: 11:00 am
Starts July 5th

Monday Evening Service: 7:00 pm
UP AND COMING EVENTS
Bible School
June 27 - July 1
6:00-8:30 pm
ALPHA Workshops
Learning About the Christian Faith - Fall '99

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION
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Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Nursery Provided
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By Pastor Terry Rebert
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Words to Live By!

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Sunday Services
8:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.
Nursery & Church School
10:00 a.m.

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Orion Township, MI 48359
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Lake Orion, MI 48361-0358
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This summer there is so much going on it's hard to decide what to do where to go! That's why the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers has put together this special directory to make it easier. For more information about advertising please call Rich: 734-953-2069

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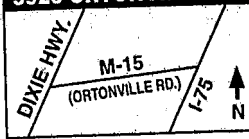
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ROCHESTER - Beautiful 3-4 bedroom ranch, Rochester Schools, paved access, 8 acres, private/wooded, open setting. horses permitted. \$1,685/mo. **(610) 752-4210**

ROYAL OAK, 3 bedroom, appliances, fenced yard, \$895. RENTAL PROS (248) 356-RENT

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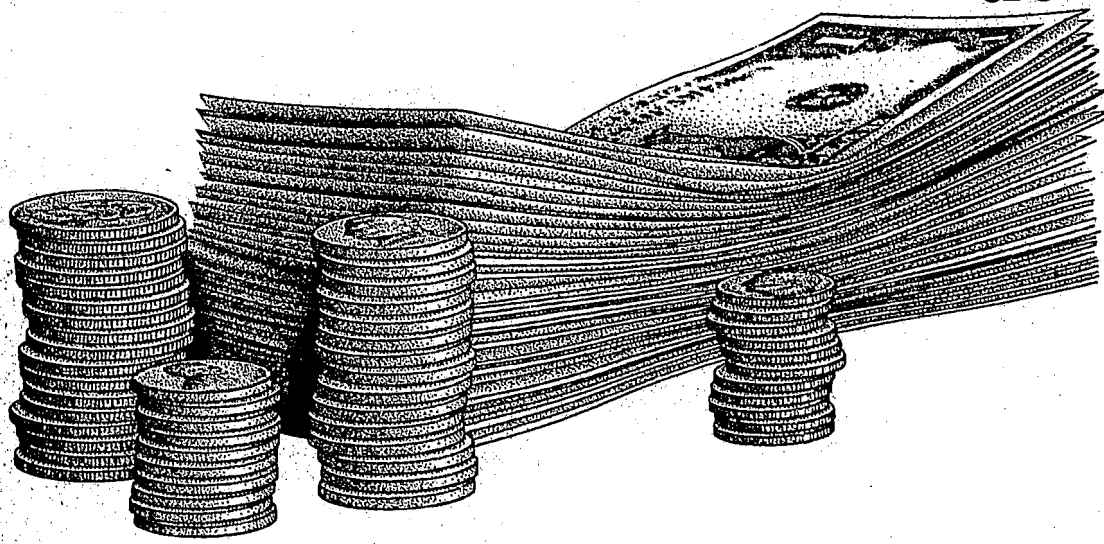
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Earth Angels show passion for '50s music, community spirit

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You'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 parents of group members laud Earth Angels' founder and director Lisa Campos for emphasizing that particular aspect.

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

Of course, the multi-talented

kids from many area communities 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 American 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 by 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 best-dressed contest, judged by Farmington Hills Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi and 47th District Court Judge Marla Parker, and others.

Winners were: age 10 and under, Jackie Efrusy, Nick Wasko; teens, Courtney Adams, Kaylin Connors; adult, Donna Mazzioni 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 cardboard 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' backyard 13 summers ago.

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



Talent scout:

Chelsea Swanderski of Farmington tries persuading an audience member to join her for the rest of a song.

"Obviously, it grew from there." 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, did while lip-synching "Heat Wave."

"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 Highmeadow Common Campus — they carry personal planners with them.

"It's helped me in so many ways," 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 me."

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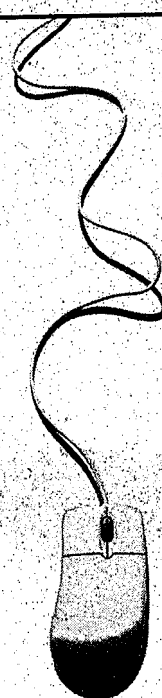
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Some rules, decisions don't make sense

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 ever-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 this year.

Voting Sied as Miss Soccer has just about every coach not only within the Oakland Activities Association, but most coaches in and around Oakland County wondering how they came up with this decision.

In my opinion, Rochester Adams senior midfielder Kristin Fisher was the best all-around player in Michigan with teammate Abby Crumpton, an explosive forward, a very close second.

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

They both recorded goals and assists 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 individual's 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 11-member 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 representative on the committee.

Third — well I don't think I need a third to make my point. The MHSSCA has proven throughout 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 were robbed because no one from the OAA conference were there to back them up.

Was this decision done in spite of 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 3,200-meter 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

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

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 sports cast.

Here is their action-packed highlight reel:

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 season-best 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 Waterford 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 Donohue. "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 meet in that event.

DISCUS: Clinton 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. "Clinton was just a very strong competitor," said Clarkston coach Walt Wyniemo. "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 all-around 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 season so we told him to go see a doctor shortly before the regionals," said Donohue. "So he went through physical

therapy and it seemed to work because 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 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 runner-up. "Kevin is another one of those versatile kids who is just a great competitor," said Wyniemo. "He just

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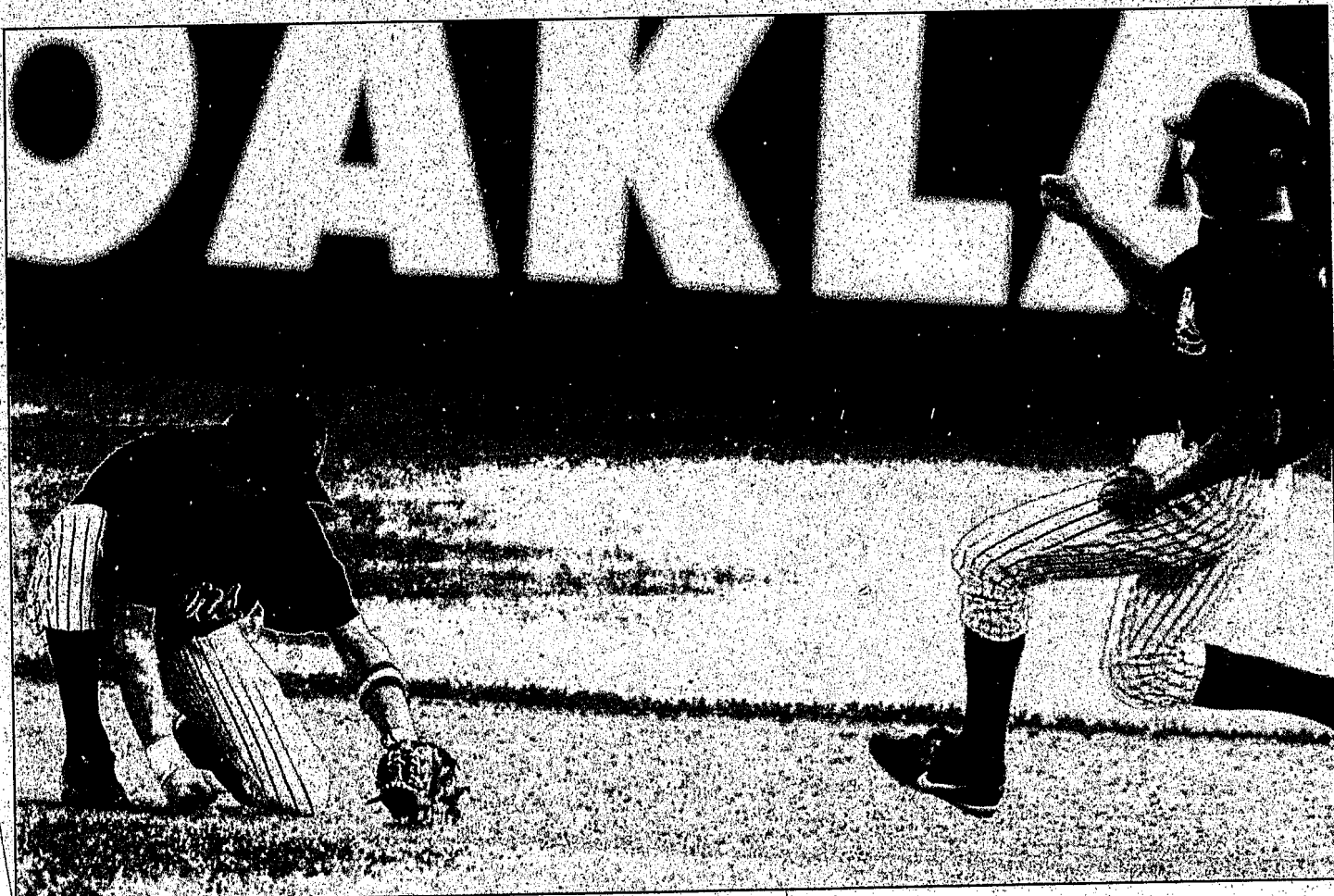


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Not quite: John Drallos (right) of the Michigan Lake Area Rams steals second, beating the tag of North Oakland Stars second baseman Joe Ortiz during their game in the Great Eight Classic at Oakland University Saturday. Ortiz and his Stars teammates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

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

The North Oakland Stars found a win over the Braves 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 recover.

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

guys, and that made it tough."

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 a 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 innings.

Tomczak, Crowder and Daniels also contributed key defensive plays.

Rams bats help pound Braves, 14-6

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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 it," 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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Brett Quantz



Eric Ghiacuc



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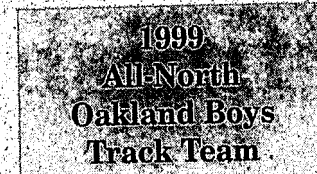
David Sage



Cody Senkyr



Nick Holland

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Dan Torres



Mark Churchill



Jordan Desilets

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

■ **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 —

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 occasions.

■ **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 Ferndale. 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-competitive 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 ashamed 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 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

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1999 ALL-NORTH OAKLAND AREA BOYS TRACK & FIELD TEAM

EVENT	NAME	SCHOOL	GRADE
Shot Put	Eric Ghiacuc	Oxford	Junior
Discus	Klinton Powell	Clarkston	Senior
High Jump	Rob Ellerman	Oxford	Soph
Long Jump	Kevin Breen	Clarkston	Junior
Pole Vault	John Londer	Oxford	Senior
100 Meters	Mark Churchill	Lake Orion	Senior
200 Meters	Mark Churchill	Lake Orion	Senior
400 Meters	Klinton Powell	Clarkston	Senior
800 Meters	Jordan Desilets	Lake Orion	Senior
1,600 Meters	Jordan Desilets	Clarkston	Junior
3,200 Meters	David Sage	Clarkston	Senior
100 Hurdles	Nick Holland	Clarkston	Soph
300 Hurdles	Cody Senkyr	Lake Orion	Senior
400 Relay	Tom Rocheleau	Lake Orion	Soph
400 Relay	Dan Torres	Lake Orion	Senior
400 Relay	Nick Gonzales	Lake Orion	Senior
800 Relay	Mark Churchill	Lake Orion	Senior
800 Relay	Tom Rocheleau	Lake Orion	Soph
800 Relay	Dan Torres	Lake Orion	Senior
800 Relay	Nick Gonzales	Lake Orion	Senior
1,600 Relay	Mark Churchill	Lake Orion	Senior
1,600 Relay	Klinton Powell	Clarkston	Senior
1,600 Relay	Matt Carlson	Clarkston	Soph
1,600 Relay	Brett Quantz	Clarkston	Junior
3,200 Relay	Kevin Breen	Clarkston	Junior
3,200 Relay	David Sage	Clarkston	Junior
3,200 Relay	Matt Haver	Clarkston	Junior
3,200 Relay	Brett Quantz	Clarkston	Junior
3,200 Relay	Kevin Breen	Clarkston	Junior

COACH OF THE YEAR

Rich Burrell 9th Year Lake Orion

SECOND TEAM

Shot Put: David Chavers, Clarkston sr.; Discus: Eric Ghiacuc, Oxford Jr.; High Jump: Raphael Fauza, Clarkston soph.; Long Jump: Dustin Coleman, Clarkston Jr.; 100 Meters: Tom Rocheleau, Lake Orion sr.; 200 Meters: (tie) Nick Potocki, Oxford soph.; Kevin Alban, Oxford soph.; 400 Meters: (tie) Mark Carlson, Clarkston soph.; Rob Ellerman, Oxford soph.; 800 Meters: Kevin Breen, Clarkston Jr.; 1,600 Meters: David Sage, Clarkston Jr.; 3,200 Meters: Jordan Desilets, Lake Orion sr.; 100 Hurdles: James Johnson, Lake Orion soph.; 300 Hurdles: Nick Holland, Clarkston sr.; 400 Relay: Oxford (Ryan Burns, sr., Kevin Alban, Scott Davidson, soph., Mike Sullivan, Jr.); 800 Relay: Clarkston (Shane Bennett, fr., Adam Gebus, soph., Cody Senkyr, soph., Klinton Powell, sr.); 1,600 Relay: Oxford (Ryan Hickmott, Jr., Scott Davidson, Mike Banachowski, soph., Rob Ellerman, soph.) 3,200 Relay: Lake Orion (Chris Morehead, Jr., Andrew Fons, soph., Jacob Swearingen, Jr., Eric Lohr, sr.).

Burrell steers Dragons to consistent success

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When it comes to Rich Burrell-coached track & field teams, only one word comes to mind: consistency. Over the past nine years, Burrell, the 1999 All-North Oakland Coach of the Year, has guided his Lake Orion Dragons to several quality seasons



Rich Burrell

■ **'The seniors challenged the returning kids to step up and 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 student at Lake Orion High School, Poisson will partake in the soccer component of the Games.

More than 1,500 scholar-athletes and scholar-artists representing all 50 states are expected to participate in the inaugural United States Scholar-Athlete Games, which start Saturday and run through July 2.

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 Games on every continent. Scholar-athletes may participate in one of 14 sports programs including baseball, basketball, bridge, chess, field hockey, golf, lacrosse, soccer, softball, squash, swimming, tennis, track & field and volleyball.

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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. Undeclared 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 Wyniemo. "He is a very competitive young man who rarely has a bad day. He's very consistent."

■ **110-METER HIGH HURDLES:** Nick Holland, Clarkston — Although overshadowed by some of the state's best hurdlers in the OAA Division I and slowed by an ankle injury, Holland still had a fine senior campaign. A three-year varsity performer, 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 our best in the high hurdles," said Wyniemo. "He is a strong competitor and that showed

when he placed at the league against some very good hurdlers."

■ **300-METER INTERMEDIATE HURDLES:** Cody Senkyr, Clarkston — Although just a sophomore, 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 way this season," said Wyniemo. "I think he's going to be a good one in this event as he continues to mature and improve."

RELAYS

■ **400-METER RELAY:** Lake 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 getting 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 regional, and sixth at both the West Bloomfield and Oxford invitational.

■ **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 hand-offs 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 (Clinton 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 Wyniemo. "Hopefully, we can find someone to fill Powell's spot next year."

■ **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 uniform infraction and were unable to compete at the state meet. Still, this unit's 8:03.8, first-place clocking at the Oxford Invitational ranked among the top 15 times recorded in the state this season. Made up of four juniors, the Wolves were unbeaten in six duals in this event. They were also OAA 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 minutes."

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."

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

Rich Burrell
—Lake Orion track coach

field Hills Andover Co-Ed 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 Meet.

"At the end of last season, the



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, l-r) Evan Schneider, Brendan Pawlik, Travis Walts, and Justin Fittoneneville. Not pictured is Tyler Roote.

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.

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

"The difference was condition-

■ **'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 regular 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 Fittoneneville.

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

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"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-

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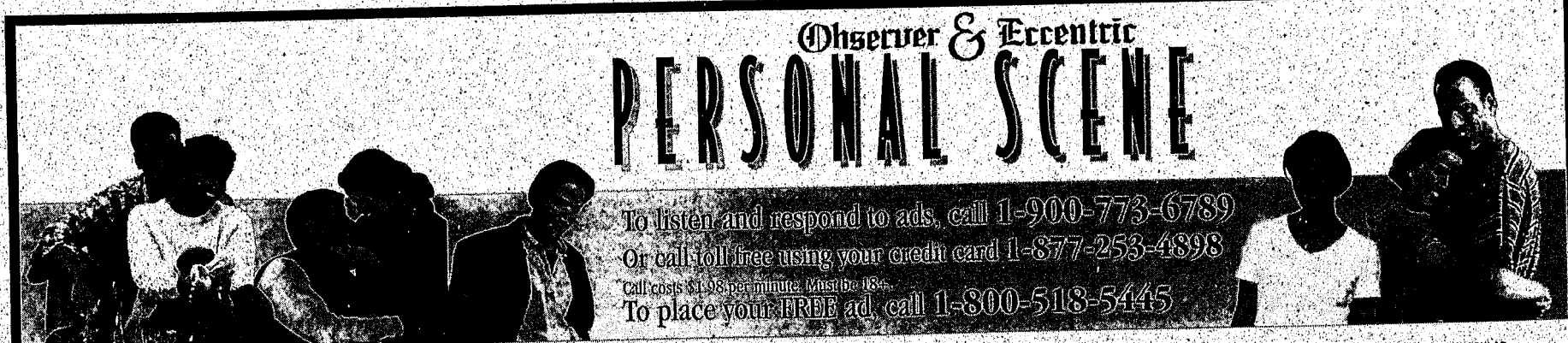
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DWF, young-looking, 44, 5'2", 120lbs, energetic, blonde/green, seeks SWM, 40-50, who is fit, attractive, honest and attentive. I enjoy fishing, camping, hiking, etc. #23309

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Successful, humorous, charming, interesting, giving female, 33, enjoys movies, plays, concerts, fine dining, cooking, boating, love people. Seeking someone in a successful, sincere WM, 45-75. Please reply. #23309

FRIENDS FIRST
Attractive SWF, 60, seeks gentleman who is fun, intelligent, and fun-loving. I'm very caring and fun-loving, and enjoy the outdoors, romantic evenings and generally being a good person. #23309

BEAUTIFUL & CHARMING
Intelligent, romantic, witty, affectionate SWF, 33, 5'5", blonde/brown, slender, many interests. Seeking handsome, very successful, fit, witty, romantic SWM, 35-45, for LTR. #23309

STARTING OVER
Widowed lady, 53, blonde, intelligent, fun-loving, and fun-loving. I'm very caring and fun-loving, and enjoy the outdoors, romantic evenings and generally being a good person. #23309

LOVE A MAN IN A BIG TRUCK
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BRAINS AND BEAUTY
Very attractive DFW, 42, long blonde hair, blue eyes, 5'6", intelligent, NS, no dependents. Seeking tall, intelligent WM, 38-48, for fun and dating. #23309

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BEAUTIFUL & CHARMING
DWF, 39, blonde, intelligent, fun-loving, and fun-loving. I'm very caring and fun-loving, and enjoy the outdoors, romantic evenings and generally being a good person. #23309

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Fetish DFW, 34, blonde, intelligent, fun-loving, responsible guy who isn't afraid of a challenge. #23309

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With beautiful eyes, Sonorous, sexy SBF, 28, seeks tall, dark, and handsome SM, 30+, for fun and dating. #23309

SUMMER DREAM
SWF, 36, seeks to find a special, down-to-earth guy with sense of humor, to share camping, picnics, ball games, and the summer. #23309

SOFT INTOY
Article 38, 31, 5'7", 120lbs, NS, no dependents, seeks SWM, 30-45, who is fun, intelligent, and fun-loving. I'm very caring and fun-loving, and enjoy the outdoors, romantic evenings and generally being a good person. #23309

SOUTHERN BELLE
Pellie, honest, sincere SWF, 43, blonde/blue, enjoys dancing, traveling, walks, toning, etc. Seeking gentleman, 30-45, for LTR. #23309

WHERE IS MR. RIGHT?
Fun, outgoing SWF, 21, 5'7", 175lbs, blonde/blue, NS, enjoys sports, hanging out, having fun. Seeking honest, fun, and sexy SM, 21-30, who is fun and sexy. #23309

LET'S MAKE LIFE COMPLETE
Pretty health care professional, blonde, slender, youthful SWF, 44, blonde/brown, NS, homeowner, no dependents, enjoys biking, golf, theater, movies. Seeking educated SWM, 40-50, who is fun, intelligent, and fun-loving. I'm very caring and fun-loving, and enjoy the outdoors, romantic evenings and generally being a good person. #23309

PASSIONATE & PRETTY
Pellie, well-educated SWF, 40, blonde, NS, ND, no children, enjoys golf, intelligent humor, etc. #23309

QUALITY
Attractive, professional, blonde, 40s, medium build, enjoys, etc. #23309

NO PICKUP TRUCKS
For this class, seeking, attractive, blonde, 40s, who is fun, intelligent, and fun-loving. I'm very caring and fun-loving, and enjoy the outdoors, romantic evenings and generally being a good person. #23309

LOVES LIFE
Attractive, easygoing, humorous, financially secure DWF, 42, blonde, NS, seeks male counterpart, 38-45, who enjoys family, outdoors, football, etc. #23309

LET'S ENHANCE OUR LIVES
Very pretty, energetic, blonde, 40s, who is fun, intelligent, and fun-loving. I'm very caring and fun-loving, and enjoy the outdoors, romantic evenings and generally being a good person. #23309

AMERICA'S ANGEL
Slim, educated, financially secure, blonde, 40s, who is fun, intelligent, and fun-loving. I'm very caring and fun-loving, and enjoy the outdoors, romantic evenings and generally being a good person. #23309

LOOKING FOR A HERO
Attractive, kind, affectionate, blonde, 40s, who is fun, intelligent, and fun-loving. I'm very caring and fun-loving, and enjoy the outdoors, romantic evenings and generally being a good person. #23309

STABLE, SMART
Attractive blonde, 41 (looks 31), 5'5", blonde, intelligent, fun-loving, and fun-loving. I'm very caring and fun-loving, and enjoy the outdoors, romantic evenings and generally being a good person. #23309

MALE WANTED
If you're looking for a big, blue-eyed blonde who knows how to treat her man, look no more! Seeking SM, 35-45, who appreciates a lady who can take care of herself and is fun and sexy. #23309

DESERVING SOUL
Perky, petite, youthful, honest SWF, 30, blonde, intelligent, fun-loving, and fun-loving. I'm very caring and fun-loving, and enjoy the outdoors, romantic evenings and generally being a good person. #23309

ANGEL ON EARTH/A RARE FIND
Happy-go-lucky, blonde, 40s, who is fun, intelligent, and fun-loving. I'm very caring and fun-loving, and enjoy the outdoors, romantic evenings and generally being a good person. #23309

TOUCH OF JUNGLE FEVER
Shapely, sensual DWF, 40s, 5'5", brown hair, seeks SM, 40s, who is fun, intelligent, and fun-loving. I'm very caring and fun-loving, and enjoy the outdoors, romantic evenings and generally being a good person. #23309

IS IT TIME?
Sincere SWF, 44, enjoys art, hiking, etc. Seeking divorced or single WM, 40-50, who is fun, intelligent, and fun-loving. I'm very caring and fun-loving, and enjoy the outdoors, romantic evenings and generally being a good person. #23309

SHORT & SWEET
Pretty, passionate, smart DWF, 44, seeks attractive, smart, humorous, no games SWM, 30-45, who is fun, intelligent, and fun-loving. I'm very caring and fun-loving, and enjoy the outdoors, romantic evenings and generally being a good person. #23309

PRETTY WOMAN
Slender, tall, intelligent, refined yet sexy SBF, 33, blonde, seeks an intelligent, tall, classy, and confident gentleman, 35-45, for cozy dinner dates and fun conversation. #23309

SPECIAL LADY
DWF, 32, comfortable in jeans or formal, seeks quality caring male, 35-45, who is fun, intelligent, and fun-loving. I'm very caring and fun-loving, and enjoy the outdoors, romantic evenings and generally being a good person. #23309

MAD ABOUT YOU RELATIONSHIP
Sought, "Slender physically, intelligent, blonde, 38, 5'2", sporty, seeking divorced or single WM, 40-50, for committed relationship. Must like animals! #23309

LADY IN WAITING
Beautiful BCF, 47, mahogany complexion, NS, enjoys all fun activities. Seeking gentleman, 40-50, who is fun, intelligent, and fun-loving. I'm very caring and fun-loving, and enjoy the outdoors, romantic evenings and generally being a good person. #23309

BLUES FOR YOU
West side DWF, 50, 5'6", blonde/green, NS, enjoys dining, dancing, etc. Seeking SM, 40-50, who is fun, intelligent, and fun-loving. I'm very caring and fun-loving, and enjoy the outdoors, romantic evenings and generally being a good person. #23309

WANTED: ROMANCE SPECIALIST
Easygoing, fun-loving, friendly, romantic, attractive SWF, 44, 5'5", blonde, intelligent, fun-loving, and fun-loving. I'm very caring and fun-loving, and enjoy the outdoors, romantic evenings and generally being a good person. #23309

CHRISTIAN GUY
Cute SBF, 33, medium build, seeks attractive, well-built, tall, professional, marriage-minded, intelligent SWM, 40-50, for friendship. #23309

ALOT TO OFFER
SWF, 23, 5'6", full-figured, blonde/green, looking for sweet, sincere, caring man, 22-30, who is fun, intelligent, and fun-loving. I'm very caring and fun-loving, and enjoy the outdoors, romantic evenings and generally being a good person. #23309

TRUE BLUE AND FUN TOO!
Attractive DWF, young, 50, 5'4", blonde/blue, NS, emotionally/financially secure, seeks companionate, honest, similar SWM, for coffee, dining, movies, sports, travel or just being together for mutual TLC. #23309

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS
Tall, attractive lady, HW properly blonde, with great sense of humor, social drinker, who enjoys theater, concerts, dining, dancing, conversation. Let's meet for coffee and conversation. #23309

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND
Widowed, retired white lady looking for a special, down-to-earth guy, 55+, with sense of humor, to share the golden years. #23309

ATTRACTIVE, BLONDE LADY
European blonde, intelligent, fun-loving, and fun-loving. I'm very caring and fun-loving, and enjoy the outdoors, romantic evenings and generally being a good person. #23309

EASY ON THE EYES
DWF, 40s, blonde, intelligent, fun-loving, and fun-loving. I'm very caring and fun-loving, and enjoy the outdoors, romantic evenings and generally being a good person. #23309

NEW RECRUIT
DWF, 52, 5'5", blonde/blue, medium build, seeks a fun, intelligent, and fun-loving. I'm very caring and fun-loving, and enjoy the outdoors, romantic evenings and generally being a good person. #23309

THE BEST IS YET TO COME
Attractive, intelligent DWF, 49, blonde, intelligent, fun-loving, and fun-loving. I'm very caring and fun-loving, and enjoy the outdoors, romantic evenings and generally being a good person. #23309

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SOMEONE SPECIAL
Do you open doors? I'm looking for a special, down-to-earth guy, 55+, who is fun, intelligent, and fun-loving. I'm very caring and fun-loving, and enjoy the outdoors, romantic evenings and generally being a good person. #23309

VERY ROMANTIC
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SMART SEXY, SELECTIVE
Blue-eyed blonde, 50, 5'11", blonde, intelligent, fun-loving, and fun-loving. I'm very caring and fun-loving, and enjoy the outdoors, romantic evenings and generally being a good person. #23309

STILL LOOKING
SWF, 25, 5'9", single, enjoys outdoors, movies, quiet times with someone special. Seeking honest, caring, educated SWM, 27-32, for LTR. #23309

TALL, STATUSQUE BRUNETTE
Female, 35, with dog, seeks tall, intelligent, fun-loving, and fun-loving. I'm very caring and fun-loving, and enjoy the outdoors, romantic evenings and generally being a good person. #23309

GREAT CHOICE
Tall, handsome SWM, 39, 5'10", 170lbs, great shape, cutthroat deal maker, seeks a fun, intelligent, and fun-loving. I'm very caring and fun-loving, and enjoy the outdoors, romantic evenings and generally being a good person. #23309

PARTNER NEEDED
Sports and fitness partner for tennis, golf, volleyball, etc. #23309

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Unprofessional SWM, 33, blue collar, drinks, smokes, barbeque, love to go to park with Chevelle, etc. Seeking a fun, intelligent, and fun-loving. I'm very caring and fun-loving, and enjoy the outdoors, romantic evenings and generally being a good person. #23309

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Tall, handsome SWM, 39, 5'10", 170lbs, great shape, cutthroat deal maker, seeks a fun, intelligent, and fun-loving. I'm very caring and fun-loving, and enjoy the outdoors, romantic evenings and generally being a good person. #23309

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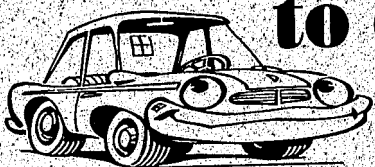
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athletes couldn't participate in an event at the state meet where they were favored to place inside the top eight.

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 the race.

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 & 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 it comes to a disqualification. 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 divisions.

MY VIEWS: With the increasing popularity of girls soccer, it's nice to see there will be four divisions.

This may actually attract more small schools to sponsor the sport.

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 circle.

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 weekends.

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

the following couple of days. Yet, for some reason, the MHSAA never considers the media when making a decision.

NEWS: The OAA has decided to abolish tri-meets, sometimes known as double-duals, in favor of dual meets in the sport of track & field beginning in the 1999-2000 school year.

MY VIEWS: This decision 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 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 meets.

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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FINAL NORTH OAKLAND PREP TRACK LEADERS

BOYS TRACK

SHOT PUT — Eric Ghiaciuc (Oxford) 50.5; David Chavers (Clarkston) 47.8; Matt Cagle (Oxford) 45.10; Ron Tolbert (Clarkston) 45.4; Ryan Clement (Clarkston) 44.9.5.

DISCUS — Clinton Powell (Clarkston) 147-10; Eric Ghiaciuc (Oxford) 137-8; Jon Parker (Oxford) 132-7; Matt Cagle (Oxford) 128-11; Ron Tolbert (Clarkston) 124-5; Faris Caleea (Oxford) 120-5.

LONG JUMP — Kevin Breen (Clarkston) 20-1; Dustin Coleman (Clarkston) 19-9; Dan Torres (Lake Orion) 19-5; Chris Daniels (Oxford) 19-5; Jason 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 (Lake Orion) 5-10; Chris Daniels (Oxford) 5-8.

POLE VAULT — John Londer (Oxford) 10-0; Ryan Burns (Oxford) 9-6; Ryan Hickmott (Oxford) 8-6; Tom Elscarrill (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 (Clarkston) 11.6; Nick Potocki (Oxford) 11.6.

200 METERS — Mark Churchill (Lake Orion) 22.9; Kevin Breen (Clarkston) 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 Gonzales (Clarkston) 24.2.

400 METERS — Clinton 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; Ryan Hickmott (Oxford) 54.0.

800 METERS — Jordan Desilets

(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.

3,200 METERS — David Sage (Clarkston) 9:26.9; Jordan Desilets (Lake Orion) 9:31.0; Eric Lohr (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 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' 8:43.8; Oxford 8:47.1; Lake Orion 'C' 9:23.0.

GIRLS TRACK

SHOT PUT — Liz McKinnon

(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 Friesen (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 Charbonneau (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) 13.2.

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) 53.8; 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 (Clarkston) 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 (Clarkston) 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) 12:40.2.

100 HURDLES — Ashley Patten (Lake Orion) 15.7; Jenni Wray (Oxford) 16.3; Brittani Brewer (Clarkston) 16.4; Amanda Chicalas (Clarkston) 16.4; Melissa Ehreke (Lake Orion) 17.5; Megan Scott (Lake Orion) 17.7; Sarah Kwiatkowski (Oxford) 17.8; Julia Luderman (Oxford) 18.2; Andi Warner (Clarkston) 19.5.

300 HURDLES — Ashley Patten (Lake Orion) 45.2; Amanda Chicalas (Clarkston) 47.3; Brittani Brewer (Clarkston) 49.8; Megan Scott (Lake Orion) 50.2; Melissa Ehreke (Lake Orion) 51.9; Cheri Charbonneau (Lake Orion) 52.3; Sarah Kwiatkowski (Oxford) 52.8; Laura Beamer (Lake Orion) 52.9; Payge Salquist (Oxford) 54.6; Andi Warner (Clarkston) 55.8.

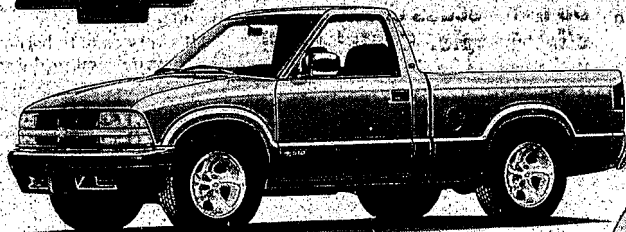
400-METER RELAY — Lake Orion (Andi Thomas, Holly McClusky, Nikki Brown, Kelly Gleeson) 52.4; Clarkston 55.2; Oxford 55.2; Lake Orion 'Frosh' 57.0.

800-METER RELAY — Lake Orion 1:52.5; Clarkston 1:53.1; Oxford 1:57.7; Clarkston 'B' 2:04.9; Lake Orion 'B' 2:07.6.

1,600-METER RELAY — Clarkston (Jennifer Rooding, Brittani Brewer, Nicole Fisher, Rachel Uchman) 4:10.0; Lake Orion 4:15.0; Oxford 4:28.2; Lake Orion 'Frosh' 4:27.7.

3,200-METER RELAY — Clarkston (Jennifer Rooding, Rachel Uchman, Lissa Lukens, Nicole Fisher) 9:33.3; Lake Orion 10:33.0; Lake Orion 'Frosh' 10:37.6; Oxford 10:41.7.

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Rams

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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 4-for-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 Maroulitsas (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 out seven.

"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 Stars.

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Condo board can evict cats

REAL ESTATE QUERIES



ROBERT M. MEISNER

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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 recommendations.

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

While you raise a very difficult question, a 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 evicted.

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 doctor's recommendation that you live with three cats in a rented living unit could be interpreted 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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Words to Work By



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

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When the going gets tough, the tough get going.

Winners never quit. Quitters never win.

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 years.

"I guess it probably goes back to my parents, Bert and Irene, and a high-school priest, the Rev. Ned Donohoe, to do a good job and be honest with people. That's the basic thing of life," Kozlowski said.

"I've had a situation where I turned down a listing because I knew the 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."

Kozlowski proudly shows prospective clients a letter he received from satisfied 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 Shahan, told me to learn as much as you can, take as many classes as you can and do it when you start," Thomas said.

"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 impression "way back when."

"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 philosophy.

"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 eyes."

"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 said. "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
- Myrtle Beach, SC
- Las Vegas, NV
- Ft. Myers, FL
- Boulder, CO
- Greeley, CO
- Raleigh/Durham, NC
- Orlando, FL
- Wilmington, NC
- Phoenix, AZ

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Using ARMs

MORTGAGE SEARCH



DAVID C. MULLY

Part 2 of 2

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-, seven- or 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

lender

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

years

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

costs

Unpaid interest gets added to out-

standing 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 e-mail info@rateupdate.com.

Information provided by American Homeowners Association

Don't get stuck with the wrong loan

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

"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 handle 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 closes

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 certain 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 fees.

■ Ask for a Good Faith Estimate of

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 lender for your loan.

■ Ask questions about charges and loan terms that you do not understand.

■ Receive a credit decision that is not based on your race, color, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, age, or whether any income is from public assistance.

■ Know the reason if your loan was turned down.

■ Ask for the HUD settlement costs booklet "Buying Your Home."

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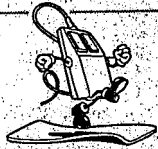
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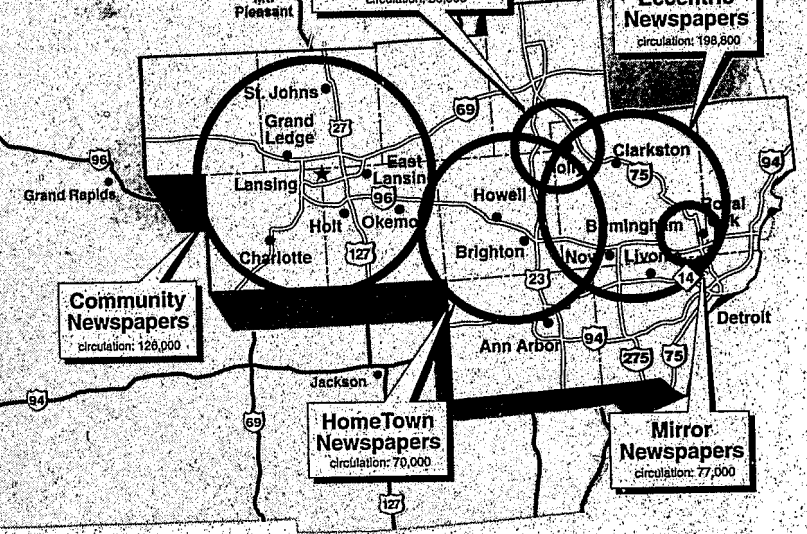
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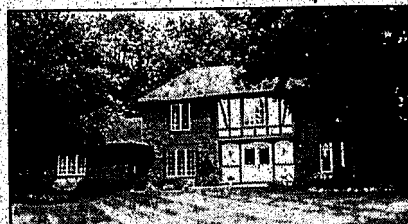
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BLOOMFIELD HILLS. Large Tudor on a terrific lot with a cul-de-sac location. 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 lavs and library. Family room with cathedral ceiling, fireplace, wet bar and newer doorwall to deck overlooking great yard. Huge kitchen, finished basement, loads of updating. \$409,900 (00HOL) 248-642-8100



TROY. Executive 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Ranch overlooking City of Troy, wooded lot, cul-de-sac, newer carpet, freshly painted, recessed lighting, ceramic floor in kitchen, neutral decor and full basement. \$314,900 (56CHE) 248-642-8100



BLOOMFIELD HILLS. Large 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath Colonial in great neighborhood. Updated bath and master bath. Large family room, corner lot. Home Warranty. \$299,900 (30ALD) 248-642-8100



BLOOMFIELD. 3 bedroom, 2 bath Ranch is on approx. 1/2 acre with neutral interior, updated baths and Grabill Kitchen with recessed lights & Corian counters. Doorwall to deck overlooking spacious yard. Fireplace, C/A, humidifier & elec. air cleaner. \$249,900 (32BLA) 248-642-8100



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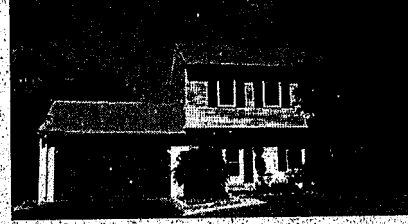
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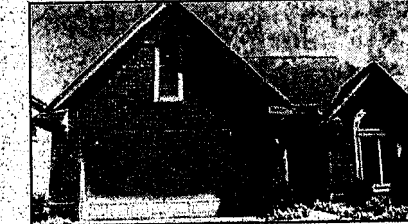
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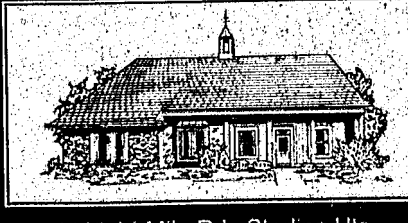
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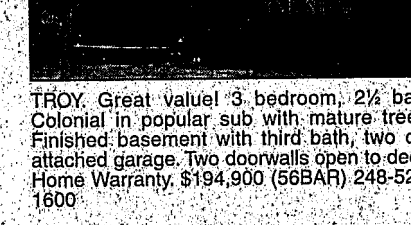
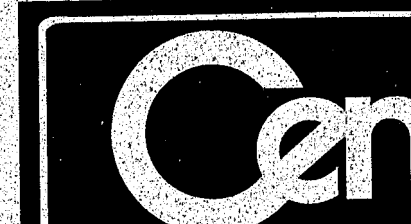
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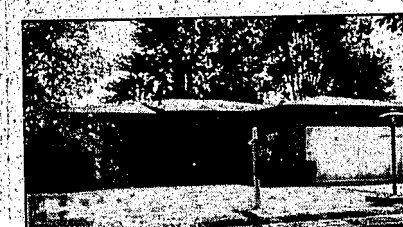
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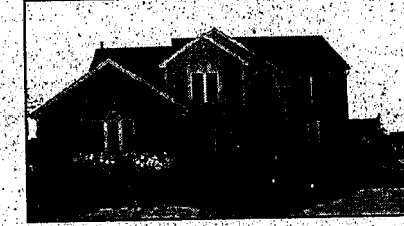
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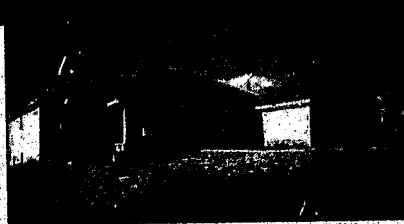
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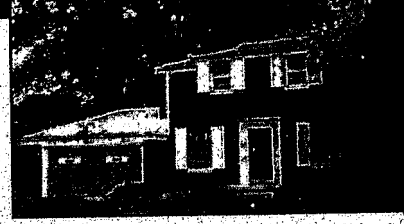
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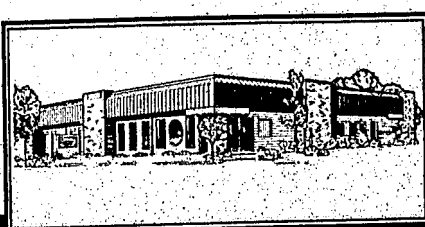
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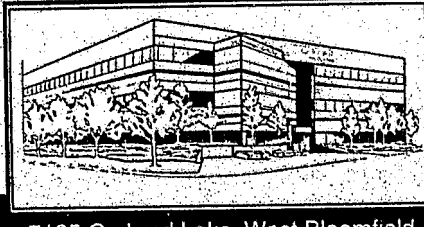
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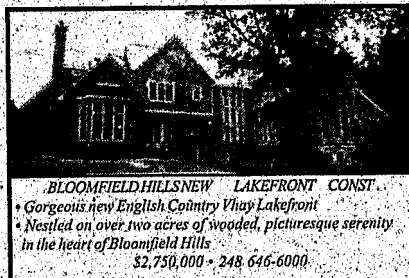
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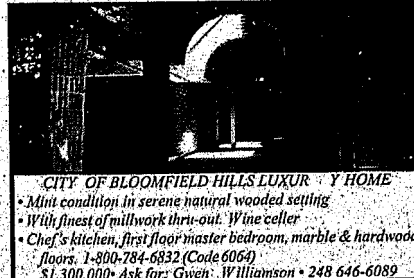
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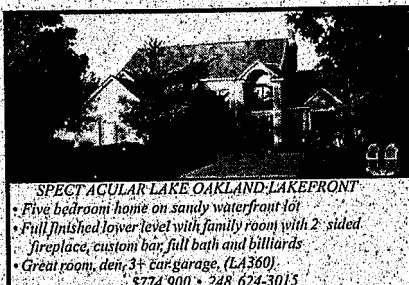
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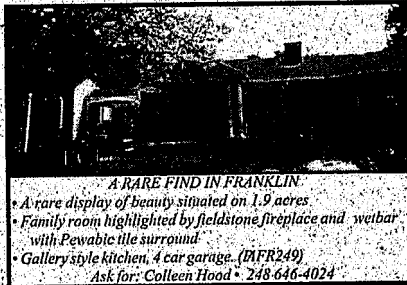
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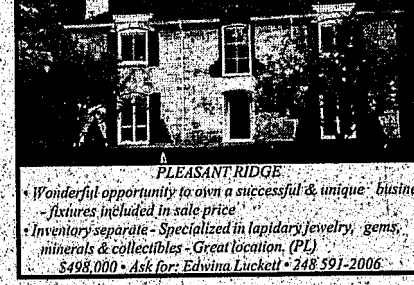
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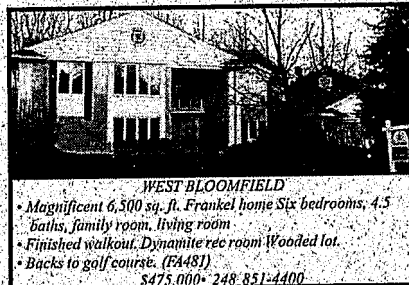
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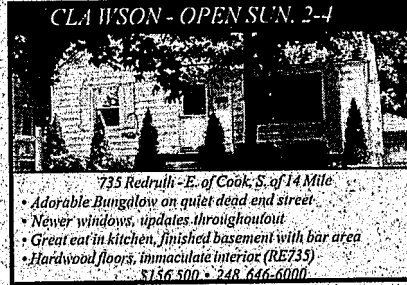
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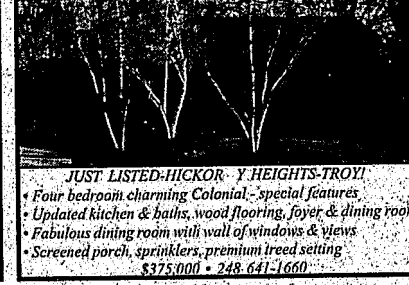
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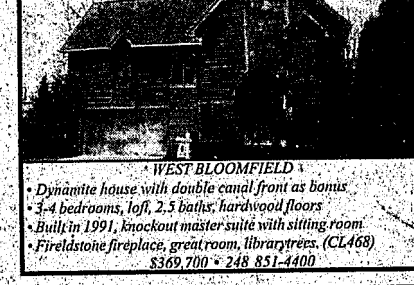
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• Magnificent 6,300 sq. ft. Frankel home Six bedrooms, 4.5 baths, family room, living room
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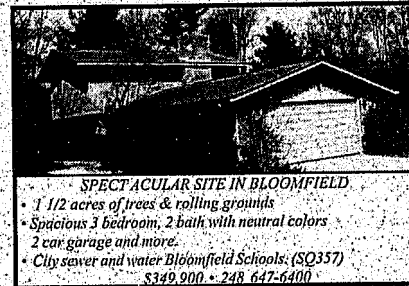
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735 Redruth - E. of Cook, S. of 14 Mile
• Adorable Bungalow on quiet dead end street
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• Great eat in kitchen, finished basement with bar area
• Hardwood floors, immaculate interior (RE735)
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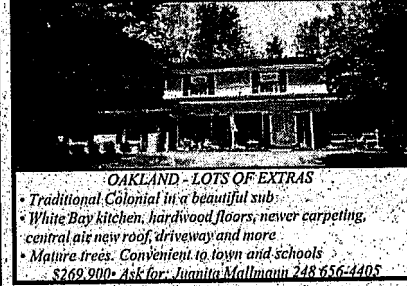
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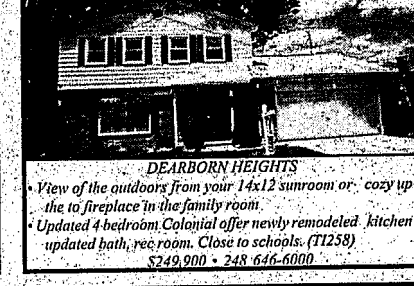
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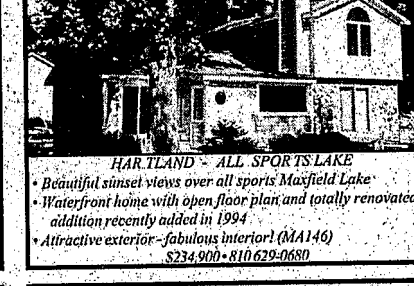
ROCHESTER HILLS - SHARP COLONIAL
• Beautiful new white bay kitchen & appliances
• Hardwood in kitchen, foyer, living & dining rooms
• 3 season Florida room, neutral carpet, deck
• Pella windows. Beautiful wood lot. (RO326)
\$249,500 • Ask for: Juanita Mallmann 248-656-4405



BLOOMFIELD HILLS - OVERANCRE
• Just over an acre of gorgeous treed property provides privacy for this attractive 3 bedroom ranch
• Neutral decor and many updates, wet bar den
• Three season sun room, never deck, patio. (FA405)
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BLOOMFIELD HILLS
• Spacious 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home on cul de sac
• Neutral decor w/ updated kitchen, firelit family room
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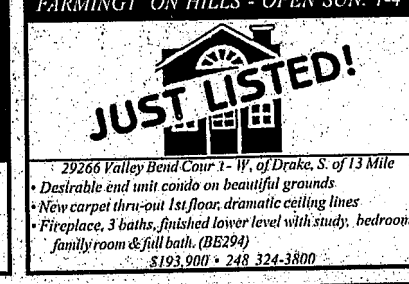
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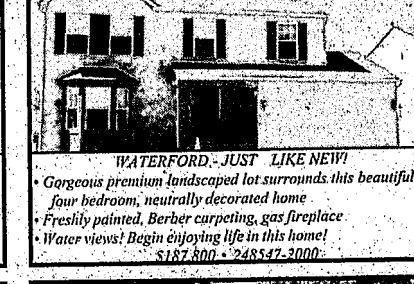
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• Over 2000 sq. ft., 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths
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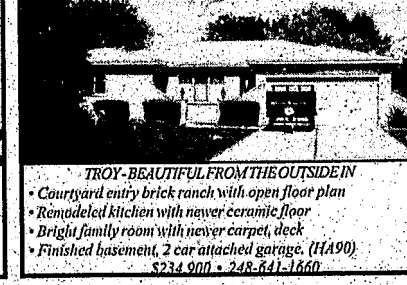
FARMINGTON HILLS - OPEN SUN. 1-4
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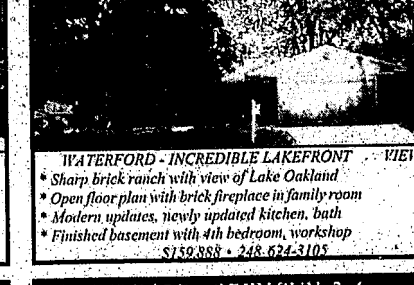
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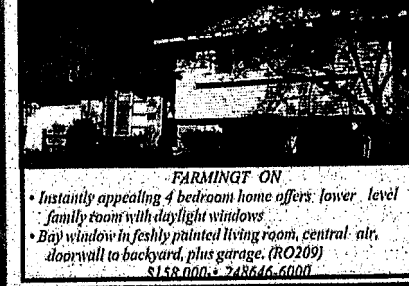
TROY - BEAUTIFUL FROM THE OUTSIDE IN
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• Sharp brick ranch with view of Lake Oakland
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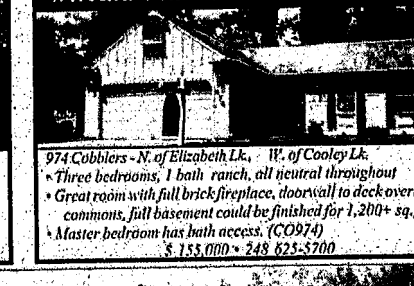
FARMINGTON
• Instantly appealing 4 bedroom home offers lower level family room with daylight windows
• Bay window in freshly painted living room, central air, doorwall to backyard, plus garage. (RO209)
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SOUTHFIELD GARDENS
• Three bedroom, 3 bath ranch has great floor plan
• Large living room with dining area, spacious eat-in kitchen with all appliances, finished basement
• Hardwood floors, many updates, Great location!
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• Wonderful 3 bedroom ranch in Clarkston
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• Totally new kitchen, almost 1/2 acre!
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garden spot

Garden books help cultivate crafts



MARTY FIGLEY

I hope by now your bookshelves are getting filled with gardening books that have taught and 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 America: 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 various plants of each region. Her lively account is fascinating.

She shares the basic skills that need to 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.

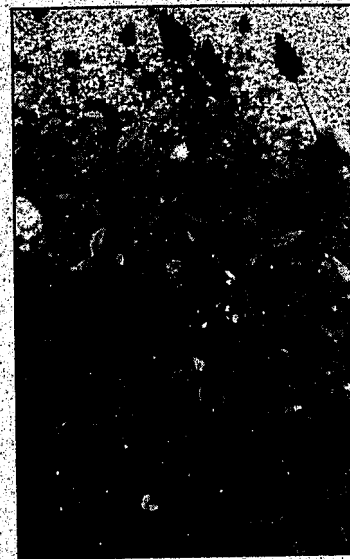
She writes: "This book attempts to demystify the garden design process by explaining the principles that inform every state, from fact gathering to the variety of practical applications which result in a satisfying garden... I offer you the practical and philosophical tools with which to make your own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

Martin deftly explains the origins and histories of many plants that we can and 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; *Moës*



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 touch-tone phone, then her mailbox number, 1859. Her fax number is (248) 644-1314.

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 manager at Merchant of Vino/Whole Foods Market in Rochester Hills. She also served as a banking officer at Security Pacific Bank.

In her new position as cashier and data processing manager, she supervises the daily operations of the department, including cashiers, service desk, customer service and data processing.

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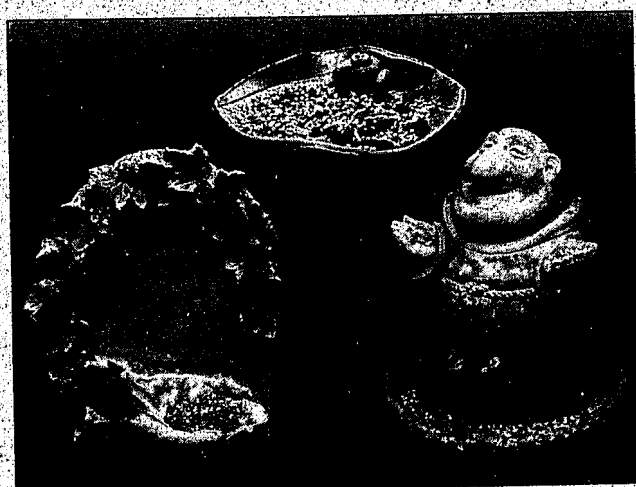
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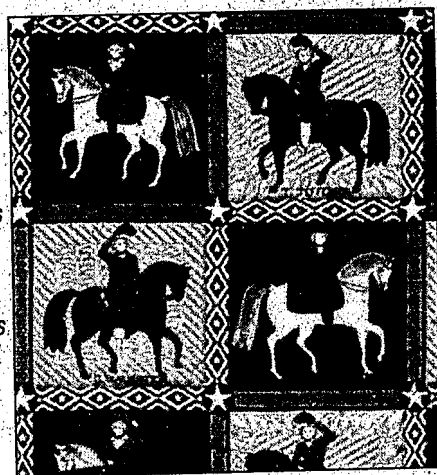


hop seeded

English Gardens has new products that will serve birds while serving to decorate your yard or garden. Secure this exquisite garden plaque to the side of your home, add a little birdseed and the birds will be eating out of the palm of your hand—literally. Available in other styles, the plaque retails for \$79.98. This darling padre statue, retailing for \$99.98, will attract your feathered friends: Add a little birdseed and all types of birds will flock to your garden. The intricate detail of this dainty lily pad garden stake will turn heads all over the neighborhood. Put some birdseed on the lily pad and the birds will hop over for a bite to eat. The garden stake retails for \$19.98. English Gardens has five stores, including one in West Bloomfield (call (248) 851-7506). Call (800) 335-GROW to find the nearest location.

Presidential patchwork

Executive order: Hailing from the Winterthur Museum, the Forefathers cotton print is available through Brunswick & Sons at Michigan Design Center in Troy. The print is based on an appliquéd bedspread, made in 1853, depicting all nine U.S. presidents elected up to that time. The piece was adapted by arranging portraits of the first four presidents in a patchwork format that simulates quilting. Stitchery style tracery behind the main figures, and the graphic star-crossed borders, add to the illusion of depth and evoke the surface textures of different fabrics sewn together. The naive charm of the design and the Early American palette of russets, blues and greens make the print a winning choice for children's rooms as well as more traditional country settings. Call (248) 649-0505.



A bit of Italy

Ancient art: Tutto Bene, 217 N. Old Woodward in Birmingham, specializes in maiolica, low-fired earthenware known for its brilliant, lustrous colors and intricate designs. Each piece is molded and hand-painted by a skilled artisan in Italy. The artistry of maiolica has been virtually unchanged for 500 years. Tutto Bene owner Jennifer Rancilio, a fifth-generation Italian, has traveled extensively throughout Italy to study the work by artists in different regions. She can help a customer track down a specific piece or learn about the history of a particular ceramic region in Italy. Items on display include bowls, vases, platters, ceramic tiles, tableware and jewelry. Opened just over one year, the store will have its first merchandise catalog available by late summer. "Tutto bene" means "everything good" in English. Call (248) 723-8310.



Crop-ped photo

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 planting. 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. Those of 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 quarts.

"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 of oil?

I have made contact with the corporate headquarters and am waiting for a reply, which I will publish in the next few weeks.

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 Doctor." Stay tuned.

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focus on photography

Reflect about using mirror lenses



MONTE NAGLER

Do you have the 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 lens.

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 reduced.

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 camera-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 mailbox number, 1873. His fax number is (248) 644-1314.



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 out-of-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 door-to-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

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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

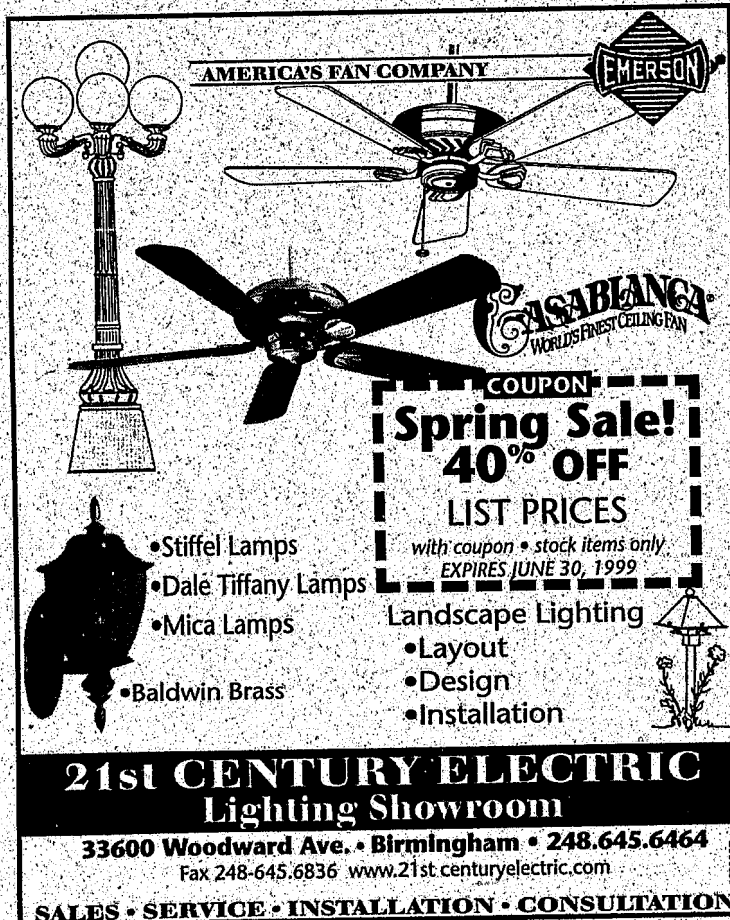
should have information on the rating. By comparing these, you can get a good idea of the paint's quality.

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 or 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 yourself.

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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 resources.

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 water.

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 design and uncompromising attention to detail not only resulted in this award but helped establish new standards for manufactured home communities.

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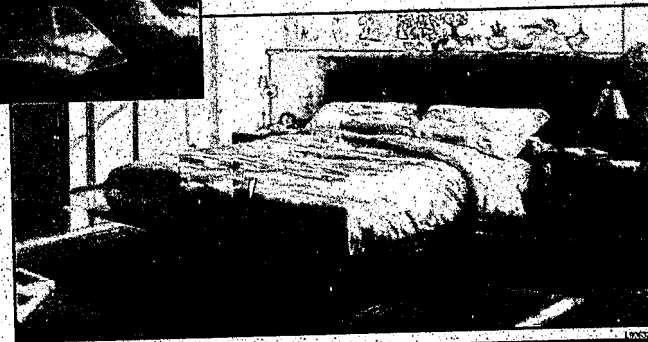
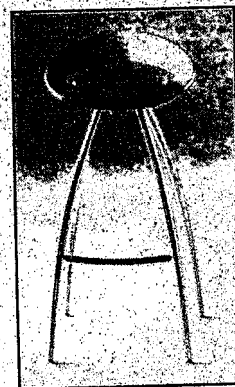
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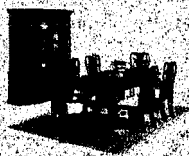
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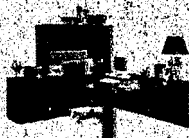
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cover story

Garden beauty reaches everywhere

BY MARY KLEMIC
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"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 Woodhams moved into the house about 18 years ago, the yard featured only a few green shrubs and a bed of iris.

"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. Saturday, 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 over the roof.

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 Saturday morning.

■ A rock garden containing hostas and mums, and a rose garden.

■ A newly expanded pond, with gurgling stream and peaceful waterfall. Many multi-colored fish in the pond swim among flowering pink opal water lilies, variegated cattails and a dark blue Louisiana iris.

■ A cottage garden filled with phlox, yarrow, foxglove, bachelor's button and shasta daisy; and a large arbor covered with wisteria.

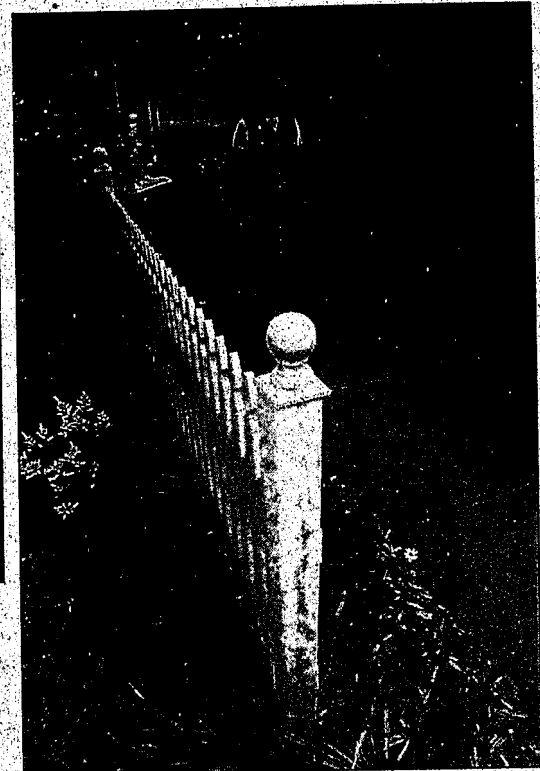
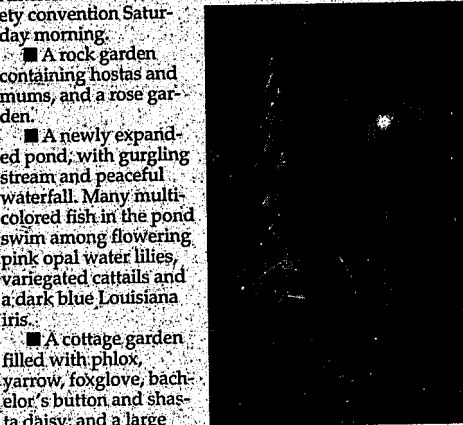
■ A planting garden of perennials, clematis and rudbeckia (which grows to 6 feet in height). A flower-bordered path, a fountain, a collection of sun faces, and two bridges that cross to another garden are also at this location.

■ A deck edged in clematis, several flower islands ringed with impatiens, a raspberry patch and an herb garden.

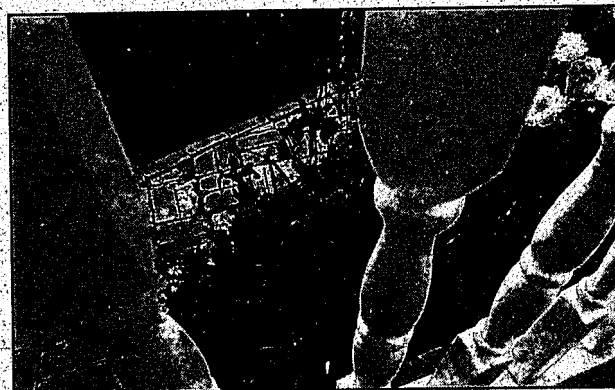
Tickets for the garden walk are \$7 in advance and \$8 Saturday. Tickets are available at Greenmead, Community Resources, on the fifth floor at Livonia City Hall, Five Mile and Farmington Road; and all Livonia libraries. For information, call Community Resources at (734) 466-2540 or Greenmead at (248) 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 total \$65,000.

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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.



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 charming element (at left).

On the cover:

Sandy Kramer looks at some of the giant blooms in her Redford garden, one of the area gardens featured on walks this weekend. Staff photo by Bryan Mitchell.





cover story

Design attracts viewers as well as wildlife

BY MARY KLEMIC
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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 attention-getters growing in the garden. Sandy Kramer has raised a lush 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 said.

The garden will be on Redford's ninth biennial 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 — flowers 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 accomplishment."

"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 giant-sized. 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, sevilleana, 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."

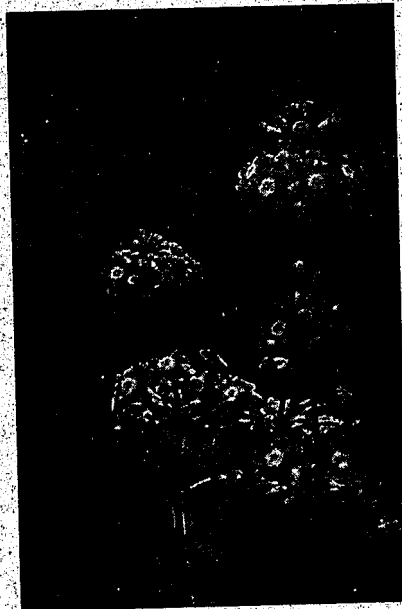
Visitors touring the seven gardens will see relaxing, natural hideaways, and accents including a gazebo, a fountain, waterfalls and a sundial. They can pick up gardening tips for families with children.

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) 387-2764.

Advance tickets are available at the clerk's office at Town Hall, 15145 Beech Daly, one block south of Five Mile; Room No. 2 at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway, north of Plymouth Road and west of Beech; Flower Station of Redford, 25801 Plymouth 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 of Beech.



Full of life: Redford 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 fifth 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 Village Gardeners.

Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 tour 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.

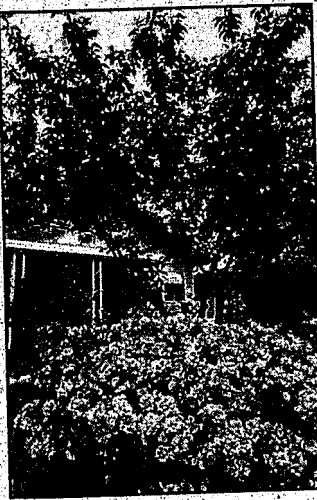
View the interiors of some of Lathrup's most interesting residences and stroll through some of its beautiful private gardens. Proceeds support beautification projects throughout the village.

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 Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority volunteers will staff display tables during 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.

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.



inviting ideas

Summer perfect for watermelon



RUTH MOSSOK JOHNSTON

Once you have a delicious watermelon, go beyond that big slice.

Watermelon has more versatility than you may think, and sometimes, just sometimes, resembling a cucumber may not be all bad. The rind of a watermelon (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 slashes.

- 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 prevent 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 watermelon

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 vinegar

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

1 bunch watercress, stems removed

1 handful of arugula, washed well

8 cups watermelon cut into 1-inch cubes

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 salad.

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 teaspoon serrano chile (jalapeno can be substituted), seeded, stemmed, and minced

1/4 cup finely diced red onion (or Vidalia)

1/3 cup olive oil

1 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:

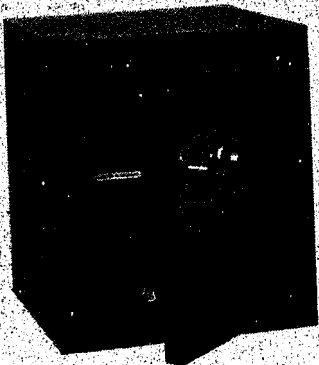
In a large bowl, gently combine the melon(s), grilled pineapple, serrano chile and onions. In a separate bowl, whisk together the olive oil, garlic, raspberry vinegar, lime juice and honey. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Just before serving with rubber spatulas, combine the vinaigrette, fruit, cilantro and chives.

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Plan to visit Cranbrook House and Gardens, 380 Lone Pine Road in Bloomfield 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 tour and only by reservation for an additional \$10. Now through Sept. 26, Sunday house tours are 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. \$10 ticket includes a one-hour guided tour of 10 rooms of the stately residence - built by Cranbrook founders Ellen and George Booth - and a stroll through acres of gardens. Cranbrook Garden hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, and a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays, now through August. Garden walk only is \$5. Free parking is available in Christ Church Cranbrook's lot across Lone Pine Road. For Thursday lunch reservations, private tours, guided tours, fall hours and other information, call (248) 645-3147.

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Be responsible in pet choice, care



DIANA KOENIG

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
- 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

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 vet.

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.

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 unlock the door with the key. After numerous tries I returned home to get some help. My husband assisted me in this endeavor, also unsuccessfully. 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 dog numerous times and they always leave us a key and garage opener.

Today's refrigerator bulletin: "A lovable friend to care for!"

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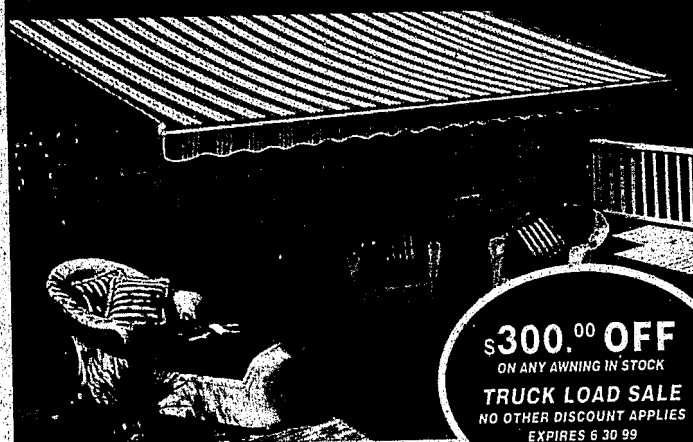
■ The Do It Yourself Center presents "How To Decorating Classes for the Talent Impaired" at its Oakland County location (Jossman and Grange Hall Road in Ortonville). Scheduled sessions include "No Sew Window Treatments," Thursday, June 24; "Faux Finishes," Tuesday, June 29; and "Slipcovers," Wednesday, 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 cord 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.

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Color, texture among garden trends

BY MARTY FIGLEY
Special Writer

Garden trends are just as important to people as are the popular colors and styles for indoor fashions, clothing and cars.

So watch for red foliage from deep pink to variegated such as seen in the polka-dot plant and New Guinea impatiens 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 well.

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 *Chamaecyparis*, an evergreen shrub that is good for a dark corner, has a golden thread leaf and grows well in indirect light.

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 things.

"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 did."

"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 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 new ideas.

Theme gardens are popular. Butterfly, bee, hummingbird and bird gardens are



Marty Figley

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 roses.

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 artistic 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 Michigan 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 a judge. The 1999 winners are *Malva* "Sugar Tyme," *Rosa* "Nearly Wild" and the shrub *Itea Virginica* "Henry's Garnet." They are important plants to add.

Another recent trend is that cities and institutions are installing memorial gardens for birthdays, anniversaries or deaths or to honor someone. Some communities such as Sylvan Lake and Southfield have an area where memorial trees can be planted.

Another direction in gardening is that people are mixing fewer annuals with 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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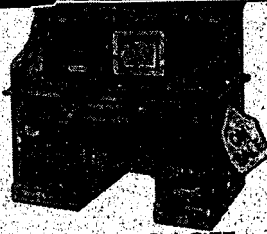
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■ The Hardy Plant Society-Great Lakes Chapter will have a plant sale 1-4 p.m. Saturday, June 26, at Congregational Church of Birmingham, at the southwest corner of Cranbrook Road and Woodward in Bloomfield Hills. The sale will feature a comprehensive collection of perennials, native plants, shrubs and collector plants from specialty nurseries, plant vendors and private collector gardens. You can also tour 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 "how-to" 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 Dunkel 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., 3:30-5:30 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 Botanical 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.

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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.

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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 wall.

■ **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 over-treatments 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.

■ **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 furnishings.

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 P. 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.

You shouldn't have to pay extra for furniture with this additional measure of safety, Bliss added.

In 1994, NASFM 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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FRIDAY



Junior actors of the Ridgedale Players present the musical, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," 7 p.m., at the theater, 205 W. Long Lake Road (between Livernois and Crooks) in Troy. Tickets \$6, call (248) 988-7049.

SATURDAY



Fifes and drums, cannon fire demonstrations, a mid-1700s fashion show, and activities for children, are some of the highlights 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.

SUNDAY



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) 444-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com>.

HOT TICKET



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. Saturday. Call the Festival office (734) 647-2278 for more information. The festival continues through Sunday, July 11. See schedule inside.



Beat: Mudpuppy drummer Darryl Pierce kept the beat moving all night long. Mudpuppy is the 1998 Observer & Eccentric Newspapers' Band of the Year.



WHO: Mudpuppy featuring Paul Randolph
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 information.
■ 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.tastefest.org> for more information; and at 6 p.m., Friday, July 9, at the Farmington Founders Festival in downtown Farmington.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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Mudpuppy featuring Paul Randolph has a lot to celebrate these days. It just released a live album, "One Night Only" and now it's 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), WELT (96.3), CIDR (93.9), WJLB (97.9) and WKQT (95.5) - and will be in rotation elsewhere in the United States. The band, the 1998 Observer & Eccentric 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 then you kind of 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
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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 the plate.

"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 1997.

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, Godsmack, 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, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. Tickets are \$49.50 pavilion and lawn. Call (248) 377-0100 or visit <http://www.palacenet.com> or <http://www.ozzfest.com> for more information.

Friday, June 25:

ON THE MAINSTAGE:

- Pushmonkey, 1:15 - 1:45 p.m.
- System of a Down, 2:10 - 2:40 p.m.
- Godsmack, 3:05 - 3:45 p.m.
- Primus, 4:15 - 4:55 p.m.
- Slayer, 5:25 - 6:05 p.m.
- Deftones, 6:45 - 7:30 p.m.
- Rob Zombie, 7:55 - 8:55 p.m.
- Black Sabbath, 9:15 - 11 p.m.

ON THE SECOND STAGE:

- Flashpoint, 11:25 - 11:50 a.m.
- (hed) pe, 12:05 - 12:30 p.m.
- Silpnknot, 12:50 - 1:15 p.m.
- Puya, 1:45 - 2:10 p.m.
- Static-X, 2:40 - 3:05 p.m.
- Apartment 26, 3:45 - 4:15 p.m.
- Drain STH, 4:55 - 5:25 p.m.
- Fear Factory, 6:05 - 6:45 p.m.

Sunday, June 27:

ON THE MAINSTAGE:

- Drain STH, 1:15 - 1:45 p.m.
- System of a Down, 2:10 - 2:40 p.m.
- Godsmack, 3:05 - 3:45 p.m.
- Primus, 4:15 - 4:55 p.m.
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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.

TICKETS: \$17.50 per day in advance, \$20 at the gate, \$40 for a special non-transferable three-day pass available only in advance, call (248) 645-6666 or (734) 763-TKTS. The Frog Island 24-hour hotline is (734) 487-2229.

Friday, June 25

- 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.
- Sonja Dada, 4:30 p.m.
- The Campbell Brothers featuring Katie 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 Katie Jackson, 1 p.m.
- Pamela Wise Latin Jazz All Stars, 2:30 p.m.
- Straight Ahead, 4 p.m.
- Bobby Watson & Vincent Herring, 5:30 p.m.
- Larry Coryell Quartet with Donald Harrison & Alphonse Mouzon, 7:30 p.m.

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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 Ypsilanti. 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



PHOTO BY BILL CRUMP

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 Bulls-eye 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 now."

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 guitar.

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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 10 years, in 1982 in Jackson, Miss., when the visually impaired musician sat in on a set. 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. Funderburgh'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 something 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

CDs.

"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 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 Pritzker'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, piano/organ; Shawn Christopher, vocals; Hank Guaglianone, drums; Phil Miller, lead guitar; Delane, and both Scotts now comprise the group with the mellow 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 raucous."

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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 material."

"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 different 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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8 days a week

A Guide to entertainment in the Metro Detroit area

THEATER

THE CENTURY THEATER

"Forbidden Hollywood," a musical spoof about modern-day blockbusters and silver screen stars, runs through Sunday, June 27, at the newly restored 200-seat theater in the Gem/Century building, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays (\$29.50), 7:30 p.m. Thursdays (\$29.50), 8:30 p.m. Fridays (\$34.50), 8:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturdays (\$34.50), 1:30 p.m. Sundays (\$29.50), and 5:30 p.m. Sundays (\$24.50). (313) 962-2913

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATER

"Angelique," the story of the slave Marie-Joseph-Angelique, runs Thursdays through June 27, at the Millan Theatre Company, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. 8:30 p.m. Thursdays, 3 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays. \$15. (313) 868-1347 or <http://www.culturefinder.com> or DetRepTh@aol.com

GEM THEATRE

"I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," runs through June 27 at the theater, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800 or (248) 645-6666

COMMUNITY THEATER

PLANET ANT

"Lib," an original play by Kim Carney, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturdays, and 7 p.m. Sundays, through June 27, at the theater, 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 Thursday-Saturday, July 15-17, at the Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron Street, Ypsilanti. \$12, \$9 seniors/students. (734) 483-7345

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS

"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 25-26, and 3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, June 26-27, suitable 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 Meera, 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 445 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, call (313) 561-TKTS

THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA-REDFORD

"Au Naturel," a one-act play festival, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 25-26, and 2 p.m. Sunday, June 27, at the theater, 15138 Beech Daly, Redford. (313) 531-0554

ZEITGEIST THEATRE

Eugene Ionesco's "Victims of Duty: A Pseudo-drama," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 25-26, at Zeitgeist, 2661 Michigan Ave., west of Tiger Stadium, between 19th and 20th streets, Detroit. \$10. (313) 965-9192

DINNER THEATER

BACI ABRACCI ITALIAN CHOPHOUSE

"Tony n' Tina's Wedding," continues 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 8:30 p.m. Sundays. \$50 Thursdays and Sundays, \$55 Fridays and Saturdays, in advance at 40 W. Lawrence St., Pontiac. (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-6666

ANDIAMOS

An evening of dinner and entertainment featuring Mike Carluccio, accompanied by Darryl Onderik and the Coachmen Band, 6:30 p.m. dinner, 8 p.m. show, Wednesday, June 30, Andiamos 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 Israel," doors open 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, June 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 showing. Tickets are \$180, and include reserved seating and valet parking. Call numbers 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, I-75 and 11 Mile Road, Royal Oak. Free. (248) 546-4527

HUDSON'S FIREWORKS



Featured performers: 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)

Luma: Theatre of Light, 8 p.m. Saturday, June 26

Bobby McFerrin and Astral Project, 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 29

Bolcom and Morris, 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 30

Diana Krall, 8 p.m. Thursday, July 1

Peter Sparling Dance Company, 8 p.m. Friday, July 2

Gloria Loring, 8 p.m. Saturday, July 3

Capitol Steps, 6 and 8 p.m. Sunday, July 4

Trio Voronezh, 8 p.m. Wednesday, 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-

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

10:06 p.m. Wednesday, June 30, rain date is July 1, on the Detroit riverfront.

MANGIA, MUSICA AND MICHELANGELO

Lecture by Michelangelo, and dinner, 6 p.m. Monday, June 28, at the Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth, behind the Detroit Institute of Arts. \$40. (313) 885-4521/(313) 831-1250

MICHIGAN TASTEFEEST

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>

REDFORD THEATRE

Film "Kismet," with guest organists Sharron Patterson and Gus Borman, 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. and 8 p.m. films, Saturday, June 26, Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road, Detroit. \$2.50. (313) 537-2560 or <http://theatreorgans.com/mi/redford>

WAYNE COUNTY AIR SHOW

Featuring the U.S. Army Golden Knights, an aerial sports team, demonstrations by the F-14 Tomcat and F-16 Fighting Falcon, the "Heritage Formation Flight" including the F-16 and the P-51 Mustang and the F-117 Stealth Nighthawk fly by, the French Connection Husband and Wife Aerobatic Team, the Nicorette/Nicoderm CQ SNJ-2 Skytypers, and Jimmy Franklin and the world's only jet-assisted WACO, plus son Kyle's wingwalking act, Saturday-Sunday, June 26-27, Willow Run Airport, Ypsilanti. \$12, \$8 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

WCW

Featuring Goldberg, "Diamond Dallas" Page, Sting, "Nature Boy" Ric Flair, "Macho Man" Randy Savage, "Gorgeous George," Charles Robinson, "Bam Bam" Bigelow, Hak and more, 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 tickets. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>

BENEFITS

"ART FOR HUMANITY"

An evening of poetry readings, live music and visual art, also a silent auction, 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 ill at the Detroit Central City Community Mental Health. (810) 757-2177

MIKE CARLUCCIO

With the Coachmen Band and Magician Mark Tripp, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 30, at Adam's, 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) 464-2741

FAMILY EVENTS

CHILDREN'S DAY

The Tree House for Earth's Children fun-filled 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, puppet 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 permit 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 Wilcox Road, Milford. Free, motor vehicle permit 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 Bailey Recreation Center whenever feasible. Free. (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

theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. For performances Sept. 17-19, 23-26 and 30, and Oct. 1-3 and 8-10. (248) 541-4832

SUMMER DRAMA CAMPS

Ages 5 and up join the Whistle Stop Players 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) 416-4ART

SUMMER INSTITUTE FOR PERFORMERS

Workshop with Walk & Squawk's artistic 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 theater camp for teenagers 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 guitar 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 Arts Summer Camp for children ages 1-12, camps to run 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 19-30, latch-key available. (313) 535-8962

VILLAGE PLAYERS

Auditions for three women and two men for "Crossing Delancey," a contemporary romantic comedy, 7:30 p.m. Sunday and Tuesday, June 27 and 29, at the theater, 752 Chestnut, Birmingham. (248) 644-9667/(248) 644-2075

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 (ragtime piano)

GARY BLUMER TRIO

8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 1, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

JUDIE COCHILL TRIO

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, June 26, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass)

"FROG ISLAND FESTIVAL"

With Motor City Street Band (5:30 p.m.), Beau Jocke and The Zydeco Hitters (7 p.m.), The Charmaine Neville Band (8:50 p.m.), and Nathan and the Zydeco Cha Chas (10:40 p.m.), Friday, June 25; Imperial Swing Orchestra (noon), Hot Club of Cowtown (1:30 p.m.), Johnny Johnson with George Bedard and the Kingpins (3 p.m.), Sonia Dada (4:30 p.m.), The Campbell Brothers featuring Katie 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 featuring 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 mail order only. (248) 645-6666/(734) 764-TKTS

MIKE GABRIEL TRIO

8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 24, at Tom's Oyster Bar, 29106 Franklin Road, Southfield. Free. (248) 356-8881 (guitar/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 p.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 Jazz/American standards)

KIMMIE HORNE

6 p.m. Friday, June 25, at Chandler Park, east of Conner 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 Koroheval Road and St. Clair Street, Grosse Pointe's Village Shopping District. Free. (313) 886-7474 or <http://www.thevillagegpg.com>

JOHN 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/SuperTrax>

MATT MICHAELS TRIO

With Dee Dee McNeil, 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) 474-4800

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/piano/bass/drums)

GARY SCHUNK TRIO

8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, June 24, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

SIMONSON, TAYLOR, TYE

9 p.m. Monday, June 28, Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-6268

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, piano and Kurt Krachke, 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/piano/bass)

URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON

With Dan Kolton, 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursdays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., 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

13 WAYS

Fred Hersch, piano, 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 kch@icn.net

WIRELESS GREEN

With Guernica and Neftre, 9 p.m. Thursday, June 24, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (acid jazz)

PAMELA WISE AND THE AFRO-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

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 SONS

9 p.m. Friday, July 2, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (Eastern European)

IMMUNITY

9 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 Nittie Kutchie, Admiral Bailey and Junior Cat, 9 p.m. Saturday, June 26, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$20 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (

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SAGE
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) 327-2041

SPYDER JOE
With Richard Lawrence, 8:30 p.m. Friday, June 25, Angel Caravan Coffeehouse, 1420 Hill St., Ann Arbor. Free, suggested donation \$7 adults, \$5 students ages 13 and older, \$3 for kids 6-12. (734) 327-2041

POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

RICHARD TILLINGHAST AND POIGNANT PLECOSTOMUS

With Melba Joyce Boyd, Bill Harris and Bob Hickok, 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 RAGHODAS

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 Penniman, at Harvey Street, Plymouth. (734) 459-7319

"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. Free. All ages. (248) 615-9181

DANCE

ADVANCED CONTRA DANCE

For experienced dancers, minimal walk-throughs, many dances will not be taught or walked through at all. Peter Becker calls to music by the Contrapuntists, at the Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, South of I-94, Ann Arbor. \$8. (734) 665-8863

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING

With calling by Eric Arnold and Don Mayken and live music by David West and Donna Balrd, all dances taught, previous experience and partner not required. 7:15-9:45 p.m. Tuesday, June 29, at Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, 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 Hawaiian Aloha Tropics and a special appearance by "Elvis," 5 p.m. Sunday, June 27, Italian 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) 422-3415

"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 Bldg., 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 American 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

MAIN STREET 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. Tuesdays (\$5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays (\$6), 9:30 p.m. Fridays (\$12), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturdays (\$12). Prices subject to change. (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 the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Mainstage comedy acts: \$10

Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on

Saturdays. (313) 985-2222

MARV WELCH

7-11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Marvin's Bistro and Piano 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. daily through Oct. 31, at the zoo on Central 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 students, \$1 ages 2-12. (248) 398-0900/(248) 399-7001

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 reservation for an additional \$10; gardens open 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) 649-3147

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; "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. 13. 1-877-462-7262

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-Hudson's" exhibit, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission. Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger. Thursdays-Sundays: (313) 833-1805 or <http://www.detroithistorical.org>

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER

"More than Meets the Eye," an interactive 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

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Free concerts celebrate Black Music Month on Fridays in June. "A Taste of the Caribbean" featuring LoBe Aku (West Indian Jazz) and YatiFari (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., Pontiac. \$15 in advance, \$18 day of show. All ages. (248) 335-8100 or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

THE B-52'S

7-30 p.m. Thursday, July 1, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$28.50 pavilion, \$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)

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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 (rockabilly)

"BLIND PIG SHOWCASE"

With Sky Pilots, Tucker, The Color Sound Experiment and Ajna, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 29, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Free. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or <http://www.blindpigmusic.com> (variety)

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9 p.m. Friday, June 25, The Alley behind Main Street Billiards, 215 S. Main St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 652-8441 (pop)

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8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 25-26, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

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9 p.m. Friday, July 2, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 735-4011 (blues)

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9 p.m. Friday, June 25, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge, 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (blues)

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With Bowl Scraper, Dose and Helicoeslation, 9 p.m. Thursday, June 24, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)

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9 p.m. Thursday, June 24, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 735-4011 (blues/rock)

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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.ticketmaster.com> (R&B)

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With Robb Roy, 8 p.m. Saturday, June 26, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6, 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (rock)

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9 p.m. Thursday, June 24, Karl's Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450 (blues)

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7 p.m. Friday, June 25, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$22.50. All ages. (313) 981-5451 or <http://www.statetheatre.com> (hip-hop)

JOE DIFFIE

With Sara Evans, 8 p.m. Thursday, June 24, Clio Area Amphitheater, 301 Rogers Lodge Dr., Clio. \$28 reserved, \$21 bleachers. (810) 687-7611 or <http://www.clioamp.org> (country)

ANI DIFRANCO

With Maceo Parker, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 26, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. \$25 pavilion 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) 996-8555; 9 p.m. Thursday, July 1, Karl's Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450 or <http://www.blindpigmusic.com> (rock)

ELIZA

With Karl 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> (rock)

KATIE GEDDES AND THE USUAL SUSPECTS

8 p.m. Saturday, June 26, Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile road, west of I-75, Livonia. \$10, \$8 for members. All ages. (734) 464-6302 (country/folk)

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With Peter Wolf, Seth Justman, J. Gells, Danny Klein and Magic Dick, and special guests Toots and the Maytals, 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 2-3, and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 14, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw

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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 (variety)

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9 p.m. Wednesday, June 30, Oxford Inn, 43317 E. Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856 (rock)

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9 p.m. Thursday, June 24, Fifth Avenue Billiards, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Cover charge, 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 or <http://www.fifthavenuebilliards.com> (blues)

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9 p.m. Tuesday, June 29, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

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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.blindpigmusic.com> (rock)

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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 St., Plymouth. Cover charge, 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (boogie 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> (funk)

CHRIS ISAAC

With The Robert Cray Band featuring The Memphis Horns, Susan Caloway and Stewart Francke, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, June 26, Chene Park, Detroit. \$29.99. All ages. (313) 983-6611 (pop/blues)

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 beat)

JOHN MULLENCE

With Son Volt, 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 30, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$39.50 pavilion, \$20 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (roots rock)

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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> or <http://www.harbinger'smile.com> (roots rock)

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10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 25-26, Oxford Inn, 43317 E. Grand River Ave., Novi. \$5, 21 and older. (248) 305-5856 (blues)

MURDER CITY WRECKS

With Gore Gore Girls, 9 p.m. Friday, June 25, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$7, 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (rock)

MYSTERY TRAIN WITH JIM MCCARTY

7 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. \$22 reserved, \$17 bleachers. (810) 687-7611 or

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 characters 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 rumbled 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.

As Brenner and his sidekick (a

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 verbal 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 Baren); 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, Jr. 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 cobbled in a kind of yellowing light or mist that further enhances the nightmarish mood.

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

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

Where can you go this summer to have a great time without spending a lot of money or traveling hours? Here's a suggestion. Stay here. From the huge festivals that attract hundreds 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 year.

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 program featured a blues jam with Johnnie Basset and the Blues Insurgents as a preview to the band's concert at the Greektown Arts Festival.

Sure to grab plenty of attention at the annual TasteFest, running July 1 through July 6 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

broadest exposure yet in appearances on BACKSTAGE PASS and at Detroit's biggest food and music festival.

"Kimmie Horne is an excellent example of what makes Detroit music innovative and unique. With no major record label based here to narrowcast your music, bands and performers mix it up. To make a living, you'd better be able to develop a style that can accommodate jazz, pop, and rhythm & blues fans," says Backstage Pass music producer Ron Pangborn.

We know what's in it for us when we go to a summer festival. Who can resist an atmosphere of good weather, positive moods, casual dress, and great sounds with no cover charge? But what's the lure for the performers?

"When you play a summer festival, it's a receptive audience. One of the biggest draws of an event like the TasteFest is music. You're reaching people that may not necessarily see you in a club. It's a thrill to look out at an audience with such incredible diversity in age, ethnicity and geography, knowing that everyone is looking for a good time and new experiences," Pangborn 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 highlighting 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 BACKSTAGE PASS airing 7:30 p.m. Sunday, June 27.

After all, we can't just cruise through neighborhoods with the music blasting, can we? I'm sorry. I didn't know you lived there. I was young and immature.

I've grown up a lot in the past week.



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Christina Fuoco is the pop-music reporter for The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. If you have a question or comment for her, you can leave her a message at (734) 953-2047, mailbox No. 2130, or write to her at The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, Mich., 48150, or cfuoc@homecomm.net.

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"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 higher power.

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Dining

The Fiddler preserves Old World traditions

BY JUDITH DONER BERNE
SPECIAL WRITER

Michael Kurchersky had a dream — to preserve his Mom's recipes.

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 Moscow.

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 settled 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, Ukrainian, 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 smile.

She also contributed many recipes, including the best-selling 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."

"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

The Fiddler
Where: 6676 Orchard Lake Road, south of Maple in West Bloomfield Plaza; (248) 851-8782.
Menu: Russian, Ukrainian, Polish, Middle Eastern and Jewish-style specialties.
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.

(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 pancakes), stuffed cabbage or stuffed pepper (vegetarian or with meat), Siberian pelmeni (paper-thin dumplings wrapped around seasoned ground beef and onion) and chopped liver announced as better than "the most famous deli in New York." Most are in the \$6 range.

Vareniki combines Ukrainian-style 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, lamb 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 cilantro.

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 figure prominently in the decor of the simply-decorated neighborhood restaurant, where small vases of fresh flowers grace the tables.

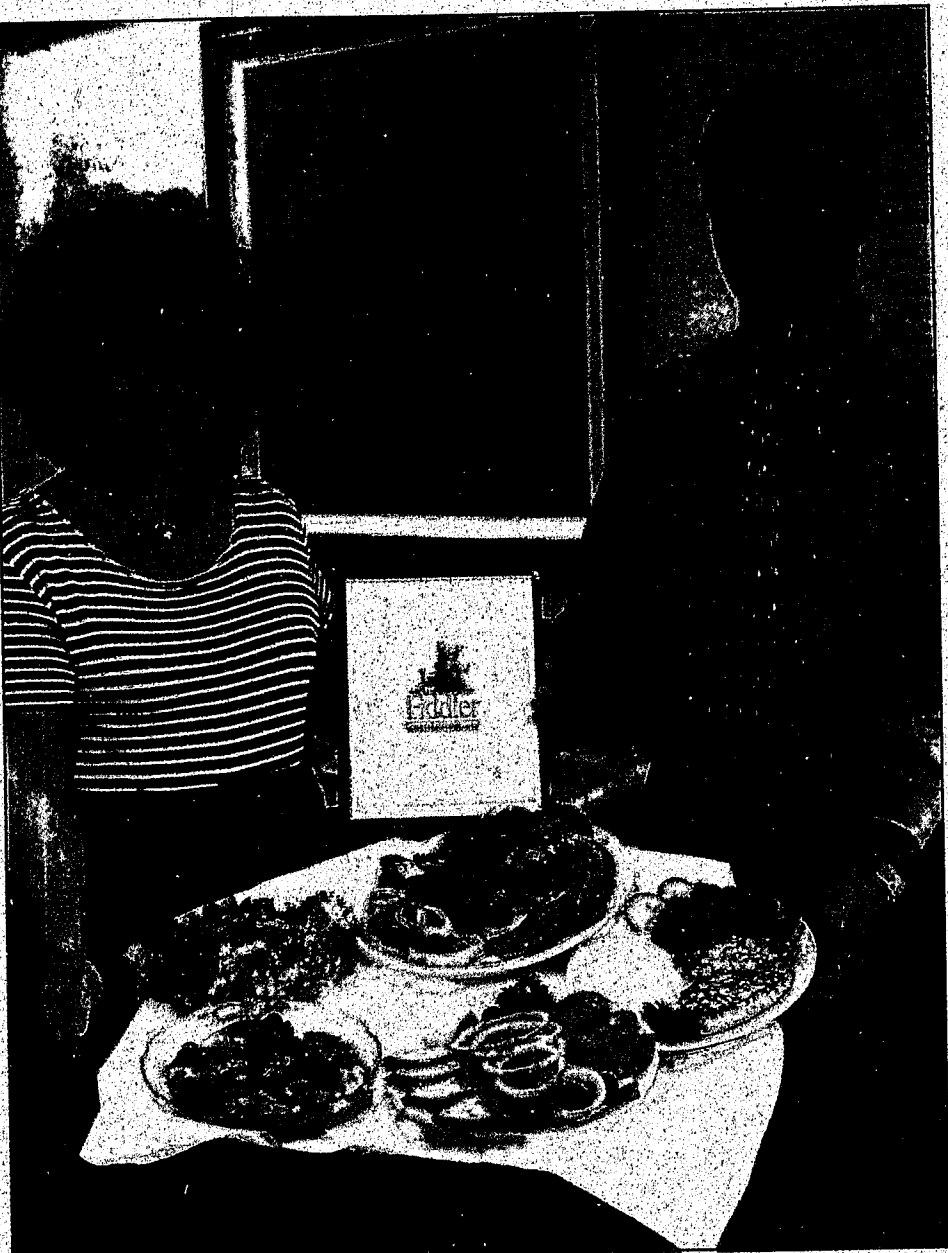
On Friday nights, patrons can expect the lighting of Sabbath candles and passing around of a Challah bread. A fiddler and keyboard player entertain on Friday and Saturday evenings.

"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 native-born 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 Jackie 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



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At your service: Maya and Michael Kurchersky present some of the dishes featured at The Fiddler.

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