

Freedom's fireworks

Fireworks reminiscent of "the rockets' red glare" will be seen over the Detroit River during the Detroit-Windsor International Freedom Festival June 30 through July 4. This year's display will begin at dusk of June 30. Several tons of starbursts will be shot into the night sky from barges in the river. In case of bad weather, the fireworks will be rescheduled for July 1.

Devil drink is Mills' target

Former U.S. Rep. and recovering alcoholic Wilbur Mills will be keynote speaker for the 25th anniversary of Brighton Hospital on Aug. 5.

The hospital is one of the country's first and leading facilities for the exclusive treatment of alcoholism.

Alcoholism contributed to Mills' downfall from one of the most pow-erful positions in Congress. In January

1975, Washington D.C. police found Mills, then chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, in the Potomac River Tidal Basin, after he apparently had too much to drink.

That incident and Mills' relationship with a Boston burlesque dancer. Fanne Fox. led the Arkansas Demo-crat to admit he was an alcoholic. A rame rox, led the Arkansas Demo-crat to admit he was an alcoholic. A year later, he resigned from the House.



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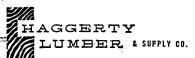
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Rescuing animals could kill them

You're walking along the edge of a meadow and you find a nest of baby birds recently blown from a tree. Or your dog digs up a nest of timy rabbits. What do you do?

Your first impulse is to pick up the little creatures and take them home. But this may be exactly the worst action to take.

"Unless you know atsolutely that the parents of the little animals are dead, or that the young have been abandoned, it's best to leave them where you find them," asy Glenn Dudderar, Extension wildlife specialist at Michigan State University." A young animal's chances of survival are much greater if you leave it there than if you take it home and try to raise it yourself."

Making wild animals captive also violates state and possibly federal laws, depending on the species. In addition to all the work that raising the animal entails, there's the red tape of getting a permit to keep it.

"IF YOU do decide to take in a young animal, you'd better have evidence that it needed assistance." Dudderar emphasizes. "The fact that you didn't see the parents around isn't

enough. They might have been out get-ting food or hiding somewhere and waiting for you to leave."

SO WHAT SHOULD you do? In the case of baby birds fallen from a nest or a cut ablown from a trees, you can do the most good for the little birds by placing them back in the nest or replacing then sent in the tree. You have to put the nest back almost exactly where it came from. however, or the parents won't be able to recognize it as their nest.

"It's a common myth 'bat a mother bird will reject a baby bird that's been handled by a human." Dudderra says. "But birds have a poorly developed sense of smell. Like people, they depend mostly on their vision. So. if you put the nest or the baby back where it was originally, they'll find it and resume earing for it."

Baby mammals are another story, he points out. If you put a baby rabbit back in a nest. the mother may ignore the scent, or may abandon the whole method in the sense of the sense of the world on the control of the property of the scent or may abandon the whole method in the property of the property of the property of the little property of the result in the interest of human scent were removed. SO WHAT SHOULD you do? In the

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Sometimes you definitely know that a young bird or animal has been orphased or abandowd. Before you take on the job of raising it, you'd f ther be sure you're ready for all the work it will require. "Any animal or bird that's too small to have fur or feathers yet has to be kept warm, approximately body temperature, to avoid chilling." Dudderar says. "It also needs a hundin environment so that it doesn't get dehydrated. The proper food isn't always easy to provide, either."

BIRDS THAT are fed by their parents can usually get by on canned dog food rolled into ittitle balls and fed every three or four hours. They also need a daily dose of liquid vitamins. Chicken-like birds—pheasants, quali. et.—can be fed poultry starter. Birds like doves, which poke their bills into their parents' throats to feed, can be raised on a slurry of pablum and milk

presented in the rubber bulb of an eye-dropper.
Hawks, owls and other predatory birds must be fed raw meat with fur or feathers still attached. They need this material to digest their food. Dudderar explains. One way to provide it is to buy dead mice or chelcks and chop them up into little pieces for hand feeding.
Baby mammats must be fed prepared infant's formula or one of the powdered milk substitutes for domestic animals. Deer, for instance, do well on calve's formula.

If you succeed in raising the animal, in spile of the odds against it, you have to teach it to fend for itself in the wild.

"AN ANIMAL raised in captivity has to be taught to find its own food." Dudderar says. "A raccoon, for instance, you have to take it to a stream or river, wade along the shal-low edge and show it how to turn over rocks to find food.

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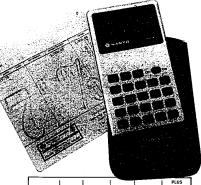
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