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THE MILL POND

Everything's relative

Students at the new Clarkston High School can't seem to get far enough away from their brothers and

With the new policy that lockers are assigned alphabetically, students are finding themselves closer to relatives than friends. And in high school, lockers are the only personal space a teenager truly owns. Some students are wondering why it isn't enough that they share bedrooms or dinner onversations with siblings. Now it's locker spaces, too.

Flocking together

One bird's junk turned out to be another bird's treasure last week when Clarkston Mayor Sharron Catallo gave a plethora of her used bird toys to neighbor Cheryl Molencupp, owner of Home Sweet Home Pet

A happy Molencupp, who has two exotic pet parrots and other birds of her own, said she and her feathered friends spent an entire glorious day playing after the windfall.

Dr. Doolittle should have had such a neighbor

Bountiful summer

Nothing is free in this world, except maybe a few tomatoes in Independence Township. On Thursday, there was a tray of plump, homegrown tomatoes sitting in front of a house on Drayton Road. The sign next to the tray read "free," but either the residents hadn't had any takers or everybody in the neighborhood has tomabody in the neighborhood has toma-toes coming out of their ears.



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Target practice: Dan Hall practices shooting with a high-tech bow at the outdoor archery course at the Oakland County Sportsman's Club in Independence Township.

On target

Course gives bow hunters feel for real thing

o close, yet so far away - that's the maxim that defines the challenge of broadhead archery, hunting with bow and arrow the old-fashioned way.

"It's more of a challenge," said 19-year old Dan Hall of
Independence Township who has been practicing the

sport and art of archery since he was 3.

With a bow, the deer actually has a chance to use deer skills to get away. Half said: With a new thurst heart shoot the deer or you screw up.

That's because the speed of a traveling arrow—about 240 feet per second—doesn't compare to the 3,000 feet a bullet will travel per second.

It's also important to remember that the range for shooting deer and other animals is about 20 to 25 feet. Hunters who use firearms, in comparison, can shoot tar-

gets hundreds of feet away.

Dan's father, Ron, is president of the Oakland County Sportsman Club's Archery group, which sponsors an array of bow and arrow programs, including an eight-week broadhead league that begins in August as prepara-

tion for the archery hunting season – Oct. 1-Jan. 1.

While the act of practicing for the hunt might seem simple – shoot a few arrows at a bullseye target – it's quite involved and not only generates a competitive spirit but also the hunters' camaraderie

Behind the club's archery building is a sprawling, 35-acre, outdoor archery course. Beset with hills, downed



Practice pull: Ron Hall demonstrates how to pull back on a bow.



Decoy deers: Three-dimensional practice deer are more realistic than flat targets.

tree trunks and leafy branches, mosquitoes and an array of naturally occurring obstacles and inconveniences, the course gives broadhead archers an opportunity to practice

in an environment similar to the real one:

"It's kind of like simulating hunting – simulating different hunting situations," said Mike Robertson, an Independence Township resident and one of more than 400 hand lead leads a manhant broadhead league members.

One dramatic difference between conventional target shooting and bow and arrow hunting is that archers must typically aim downwards – just another added difficulty. "These deers are so smart – they're so nervous, skittish

and so alert," said Robinson. Therefore, bow and arrow hunters set up elevated stands in the woods to study, observe and track their prey.

By hunting from above, the archers dodge the deer's

skillful ears, eyes, and most importantly, noses. "You can fool the ears and the eyes; you can't fool the nose," Robinson said. And given that deer are shot from about 20 feet away, the challenge is only heightened when a cool wind threatens to give away hunters' scents,

"To try and get within 20 yards of a deer is pretty neat," Robinson said. "And you're shooting it with this very primitive outfit. ... There is a feeling of accomplish-

Bow and arrow hunters also spend weeks scouting the areas where their prey roam before setting up hunting locations. Countless more hours are spent waiting in these locations - which lends a spiritual component to

Please see BOW HUNTING, A2

Planners OK project despité no **safety path**

planners, who typically require developers to put in safety paths, did not make that requirement for a new project Thursday.



By NICOLE STAFFORD STAFF WRITER

Township planning commissioners backed down Thursday from a standard

requirement - that developers extend the community's safety path system along the property boundaries of their projects.
In a 5-0 vote, commissioners granted

final site-plan approval for the sprawl-ing Parks at Stonewood residential/retail development, but excluded developer Victor International from constructing a standard safety path connection on White Lake Road between Clement and Dixie Highway.

The development runs the length of White Lake between the two roads and is located on 258 acres. It will include some 250 single-family homes, several condominiums and about 120,000 square feet of mixed office/retail space. Victor International does plan to con-

The purpose of the safety path is to benefit the community."

Dick Carlisle Independence Township Planner about one-quarter of the disance between Dixie Highway and Clement but not for the rest of the stretch. It also intends implement ard-packed internal path-

struct a safety path on White

ake Road for

way through the subdivision that will onnect to Clement Road.

"The purpose of the safety path is to benefit the community," said township. planner Dick Carlisle, who took issue with petitioner Dave Johnson's refusal to extend the path fully along White Lake Road or make a \$45,000 contribu-tion to the township's safety path fund.

Carlisle said Victor International is constructing internal pathways to serve subdivision residents, not the community in general. Also, the township's safety path master plan clearly sets forth the requirement for developers, Carlisle said.

However, township building director Beverly McElmeel said the safety path matter is probably not fully resolved. "I believe that we're going to see a safety path system there," she said.

Township Supervisor Dale Stuart, who said he wasn't sure whether the requirement was a township policy or zoning mandate, commented Friday on the decision. "It surprises me, certainly, that (planning commissioners) have ifferent tack than what would usually do with a development.'

However, the exemption may be com-pensation for some other cost incurred by the Victor International, Stuart

In arguing for the exemption, Johnson cited the costs of constructing a third roadway lane on White Lake Road and realigning Clement Road for

Please see DEVELOPMENT, A2

Nature center helpers land volunteer award

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA

A quick glance at Richard Taylor's

license plate says it all. It reads, "I brake for woolly bears." Woolly bears are Tiger Moth caterpillars, mythically known to predict the severity of the coming winter. Taylor can identify and collect those fuzzy

caterpillars with ease. The 69-year-old entomologist, and his wife Vivian, 68, spend much of their retirement volunteering at nature centers in Oakland County. Together, the Rochester Hills couple work sideby-side to bring their knowledge of woolly bears and other facets of nature

to their community.

Tor their contributions to Independence Oaks County Park in Clarkston, the Taylors have been chosen by the Michigan Recreation and Park Associa-

tion as winners of the 1998 Margaret Whitehead Senior Citizen of the Year

"We're grateful and honored," said Vivian, smiling. "It's very nice to volun-teer and get recognition."

Kathleen Dougherty, naturalist at Independence Oaks, nominated the couple for the award. They have been working at the park's Lewis E. Wint Nature Center since 1987. "Quite often people that do volunteer service don't do it because they're expected to," said Dougherty. "They do it," she said nodding toward the couple, because that's their nature."

The award itself was named for the late Margaret Whitehead, director of one of the first senior centers in the state. In 1967, she spearheaded an effort to enable senior citizens to travel Please see VOLUNTEERS, A2

Honored: Retired inspect specialist Richard Taylor and wife Vivian, a former Chrysler designer, were honored for volunteering at Independence Oaks nature center. Among other things, the pair designed realistic looking puppets for kids' programs.

Development from page A1

But commissioners had other concerns, including environmen. Will include some 250 tal ones. Commissioner Hill Palu: "single-family, homes, lian wondered how the developer would insure that homeowners use . lawn treatments that wouldn't jeopardize the natural fen portion of the property While Carlisle suggested that

partnership between the pro ject's homeowner association and the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy be estab-lished as a way to monitor and he would not accept doing so as a condition for site-plan approval.

■ The development ... will include some 250 several condominiums and about 120,000 square feet of mixed office/retail space.

submitted a letter about the project, is that Victor International's plans for the commercial portion of the project are still vague. "In concept," he has no concern," said Carlisle of Board's com-ments. But he would like to see A concern for Planning Comments. But he would like to see a stronger, pedestrian friendly mission chair Steve Board, who orientation (in the commercial area)," Carlisle said.

In addition, Victor International has not provided sufficient detail about their plans to manage welland areas, according to Derek Stratelak, the township's wetlands consultant from Hubbel, Roth and Clark

Although the developer has generally been sensitive to the ite's natural/features, Stratelak said he could not offer definite conclusions because of the lack of detail. "In a nutshell, I cannot

give you a conclusive statement," he said. "But it looks good." Victor International now requires a wetlands building permit and site plan approval from the township board.

Volunteers from page A1

Kathy Crawford, committee member and former chairperson of the Michigan Recreation and Park Association senior citizens committee, described Whitehead as a "pioneer of senior activity. The award that bears her name is given in two categories, service and leadership, to those demonstrating innovative work. The Taylors received the award for serving their community As winners, they receive a trip to the Grand Hotel.

"We wanted to honor people who go above and beyond," said Crawford, who interviewed the staff takes good care of the dis-couple for the award, "It, was plays and appreciates their exciting to talk to them. Their work, Richard said he enjoys the enthusiasm was so great

Taylors have done everything from creating insect displays; to tional purposes, to helping out with face painting and parking at special functions.

Richard "We have a lot of fun. We dabble in jüst/about every-.

The Taylors bave used their volunteer work as a continuation of their careers, Richard worked for the Department of Agriculture as an area identifier in the. quarantine division. His job involved special training at the Smithsonian institute where he learned to identify foreign insects. Working at airports in Detroit and Chicago, he inspected planes, passengers and lug-

gage for foreign insects at their point of entry. He has moved from foreign to local insects and now collects and studies them on his own time.

...Vivian worked as an engineer... for the Chrysler Corp., specializing in illustration and design. Since retirement, she has switched her focus to botanical

This is an extension of what we've been doing all of our lives,"

The Taylors said volunteering at Independence Oaks has been a positive experience because the diversity of habitats at the park. Vivian enjoys working with a variety of age groups. She said volunteering with young people keeps them young at heart. She

is 68, and her husband is 69. The couple's volunteer work is not confined to the Clarkston area. Richard and Vivian Taylor give time and energy to nature centers in cities including Ann Arbor, Madison Heights and Rochester, At Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve in Rochester, the Taylors have created a multitude of insect and animal displays. Jane Hoyle, assistant naturalist and retired program director at the center, has worked alongside the couple for 10 years. She said their work has been primarily artistic and insect-related.

"We have absolutely enjoyed and used the displays," said

their ideas come to fruition. They've given our nature center such a classy look. Without them, we wouldn't have the sophistication of displays,"

Sophisticated or otherwise Vivian compares her volunteer

"I get satisfaction out of watchdrawings and designing hand hing the reaction of children," said puppets.

Wivian, who does not have chilto pass on whatever knowledge I have gained in past experience

to another generation."

Richard agreed and added that he enjoys "creating that spark of

interest where there is none."
To accomplish that goal,
Richard — always the scientist — has developed a three-stage plan. First, he said, insects by themselves are interesting to children.

Exposure and education can enhance that natural interest; he said. Next, people need to "tune in to nature." Finally, he hopes to help counter what he calls the "large, anti-insect sentiment" that exists throughout the coun-

"The big interests in science are medical breakthroughs and space (exploration)," said Richard. "All the money goes into that rather than exploring the earth, which is much more essential. I'd like to see the kids turn back to the earth sciences.'

That's where the volunteer

ork gains momentum. "It's a very valuable service to the whole community," Dougher-

Bow hunting from page AV

member from Davisburg. "You can do a lot of thinking sitting in a tree for three or four hours. That's how the owl got wise," Gulish said, Likewise, the sport enables hunters to participate more closely with nature. It's a hance to study and understand the animal," said Gulish, "You çan't get on their level."

You can do a lot of thinking - sitting in a tree 29-year-old broadhead league ... **for three or four hours. That's how the owl got**

Rich Gulish

And although deer, like most living things, conform to certain behavioral patterns, they also

are always impredictable. In the end, hunting with bow and arrow also transcends the rational. Surrounded by woods, chirping birds and a falling afternoon sun. Robinson and Gulish admit there is something instinctual about the activity. "It's the animal in all of us,"

joked Robinson.

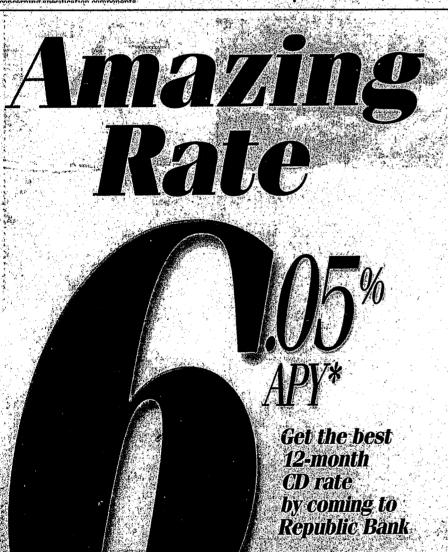




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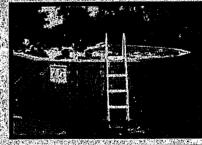
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Faith keeper

Slovakian vicar shares the word in Clarkston

BY CAROLYN WALKE

Silvia Kozlejova found her savior as a child in Slovakia. When she arrived in Clarkston three months ago, she sought ew ways to tell of him.

"It was a very good opportunity to. come here to see different ways — and different ways to work in the church," she said recently, adding as an afterthought "and also to improve my

The Republic Slovakia is one of two free countries that formed when communist Czechoslovakia dissolved and split into separate nations in 1989. The other country is the Czech Republic.

*Kozlejova, 20, is a vicar of the Lutheran Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession and she aspires to be a pastor. She arrived in Clarkston in June and expects to leave for home in mid-September.

With two years of religious study under her belt, she hopes to take her vows in about three years. It is her dream, she said, to pastor a congregation in her home country with her Slovakian boyfriend, who is currently studying in Pennsylvania.

"It is our dream to work together,"

Raised by Christian parents who encouraged her to pursue her goals, Kozlejova said she realized as a teenager that she would like to be a pastor of a church.

"I grew up in a Christian family. When I was 14, I started leading a youth group in our congregation," she said, adding that she was involved in two choirs and also taught Sunday "When I was about 17, I realized I would like to do it for all my life."

While in the United States, Kozlejova has been a guest vicar at Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church in Clarkston, working under the tutelage of Pastor

"When I was 14, I started leading a youth group in our congregation. When I was about 17, il réalized l would like to do it for all

> ∍Silvia Kozlejova guest vicar, Calvàry Evangelical Lutheran Ghurch

Bob Walters and living with Independence Township parishioners Marg and Thomas Miller

and Thomas Miller.

"She is a very intelligent, vivacious, faithful lady," Walters said, explaining that her presence in Clarkston is linked to, Calvary's and Walters' interest in and support of the Slovakian church. In the early 1990s, he said, seven Cal-

In the early 1990s, he said, seven Calvary parishioners visited parts of Germany and Slovakia, where they became acquainted with, smong others, a professor of theology in the latter country. A number of students wished to travel to America, Walters, said, and eventually Kozlejova, who hails from a village of 1,000, made the journey.

She represents Calvarys, second foreign pastoral visitor and while here has participated in baptisms, funerals, weddings and hospital visitations—learning the methods of American pastors. "I found some things they have and we don't have and also some things we have, they don't, Kozlejova said. "For me here, it is very good that I could do

me here, it is very good that I could do all this. It means very much to me. While there are some differences

between her home and her adopted churches, there are also differences between Slovakian congregations as well, she added, not giving those differences much importance.

Walters, however, noted that one



Visiting vicar: Silvia Kozlejova, a native of the Republic of Slovakia, wants to be a pastor in her denomination, the Lutheran Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession. Since June, she has been staying in the Clarkston area and serving as a guest vicar in a local congregation.

striking difference is the fact that Slovakian pastors sing their gospel lessons and the Lord's Prayer, which are spoken in United States churches.

In addition to studying American church habits, Kozlejova said she has

had an opportunity to travel with her host family, the Millers.

They visited Niagara Falls and Toronto where she was treated to a showing of "Phantom of the Opera."

"I cried not just because of the story

- but because I could see something so wonderful," she said. "I like to be here and I met many nice people. Everybody was so nice and so friendly. It was like a grand vacation for me. And I could learn so much from Pastor Bob.

Ford dealership given OK to make move to Springfield

Residents of Springfield Township can expect to see a fourth car dealership in their midst sometime next year.

On Aug. 21, the township board voted to grant site-plan approval to the owners of Holly Ford Inc. for a 23,000-square foot, full-service dealership to be built on the southeast corner of East Holly Road and I-75.

The owners, according to manager Harold Shepherd, plan to relocate their existing facility from Grange Hall Road in Holly to take advantage of the population growth in northern Oakland County, along with the accessibility of I-75.

BY CAROLYN WALKER Most people want to buy close to their homes. We picked the location because of its exposure on I-75.'

> Harold Shepherd manager, Holly Ford

"Most people want to buy close to their homes," Shepherd said; adding that statistics show that 45-60 Ford vehicles are sold monthly to residents from the greater-Clarkston area. "We picked the location because of its exposure on I-75. We found that

to be the best at bringing us clos-or to the masses." Shepherd could not say when

construction would begin but said he hopes to see the building open for business sometime early next year.

Early last week, Supervisor Collin Walls said the site plan was approved by the board though the project was sent back to the zoning board of appeals and planning commission for sign and lighting variances

Existing dealerships in Spring-field include Town & Country Podge and Saturn North on Dixie Highway and Chuck Fortinberry's Clarkston Chrysler Plymouth Jeep Eagle dealership

Township firefighters get 6-year pact

After two years of negotiations, Independence Township trustees approved a new contract for the township's 19 firefighters.

The decision to accept the sixygar pact came Tuesday in a 7-0 vote by the board during a spe-

The contract runs through the from the previous contract, he budget."

year 2002 and includes said. improvements in wages and disability benefits, said township Supervisor Dale Stuart.

Details of the contract were not revealed since it had not yet been signed. Other improvements came in

the form of language changes

"There were a lot of different areas" township officials considered problematic that were cleared up, he said.

"I think it's a generous settlement," Stuart said. "But I don't think it's a settlement that's going to

POLICE NEWS

The following incidents were reported to police and fire agencies in Springfield and Independence townships and the city of Clarkston Aug. 24-28.

Springfield Police

The fts

On Aug. 25, a cell phone was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Foster.

On Aug. 27, stereo equipment was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on North Bay.

Vandalism

On Aug. 25, a door to a residence was reported kicked in on

Independence Police

Vandalism

On Aug. 24, unknown persons threw lit firecrackers on a passing vehicle on Maybee Road.

On Aug. 25, unknown persons reportedly tampered with a sprinkling system on Timber

On Aug. 26, unknown persons reportedly threw a saw horse and deer mannequin into a pool on Pine Knob Trail.

On Aug. 26, unknown persons reportedly stepped on the hoods of vehicles parked on South Marshbank.

Thefts

On Aug. 23, lumber was reported stolen from a site on East Princeton.

On Aug. 24, a cell phone was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Maybee Road.

On Aug. 26, a cell phone was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Clawson Tank Drive.

On Aug. 26, a power washer was reported stolen from a site on Hillcrest.

On Aug. 26, a two-man paddle boat was reported stolen from a beach off Whipple Shore.

Burglary

On Aug. 25, unknown persons reportedly illegally entered a business on Maybee Road. It was not immediately known if anything was taken.

Independence Fire

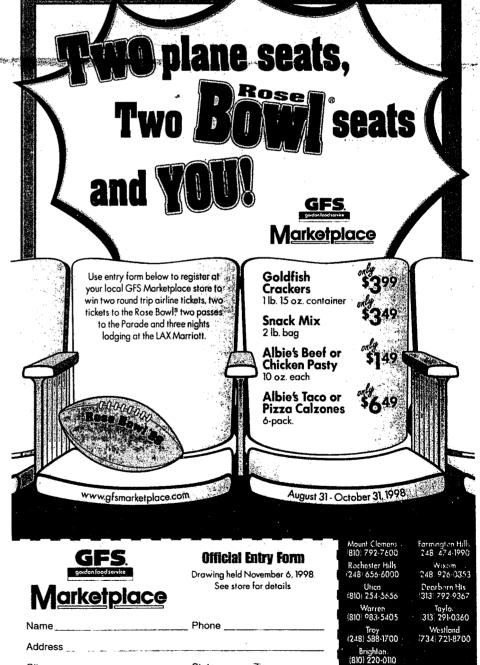
Between Aug. 24-28, firefighters responded to 14 calls. They included eight medical runs, two personal-injury accidents and one downed wires report.

Clarkston Police

On Aug. 27, officers responded to a West Washington location. Where a Clarkston boy had fallen off his bicycle and struck his head on the pavement. The child received a laceration and was transported to his parents' home, according to Chief Paul OrmisOpen to the Public

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The parents then sought treatment for the child.



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Write on: Omas pens cele-brate "Return to the Mother land – The Hong Kong Collec-tion," at Crane & Co.

Fine pens spur passion

SHOPPING CENTERED



hen I take notes for my column, or make out my grocery list, or doodle while talking on the phone, it's usually with a cheap, plastic, ball-

I have two very nice Cross pen and pencil sets, but I rarely take them out of my desk. It's not

that I don't like them
I do. It's just that I'm afraid that if
I use them, I'll lose them, because I'm notorious for losing pens.

Come to find out, maybe I lose a lot of pens because I use the really inexpensive kind. Carlyle Smith, manager of Crane & Co. pen and stationery store at the Somerset Collection in Troy, carries a fine fountain pen with him every day. He said he's not afraid to use it or to lend it out briefly when customers ask to borrow a pen. "If you use a fine pen," he said, "you tend to keep track of it and "If you use a fine pen," he people are more apt to give it back when you loan it out. They're less likely to walk off with it, because they'll notice that it's a nice pen and sometimes they'll even make comments about it.

Gina Gajda-Tweed, manager of the Colorado Pen Co. store at Twelve Oaks mall in Novi, agrees.

When you value something, you become more aware of it, whether it's a pen or a piece of jewelry," she said. Like fine jewelry, fine pens can range anywhere from about \$100 to thou-

sands of dollars. In general, the things that set them apart from less expensive pens include: the materials of which they're crafted (gold, silver and glass, for example, as opposed to plastic); the way they fit and feel in the hand (the pen should feel light and balanced), better ink flow technology and the overall look of the pen (some have special, limited edition designs). Fine pens can include ballpoint and roller ball types, as well as fountain,

calligraphy and glass dipping pens.
So who buys fine pens? Collectors,

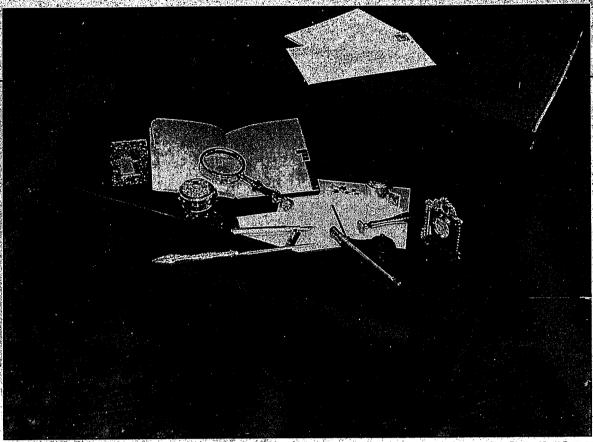
mainly? "No, I wouldn't say that," said Darin Asselin, owner of Penn & Paige social stationers in Rochester "Basically, it's writers. People who

just really enjoy writing." Has the development of faxes, email and other forms of communication hurt the market for fine pens? Not at all; in fact, it may have boosted it, Smith said.

People may not be writing as much as they used to," he said, "but when they do sit down to write, they want to use the best paper and pen

Montblanc, Waterman, Parker and Cross are the four big names in fine pens, Gajda-Tweed said. The Col-orado Pen Co. (which has a store in the Somerset Collection, too), also sells Aurora, Waterford Crystal, Cartier, S.T. DuPont, and Rotring and Lamy pens, plus Fisher Space pens, which can write upside down and in extreme cold and heat (NASA uses them and an episode of "Seinfeld" was written about one such "astro-naut pen"). Two of the many brands that Grane & Co. carries include: Sensa pens and Omas, known for its handmade pens fashioned from cellu-loid and vegetal celluloid (which give the pen casings a vibrant, iridescent

Penn and Paige carries pens by Recife, one of the oldest pen houses in France, I don't know if I'm ready for anything that fancy. But maybe I'll start using my Cross pens, after all.



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Duly noted: Writing is an art worth reviving

BY LINDA BACHRACK

efore we e-mail a farewell to the handwritten word, consider its power. Beyond cere-mony and respect for tradition, writing by hand makes you think differently from when your fingers are flying across a keyboard. The pace is slowed, the sentiment given renewed considera-

"There's a factile element to writing your thoughts on 100 percent cotton papers," says Carlyle Smith, manager of Crane & Co. in the Somerset Collection. "The paper is smooth; it feels good beneath your hands. And it's relaxing to step back from technology for a moment and embrace the art

Sometimes it's nice to rebel a little against the modern world, continues Smith. "You don't keep a fax for 50 years. But you might cherish a note in your grandmother's hand."

Stop and think for a minute about the mail you receive every day. Most of us rifle through the bills, fliers and advertising promotions, stopping only to read the occasional hand-written note. It's nice to receive a personal letter. And it feels just as good to take the time for yourself to sit down and write to someone. It might be slower than e-mail and more painstaking because there's no delete key. But when you're done, you know you've conveyed your true feelings.

"In every man's writings, the character of the writer must be recorded," wrote Thomas Carlyle. While the casual convenience of a phone call or the impersonal efficiency of electronic dialogue have their place in modern society, the art of letter writing remains a precious skill. It is more than mere communication; it is an asset that should be taught to our computer-savvy children

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ton, Mass. In this wooded valley, inside an old stone mill, Zenas Crane produced the handcrafted sheets that set the standard for fine quality paper in America. Today, in its seventh generation as a family-owned business, Crane & Co. supplies the paper for such venerable stationers as Cartier and Tiffany & Co.

Beyond etiquette

The etiquette of note writing is no longer of supreme importance, as it was when Charles Louis Tiffany and John P. Young opened their small "Stationery and Dry Goods" store in 1837. Though Tiffany & Co. emerged as an arbiter of style and good taste, and still adheres to a conviction that correspondence on fine paper be restrained and appropriate, the overriding concern in the '90s is one of revival of the art. Though customers are counseled on proper phrasing at both Tiffany and Crane, the purveyors are flexible and bow to contemporary thought.

"Etiquette should make things comfortable and convenient," says Smith. "Everyone doesn't want what grandma had."

Wedding invitations today often are printed in two languages and embellished with personal symbols and motifs. Invitations can be selfdesigned on Crane's interactive CD ROM. But the quality of the paper is unchanged – all cotton and all hand-bordered.

There are, however, a few traditions that endure. Like escort cards - those tiny gold-bordered cards with hand-folded envelopes. The dinner party host writes the guest's name on the envelope and his dinner partner's name (not the person he comes with) on the card. They can then make their acquaintances before they sit down to dinner. Place cards and calling cards also remain popular.

As Benjamin Franklin said, "Make recollection as durable as possible, by putting it down on paper." When you really want to say something, forgo the convenience of faxes and cell phones. Write your bon mots on elegant deckle-edged

Build a stationery wardrobe

Excerpts from "The Romance of Paper," by Crane & Co.

There is no "wrong" stationery on which to write your letter. Your words convey the message and your paper is the emissary.

However, in the same way that many wardrobes are built around a "basic black dress" or a dark suit ... for business and professional correspondence your basic stationery is your business letter-

Most executives also use the "executive letterhead," with only the name of the individual engraved at the top, for more personal, yet business-related, correspondence. These are always the smaller monarch size (folds three times), and are used for letters of recommendation, notes of thanks or congratulations, charitable work, or combined business-social-personal correspon-

The complete executive stationery wardrobe will properly include as well:

- Correspondence cards, engraved with a name or monogram, and used for brief notes.
- · Business cards.
- · A social calling card, since it's not considered in good form to present a business card on a social occasion. It may have a business phone number in the lower right corner.

The personal stationery wardrobe may include side-folded notes and correspondence cards, as well as top-folded notes, either bordered gram for notes of thanks, appreciation, etc.

Every home should have a house stationery larger flat sheet engraved with the household address only. It can be used by all members of the

Says Carlyle Smith, "The professionals at Crane will ask you lots of questions regarding your correspondence preferences and habits. Your paper should reflect your personality."

News of special events for shoppers is included in his calendar. Send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, clo Observer, & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; or fax (248) 644-1314. Deadline: Wednesday 5 p.m. for publication on Sunday

MONDAY, AUG. 31

COZY WRAPS Hersh's on The Boardwalk, 6901 Orchard Lake Rd. in West Bloomfield, presents a trunk showing of DUNA sweaters in chenilles, crepes and blends, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Continues Tuesday,

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 2

Kensington Valley Factory Shops host a Job Fair in the Food Pavilion from 12-4 p.m. and 5-8 p.m. Approximately 150 positions need to be filled. Bring

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

FRIDAY, SEPT. 11

ELEGANT ACCESSORIES Fiber artist Debra Olbrantz Meinke, owner and designer at MeinkeToy, will appear at Bellissima, 301 Main St. in Rochester, from 7-9 p.m. The trunk show features her latest collection of contemporary tassels and pillows that include French techniques in passementerie and velvet gauffrage. Preview, her Holiday 98 collection Event continues on Saturday, from 11 a.m. 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 12

ART IN THE PARK

The 24th annual Common Ground Sanctuary Art in the Park returns to Birmingham's Shain Park today and tomorrow, Saturday, Sept. 13. Hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m on Friday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday. Admission is free.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 19

GARDEN GANDER

Browse the storefronts and the rose gardens at the Detroit Rose Society's annual show at Laurel Park Place in Livonia. View hundreds of prize roses vying for "best of show."

SUNDAY, SEPT. 27

MIRACLE MODE

The Children's Miracle Network Fashion Show takes place at 1 p.m. at the Livonia Marriott Hotel. See the fall fashions from laurel Park Place shops and enjoy great food from the Marriott. A fashion auction raises funds for children's hospitals. For tickets, call (248) 526-3414.

• Kathy want Britannia

baggy blue jeans in women's

petite sizes,

*** Bob from Farmington

wants a copy of the movie

"Robinson Caruso on Mars." It is a Sci-Fi movie from the

Santa Bear (in the pilot out-

Lena wants the game Gen-

Compiled by

Sandi Jarackas



This feature is dedicated to hèlping readers locate sources for hard-to-find merchandise. If you've seen any of the items in your retail travels (or base-ment), please call Where Can I Find ? (248) 901-2555, Slowly and clearly, leave your name, number and message, and you, should see your input in Sunday's column. Thank You. What We Found:

A retractable clothes line priced at \$12 can be found at Meijer's on Warren and Newburgh roads and at the Livonia Hardware store.

A Poor Pitiful Pearl doll for Betty and a **Chatty Cathy** doll for Debbie. A reproduction of the Chatty Cathy doll can also be found in the Speigel catlpg after October, 1998 for

\$99. Pit instructions for Brenda. Plastic rain bonnets can be found at the Dollar Store on Eureka and Trenton roads in Southgate.

A reader called to say Catholic Central Girls High achool is now a Senior Center, (313) 833-0857, might call and maybe they can refer you to someone who might help with the finding of the yearbook.

We're still looking for:

- The Hallmark Rocking Horse series ornament (not mini size) for Rita.
- An electric curling brush 3/8" for Donna.
- Doyle Pineapple Juice frozen concentrate in a can.
- Ruth from Bloomfield township is looking for BLEYLE
- slacks made in Germany. Still looking for magnetic
- playing cards. Mary would like to know
- where to buy short hair wigs. Joyce wants a stainless

- steel electric fry pan, new/used. the 60's, Pig in the Garden;

 Sally has 5 Frank Sinatra
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 Glidden in a two gallon can; excellent condition she wants Heartherwood floor stain by (12" LI Glidden in a two gallon can: excelle • Joyce is looking for an to sell.
- Antique Ear Horn from the last Century
- Sanford is looking for old Civil Defense items from the
- Mary from Beverly Hills wants a copy of the 1978 Sea-holm High yearbook
- Francis need the stem that San holds the basket to the 4 cup fit).
- Pyrex glass coffee percolator:

 Pat from Redford is looking zines, articles; on Princess or Pivot Men and Women's Diana (back issues) Golf Wear, used to be able to. Lena wants buy at Hudson's or Saks. And eration Gap. she also wants at 1982. Mon.
- trose Jazz Festival poster.
 Linda is looking for a 1969
 Lincoln Park High yearbook.
 Simplicity Moisturizer eye
- cream/eye gel for Margaret. Hudson's used to carry it.
- Katherine is looking for Kirks Castille hard water
- soap.

 Thomas is looking for a Weather Eye by MacDonald Industries and distributed by R.J. MacDonald Int'l Corp.
- Francis is looking for a children's book called Ickle, Spickle, Robin.
- Tisha is looking for METAL perfume by Paco Rabon and INFINY by Caron.
- Judy is looking for a Sterling silver dog tag, large enough to engrave and to be
- worn on a necklace. · Sue is looking for a Bubble Comb from the 60's/70's. It has
- 2/3 rows of teeth with a handle. John wants bare floor brush attachments for Silver King Home Canister Shop Vacuum #280828, to fit a 1/4" service wand.
- · Nancy is looking for lower case Stencils (3 inch) in block lettering. And a kids game from

Three new retailers have opened recently at Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn. They are demo, a new cross-cultural clothing concept for teens and young adults; Fast Track Shoe Repair, a locally-owned shoe and leather repair shop; and Pearle Vision, offering 1,500 different designer frames and an upscale sunglasses department.

FASHION 4CAST

The associates of 4Men in Southfield's Tel-Twelve Mall, present their Back-2-School 4Cast, Look for textured flan nels, brushed twills, plaids, suedes and dark denims from Tommy Hilfiger, Polo and Nautica. For outerwear, choose sher-pa, microfiber, jackets and polar fleece. Match your designers from the top down. No mixing Polo and Girbaud.

TEEN TRENDS

Hudson's launches a new pri-

RETAIL DETAILS

vate label for back-to-school called Oxford & Fulham. It's a line of classic clothing with a young attitude. For girls, Oxford & Fulham will be showing shet-land wool sweaters, hooded tops, cardigan twin sets and long sleeve knit T-shirts Trends for boys include washed buttondown.collar plaid shirts, pig-ment-dyed corduroy shirts, boiled wool sweaters and long

sleeve T-shirts. Cargo pants and carpenter pants are must-haves

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for fall, GRAND VAN

Art. Van's store on Weedward Avenue in Royal Oak has completed a major renovation and the new showroom celebrates a grand re-opening Thursday, Sept. 17 through Sunday, Sept. 20. Seminars, live entertainment, refreshments and special kids performances highlight the celebration. Also, register to winder the second Miller and Mil a Howard Miller grandfather clock. Art Van, 32301 Woodward

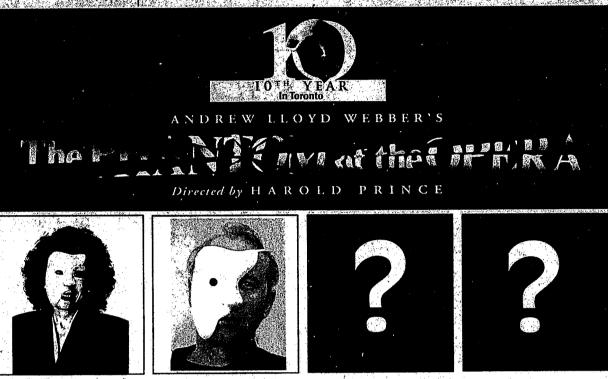
Ave., Royal Oak.

A BUG'S-EYE VIEW

"A Bug's Life Mall Tour," spon-sored by Cheyy Venture, arrives Friday, Sept. 4 at the Somerset Collection North in Troy. The multi-media traveling show hosts two live stage productions and a behind-the-scenes look at computer animation with inter active games and film-related activities. Walt Disney Pictures. A Bug's Life opens nationwide on

ORIGINAL FARE

Hudson's chefs have teamed up to create several new and inique menu selections for the company's 10 restaurant loca-tions. Ready for your enjoyment sare Chicken, Avocado, Papaya Salad; Grilled Chicken with Buckwheat; Noodles; Santa Fe Turkey Penne Pasta; Coriander Crusted Pork Medallions; Pistachio Pesto Pizza; and Grilled Tuna Sandwich. Bon appetit!



The Toronto production of the Phantom of the Opera enters its Tenth Historic Year this September. and we're celebrating with

"Who's Behind The Mask?" Sweepstakes

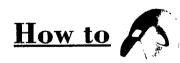


To play "Who's Behind The Mask?" Simply guess who the local celebrity "Phantoms" are and submit your answers on the ballot below for a chance to win a weekend for two in Toronto & tickets to see The Phantom of the Opera" at AT&T Centre The Pantages Theatre in Toronto.

Tune in daily to WNIC for on-air clues with Jim Harper and "The Breakfast Club" mornings 5:00 a.m. - 10:00 on 100.3 WNIC, FM.



The Grand Prize will include a pair of choice tickets to a performance of The Phantom of the Opera ecomodation at The Delta Chelsea Inn, round trip VIA RAIL passes and one in Toronio, one nign Phantom Gift Pack.



Contest 7

If you know "Who's Behind The Mask" complete the entry ballot below and send to: Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, C/O: Marketing Department 36251 Schoolcraft Rd. Livonia, MI 48150. One ballot per household. Contest is open to residents of Michigan over the age of 18.

No purchase necessary. To obtain an entry ballot and/or full contest rules, please visit the AT&T Gentre for the performing Arts. Pantages Theatre Box Office located at 244 Victoria Street in Toronto or mail a self-addressed stamped envelope to Observer Eccentric c/o: Marketing Dept. 36251 Schooleraft Rd., Livonia. MI 48150. Entry Ballots must be received by Observer Eccentric no later than Sunday. September 27, 1998. No substitution for or transfer of the prize will be allowed. The contest is subject to all Federal, Provincial, state and muncipal laws. The correct ballots will be submitted for a random drawing. The contest is open to residents of Michigan over the age of 18. Employees of Livent. Inc. Spring Newspapers, Delta Chelsea Inn and members of their households are not eligible.



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The Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Commission is seeking proposals for the purchase of a playground playscape for the Mill Pond Park located at 495 Broadway, Davisburg, Springfield Township, Oakland County, Michigan

Those interested in submitting a proposal may contact Jennifer Tucker, Director of Parks and Recreation at 248-634-0412 for further information concerning specification components.

Sealed proposals will be received by the Charter Township of Springfield Parks and Recreation Department until 3:00 P.M. Tuesday, September 8,

Proposal may be submitted to:

Springfield Township Parks & Recreation P.O. Box 1038, 495 Broadway Davisburg, MI 48350

sealed and labeled with the name of the bidder and clearly stated "Bid for Playground Structure" on the envelope

The Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Commission reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal. All bidders must comply with all requirements relating to Americans with Disabilities Act, Community Development Block Grant reimbursement including Non-discrimination Act, Equal Employment Opportunity,

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LOIS M. THIELEKE

Pack a bag that's fun to open at lunch

acking a school lunch your child will eat is not that difficult. The trick is to create a fun, healthy lunch they won't want to trade, or throw in the trash.

throw in the trash.

The first thing you need to know is how much time is allowed for eating.

If the school has a lunch policy that says when children are done eating they can go play, naturally your child will hurry through their eating. Playing is definitely more fun than eating. Also, remember young children eat slower than older children. Your child may do just fine on a few quick bites

Next, find out where lunches are kept. Sometimes they are shut up in a closed locker in a hot hallway, or put on a shelf in the classroom. Food safety has to be a concern when packing a

Keep food cool

Anything you take out of the refrigerator and put into your lunch must be kept cold. This includes meat sandwiches, tuna or egg salad, milk, cheese or yogurt, dips for fresh veg-

- Add a freezer pack to keep foods cold until lunch
- Freeze water in a leak-proof con-
- tainer to act as an ice pack.

 Freeze the beverage, a juice box or bottled water. It will thaw and be ready to drink at lunch time. Freeze pudding, yogurt, or
- canned fruits. By noon they will be slushy, but cold. Pack cold and frozen foods together. This keeps the food colder

Pack your lunch the night before,

and keep it in the refrigerator. Completely chilled foods stay cooler onger. Freeze meat sandwiches and pack

frozen in the lunch bag, they will thaw by noon and be safe to eat. Don't freeze hard-cooked eggs, tuna or egg salad sandwiches.

Foods that don't need to be kept cold

- Peanut butter sandwich ■ Muffins or bagels
- Fresh fruit in the peel Unopened cans of fruit or pud-

Leftovers for lunch

A thermos can accommodate an endless variety of foods for lunch. Fill a thermos with last night's leftovers, hot soup or chili, cold or hot pasta salads, hot dogs, taco fixings, hot cereal.

Lunch tips

- Cut food into bite-size pieces so your child can easily manage them. Make everything look attractive,
- good enough to eat. ■ Decorate small plastic containers that can be used in a lunch bag for
- small food items. ■ If your child likes breakfast
- items, recycle the morning meal for lunch. Waffles or rolled pancakes with jelly, or dry cereal in festive con-tainers, or decorated bags are great. ■ Pack a hand washing wipe in the
- lunch in case soap and water aren't available. Encourage your child to use it before touching their foods and after they are finished.

 Pack the lunch in a clean container. Wash out the lunch box or bag with warm water and soap every day. Throw away brown paper bags, use a

Lois M, Thieleke of Birmingham is an Extension Home Economist for the Michigan State University Extension — Oakland County, For answers to food questions, call the hot-line (248) 858-0904.

LOOKING AHEAD

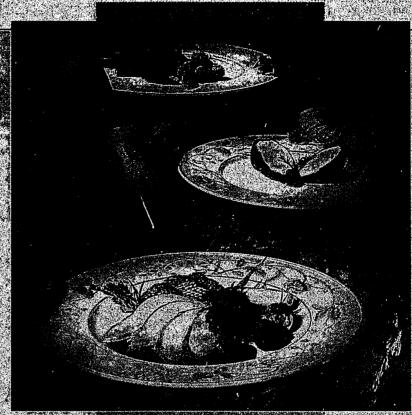
What to watch for in Taste next week:

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GOLDEN MUSEROOM ADDS DELIGHTER ON OUR KITCHEN

The Golden Mushroom, a Southfield dining landmark for a quarter century, unlocks secrets to preparing wonderful and creative meals in "The Golden Mushroom Kitchen, 25 Years of Chefs and

"The cookbook offers the very best dishes from some of the finest chefs who have trained in Michigan," said twner fleid Ashton who conceived the idea of a cookbook tonoring star performers whose culinary wizardfy brought and continue to bring, the Golden Mushroom its accolades.

In the cookbook 23 chefs provide recipes for a complete menu from hors d'oeuvre to dessert. The complementary flow of flavors from one course to either currently work, such as Executive Chef Derrin Moore, or have worked, at the Golden Mushroom, A brief biography of each chef brings the reader up close and personal.

Hardbound, "The Golden Mushroom Kitchen", will be a welcome addition to your collection of cookbooks, Retailing for \$24.95, its 188 pages include over 200 recipes. A portion of the sale proceeds goes to scholarship programs at Michigan State University; the Michigan Chefs de Cuisine Association and the Michigan Restaurant Association. It is available at the Golden Mushroom and the Michigan Replaced of the control of the sale processor o many other restaurants whose chefs are featured in the book Phone orders may be placed at (248)

The breadth of imagination and dedication represented by the menus and recipes brings The Golden Mushroom a new moniker, Golden Mush-room Culinary University/As such, the kitchen of the restaurant provides an apprentice program for some of metro Detroit's top chefs: Once apprentices, Steve Allen of Steve and Rocky's in Novi and Brian Polcyn, Five Lakes Grill in Milford, are now restaurant owners Others, like Marty Blitz, owner of Misesen Place in Tampa, Flar : ; The number of their staying close to home has

given the metro Detroit area dining prominence. Up north at Tapawingo in Ellsworth, Executive Chef Richard Travis displays his skills making the restaurant a destination for fine dining.

The early years

It all began with the genius of Milos Cihelka, the first Master Chef certified in the United the Golden Mushroom on the culinary map. His biography places him at the Golden Mushroom in partner. Only four years before, as a member of the 1972 U.S. Culinary Team, he won two Gold Medals in the Culinary Olympics in Frankfurt,

Returning in 1984, he won the Gold Medal with Distinction for a perfect score in eleven dishes. In 1986, Chef Milos turned tutor and coach for members of the Michigan Culinary Team that has won a total of 44 Gold Medals, three Grand Prizes and

Chef Milos who retired in 1992, Chef Kevin " Enright has, for the last 14 years, been training chefs enrolled in the culinary arts programat Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills | Enright credits his success to the training he received from Master Chef Milos in the Golden Mushroom kitchen.

In 1980, Chef Brian Polcyn joined the kitchen of Master Chef Milos and rose to the rank of sous chef. Today, as owner of Five Lakes Grill in his hometown of Milford, his culinary expertise has been recognized in many national magazines. He also serves as a culinary consultant to Northwest Airlines

But don't expect creative food to have simple preparation. Many recipes are challenging and include numerous steps: However, it does give the home cook an appreciation for what goes on in a creative restaurant kitchen.

Taking the guess workers.

Taking the guess work out of wine pairing is an added feature for the wine aficionado. Golden Mushroom's Sommelier Marlene Vendramelli has made a wine selection for most dishes. See recipes inside.

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Information supplied by Absopure Water Co.

Absopure celebrates 90 years of bottling water

BY KEELY WYGONIK

Diane Schuur, Regina Carter and Liquid Soul aren't the only familiar names at this year's Ford Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival, Absopure Water Co. will be there too.

"We are proud that Absopure is the official bottled water of the 1998 Ford Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival," said William Patrick Young, vice president of retail marketing for the Plymouth based company. "We felt it was a great way to get involved, we've been a festival sponsor for many

Look for the commemorative label, which includes a smaller version of the colorful Ford Montreux Detroit Jazz poster designed by Tania Macioce of Farmington Hills, an art director at J. Walter Thompson.

"Jazz lovers have discriminating tastes," said Young.
"They're the type of people who drink our product. Water is the very best way to quench your thirst. People like the taste of it. Our spring water comes from southern Michigan near Irish Hills. The bottles are convenient and make it easier for people to drink water

Ice cold Absopure Water will be sold at the Ford Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival to refresh everyone enjoying "All that Jazz." Look for the commemorative label on one liter Absonure Water bottles at Farmer Jack and other

"The commemorative label is Absopure's way of paying tribute to the world's largest free jazz festival in the country," said Young. "The bottles will be in stores this week. They'll be available until we run out."

Family business

Family owned and operated, Absopure Water Co. is celebrating its 90th anniversary this year. They're one of the nation's leading regional bottlers and marketers of a wide array of bottled water products ranging from distilled spring and drinking water, to Cap 10 effervescent, naturally flavored mineral water.

The company has called Plymouth home since 1979, Like a good neighbor. Absophre supports not only cultural grocery store. events such as the Ford Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival but

helps people in need. When a water main broke recently in learned about the water company Macomb Township leaving hundreds of people without and purchased it in 1956 vav about 4.0 00 gallons of

Beginnings

Absopure began in 1908 as a brand name of General Necessities Company. Back then, Absopure Ice was delivered to Detroit area customers on horse-drawn wagons. In the 1920s the company introduced the Absopure brand of electrical "Frigerators.

Arthur and Belle Porteous bought the Absopure name and formed a new company - Absopure Water Co. after General Necessities Co. went bankrupt following the stockmarket crash on Wall Street in 1929.

In the mid-1950s, Young's grandfather, William P. Young, a self-taught engineer from Bay City, called on Absopure as part of his sales position with Fred Myers Co. While trying to sell Porteous a new bottle washer, Young



Thirst quencher: Look for Absopure Water, vith this commemorative label, at the Ford-Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival, and your

Little Ballion Literature

Their son, Wi working at Absopure part time when he was 16. He earned his degree in engineering from the University of Detroit and worked in a co-op program at Ford Motor Co. before joining Absopure fulltime in 1961. He soon became the driving force in the company.

In 1973, the Young family merged their company with Beatrice Foods, a major food products company based in Chicago. The Youngs continued to manage the Absopure division. In addition to making a significant investment in new equipment and facilities modernization, it added CAP 10 sparkling water to the Absopure product lines. Over the next decade, it became clear that Beat-

rice and Absopure were growing in different directions. In 1982 the Young Family bought Absopure back.

"Tve been with the company since I was born," said William Patrick Young with a chuckle. After earning his degree in marketing from the University of Detroit, Young,

like his father, joined the company.
"It's always been part of me," he said. "I saw the bottled water industry as an exciting industry, something I wanted to be part of. It's something I've always known."

Part of Absopure's 90th anniversary celebration includes strong marketing focus on hydration - water consumption. Labels include the words - Absopure "The Hydration

The Young family also owns three independent affiliates that grew from Absopure's success - Plastipak Packaging, Inc., Clean Tech, Inc. and Whiteline Express, Ltd.

Absopure products touch 20 states in the United States

Chefs share recipes from The Golden Mushroom Kitchen'

See related story on Taste

Recipes from "The Golden Mushroom Kitchen, 25 Years of Chefs and Recipes."

CARAMELIZED ONION TART Chef/Proprietor Brian Poleyn Five Lakes Grill, Milford

For pate brissee*

- 1 pound butter
- 1 pound flour 1 egg plus water to equal 1

Cut butter into very small pieces, press into flour with hands until crumbly. Mix egg/water mix ture in and chill for 30 minutes

before using.

- 8 dunces pate brissee recipe
- 4 large Spanish onlons
- 2 ounces butter
- 1/2 cup cream v 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese

Roll pate brissee dough out to 1/8-inch thickness in a circle larger than an 11-inch flan shell. Line the shell with the dough. Place a piece of parchment paper in the shell and fill with weights such as beans. Bake in a 350°F oven until evenly golden brown. Remove and allow to cool.

In a pan fitted with a tight lid, sweat onions in butter over medium heat. When onion

becomes clear and completely soft, remove the lid. Turn the heat to high and stirring con-stantly, caramelize the natural sugars. When the onions are a deep brown color, remove them from the heat and allow to cool.

Mix eggs and cream and pour over onions. Fill the tart shell with the onions and cream mixture. Sprinkle top with Parme-san cheese, Bake in a 350°F oven for approximately 45 minutes to 1 hour, until it is set in the cen-ter. Allow to cool slightly before you cut tart. Serves 12.

1 Pate brissee is a French term for "short pastry," a rich flaky dough used for sweet and savory

ROASTED BUTTERNUT SQUASH SOUP

Chef/Proprietor Brian Polcyn, Five Lakes Grill, Milford.

1 large butternut squash 4 ounces butter. 1 quart chicken stock 1 small onion, diced 2 cups heavy cream

salt, pepper and nutmeg Cut squash in half lengthwise, remove seeds. Roast in 375oF oven, cut side down until tender, about 35 to 45 minutes. Remove from oven, scoop out pulp. In 2 ounces of butter, sweat the onions until translucent, add the roasted squash pulp, then the chicken

stock. Bring to a boil, allow to blender or food processor until smooth. Place back on stove, whip in remaining butter and heavy cream. Season, strain if needed.

SLICED BUFFALO MOZZARELLA WITH RIPE ROMA TOMATOES

Executive Chef Brian DeMever. Copper Canyon Brewery, South-

- 3 ounces sliced buffalo mozzarella, cut into 6 slices 6 slices Roma tomatoes crushed black peppercorns to
- taste extra virgin olive oil ...
- balsamic vinegar 1 tablespoon basil chiffonade. (cut in thin strips)

Alternate slices of cheese and tomatoes on serving plate. Mix 🛭 remaining ingredients and drizzle Serve at room temperature. Individual serving.

GRILLED, SPICE RUBBED YELLOWFIN TUNA

Chef/Proprietor Steve Allen, Steve & Rocky's, Novi

For sauce: 1/3 cup peanut oil

1 1/2 tablespoons red wine vine-

zest and juice of one lime

1/2 teaspoon sugar

- pinch salt
- 2 teaspoons grated ginger
- 1 teaspoon garlic, finely chopped 1 teaspoon Malayan chili sauce
- (available in food specialty shops) 1 tablespoon chili sauce
- Combine all ingredients in blender and blend until smooth. For spice rub:
- 1/2 cup Hungarian paprika
- 1 tablespoon dry mustard
- 1 tablespoon ground thyme
- 1 tablespoon ground tarragon 2 teaspoons garlic powder
- 2 teaspoons onion powder
- 1 teaspoon cumin 1 teaspoon cayenne
- salt to taste
- For fish:
- 4 tuna steaks, 6 ounces each
- peanut oil For salad
- 1 cup chopped grapefruit seg-
- 1/2 cup sliced water chestnuts 1/2 small red onion, julienne cut 1 tablespoon sliced chives
- 1 cup sliced pineapple Gently combine all salad ingredients

Combine spice rub ingredients

with mixture; let sit 10 minutes. Preheat clean charbroiler or barbecue. Lightly brush steaks with peanut oil. Place tune on grill at a slight angle and sear.

Lift tuna with metal spatula off grill, rotate tuna 1/2 turn and sear again. Turn steaks over and repeat process, approximate-ly 2 1/2 minutes per side. Cook to medium rare or else fish will

be dry, Remove from grill Spill sauce on plates, then place salad on plate. Place time onto salad and serve immediately. Serves four.

POACHED PEARS WITH PORT WINE SABAYON

- Recipe of Golden Müshroom 3 large or 6 small pears
- 2 cups tawny port?
- 1 whole clove
- 1 piece cinnamon stick 2 strips lemon peel
- 2 egg yolks
- Peel pears and cut in halves

Remove coresi. Place in stainless pan, add wine and spices. Simmer till pears are tender (time depends on how ripe they are).

Transfer pears to another dish. Over high heat boil wine down to 1/2 cup. Strain into a bowl, allow to cool a little.

Add the egg yolks and over a boiling water bath, whip till hot and foamy. Remove from heat,

peara flat aide down on serving plates, spoon sauce over.. Serves 6.

CHOCOLATE TRUFFLES

Milos Cihelka, Certified Mas-8 ounces bittersweet choco-

- 1 1/2 tablespoons dark rum
- 2/3 cup heavy cream
- 8 punces chocolate (milk or dark) for dipping cocoa for coating cocoa butter (optional)

In a machine mixing bowl, melt chocolate over hot water. Place in mixer and whip at high speed. Slowly add the rum and whipping steadily, start adding the cream slowly; scraping sides and bottom occasionally. Continue whipping until the mixture is fluffy, but do not overwhip.

Using a pastry bag with plain tube, pipe 1" size balls on a piece of parchment or was paper. Refrigerate to solidify

You may thin the dipping chocolate using a small amount of cocoa butter. Form a piece of wire into a small (teaspoon size) loop.

Drop truffle balls one by one in the chocolate, remove using wire loop, place in a bed of cocoa and roll to coat. Remove to another sheet of paper and refrigerate until needed.

Share your favorite chili, tailgate recipes

Do you have a great chili recipe you'd like to share with our readers?

If so, send the recipe to the Observer and we'll consider it for publication in our Plymouth Chili Cookoff booklet on Oct. 1.

Send recipes to Observer lewspapers Special Projects Editor Ralph R. Echtinaw, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI Or fax recipes to Echtinaw at (734) 591-7279.

Or e-mail recipes to rechtinaw@oe.homecomm.net.

We're also looking for tailgate recipes to feature in a story in Taste on Sept. 27. Send or fax tailgate recipes to Taste Editor Keely Wygonik at the address and number listed

You can also e-mail recipes kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

Saucy pork chops easy meal on the grill (AP) Almost everyone is fond of pork with applesauce, but the applesauce is usually a side dish.

This version, from Better Homes and Gardens' "Steaks, Ribs, Chops and All the Fixin's That Make 'em Great' (Better Homes and Gardens, \$19.95). includes a sauce of fresh apples brown sugar and cream that tends to become the main attraction. Total preparation and broiling time for the dish is 30 min-

The book features 87 recipes for steaks, ribs and chops broiled, grilled, marinated, smoked, sauced or simmered. It includes recipes from chefs from

15 notable restaurants, steakhouses and barbecue joints across the country.

APPLE SAUCED CHOPS

- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- crushed 1/4 teaspoon onion salt
- 1/4 teaspoon dry mustard 4 pork toin chops, cut 1 1/4 inch thick (about 2 1/4 pounds total)
- 2 tablespoons margarine or butter
- 1 medium onlon scut into thin -wedges -1 large cooking apple, cored
- and thinly sliced 1 tablespoon brown sugar

For spice rub, in a small bowl stir together the cinnamon, thyme, onion salt, and dry mustard.

Trim fat from the pork chops. Sprinkle spice rub evenly over chops; rub in. Place pork chops on the unheated rack of a broiler pan. Broil with surface of chops 3 to 4 inches from the heat for 18 to 22 minutes or until juices run clear, turning once

Meanwhile, for sauce, in a medium skillet heat margarine or butter over medium-low heat until melted. Add the onion, Cover and cook for 13 to 15 minutes or until onion is tender. Uncover; add apple slices and brown sugar, cook and stir over medium-high heat

about 5 minutes or until onions are golden and apples are tender. Carefully stir in the whipping cream. Bring just to boiling; reduce heat. Boil gently for 2 to 3 minutes or until sauce is slightly thickened. Serve sauce over chops. Makes 4 servings.

To grill directly: Grill the chops on the grill rack of an uncovered grill directly over medium coals for 25 to 35 minutes or until the juices run clear, turning once. Serve as above. To grill indirectly: In a grill with a cover arrange preheated coals around drip pan. Test for medium heat above the pan. Place chops on grill rack directly over drip pan. Cover and grill for 35 to 40 minutes or until juices run clear. Serve as above



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CONVERSATIONS



Fine artist's close encounters are heavenly

n the land where capitalism is king, and wisdom is measured by the rate-of-return on a diverse stock portfolio, who'd think that anyone was paying attention to those etherealwinged guardian spirits commonly referred to as angels?

Materialism the rage? Think again. Nearly three-quarters of Americans believe in angels. Most only quietly confess to close encounters of the heavenly kind. (And no, there aren't reports of Della Reese anywhere to be found.)

"People are looking for something beyond materialism," said Ron Pavs ner, a fine artist from Birmingham who specializes in transferring the



STAFF PHOTO BY JERRY ZOLYNSI From within: Ron Pavsner next to one of his angelic images.

images of angels from the fertile well of his unconscious to the tangible world of ink and paper.

"There's a cyclical period of materialism followed by a period when people are searching for a deeper mean-

ing," said Pavsner.
"Now, we're in a period when people

are looking for spirituality." And apparently, many people are looking for Pavsner's angelic imagery

as entry into another world. Need for spirituality

Over the past year, Pavsner's prints and sculptures have been available at Angel Treasure stores across the

country. Three years ago, Pavsner retired after 27 years of teaching at Adams Elementary and Junior High schools

In August, his framed prints hung along the walls at The Community House of Birmingham.

And in the upcoming weeks, Pavsner's work will be exhibited at Our Town Art Exhibit, Mind, Body and Spirit Festival in Rochester, and Borders Books

Based on the immediate and overwhelming response to the DIA's "The Invisible Made Visible: Angels from the Vatican," the subject of angels cer-

In these secular times, said Pavsner, the popularity of angels is a way for many people to reconcile their need for spirituality without sounding like religious zealots.

Art isn't easy

"My work is intense," said Pavsner. "It's the opposite of 'mall art' or wall

Warm and fuzzy isn't quite what most people feel when they study Paysner's surrealistic images of

On the contrary, there's a striking sense of isolation, loneliness and foreboding.

"Art isn't meant to be easy," said Paysner. "You've got to walk through the feeling of loneliness. The ultimate goal is for 'art' to be transcendent." Arguably, few other subjects inspire

the feeling of transcendence than And for Paysner, heavenly bodies seem to have left their footprints in

the hazy fields of slumber.

A little help

"Before I awake I see the images," said Pavsner, who opens his eyes and finds a nearby pencil and paper, then sketches a preliminary drawing. From there, he uses an oil pencil

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Inaugural festival nourishes Pontiac's cultural rebirth



braintrust: Art, Beats & Eats" has evolved from a taste fest to a full-fledge festival. Event, organizers include Steve Weikal, (left to right), Lisa Jonathan Witz and Chuck Uzelac.

By Frank Provenzano Starf Writer

hatever was in the food at Colangelo's in Pontiac last December when Oakland County Executive L.
Brooks Patterson strolled in for dinner is worth

Perhaps years from now when "Arts, Beats & Eats" —held for the first time this Labor Day weekend — is a mentioned in the same breath as the Chicago Taste Fest and Denver's Cherry Creek Art Festival, the story will have become a full-blown legend.

According to the emerging folklore, the idea for "Arts, Beats & Eats" was initially broached as Patterson and restaurant owner Ernie Colangelo discussed a proposed taste fes-tival that would feature the growing number of restau-

rants in Cakland County. In only a few months, the idea admittedly borrowed from the annual Detroit Taste Fest evolved into a multicultural fine arts, culinary and musical extravaganza.

"The idea just kept get-ting bigger," said Steve Weikal, director of Oakland

What: "Arts, Beats & Eets." featuring 120 fine artists, 35 local restaurants and 65 local When: Labor Day Weekend, Friday-Monday, Sept. 4-7 Where: Downtown Pontiac, along Saginaw Street ssion: Free, call (248) 584-4177, or artsbeat seats.com on the web for more information. Proceeds benefit Lighthouse of Oakland County, Pontlac Res-cue Mission, Dittrich Foundation. Fanclub Foundation for the Arts, Rainbow Connection Boys and Girls Club of N. Oakland County, Haven, and Chrysler Oakland Arts Fund.

County Arts, Culture and Film. "It had to be insanely big to get people's atten-

On Labor Day weekend, the festival will stop evolving long enough to spotlight 130 artists from around the U.S., more than 30 local restaurants, and nearly 60 local and nation-al musical acts.

The much-anticipated celebration is widely considered as the long-sought catalyst to transform down town Pontiac, said Chuck Uzelac, president of the Pontiac Downtown Business Association.

"In the short-term, it's a

lot of work, but when people come they'll find out what's been going on in Pontiac," said Uzelac of Bloomfield Hills, who opened a downtown gallery two years ago.

"Our downtown is a microcosm of the festival," he said. We have a great downtown. We're not trying to build one."

'90s-style fést

Essentially, "Arts, Beats & Eats" is the definitive '90s-style festival – eclectic in taste and driven from the grassroots.

"We've taken a broad vision of what represents

culture of the county and thrown our resources behind it," said Weikal. "However, those resources" haven't translated into public funding. \$550,000 for the festival will be derived solely from

will be derived solely from corporate sponsors.

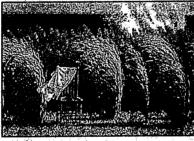
More specifically, Patter-son's support has translat-ed into a ride on his politi-cal coattails. Half of the sponsors, said Weikal, are referrals from the county executive.
While some may contend

that the lack of public seed money might jeopardize long-term plans, event pro ducer Jonathan Witz said the timing and wide sup-port of the festival guarantees corporate sponsors for years ahead.

"This will not look like any other festival. Each component of the festival can stand alone," said Witz, former event producer for Clubland in downtown Detroit.

"People need to see Pontiac as a destination point."
About 50,000 people per day are expected for the four-day festival, said Witz The key measure of suc-

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Grassroots eclecticism: The first annual "Arts, Beats & Eats" features 130 fine artists from around the country. The show features a range of media and styles, including Jack Brumbaugh's drawings and Jeanne Nash's fiber works..

Students jam with pros at Montreux

BY DOUG JOHNSON STAFF WRITER

Education has always been a component of the Ford Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival taking place Friday-Monday, Sept. 4-7, at Hart Plaza, Detroit. In addition to performing, college

and high school jazz musicians spend time with professional musicians. Matt Michaels of Southfield, director of Jazz Studies and an associate professor at Wayne State University, said high school and college students "love to share the stage with professionals." Hecompares it to athletics. Any student of. golf would love to play on the pro tour. Same with musicians — they love to jam with the pros.

Educational programs include performances by the high schools and college bands, seven workshops on jazz improvisation at the Pepsi Jam Academy and a chance for students to meet and talk to performers.

Meet the Artist

"Meet the Artist" sessions involve singer Dennis Rowland, Detroit bop veterans Louis Haves and Curtis Fuller, and the grandson of Duke Ellington, Paul, current leader of the Duke Ellington Orchestra.

"Jazz is just a great training ground for any type of music career," said Michaels. "You are really playing con-

temporary music ... today's music."

Most of the WSU jazz ensemble students "come from the suburbs" according to Michaels who plays with a quartet every Thursday at Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills.

Michaels'18-piece jazz band will play for one hour on the Main Stage on Labor Day. He plans on using a lot of student versions of jazz pieces in the show. "Many of the arrangements are very good," he said.

Jack Pierson, retired Dearborn Public Schools teacher and resident of Livonia until recently, emphasizes that the students not only get the opportunity to play to an audience, but also to participate in the clinics and "talk to the artist" sessions.

Pierson is executive secretary to the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association, and takes pride in the high school and college participation at Montreux.

The 'meet the artists' sessions are especially important. They give the students a chance to meet with the professionals, ask them about the life of a musician, how they got started.' The improv sessions also play a valu-

"It used to be kids could learn at improv sessions...they are just not as available as they once were," said Pierson. "At ours they can exchange ideas with other students."

The seven clinic/workshops/improv sessions are scheduled either right before or right after the high school bands to facilitate student participa-

Big band

Pierson added that band directors feel the clinics are "very beneficial" to the students. Directors also get to see and hear the latest at the festival.

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show draws community together

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Seglinda Pritchard looks forward to Art on the Green every Labor Day as a way of reconnecting with the community. Hosted by the Franklin Arts Coun-

Art on the Green

What: The Franklin Arts Council's 18th annual art fair featuring 78 artists and live entertain-ment by one-man band Rennie Kauffmann and guitarists Sean Blackman and John Arnold (latin folk, blues). Proceeds benefit Very Special Arts Michigan, Birmingham Groves High School art programs, and children's art activities for Franklin's "Holly Day" in December. When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday. Sept. 7 Admission is free. Where: Franklin Village Green, (west of Franklin

Road between 13 and 14 Mile Roads). For information, call (248) 644-5832, ext. 449.

Local artists exhibiting: Carole Berhorst, clay.

Elena Arnaoutova, painting, Emi Watts, Japanese brushpeinting, and Sue Watton, fiber, Bloomfield Hills; R.E. Salay, Troy: Marcy and Michael Feld man, and Nina Mann, Southfield; Cheryl Gleason Franklin: Marcia Hovland, Royal Oak; Susar Papazian Cobb, fiber, Barbara Abel, photography Bruce Migdall, pastels and Kathy Phillips, water color, West Bloomfield; Cella Block, Farmington David Tyndall, painting, Beverly Hills; Cynthia Frost, mixed media, Waterford, and Sara Hicks. floor canvases, Pontiac.

show features 78 painters, sculptors, photographers and clay, glass, fiber, and wood artists.

"Art on the Green is a day of reunion in the community as people come back from wherever their summer has taken them," said Pritchard, a former chairman. "Art on the Green celebrates art and life. It's a day for community and to pick up something beautiful for the

Art on the Green chairwoman Peggy Kerr is proud that show proceeds benefit community programs such as the Very Special Arts Michigan touring art exhibit. In the past, the arts council has used show profits to help support Michigan Opera Theatre programs for children, and to bring the Birmingham Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra into Pontiac Schools

This year's recipients of booth fees vill be Very Special Arts Michigan, Birmingham Groves High School art programs, and children's art activities 'ranklin's "Holly Day" in December.

"There's no charge to get in, but

artist fees help fund community art

programs," said Kerr, Franklin Arts Council president. "Very Special Arts provides arts programs for children and adults with disabilities. As an added attraction we'll have a tent full of art by these children and adults.

"The money makes a difference in a small kind of way," added Pritchard. For George Landino's students at



Seeing stars: George Landino will create whimsical folk art, including these popular kissing figures.

Birmingham Groves High School, the money made a big difference.

"If it wasn't for the arts council giving us money we wouldn't have been able to award scholarships to outstand-ing students," said Landino. "They gave us money for years. It was because of the arts council, the art programs at Birmingham Groves have flourished."

At Art on the Green Landino will exhibit the whimsical wood folk sculp-

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Gold and silver: Charlotte Quinn designs contemporary fine jewelry on the cutting edge.

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tures he's been creating full time since retiring in 1997. Landing taught art at Birmingham Groves High School for 38 years."

His work reflects on family and community so it fits naturally with the show's concept of drawing people together. The West Bloomfield artist grew up in household of 18 where he learned early to create his ov games and toys because his Ital ian immigrant family was so poor: Having a sense of humor was important as well. The family shared one bathroom and everyone had to schedule a time.

"I was the youngest," said Landino. "You-had to make everything."

From a tongue-in-cheek wal piece featuring the yellow cabs and skyscrapers people think of when they think about New York, to a sculpture of Noah car-rying an armful of animals up a hill to the ark as his wife is about to be swallowed by a giant waye, Landino's art makes people chuckle.

The most popular pieces this year are his kissing figures ("it's a neat, romantic thing"). The American Craft Gallery in New Jersey recently ordered 30 of the sculptures in six different poses.

Locally, Landino's sports figures, cowboys and Indians, airplanes, animals, Moses and the 10 Com-mandments, and Adam and Eve and the serpent were best sellers at the Ann Arbor Art Fairs in July, Landino expects them to do as well at Art in the Park in Birmingham, Sept. 12-13. Landi-no designed this year's Art in the Park T-shirt.

"I try to get into subjects everyone can relate to, but noth-ing too heavy," said Landino: "Part of it is for my children and grandchildren to understand. They look at it and then I tell them the story."

Harmony

narmony Husband and wife Charlotte and Harlan Quinn prove the family that creates together, stays together. Charlotte began designing jewelry more than years ago after graduating with a master's degree in metal and design from Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills. That's where she met Harlan, who will exhibit animal sculptures alongside her.

Crafted in Quinn's Birmingham studio, the one-of-a-kind neck pieces, rings, earrings, and bracelets, some set with precious

and semi-precious stones from diamonds to peridot, garnet, citrine, and amethyst, are sold to galleries nationally. Quinn also exhibits at Art in the Park in Birmingham in May, and at shows in Charlevoix and Royal

"It's contemporary fine jewelry of gold and silver, and also some materials on the cutting edge such as slate and neoprene, and reticulated silver," said Quinn. "For me, it always should be a leading edge design, not what you'd see in commercial jewelry. You always have to experiment with new techniques and seek new directions

This is the first year Harlan is showing his art even though he earned a master's degree in painting and sculpture from Cranbrook. A computer analyst by day, Harlan exhibits clay sculptures of cheetahs, frogs, warthogs, and meerkats.

"Our house is very much devoted to art with our studios and collecting art. The only drawback to working in a home studio is working weekends and evenings, but generally I work 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. to make it a serious business. You can make a profession out of this."

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cess, however, might be how many return after the festival.

Unlike trendy Royal Oak and upscale Birmingham, downtown Pontiac is distinguished by a grittiness that combines a sense of manufacturing history and a budding sense of possibility.

"Pontiac is not only the geographical center of the county. the last historic cityscape (in Oakland County) to get buffed up and become hip," said Weikal. Since early February when a

marketing campaign began promoting Pontiac as the "SoHo of the Suburbs," there's been a growing buzz.

By the time of his state of the county address in late February, Patterson elevated the festival as one of the top three initiatives for Oakland County along with expanding efforts to promote the county's automated businesses. and helping to establish a health-care program for small

While the "SoHo in the Suburbs" campaign has given Pontiac an identity, Witz contends that "Arts, Beats & Eats" gives the downtown area a personali-

ty, "Once we get through the first festival we'll have a more regular pace," said Witz. "We've done a year's worth of planning in five months."

Lingering crowds

A critical component of elevating the quality of fine art included in "Arts, Beats & Eats" was enlisting the help of Lisa Konikow, former director/owner of Xochipillia Gallery in Birmingham.

In a consultant's role, Konikow of Franklin has put together an impressive range of 125 artists from around the country. Many of the works, contends Konikow are on the "quality level" of gallery exhibits.

In conjunction with the artists

booths, the downtown Pontiac streets will feature artists represented by local Pontiac galleries.

This is one of the few places in the country where there are all types of media - painting, glass, furniture, fiber, clay," said Chuck Uzelac, who recently expanded his business, Uzelac Gallery, into a storefront space on Saginaw Street.

A few weeks after the Dream Cruise brought an influx of people to Pontiac, event organizers are anxious and optimistic about the broad appeal of "Arts, Beats & Eats.

If they serve the dish ordered by L. Brooks Patterson at that prescient dinner at Colangelo's in late December, who knows how long the crowds will stick around.

For information about the music lineup, please see the O&E's Entertainment section on Thursday.

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Michigan All State Big Band, which features top high school players, 2:45 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, on the Hudson's/Live Jazz Stage. Eleven other high school bands

are scheduled to perform, including the group from Divine Child High School in Dearborn directed by Christopher Blackmer of Westland.

"I am excited to be involved in the planning for this," said Pierson. "Another great thing for student players: each band gets a taned and written critique of their performance from professionals.

WSU Sextet

The Wayne State University

Sextet, which includes Rochester Hills resident Norine Castine, is also playing at Montreux. She plays piano in the six-piece combo that includes electronic base, drums, trumpet, trombone and tenor sax. The other players, all male, are also students.

Castine who graduates in December, currently plays solo and with groups in the area, and teaches piano for Annie's World, a Rochester music store.

"I've been going to Montreux since its inception ... almost my pre-teen years. I believe it is one of the greatest things Detroit has to offer. I've been to other festival on the east coast. It is a real credit to Detroit and to the organizers of this ... the great thing is you can still get in free, and hear big name players."

some student arrangements and some standards. She thinks the student venues are a key part of Montreux. "I missed the opportunity to

She said the combo would play

play in high school. It is an incredible opportunity for any young person to play; it is an Castine and her fellow musi-

cians will play 45-minute sets 5:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday. Sept. 5. at the Kowalski Riverfront Cafe.

The Dearborn Henry Ford Community College Big Band will also play at Montreux with vocals by the Evergreen Blues Quartet. HFCC is scheduled to play 5:15 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6 on the Hudson's Live Jazz stage.

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and what he calls his specialized heat and pressure process. The result is a lithographic print with a haunting effect.

Paysner chooses his words carefully. He doesn't want to sound like a New Age huckster.

After nearly three decades teaching art and finding time for his own work, he's come to a simple realization.

"All art is a self-portrait." he said. "You don't paint a picture of some subject. You paint who you are." Freudians and Jungians would

no doubt have a field day deciphering Paysner's definition of But Payaner concedes that it'd probably take a Buddhist to

appreciate his view. The 'church' is within," he said, softly pounding his chest. For some, however, the journey is made easier with a little spiritual guidance from a winged guardian.

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Block, a Farmington resident, is a certified professional demonstrator for the Hobby Industries of America and sells her work at fine art fairs across the country and will be at Art on the Green in Franklin on Labor Day.

WATERCOLOR SHOW

The Michigan Watercolor Society's 51st Annual Exhibition continues through Sept. 15 in the Alfred Berkowitz Gallery on the third floor of the Mardigian Library at the University of green Road. Dearborn. This traveling show

78 watercolors by 62 Michigan painters and includes a variety of subjects rendered in a number of different techniques.

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Wolves, Eagles hopeful for soccer fortunes

Eccentric sportswriter Dan Stickradt scouts Clarkston and the Clarkston and Clarkston Springfield Christian varsity boys soccer teams (Last sea son's records are in t

■ Clarkston (13-6-2) Under veteran coach Dan Fitzgerald, the Wolves enjoyed, per-haps, their second most successful season to date last fall, finishing second in the Oakland Activities Association Division I behind chamwhich is now in the OAA Division I — and winning their own Divi-

sion I district: Clarkston, which hadn't won a district title since 1992 behind then dream-teamer Scott 🥌 Rooney, did lose to eventual state champi-on Troy Athens last year in the regional semifinals, 3-1, but not before the Wolves gained plenty of respect from some of Oakland County's powerhouses.

To keep that respect, however, Fitzgerald must replace six... starters and seven players total lost to graduation, including honorable-mention all-state sweeper Sean Verlinden and four-year veteran Mike Gabriel. The key players back for the Wolves, who

should engage in a fourway battle with Bloomfield Hills Lahser, Royal Oak Kimball and st Bloomfield in the OAA Division II race. include senior midfielder Tom Dews, a third: year starter, senior Russ Parrott, who shifts to the sweeper position to anchor the defense, senior fullback Mike Tharrett, junior... forward Mike Renda, and senior forward/mid-

fielder Mike Lenhardt.

Players to watch

Below is a list of the top prep boys soccer players in the North Oakland

Rk. Name	School	Grade	Position
1. Kellen Kalso	Oxford 🖖	Sr. /	Midfield
	Oxford	Soph.	Sweeper
3. Derek Elliott	Lake Orion	Sr	Mid./For.
4: Tom Dews	Clarkston	' Sr	Midfield
5. Andy Lyssiotis	Oxford	Jr.	Forward
the state of the s	::- Clarkston	Sr.	Sweeper
7: Paul King	Lake Orion	- Sr ' . 4	Fullback
8 Gareth Summers		Soph.	Midfield
	Springfield		Sweeper
10. Jared Jeffers			Midfield
11. Chris Wentzel			GK
Others to watch: Aaron			
Oxford soph, M; Mike Renda			
er_M; Jon Vanaman, Clarks			
mond, Lake Orion sr. GK:			rent Ludwig,
Oxford Christian sr. D; Kevin	i Majic, Lake On	on'sr. U.	

Although the Wolves lost a great cast, 10 other letter-winners also return, which should help Clarkston — 0-3-1 so far this sea son — remain a competitive team.

Senior fullbacks Nate Green, Rob Allyn and Dave Midkiff, senior midfielder Jeremy Parrott, junior midfielders Jared Bauer and Mike Licata, junior forward Bill Kalush, and senior forwards Eric Klemm and Dan Jackson, also return and hope to

make an impact. Junior Dustin Coleman and senior Jeremy Fecteau will split time between the pipes, although Fecteau has shouldered most of the load so far.

■ Clarkston Springfield Christian (7-13-1) — In their first season in the Fundamental Baptist Athletic Conference, Springfield Christian had its ups and downs in the Red Division, finishing in fourth place with a 2-2-2 mark. Improvement this year will depend on

how the young Eagles continue to mature.

"We had a really young team last year and at times we struggled and other times we played really well," recalled Eagle coach Tigg Vanaman. "With a young team, you're going to have your ups and downs. This year, we return a lot of players and I'm hoping that their experience in the league last year kind of paid off."

Although Rochester Hills Christian and Clinton Township Faith Christian appear to be the co-favorites in the Red Division this year, Springfield should be considered a sleeper.

Leading the way will be four-year veteran Tom Reese, a tenacious sweeper who garnered all-league honors last vear. Reese will be joined in the backfield by junior stopper Matt Christie and sophomore returnees Brian Morris and Joe Kennedy, who will start at the fullback positions. Sophomore Adam Armstrong

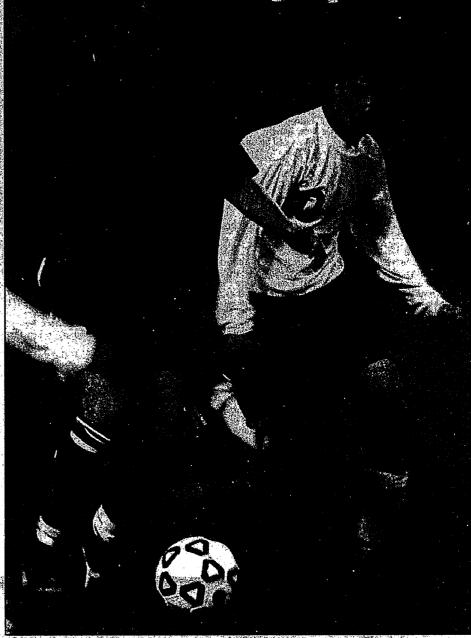
will inherit the goalkeeping duties after seeing limited action as a freshman.

"If Adam develops, that will be the key to our defense because he has a strong unit in front of him," said Vanaman.

Junior Jon Vanaman, the coach's nephew, returns to anchor the midfield alongside classmate Trevor Cole, a returning starter, senior Felipe Brito, an exchange student from Chile, and freshman Josh Cole, Trevor's younger brother.

Up top at forward, the Eagles are young as junior Greg Irish is the lone returnee, but freshman prospect Knoa Knapper should be a player to watch the next four years, according to Vanaman.
"I think Knoa is going

to be a really good player; he's got the knack of finding the net," beamed Vanaman. "Overall, I think we a little better this year, but time will tell," concluded Vanaman.



Marking up: Clarkston's Jared Bauer (right) tries to beat Matt Fisher of Royal Oak Kimball to the ball during the Wolves' 2-2 tie with the Knights Thursday. Bill Kalush and Eric Klemm got the goals for the Wolves.

Off and running

Sage, juniors lead harriers into OAA battle

BY DAN STICKRADT STAFF WRITER

ith five sophomores amongst its top seven last year, Clarkston still emerged as one of the premier teams in talent-laden Oak land County. The Wolves, who recorded a 4-

2 overall dual meet record last land Activities Association, won the Flint Carmen-Ainsworth Cavalier Classic, placed fifth at the county meet, won the league meet by a point, and took fifth at the rugged Holly Regional that featured four state-ranked teams.

This year the Wolves will be just as good — if not better.

• Our guys are a

year older and we

have high expecta-

"Our guys are a year older and high expectations. said Clarkston coach Mike Tayyear we

were young and we snuck up on people. This year, everybody knows what we have, so we won't be able to surprise every

tions.

Junior David Sage, a state qualifier last fall and a twoevent state meet participant in track last spring, is back as one of the county's premier distance runners. Also back for Clarkston are the junior foursome of Matt Haver, Kevin Breen, Dan Burke and Chris Weber.

Those five were primarily our top five last season," said Taylor, "They are all experienced and I think that they will do well again this season.

The final two spots in the top seven may be a pair of newcom-– junior Brent Quantz, a member of the Wolves' school-record setting 3,200-meter relay unit last spring in track, and freshman prospect Eric Sweeney
— although the Wolves have plenty of depth on their roster of 22 athletes.

Senior new senior four-year veteran Dave Dixon, junior Jeff Ginn, and sophomore Dan Clouse could also step right in if any of Clarkston's key runners go down with

"We do have some depth. which is good because you never know what might happen," continued Taylor. "We should be in

good shape." The Wolves, who will look to defend their Cavalier Classic title this Thursday, open their dual meet season Sept. 15 in a tri-meet with Mike Taylor -Clarkston coach defending league champion

Rochester and Lake Orion. Ironically, that meet not only features the league's top three teams, but three of the top-ten

teams in the county.
"It's really a shame that these three teams have to face each other in the same tri-meet, and it's really a shame that it's the first league meet of the year,' said Taylor. "I don't think any of the coaches requested this schedule. We'll just go out and do our best that day and see where the cards fall.

With a strong lineup, expect the cards to fall Clarkston's way on more occasions than not this

Rating the OAA

Eccentric sportswriter Dan Stickradt scouts the Oakland Activities Association Division I cross-country race.
BOYS

Clarkston won the league meet last year and tied for second in the division and should be in the hunt again, although their are no seniors in the Wolves' top five. Returning state-qualifier David Sage leads a strong junior class that also boasts Matt Haver, Dan Burke Kevin Breen and Chris Weber - all who return from last year varsity lineup ... Rochester has won or tied for the league title the past two years and the Falcons don't look like they are ready to relinquish their crown just yet. Senior Sean Secord — who posted the county's fastest time last year in 15:40 — is back along with fellow state-qualifiers Brian Lindensmith and Zach Wincek, Seniors Ed Lotoczky and Ryan Linden, and sophomore Chris Gumz should also keep the Falcons in the running ... Lake Orion makes the leap into the Division I ranks and right into the title chase with Clarkston and Rochester. The Dragons return a senior-laden lineup that includes Jordan Desilets, last season's Class A runnerup medalist, along with seniors Eric Lohr, Pete Minton and Mark Rice, and junior Andrew Fons. Lake Orion did beat the latter two

schools at the county meet last autumn ... Troy Athens has had plenty of success in the nineties, tving Rochester for league honors two years ago and winning three straight Class A regional titles, but the Red Hawks lost four of their top seven runners. Senior four-year veterans Josh Wegner and Ryan Cook hope to lead the Athens pack this year ... Rochester Adams was a surprise state qualifier last season, but the Highlanders lost two key run ners. Senior Adam Cross, 14th at the state meet a year ago, is back as are seniors Sean Halliday and Nick Reeck, junior Mike McKee and sophomore Dave deSteiger. Expect Adams to start slow and finish strong. Troy usually fiels a competitive team and this year will be no different. But the Colts always seem to be a notch under the division's front-runners. Troy does welcome back former coach Mike Spencer and a rediscovered winning attitude. Expect seniors Sean McHale and Erik Anderson. and sophomore Paul Socier to lead Troy's hopes.

ECCENTRIC POLL —1.

Lake Orion; 2. (tie) Rochester and Clarkston; 4. Troy Athens; 5. Rochester Adams; 6. Troy.

Girls With a freshman-sophomore lineup last year, Troy

Please see OAA OUTLOOK, C2



Youth serves: Junior Chris Weber (13) is one of a talent ed pack of youngsters expected to lead Clarkston to Oakland Activities Association cross country success this season.

Falcons stop Dragons

With a young team, Rochester's boys soccer team more than took a beating last geason in the Oakland Activities Division I. The Falcons got a chance to show of their experi-ence gained Thursday and to welcome aboard the division's newest member — Lake Orion.

, The result was a 3-1 Rochester

"We've come a long, long way since last season," said Rochester coach Erick Pfeifer Last season we lost so many close games. We could never hold a lead."

. Holding a 2-1 lead inside s the game's final minute, sophomore Stopper Adam Frye stole the ball | left, leaving the Dragons on the just inside midfield and went the. distance before slipping a shot past Lake Orion goalkeeper: Justin Richman from close range

ing second in the league and 19th in the state. This year they open the season as league favorites with sophomores Cathy. Rein and Lauren Wisniewski.

and juniors Chrissy Newell and Lenore Tominna leading the way

.The team that will likely be

knocking on the Red Hawks door is **Clarkston**; which

returns all but one for its top

seven: The Rooding triplets, its seniors Jennifer, April and Christina, are the top three run-

ners, with junior Nichole Fisher, and seniors Lissa Lukens and

and Leah Christian,

Rochester may be the most

improved team in this division.

The Falcons, 25th in the state last autumn, also return juniors Lauren Raetz, Jill Pfeffer and

Jessica Mooney, and senior Lize Panter to their lineup and could

be a sleeper pick... Rochester Adams won the league in easy

Amy Hopcian just a step behind ... With perhaps the league's top two freshmen in Courtney Meek

OAA outlook from page Ci.

Athens surprised many by plac-fashion last year and place. In the state, but must reload this season. Sophomore Katie Boyles

that put the game away for the

"If this was last year, we probably would of wound up tying or losing that game," added Pfeifer, "? "But we showed tonight that." we've improved."

Rochester took a 2-0 lead in the first half as freshman forward Paul Omekanda twice con-verted breakaway feeds from junior midfielder Steve Kammann and the Falcons (2-1, 1-0) seemed to be in control. But in the second half, Lake Orion (0-2, 0-1) started to mount some pres-sure, much to the pleasure of yeteran coach Paul Élder.

hold a lead."

The Dragons, who were out.

The Falcons, however led shot 14-9, finally got on the from start to finish in this board in the 77th minute when league match and never lost. forward Scott Ewing, but the Falcons answered with 43 ticks

short end again.
"I don't care if we win or lose right now," said Elder, "We are a young team and all I'm looking

last season's state champion,

returns, but two key runners

opted to play club soccer instead Junior Megan Price and Liz

fill some voids ... **Troy** is starting to make are rebound after

finishing in the lower half the past two seasons. This year,

isenior Emily Stewart and junior

Amy Fielder are two of the league's top runners and should give the Colts a fighting chance

The sixth member of Division I

The sixth member of Dayson this year is newcomer Lake Orion, but the Dragons are still, a notch below its competition. Look for senior Leah DuBay and

sophomores Cindy Kus and Julia Cummins to prosper with stiffer competition as the Dragons con-

ECCENTRIC POLL-

Troy Athens, 2. Clarkston, 3.

Rochester; 4. Rochester Adams; 5: Troy; 6. Lake Orion.

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land of Lake Orion Jason Wong of se Pointe — were ed to the Olympic ining Center in Lake lacid, N.Y., for a week of archery. They will live in the Olympic Village and train under a Level IV coaching staff. This event is limited to just 24 archers east of the Missis-

Wolves face golf rebuilding process

BY BRAD KADRICH

A young team speckled with potential but no real experience combined with an Oakland Activities Association Division I team peppered with some of the state's best teams, could make for a very difficult first season for new Clarkston golf coach Tim

But Kaul, ever the optimist, points out the Wolves could be well-stocked for the future

Clarkston features only one senior—returning starter and captain Ben Ness—but has a freshman class that has six potential players headed into the

prep golf season: "We're kind of in a rebuilding process," Kaul admitted, "We will be a very average team. When we play against top flight competition, were going to be in the middle of the pack, maybe a little bit lower.

The Wolves have already played in five events. They fin-ished 20th of 27 the first day of

In the Huron Valley invitational, they'd pared their score down to

And in the first OAA I meet of the year, they shot their best score of the season and still finished fourth, losing a tie-breaker with third-place Rochester on a fifth score.

"I was pleased with that," Kaul said. "I wasn't sure going into the season if we could beat. anvone in Division I. I was pleased with that."

Without a golfer who can explode and shoot low scores, the Wolves will depend on consisten-cy. Ness is the only returning varisty player, and Kaul hopes he can lead the way.
"We don't have anyone who

can shoot the 73 or 74, a score that would jump us up a couple of notches," Newcomb said. '(Ness) is going to be steady. What I like most about him is he's a good competitor,'

Clarkston's next tier of players includes a bunch of juniors. Mark Churay, a power player, has been the second-best player so far in the early going

"He can really hit the ball," said Kaul, who replaced the retired Jim Chamberlain. "He's got the potential to be a real good player as he gains experience.

Trey Moreen has averaged 84 in the early going. The scores aren't as low, but they've been consistent.

'He's been a steady player,' Kaul said.

Dave Benner, Aaron Cooper, Derek Hool and Jeff Walters, along with sophomore Adam Petrulis, make up the rest of the team's nucleus.

But Kaul points proudly to a group of freshmen playing junior varsity as a reason for hope in

"I told the kids we have a pret-ty good nucleus of freshmen," the new coach said. "As they gain experience this year, if their scores warrant it I'm going to try them in varsity matches. If they can bump someone, I'm going to move them up."

The biggest problem the Wolves face is the level of competition Rochester Adams played

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well in the prestigious Traverse City tournament, and the Highlanders won the first OAA I tournament by 27 shots over Lahser. And the Knights are no slouch, moving up after dominating Division Π .

Adams is without question the class of the league," Kaul said. "Lahser is second best, and the rest of us just kind of fall in line behind them. When we played at Mystic Creek, Troy played pretty well, and there are days I think we can beat Troy.
"The top teams this year really

seem to be separating themselves from the rest of the pack," Kaul added. "It's going to take a miracle for anyone in our league to beat Adams."

While the Wolves might not be able to hang with the Highlanders this year, Kaul is happy with the direction his program appears to be going.

Even though we're going to struggle this year, the building process is going to be pretty posi-tive." he said. "We have a good future with the young kids coming into the program.

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Dog helps keep 'things': running for rural living

the guard Dog. NATURALLY write today's col-umn, 'Part of ' rural living is keeping "things" running. One of those things is an old Ford 8-N tractor. The tractor belched a

JONATHAN SCHECHTER cloud of blue smoke just as I was about to turn my dried and dead never-tasseled corn crop

back into the earth. I wiggled under the tractor and stared up at oily metal parts. The dog "helped." Any dog owner knows how helpful a dog can be when the last thing you need is a wet tongue on your face. And by the way, my dog weighs 140 pounds. He is an Akbash Dog. Akbash Dogs hail from Turkey where they have been bred to protect livestock.

When an Akbash is confronted by a wolf, a cougar, or any predator with a yearning for lamb chops, the approaching predator backs off. Akbash Dogs are in the truest sense of the word, formidable livestock guardians. They are not supposed to guard butterflies.

Just as I discovered the source of that smoke cloud, the dog vanished. It did not take long to locate a pure white dog that is as tall as my waist, especially when he stood motionless 50 feet away in a patch of milkweeds. His tail wagged ever so slowly. Did I forgot to mention he is also a very gentle and inquisitive dog? Bare ly a tongue's length from curved canines, a monarch butterfly rested on a milkweed plant.

Two more monarchs halfflapped, half-drifted over the field that held more milkweed than corn, proof positive that the great monarch migration is under way in Oakland County. Weighing about 50/1,000th of an ounce, monarchs can use all the friendship the can muster. Even from very big dogs. Life is not easy for a monarch.

The monarch that the dog and I watched, and the monarchs

you will see over the next few weeks, are all on route to the volcanic mountains of central Mexico. Tens of millions arrive cling on branches, enter dormancy, and wait for a secret spring signal that triggers the return flight to Michigan And so we were taught. That as not entirely true.

There never has been and

There never has been and never will be a monarch butter: fly that journeys from Oakland County to Mexico and returns home. That is a nature myth. (Parents, not to worry. I will not write a December column on the migration of Santa Claus from the North Pole to your chimney) Here are the facts of life on monarch migration and life cycles. Facts that would hold up

cycles. Facts that would hold upeven under deposition
An adult monarch lays eggs on milkweed plants, the only plant the butterflies lay eggs on. That little fact is why I have now decided my field of corn stubble spiced with milkweed plants will remain another month, even though the tractor sputtered back to life. About five days after egg-laying, the eggs hatches into larva, better known as a cater pillars.

Fourteen days later the cater pillar forms a chrysalia under a

piller forms å chrysalis linder å milkweed leaf. Another two milkweed leaf. Another two Qlympic Archery Development weeks pass and a miracle worthy Drogram beginning at 1 p.m. on of the "X-Files" happens; a moist Program beginning at 1 p.m. on monarch butterfly emerges from Sundays Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

the chrysalis and dries its wings. That generation becomes the migration generation that must cross mountains and great bod-ies of water to reach Mexico. migration generation that must. A weekly program for junior cross mountains and great bod. archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturies of water to reach Mexico. days at Detroit Archers in West Meet the grill of a car or g. Bloomfield Call (248) 661-9610 swirling hurricane; you die Mil. or (313) 835-2110 for more informed to

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Millions make it to Mexicon
After wintering in the moun tains, the survivors mate lay classes/
eggs and then die. The new
monarch generation wings CLINICS north. They mate, lay eggs and die. Their offspring cross the Appalachians and come home to the fields of Oakland County, fields that still have milkweed. Weeds to us. Life for the monary

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Royal Oak Archers will hold a 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 30, on its walk-through course in Lake Orion. Call (248) 693-9799 or (248) 693-1369 for more information.

HÖLIDAY SHOOT Detroit Archers will hold a three-day Holiday 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. each day on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, Sept-5-7, on its walk-through range in West-Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 for more informa

The Western Wayne County "Conservation Association will Hold a 30-target 3D shoot on Sunday Sept. 6, on its walk-through course in Plymouth, WWCCA is located at 6700 Napier Rd. Call (734) 453-9843 for more information.

The Gakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior

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BACKPACKING

The School of Outdoor Leadership Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR) will hold a backpacking classion five consecutive Wedfiesdays beginning Sept. 2, Jonathan Schechter writes on in Farmington. An overnight

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longer trip to Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, Cost for the class is \$75 and students must be a member of SOLAR (\$30 membership fee). For more infor-mation call Carol McCririe at (810) 229-5232 or Cindy Felix at (734) 722-3994.

TURKEY HUNTING

Jay's Sporting Goods of Clare, the Michigan DNR and the Michigan Wild Turkey Hunters hold a Association will be conducting Michigan's first fall wild turkey hunting workshop beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at Jay's. Fall hunting techniques, calling the use of decoys, laws, turkey biology and much more will be discuss by some of the state's most noted turkey experts.

FLY TYING

Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tyers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

HUNTER EDUCATION

Wayne County Sportsmen's Club will hold hunter education classes in the upcoming months at its clubhouse and grounds in Romu-lus. These classes will be taught by certified instructors. Students must be present for both days of their respective class. All equipment will be provided. Classes will be offered Oct. 3-4, Oct. 17-18 and Nov. 7-8. Cost is \$10.50 and includes lunch both days. Call (313) 532-0285 to pre-regis-

WINGSHOOTING SCHOOL

Hunters Ridge Hunt Club in Oxford will host the Fieldsport Wingshooting School on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 12-13. Master gunfitter and certified instructor Bryan Bilinski, who is credited with bringing sporting clays to the United States, will lead the school, which will cover all aspects of proficient shooting. Call (616) 933-0767 (daytime) or (248) 637-2446 (evenings) for more information.

FESTIVALS

POINTE MOUILLEE WATERFOWL

The 51st annual Pointe Mouillee

Waterfowl Festival, formerly known as the Michigan Duck Hunter's Tournament, will land at the Lake Erie Marsh in Brownstown Twp. on Saturday, and Sunday, Sept. 12-13. The event features the annual Midwest Decoy Contest, one of the biggest events of its kind. There

will also be wildlife art, taxi-dermy displays, an outdoor trad-ing post stocked with hunting and fishing equipment and much more. The Monroe Sporting Collectibles Show will be held in . conjunction with the festival on Friday, Sept. 11, at the Monroe Holiday Inn. Call (734) 379-9902 for more information or call Pointe Mouillee at (734) 379-9692 on Mondays or Wednes-

FISHING TOURNAMENTS

OAKLAND BASS MASTERS

Oakland Bass Masters will hold a 50-boat open tournament on Sunday, Aug. 30, on Pontiac Lake in Oakland County, Regis tration is \$80, \$85 after Aug. 26. Call (248) 542-5254 for more information.

SEASON/DATES

days.

Bear season opens Sept. 10 in designated bear management units.

The early elk hunt will run Sept. 12-20, by special permit in designated elk management units only. The late hunt will be held Dec. 8-14, also by special permit and in designated elk manage-ment units only.

GOOSE

The early Canada goose season will be Sept. 1-15 in the Lower Peninsula and Sept. 1-10 in the Upper Peninsula. (The counties of Huron, Tuscola and Saginaw will be closed for the early season.) The daily bag limit is five.

Ruffed grouse season opens Sept. 15

RABBIT/HARE

Rabbit/hare season opens Sept.

SQUIRREL

Squirrel season opens Sept. 15. WATERFOWL

Waterfowl hunters have until Aug. 28 to apply for a reserved hunt permit.

hunt permit.

Woodcock season opens Sept. 15.

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OUTDOOR WEEKEND

The 12th annual Woods-N-, Water News Outdoor Weekend will be held Friday-Sunday, Sept. 11-13, at the Lapeer Coun-ty Fairgrounds in Imlay City. The show features non-stop seminars and clinics by outdoor. experts including Charlie Linblade, Byron Ferguson, Rick Klein, Master Chief Milos Cihelka, Jerry Chiappetta, Dave Richey, Tom Huggler, Richard Smith and Denny Geurink among others. There will also be over 125 exhibitors, a puppy area to buy, sell pet and photograph puppys, a chili camp cook-off and more. Tickets are \$5 each. and \$8 for a three-day pass. Show hours are 5-9 p.m. Friday, noon-10 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. The fairgrounds are located on M-53, a half-mile north of I-69. Call (810) 724-0254 for more informa-

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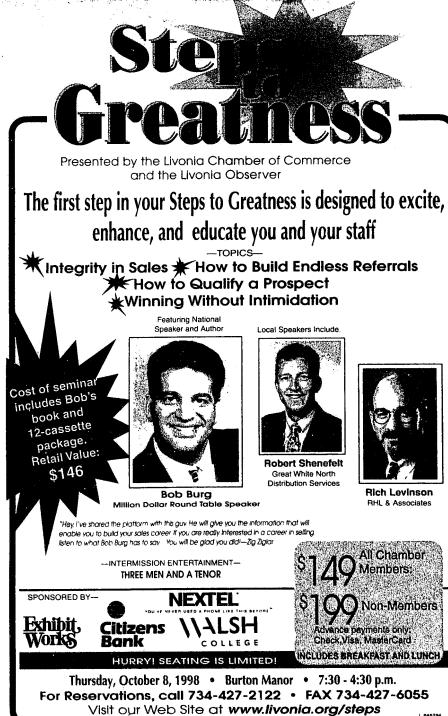
COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS

Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

FREE WOOD CHIPS

Free wood chips from the Oakland County Parks Christmas tree recycling program will be available on Saturday, Aug. 29, at Orion Oaks at the Clarkston Road entrance. Individuals are asked to provide their own shovels and to load the chips by hand. No motorized equipment is allowed and no commercial haulers. Additional wood chip dates are scheduled for Sept. 26





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Dodge Ram Quad Cab a classic in its own lifetime





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It's been almost four years since my neighbor got his Dodge Ram. It's the Club Cab model because he's got three kids to stuff in the back. He loves his truck

and washes and shines it up every chance. So it was no surprise to me when he flew down the street when he saw me driving up in a beautiful red 1998 Dodge Ram

"Wow! Look at that back seat, look how the door opens so easily look at the seat belts, how they're integrated into the seat, look how different the steering wheel looks.

look how ... " he went on and on. - Much has changed about the Ram, but the real changes are due to the Quad Cab. The outside of the Quad Cab is virtually the

grille and bumper treatments. The only difference between the older Rams and the new one is that the grille isn't chrome — it's color keyed. It's still aggressive, but gives it a softer look.

same; you know, the super aggressive front

The inside, however, is really different.

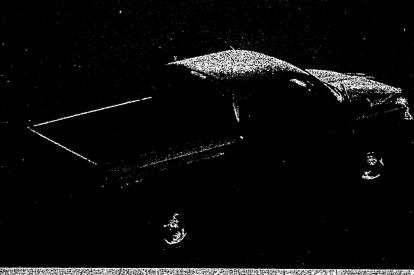
My neighbor hit it right on the head about the front driver's and passenger's shoulder belts. They're incorporated right in the seat, so there's no struggling to get into truck for the back seat passengers. The belt isn't attached to the roof so all you have to do is pull the front seat back forward and you're in. That simple.

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The rear door is hinged to the rear of the cab and there's a total absence of a B-pillar.

When you close the two doors, however, the back locks first, then the front door latches

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The Dodge Ram Quad Cab takes comfort and convenience a little bit further.

onto that, which creates a solid pillar.

The best part of all of it is that the doors open wide, so it's easy to get yourself into and out of it, not to mention any cargo you might want to put back there.

With the introduction of the 1994 Dodge Ram, the emphasis was put on power, capability, comfort and convenience. The new Quad Cab takes the comfort and convenience stuff a little bit further.

The Dodge Ram Quad Cab seats three in front and three in the back. All passengers can be adults and all will fit without a crow-

In the middle of the front two seats is a huge armrest that flips down. Inside, there's a storage compartment that can hold a lap-top computer, power; cord, a couple of cell phones and a bunch of whatever nonsense variesm think of you can think of

Up front is also an overhead console that includes a compass, temperature display and map lights. Really handy stuff on long drives. There are cupholders in front and in

One thing I really enjoyed having was the optional leather package. There are leather seats up front, but vinyl in the rear The package also includes dual lighted visor mirrors, a travel convenience group (the overhead console stuff), 6-way power driver's seat, woodgrain instrument panel and vinyl door trim.

Slip behind the wheel of the Quad Cab and you'll find a brand new instrument panel. It's more ergonomic and everything is positioned a little more logically. There's a passenger-side airbag and a cut-off switch on the instrument cluster.

Instrumentation is very functional and includes a 120 mph speedometer and gauges for oil pressure, temperature, voltage, fuel and tachometer.

The power mirrors are now heated, power door locks and window controls are illumi-

but this year the 5.931167. V8 has increased horseney. or to 245. And much to my

Other engines available include a 3.9-liter V6 (175 be mated to either a 5-speed manual or a 4-speed auto matic transmission with

. The Quad Cab can be ordered in a 2-wheel-drive or 4-wheel-drive model and in a 6-foot-box or an 8-foot double wall steel box with four tie-down hooks. The Quad Cab tested was outlitted with a factory-installed liner. Smart idea.

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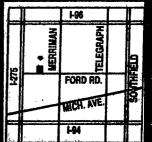


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Q. What infor: _ and employment issues

but a few designated people in the Human Resources department from fielding inquiries about current or past employees: To make matters more frustrating, HR types often require the submission of a release signed by the job seeker giving the company permission to give out information. Even then, a prospective employer recruiter might get nothing more than dates of employment and job titles.

Why all the caution? Companies don't want to be sued. I and many other employment consultants have advised employers to avoid giving references or, at least, limit information to name, rank and serial number. But your letter started me wondering...Do we really have to be so nervous? I asked Gary Klotz, a nationally known attorney with Butzel Long, a major Detroit law firm specializing in labor

mation can you :: "The fear of defamation law-offer regarding suits arising from employment references? A references has always far thought that a exceeded the real risk to former employ: a employers. In fact, the risk that er could legally an employment reference will only give dates result in a lawsuit is extremely of employment, low. Defamation claims about: and wear my hair in an side of work in which a very dif employment references are usubecome increasingly diffi- defamation claims are rare and many claims based on employment references are dismissed.

"Michigan recently enacted a statute that may encourage employers to break their vow of silence. This statute grants an mployer immunity from civil liability for disclosing; in good faith, information relating to the individual's job performance that is documented in the individual's personnel file."

It is still recommended that an employer require a signed form that specifically releases the company from liability for any disclosure. This release can also be built into the original employment application. But according to Gary, "The selfimposed gag rule is not a legal necessity...An employer can furnish a truthful employment reference that is based on information in the personnel file."

If you think you are getting a bad reference, have a friend in the guise of an employer call your former company and make an inquiry. It would appear that taking legal action is a long

reference and explaining the situation in advance. Remember, though, many employers don't even bother with references.

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A. I've heard this line since I was just a little baby headhunter and it still makes me laugh. What is image and why does it matter?

Height, facial structure and shoe size are examples of personal attributes that are reasonably considered outside of a person's control. You can't hold someone accountable for these things. Even weight is regarded as a feature that is sometimes difficult to manage, so we cut people a little slack. Such basic physical characteristics are not taken on by design and, consequently, say nothing about the person inside.

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advising prospective employers intent, it is naturally assumed about the possibility of a bad that the one you decide upon is a valid representation of who you are.

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Why are employers skittish about hiring baby boomers? Three standard reasons (excuses?)

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1. "Older workers don't have today's computer skills." Taken at face value that reason seems to have merit. Judging by the number of typewritten and handwritten letters versus e mail I get from the over-fifty crowd, I'd have to agree. But what employers really mean is that many people have fallen behind the skill curve and didn't take the initiative to stay cur rent. That argument holds as much water as a leaky bucket. The baby boomers simply did what their employers required Initiative had nothing to do with it. This generation believed in the promise of lifelong employment and company loyalty. They ; believed their employer would

train them. After all, wouldn't it employability puzzle with a be in an employer's best inter- piece missing. ests to have a workforce with current skills? Now these same companies are talking from the other side of their collective mouths. Besides, these types of skills can be easily learned; a few classes are all it takes:

What seems to be ignored by today's employers is that the ability to do a good job requires for more than computer skills, Soft skills like teamwork, man-aging people, being able to prioritize workload and communicat-ing are integral parts of on-the-job performance. Younger workers often lack these skills.

So what do you do if you're unemployed (regardless of age) and don't have the computer skills employers require? Take some courses, Learn those skills. Without them, you're just an piece missing.
2. "Older workers aren't hun-

sgry enough. They won't go the extra mile." What are employers really saving? They can't afford to pay what the older worker was making and are afraid that hiring someone who'd be taking a pay cut will not work as hard as they used to. There is some truth in the salary portion of that rationale. A component of the paychecks of experienced Workers is imbedded merit increases Often, these increases represent a reward for staying with a company, rather than a reward for the actual skills used An employer is faced with deciding who is more valuable – an applicant with five years of experience or one that's had that same five years experience six times.

As for the not-working-ashard-as-they-used-to part of the rationale, I don't buy it. Who could be hungrier for an oppor tunity than a baby boomer with kids in college and a mortgage payment? Who could be more loyal than an employee who realizes their employment prospects

elsewhere are limited? The bottom line about salary? Older workers need to be realis-They need to spend some time, researching their true worth in the employment market. How? By looking for salary information at the library and surfing Internet sites like JOBSMART (www.jobsmart.org/tools/salary/index.htm) which has links to over 150 general and professional salary surveys. Once they know what the market will pay, they'll know if their economic

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Put a washer and nut on top of each rod and thread the nut down. Drive the rod down, with a hammer if necessary, until the wings open under the slab. Be sure to put the nuts on the threaded rod before driving the rod down. Driving the rod will mushroom the threads and make it difficult to thread the nuts on the rod.

Tighten the nuts against the 2-by-4s to jack the slab up. Then pour a slurry of cement, sand and water through the open holes in the slab to fill the void underneath. Turn the rod out of the nuts when the filler under the slab has set up a little. Patch the holes, and the job is done.

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The I-75/ Sashabaw interchange also is fairly close:

That will bring prospects in. The terrain, floor plans and prices will prompt some to buy

And they are buying. About two dozen building sites remain on the 33 acres of land off Maybee between Sashabaw and Dixie Highway. The community will feature 82 homes when

fully developed.

Most homes are built on just one side of the road, said Richard Komer, principal in the development/building firm of Wineman & Komer. "In most cases here, you're looking at park area in

front of you, wooded area in back.
"The topography is beautiful," Komer added. "It's a combination of pine trees and deciduous trees. A pond here goes about 800 feet. There's fish in the pond wildlife, animals."

"The two biggest things are the site is so wooded and the terrain is so rolling," said Marsha Wisz, sales consultant.

they (visitors) like and the idea we'll customize, we'll make changes in the floor plan," she said.

"The idea it (condo) is detached, they have their own home, privacy, no common walls. Plus, it's maintenance free. They don't have to cut the grass any

more," Wisz said.

Three basic floor plans are available.

A colonial of 1,800 square feet with three bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths carries a base price of \$198,900. A two-bedroom, two-bath ranch of 1,450 square feet goes for \$210,900.

A story-and-a-half of 1,970 square feet with two bedrooms and a loft or three bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths prices at \$226,900.

Wineman & Komer also offer a couple of other ranch plans with minor variations.

Standard features at base price include air conditioning, fireplace, range and dishwasher, two-car garage, first-floor laundry, basement, carpeting throughout and landscaping.

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Ranch plan: The Birchwood at Clarkston Pines features a great room and dining area, a master suite with shower, a second full bathroom and a room that can be used either as a second bedroom or a den.

The ranch features a great room and dining area with cathedral ceiling; master suite with cathedral ceiling, bay window, shower and walk-in closet: a second bedroom decorated as an office;

a second full bath; and kitchen/nook, The story-and-a-half contains a great room with cathedral ceiling; dining area; den; master with separate tub and shower; kitchen/nook; and a half bath on the main floor.

Buyers have a choice upstairs of two bedrooms or a bedroom and loft connected by a jack-and-jill bath.

The colonial features a great room; dining area; kitchen/nook and half bath in the main living area, three bedrooms upstairs. The master with cathedral ceiling includes a separate tub and shower and a walk-in closet...

A second full bath also is up. Primary exterior materials are vinyl siding; cultured fieldstone and brick.

Most remaining lots are walkouts that carry premiums ranging from \$18,000-\$27,000

Clarkston Pines is served by city

water and sewers. It's within the Clarkston school boundaries. There are no sidewalks.

The property tax rate currently is \$31.30 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation, half of market value. That means the owners of a \$211,000 home would pay about \$3,300 the first year.

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"Our people here - many emptynesters, single people, divorced folks and younger married couples - like the convenience of walking to shopping and being out in the country," Komer said.

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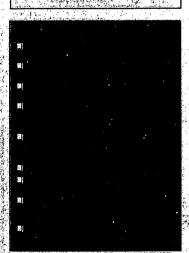
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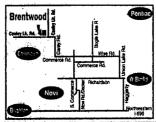
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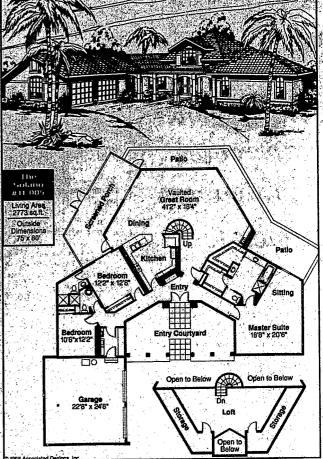
In the front, stucco columns with arched openings separate the driveway from a lushly planted entry courtyard. Stately columns flank the lofty gabled entryway. Viewed from the rear, the Solano is equally attractive. The exterior of the hexagonal great room, graced by high-arched multi-paned windows on three sides, has a panoramic view, A patio adds to the effect, wrapping around the entire back expanse.

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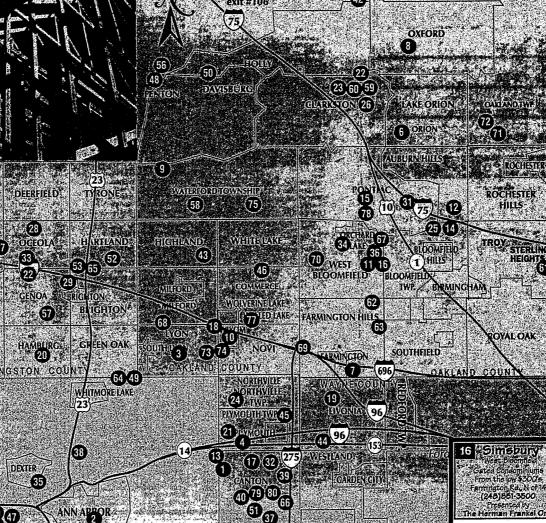
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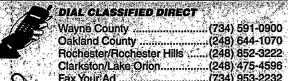
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