

Mover, shaker takes on county public services



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Stonewall fan: Mike Zehnder is such an avid aficionado of "Stonewall" Jackson that he possesses every book ever written about the confederate general. Behind Zehnder are some of the Stonewall books, his Marine Corps hat and photographs of two friends, Vietnam F-105 Thunderchief pilot Col. Donald O'Dell (at left) and astronaut Jack Lousma.

The Observer & Eccentric is spotlighting Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson's major appointees and the jobs they are performing for county residents.

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Some guys know a lot of people, but Mike Zehnder knows people like Betty Crocker knows recipes. Asked for the phone numbers of

couple friends to interview for a story on him, Zehnder whips out an address book and reels off names: Former Tiger Dave Rosen? Lions tackle Lomas Brown? Vietnam fighter pilot Col. Donald O'Dell? Radio disc jockey Ken Calvert? Detroit City Councilman Gil Hill? TV newscaster Rich Fischer? And on and on.

endorsement or personal appearance deals, others because they met through mutual charity work. Zehnder, a Troy resident, is one of those people you go see when you want to organize a fund-raiser, or a roast, or a dinner, or just a great party.

"He's one of the most connected humans I've ever met," said Calvert. "He's the one guy capa-

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