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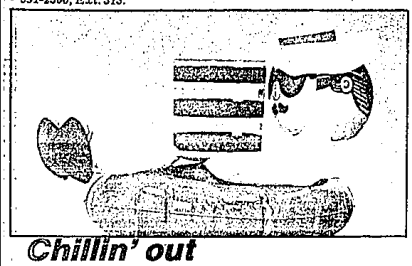
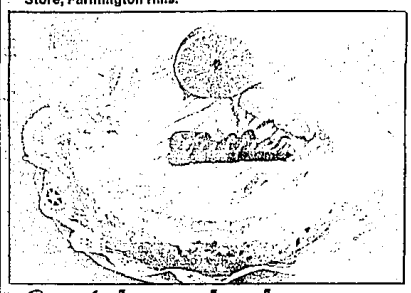


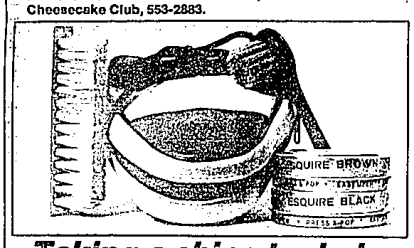
Chillin' out

This colorful inflatable guy holds your favorite beverage still while you float in the swimming pool. Let your drink float while enjoying the lazy, hazy — yes, and sometimes crazy — days of summer. Not a bad idea for Dad's Day either. Two-piece set for $8.50. Warren's Drug Store, Farmington Hills.



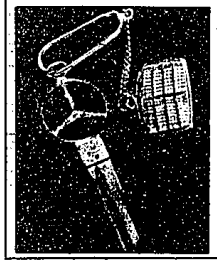
Say 'cheese' cake

This scrumptious-looking key lime cake with Father's Day theme is just one of more than a dozen exotic flavors from the "Gourmet Cheesecake Club" of Farmington Hills. A minimum three-month membership allows you to ship gift-wrapped cheesecakes, one each month, almost anywhere in the U.S. (48 states). The all-walnut crust can be filled with the flavor of your choice. Flavors generally coincide with the season: raspberry ribbon, apple bavarian, kaluah, rum mocha, black forest. There are others. For more information, call the Gourmet Cheesecake Club, 553-2883.



Taking a shine to dad

What better way to package all a guy needs to keep his shoes looking good than this zipper kit that resembles the toe of a real shoe. Done up in suede, the case holds three brushes, shine cloth and two cans of polish. $22 at Gemini II Office Supple & Gifts, Franklin Center Bldg., 26400 W. 12 Mile, Southfield.



Status symbols

If you have the bucks to drive the car, you certainly should have the key and chain to match. These 14k pieces boast the familiar Mercedes Benz grill and hood ornament. Only the best for the discriminating auto buff. Key, $282. Key ring, $480. Tappers, Franklin Centre Bldg., 26400 W. 12 Mile, Southfield.

Cellar's market

The reggae band Black Market will help kick off the second season of The Cellar, a teen center downstairs in the Birmingham Community House. Black Market and guest DJs will keep the music flowing at an opening night party 8:30 to midnight Thursday. Admission is $3.

Summer memberships to The Cellar will be available for purchase that night. Membership is limited to students who will be entering grades nine through 12 in the fall. *(Birmingham Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham; 644-5832.)*

Kayak arena

You don't have to be Quinn the Eskimo to handle a kayak. But since your feet are tucked away inside this eskimo canoe, you'd better know what to do if it flips over or otherwise goes astray. You can pick up some kayaking tips at the Third Annual Kayak Touring Symposium in Traverse City this weekend, sponsored by Great River Outfitters in Bloomfield Hills.

Those who register are offered three days of kayak lessons, seminars, boat tryouts, kayak trips and the opportunity to meet kayaking experts from all over the world. The cost of the symposium is $50. For more information, call Great River Outfitters at 644-6909.

Shamrock and roll

Mention Irish rock and the name U2 automatically comes to mind, but a group called Bagatelle also is making its mark on the Emerald Isle itself. The band has released four albums that have hit the charts. They played before 40,000 fans and millions of TV viewers at the Self-Aid Concert in Dublin, which also featured U2, the Boomtown Rats, Thin Lizzy, Chris Deburgh and Van Morrison.

Bagatelle will be bringing its pop-rock sound to the Irish-American Hall in Detroit at 8 p.m. Thursday. Tickets are $10, $12 at the door. *(Irish-American Hall, 2068 Michigan Avenue, at Wabash, near Tiger Stadium, Detroit; Adrian Tansey, 728-8885, or Michael O'Hare, 624-4282.)*

Leapin' lizards

Giant, moving dinosaur replicas will be stomping their feet, rolling their eyes and letting out plenty of blood-curdling roars throughout the summer at the Cranbrook Institute of Science. The Dinosaurs! Dinosaurs! exhibit features seven computerized moving "thunder lizards" as well as one stationary flying reptile soaring overhead.

The exhibit will continue through Sept. 6. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, 7-10 p.m. Fridays, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturdays and noon to 6 p.m. Sundays. Admission is $4 for adults, $3 for senior citizens and $2 for children and teens ages 3-17. *(Cranbrook Institute of Science, 500 Lone Pine Road (17 Mile), between Telegraph and Woodward, Bloomfield Hills; 645-3230.)*

Making movies

"Uncle Jed, I'se gonna be a movie director," said the nouveau riche young man after purchasing a genuine movie director's chair and beret. Unfortunately, if that young man's brains were tar, they'd spread a rather thin road. He was not a success.

But those who are serious about learning the intricacies of film and videotape production might want to check out the Focal Point seminar at *Cranbrook Kingswood School*, scheduled for Monday, June 22, to Saturday, June 27. For a total fee of $380, participants get workshop instruction and get to make their own films and videotapes (super 8mm or 16mm, animation or live action). Guest artists exhibit and discuss their works in the evenings. *(Cranbrook Kingswood, 855 Cranbrook Road, Bloomfield Hills; Nadine Maynard, 646-6230.)*

Downriver rundown

Street Scene's resident jogging expert rates the Downriver Treadmill Race as one of the best in the state. Last year Livonia native Doug Kurtis won this five-miler in a field of 3,400. This year's run will start at 7:30 p.m. Friday in downtown Trenton, with plenty of beer and food at the finish line. The entrance fee is $9, $8 for seniors. *(Georgianne Palmer, 675-2220.)*

Masterly music

The works of Mozart, Schumann, Bartok and others will be performed at the Welsberg Concert at 8 p.m. Tuesday at Congregation Shaarey Zedek in Southfield. The featured performers will be violinist Arnold Steinhardt and his brother, pianist Victor Steinhardt. The concert also will feature an original piece by Victor Steinhardt, "Boogie." Arnold Steinhardt is a founding member of the Guarneri String Quartet. Admission is free. Patron tickets are $25. *(Congregation Shaarey Zedek, 27375 Bell, at Northwestern Highway, Southfield; 357-5544.)*

Got something interesting in the works? Drop a line to Richard Lech, Street Wise, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

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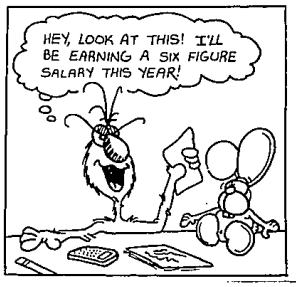

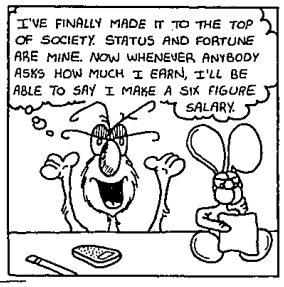

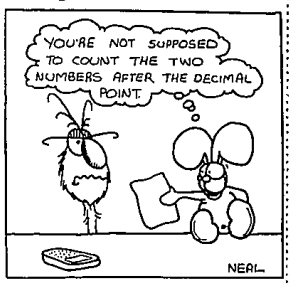

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