

Happy
4th of July

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TODAY

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In the Park:
'Green Face' is
the work of
Nina Cam-
bron, one of
420 artists
who will be
featured at
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Hey, Hey Hollywood: Pro-
ducer Bob Cicchini is a
local Red-
ford boy who has
made very
good in a
town where
fame and
fortune are
very hard
won. /B1



AT HOME

Pint-sized assistance:
Youngsters learn what's
involved in cooking and
cleaning when they spend
time in the kitchen. And,
they may offer to help out,
too. /C1

HOMETOWN LIFE

Dream come true: Soon
after Nidhal Gorges came
to the United States from
Iraq, she had a dream
that represented freedom
— a great sense of
freedom. /C4

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Change of country



Enjoying the U.S.: Above, a young John Weigel (left in striped shirt) poses with his parents, John and Christine, and his four siblings: Elizabeth (hand on hip), Adam (suspenders), Eva, Henry (striped shirt), and Margaret. This picture may have been taken in Pennsylvania when John was about 13.

Coming to America

Immigration changed man's life

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For centuries, immigrants have sought the American dream at our shores. They left behind family, friends, hardship and oppression. Only during the Great Depression and World War II years did the tide of immigration slow. They still come, these future citizens, determined to work hard, embrace our culture and start a new life. If America has an enduring legacy, truly it is the story of the immigrant.

John Weigel's story began in Gyöngy, a small town in Hungary, where his family, although Ger-



Today: John Weigel in a recent photo taken outside of his Farmington home.

Emma Lazarus, an American author born in New York in 1849, wrote the poem *The New Colossus* in 1893. In 1903, sixteen years after her death, the sonnet was engraved on a plaque and placed as a memorial of the pedestal of the Statue of Liberty:

"Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

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Civic help is being sought

■ The City of Farmington is looking for five volunteers to help raise funds and plan "gap" events for the renovated historic theater on Grand River.

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The City of Farmington is looking for five good men and women who are innovative, creative revenue producers to bring added programming to the historic Civic Theatre.

"Gap programming" is a term coined by Bill Richards, assistant Farmington City Manager, to describe events which will take place outside of the regular movie schedule at the city-owned theater located on Grand River, east of Farmington Road.

Farmington City Council discussed in study session criteria for the new Friends of the Civic Theatre group. Committee members, who will not be paid, will be selected in September.

"They should be available, interested and willing to give a one-year commitment," Richards said.

Council has developed desirable "KSAs," a personnel term for knowledge, skills and abilities, Richards said.

Committee members should be Farmington/Farmington Hills residents or work in those two cities. These include but are not limited to people with experience in live theater production and or video production knowledge of the film business, and connections to film theaters.

The committee will work with a minimum of assistance from city staff, report to council and keep in close communication with MKA, the theater's Wixom-based management company.

Officials haven't mentioned a specific amount of money they wish to raise. The goal for the first year is to create two events. Revenue will be derived from ticket sales, Richards said.

Programs could include community anniversary celebrations, historic programs, family events, talent shows, concerts and film festivals, midnight shows and "artsy" shows.

The size of the theater, its stage and its sound system, will limit the scope of programs, Richards said. There's limited seating — 275 seats downstairs and 135 upstairs.

For applications, contact the Farmington City Manager's office at (248)474-5600. Applications are expected to soon be on the city's website www.ci.farmington.mi.us

Sale starts Friday



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRISLER

Cleaning house: The historic Longacre House will hold a rummage sale 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday, July 5 and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, July 6. The House is located at 24705 Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile Roads. Pictured, Longacre volunteer Isabel Berlin sorts ladies clothing, which will be for sale, along with collectible dolls, books and other miscellaneous items.

Knollenberg promises high service to new district

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His congressional district is changing, but U.S. Rep. Joe Knollenberg said it won't alter the way he does business. "On the general trend of things, we still have to provide good constituent services to the people, cities and townships we serve," Knollenberg said. "The only thing that might change is some of the new cities and townships in the district may have different needs and we need to learn them."

The Bloomfield Township Republican is running for his sixth, two-year term in Congress. Knollenberg, 69, is being challenged in the Aug. 6 primary by Bart Baron, a 59-year-old auto consultant from Troy. The winner faces Democrat David Fink, a 49-year attorney from West Bloomfield, in the Nov. 5 general election.

For Knollenberg, his campaign focuses on two major national issues: economy and terrorism.

Despite criticism by his opponents, Knollenberg said the economic stimulus packages approved by Congress over the winter and the free trade deals he endorsed have been effective.

"We've extended unemployment and health care benefits for those out of work while keeping tax cuts in line," Knollenberg said. "The economic free fall is (in) part to blame on stocks being so overvalued. Some stocks were valued 100 times their worth and

Troy's Baron bids for upset in new congressional district

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He doesn't have a ton of money or institutional support, but Bart Baron hopes his pro-labor, conservative message can intrigue enough voters in his bid for U.S. Congress.

The Troy Republican is challenging incumbent U.S. Rep. Joe Knollenberg of Bloomfield Township for the GOP nomination in the Aug. 6 primary election for the new 9th Congressional District. The district encompasses most of south-central Oakland County. The winner faces West

Baron, a 59-year-old automotive management consultant, is particularly perturbed with U.S. trade agreements that Knollenberg supported, but which Baron said helps business executives more than the overall American economy and families.

"I'm about issues that help kids and grandkids and I don't like what I see," Baron said. "They are moving manufacturing jobs out of this country in favor of lower-paying labor in other countries. With the trade treaties we've negotiated, we gave away the cookie jar."

He blames NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) and trade deals that are eliminating skilled jobs that pay \$20-\$25 an hour.

"This hurts our economy because this takes away purchasing power from



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Bloomfield Democrat David Fink in the Nov. 5 general election.

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