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### AROUND



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### Calling all teachers

The thought of having an entire summer off work is enough to make any business person jealous of teachers. But not all teachers spend the warm summer months lounging around a pool, sipping an icy beverage.

Some Clarkston teachers take on entirely different professions each summer. The Clarkston Eccentric would like to know more about that. If you're a teacher who takes on a different professional role in the summer months and would be willing to be interviewed about it for an upcoming story, please contact us at (248) 625-1900.

### Youth group heads South

Members of St. Daniel Catholic Church are packing their bags and getting ready to work. The youth group will head to LaFollette, Tenn., about 30 miles north of Knoxville, on July 11 to work for the Confrontation Point Ministries. A group of 15 students will form two teams and work on home repair projects consisting of roofing, siding replacement, and painting.

As an incentive, students will spend one day white water rafting — an activity sure to keep up their spirits and help them get through the missionary work.

### A happy ending

Thanks to the Independence Post Office, a gift to a special young girl will be delivered on time. A woman went into the post office Thursday to mail a present to Washington, D.C. The gift had to go out by overnight mail to get there on time. The lady mailing the gift forgot to insert it in the overnight envelope. She realized her mistake after she got to work and quickly made a desperate call for help to the post office. Sure enough, the postal workers retrieved the envelope; the gift was enclosed with the card and the little girl got her special present.



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## Ball rolling on golf course rezoning

The Independence Township Planning Commission supports a family's request to rezone their private property, known to the community as the Clarkston Golf Course.

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The Independence Township Planning Commission agreed last Thursday to recommend the township board change the Clarkston Golf Course property zoning from recreational to residential.

The recommendation is to rezone 37 acres to Suburban Farm Residential

(R-1C) and 5.25 acres to Rural Residential (R-1R). Clarkston Golf Course is located at the corners of Algonquin and North Eston roads.

But the public hearing and further discussion among the commissioners turned out to be a talk about the right of private property owners to sell their land.

Part of the comments from the 20 people at the public hearing addressed

residents' concerns about the loss of recreational space within the township.

"The township ought to look at keeping this recreational," said Dan Stricklin about the nine-hole public golf course.

"If you (township) let that go, we have nothing," commented Mike Kohut. "Think about the future. Think about those green lands."

He also asked the commissioners to think about people like him who can't afford to golf on more up-scale 18-hole courses.

"Clarkston Golf Course is the nicest, cutest little course I've ever seen. I could afford to take my kids there for a

golf date with their dad," he added about the now-closed course.

Andrew Milia, president of Franklin Property Corp. in Southfield, is the developer interested in turning the golf course into an estate-like single family subdivision with homes on a minimum of 1-1/2 acre lots.

He discussed how Feather and Dean Buchanan, private owners of the golf course, had to close it for financial reasons. It wasn't financially feasible for them to maintain and operate the nine-hole golf course in today's market. Having no room to expand to an 18-hole

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## Camp focuses on touching lives of the disabled Youths find helping others to be fun, fulfilling

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**M**ost kids go off to summer camp to benefit from programs put on for them.

But 17 youths from St. Trinity Lutheran Church in Clarkston went to a summer camp last week where they benefited from programs they helped put on for others.

The youths spent five days at Camp Matz on the grounds of Bethesda Lutheran Home in Watertown, Wis., where they assisted severely mentally challenged adults in playing kickball and parachute games; making crafts; and going on hayrides, nature walks and scavenger hunts.

"The kids get so much out of it — they give so much of themselves," said Larice Klotz, director of Christian outreach for St. Trinity, who has been taking St. Trinity youth to Bethesda for five years.

The youths, many of whom have never interacted with mentally challenged people prior to attending Camp Matz, grow in their understand-

ing of and compassion for the handicapped, Klotz said.

"It's a learning experience," said Katelyn Smith, 12, of Brandon Township who went for her first time this year. "I always used to be afraid of people who are mentally challenged, but now I feel ... they're just like us."

On Monday, each youth was paired with a mentally disabled resident of Bethesda Lutheran Home after touring the 700-bed facility and receiving instruction on how to respectfully work with handicapped people. The youths then

Andrew Bowmaster, 15  
—Clarkston

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Having a ball: Kyle Smith, 15, (second from left) and Brian Frink, 15, (right) encourage Bill (center) to kick the ball during a game of kickball.



Clowning around: Kelsey Smith, 10, and RaeAnne Blash, 12, dress up for the campers (top photo). Jillian Kennedy, 12, (above) helps Mark make a kite.



Parachute promenade: Katelyn Smith, 12, pushes Lois under the parachute.



Hayride: Campers take a ride in a specially-designed hay wagon.

Teaming up:  
Jeff Monroe  
and Phillip  
DeMonaco  
work together  
on their  
model bridge  
for an engi-  
neering class  
held this  
summer at  
Clarkston  
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## Women's engineering class drawing plenty of interest

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At 9 years old, Maria Frendberg already expresses a strong interest in engineering.

She likes learning about engineering so much, in fact, she enrolled in a special summer course for the second year in a row.

Frendberg is one of 16 students who spent Thursday morning in a Young Women in Engineering class at Clark-

ston High School.

"We made cars last year, and I wanted to make my car go faster this year," she said of the class. Though the curriculum was altered and she won't be racing another car, Frendberg is enjoying the class, she said.

"I get to meet new people," she said. "Last year there were only three other people."

The class is organized through Oak-

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## Civic Center plans delayed in Springfield

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Springfield Township Supervisor Collin Walls wished he had better news to report about the proposed civic center plans when he spoke at Thursday night's meeting of the township board.

But he didn't.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources has not received engineering site plans for the center, which is causing yet another delay. The civic center, which has been in the planning stages for the past two years, will provide much-needed space for governmental offices and library facilities for the township.

The township plans to purchase 10 acres of state-owned land on Davidsburg Road. To do so, the township must substitute 7.8 acres of land for comparable park and recreational use in the area. The conversion must be approved by the MDNR, but without neces-

sary site plans, the project continues to be delayed.

"Board members have received ... a note indicating that although (the state) has received the landscaping part, they had not received the engineering portion," said Walls at the meeting. "As of late yesterday I got additional news, all of which is bad. You have a letter stating we will not be on the agenda at next week's meeting."

The survey company in charge of the site plans missed the June 21 site plan submittal date. A representative of the company did not attend the meeting and could not be reached for comment.

Springfield Township officials joined forces with library officials to seek a combined space that would accommodate growth. The proposed center would accommodate 10 to 15 years growth, according to Walls. The township has been actively working toward relocation for the past five years.

## Anybody for a tall, cool one?



**Slow day for sales:** From left, Justin Bates, Bryan Bates and Amber Stokes wait for customers to arrive.



**Live one:** Customer Greg Antonishek buys two glasses of lemonade from (left to right) Justin Bates, Bryan Bates and Amber Stokes, who opened up shop Wednesday on Holcomb in Clarkston.

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wheeled or walked their campers to Camp Matz, which has a bunkhouse for youth volunteers and handicap-accessible cabins for the campers in a wooded setting on Bethesda's property.

The youths were responsible for assisting their campers at mealtime for the remainder of the week, as well as spending free time with their campers and helping them enjoy scheduled activities. Bethesda aides took care of the residents' personal care and medical needs.

Some of the first-time youth volunteers were leery of their residents' different appearances and behavior when they first toured Bethesda, and some of the campers were nervous about going with the youths. But by Friday, all of the youths and campers had bonded, and many cried when they had to part.

"I found out that even if they look mean, they're really sweet



and caring on the inside; and if they make loud noises, it's often that they can't help it," said Andrew Bowmaster, 15, of Clarkston who was paired with a camper named Bobbie.

The youths also learned patience, they said. Some spent an hour each mealtime spoon-feeding their campers; some listened to their campers repeat the same phrase or action over

**St. Trinity volunteers:** St. Trinity's volunteers gather at Camp Matz' outdoor chapel. From left to right are: (front row) Kelsey Smith, Lauren Maten, Lance Klotz; (second row) Deidra Sisk, RaeAnne Blaski, Katie McDowell, Jimmy Kennedy, Katelyn Smith, Beth Rutz; (third row) Larry Rutz, Lara Weingust, Amy Keeler, Jillian Kennedy, Natale Sisk, Jason Klotz; (back row) Andrew Bowmaster, Phillip DeVries, Brian Frink, Kyle Smith and Karen Smith.

and over again, and others deferred to what their campers wanted to do — even when the group was doing something else.

The youths also expanded their expectations of what mentally handicapped people are capable of doing and understanding. As one youth said, she learned "not to put barriers on people." For example, Katelyn's camper, Lois, was non-communicative at the beginning of the

week, making only a blowing/spitting noise — even during mealtime. By the end of the week, though, she had stopped making the noise, allowing Katelyn to feed her. She even spoke Katelyn's name.

Another youth said she initially felt as though she and her camper weren't connecting.

The camper continuously hung her head and wouldn't look at her. The next day, the youth patted her camper's back and said, "I'm so happy to be working with you this week, Doris." At that moment, Doris lifted up her head, turned to meet her gaze, and then gently brushed the side of the girl's face before lowering her head again.

Larry Rutz of Orion Township, who helped Klotz chaperone the youths, said Camp Matz is a unique experience that requires youth and adult chaperones to step out of their comfort zones.

A letter carrier for the U.S. Postal Service, Rutz gave up a week of vacation time because Klotz needed adult chaperones. But he got so much more out of the experience than he gave.

Rutz was matched with a

camper named Charlie who didn't do well in crowds. After Charlie, who can walk without assistance, bolted from the first organized activity at camp, Rutz learned that he preferred taking nature walks and being sung to. "He taught me a lot (about loving others)," Rutz said.

In addition to joining in traditional camp activities, the youths and campers also worshiped together in an outdoor chapel. Many youths grew spiritually because of their campers' unquestioning, child-like faith.

Mark, who was paired with Jillian Kennedy, 13, and Jason Klotz, 13, both of Independence Township, knew the words to "Amazing Grace" and identified Jesus in a picture book. Natale Sisk, 16, of Independence Township said her camper sang "Jesus Loves Me" one day.

"You can see how strong their faith is, and that makes your faith stronger," said Beth Rutz, 14, of Orion Township, who attended Camp Matz for her second year in a row. "You can tell them Jesus loves them and they respond in a way that they know that."

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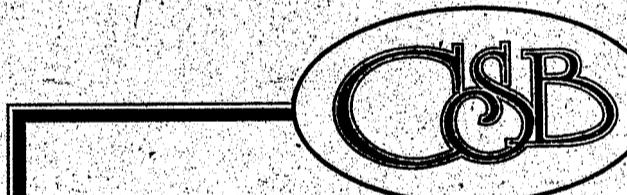
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# Local man meets 'foster child' in Uganda

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Chas (Charles) Claus is the sponsor of a young boy in Uganda.

Although just 20 years old, the Independence Township resident did what most sponsors never do. He traveled to Uganda to meet Lukwago Godfrey and spent almost a month doing volunteer work at the orphanage and school where "his" 12-year-old boy lives.

It all started when Claus met Jenny Dangers at Hillsdale College. Claus, a junior there, met her through a Christian students' group. Dangers' parents are missionaries in Uganda.

She told Claus about New Hope Uganda in Kasana, a tiny village on the equator. The Kasana Children's Centre rescues orphans and children off the streets. It gives them a place to live in a family unit at the center, educates them, and prepares them for careers. It's a Christian-oriented orphanage which, Claus explained, isn't affiliated with any particular group.

"It's whole basis comes from Psalm 68:5 that begins 'a father to the fatherless,'" said Claus, who works for Oakland County Drain Commission in the summers.

Dangers took the initiative to get a group of missionaries together to work at the orphanage in whatever capacity they were needed.

"We were 10 people who God brought together," said Claus, a member of St. Trinity Lutheran Church in Independence Township.

They left for Uganda May 23 and returned to the states June 21.

It was an experience that bonded Claus and Lukwago in a way letters and pictures never



**Family unit:** Chas Claus (center) poses with Lukwago, a boy he sponsors at New Hope Uganda orphanage and school in Kasana, Uganda.

could and influenced Claus' outlook on life.

Claus spent his days teaching

Ugandan history and geography (without the aid of textbooks) to fifth-grade students, leading morning and evening devotions, tutoring missionary children, leading music and physical education classes — which meant soccer, the "only" sport there, he

said — doing construction on the huts the families live in and even plowing gardens with a team of oxen.

"It was all very Abe Lincolnish," Claus said. "We would sit by the light of lanterns at night to do any work or reading. There wasn't any plumbing or electricity. A shower meant standing in a barrel of rain water and splashing the water up on ourselves."

The volunteers had a more sophisticated bathroom than most of the school/orphanage but in order for their toilets to flush, they had to add their own water.

Meals involved eating a lot of fruit. A cook would make them different foods, although they did learn to eat fried flying

ants.

"These are juicy and taste like bacon," Claus said about the big, bumblebee-shaped ants.

"The people are very self-sufficient. They have gardens and grow their own food. They try to own cows for milk and have chickens," Claus said.

His most memorable event during the trip was the final good-bye to the 300 children in the school, who performed an emotional assembly.

"The children were crying when we left. It was something I will never forget," he said.

Claus talks with great affection.



**Sponsored child:** Chas Claus of Independence Township helps take care of Lukwago, who lives in Uganda.

tion for Lukwago, the orphanage and the country of Uganda. The missionary group went white water rafting on the Nile and learned a lot about the country and its formal society.

"The women wear skirts that come down at least to their ankles and the men wear trousers," he said. "You don't call a man's trousers 'pants' cause that refers to a man's undergarments."

Claus said he never would have made it to Uganda to see "his boy," as he called Lukwago, were it not for his family, friends and church that helped him raise funds for the trip. Chuck and Kerry Claus are his parents. His siblings are Jenny, Dan and Mike Claus.

"I can't say thank you enough to everyone," he said. "I am so fortunate I had this experience."

Chances are, Lukwago and the others at New Hope Uganda are saying the same thing about Claus and the other nine visitors who became part of their extended family.



**Old-fasion method:** Chas Claus (behind oxen) called plowing with a team of oxen "fun."

## Township invites school district's input

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There's going to be some additional information in the Independence Township Planning Commission's packets on proposed developments.

The township's trustees approved last Tuesday at their general meeting a plan to get information to the commission about the impact a future development may have on the Clarkston Community Schools district.

The information will come from two sources, according to trustee Neil Wallace. One is from township planner Dick Carlisle, who can estimate in his reports the likely number of school-age children a development will bring to the township.

The second source of information would be the school district.

According to the plan, Beverly McElmeel, director of the township's planning commission, will send certain information about

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**Dale Stuart**  
supervisor,  
Springfield Township

proposed developments to the school district. Wallace's hope is that the district will then communicate back with the township.

The idea was discussed at a joint meeting in January of Independence, Springfield Township, the city of the Village of Clarkston and the school board.

"It should have been implemented administratively back then," Wallace said.

Al Roberts, superintendent of the school district, said he'd welcome the information from the

township.

"Anytime we can communicate with our township is a step in the right direction," Roberts said. "I hope in a year they (township trustees) will say it was a two-way communication. I certainly commend the trustees for this action."

Township Supervisor Dale Stuart was the lone vote against Wallace's motion.

"I don't think knowing how a development is going to affect the school district is something that's germane to a housing development," he said. "This isn't information that can be used in a zoning decision. I think it might cloud some decisions at times and make an emotional issue about something that shouldn't be an emotional issue."

Stuart said it's the school district's responsibility to meet the needs of students in a district, not the township's responsibility to turn down a development according to a school's capacity.

## POLICE NEWS

*The following incidents have been reported to police and fire agencies in Springfield and Independence townships July 6-8.*

### Springfield police

#### Vandalism

On July 6, a vehicle's tire was slashed while parked on the 500 block of Broadway.

On July 6, two tires of a vehicle parked at Springfield Township Hall on Broadway were slashed.

On July 6, a vehicle parked behind the post office on Broadway reportedly had its tires slashed.

On July 7, a mailbox on Edgar Road was reported damaged.

aged.

#### Independence police

##### Assault

On July 8, a woman at a Pinehurst residence was reportedly struck in the face with a radio.

##### Suspicious circumstances

On July 7, two 10-year-old girls reported that they were followed by four men in a car as they rode their bikes on Burghundy Street.

##### Fire

On July 8, two garbage cans were reportedly set on fire on Greenview. The estimated cost of the cans was \$20 each.

##### Nuisance telephone calls

On July 7, an Oakstone resi-

dent reported receiving several nuisance telephone calls at all hours over the past few weeks.

##### Thefts

On July 5, approximately \$200 was reported stolen from a vehicle that was parked on Iroquois Court.

##### Vandalism

On July 7, a vehicle parked on Joy Street was reportedly scratched and all four tires flattened.

#### Independence fire

Between July 6-8, firefighters responded to 12 calls. Among them were seven medical calls, two personal injury accidents, and one fuel spill.

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## Golf course from page A1

course, they decided to close the popular golf course.

"This is never a popular position to be in," Milia said. "Residents want the land to remain as it is. The Buchanans can no longer privately subsidize a community recreation area. The residents have valid concerns, and I will be glad to meet with them to answer any questions."

"Just cause the owners can't make enough money running the golf course isn't a good enough reason to close it," Stricklin added.

"This is a tough one for the community and for us," said commissioner Joseph Figa. "We can't force a private individual to operate a public recreational facility."

He pointed out how the proposed development's plans are for 25 homes on 47 acres, which he described as low density.

Milia said he'll try to cluster the homes as much as possible in order to preserve and main-

tain the environment of the acreage.

The Buchanans didn't have any comment at the meeting.

"I'd love to see more parkland and fewer folks living here," said commissioner Daniel Travis,

who has lived in the township for 35 years. "We have to determine the best use for this land and minimize the negative effect for those who live near it.

The Buchanans have demonstrated a hardship. They need a better way to manage their

assets, he added, explaining why he was voting for the rezoning recommendation.

Todd Moss was the only commissioner who didn't support the recommendation.

"I won't support it, he said. I believe strongly we need to protect the land."

Commissioner Cynthia Lohmeier supported the request, she said, because it conformed with the master plan and with the zoning of the surrounding area.

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—Daniel Travis  
Independence Township  
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## Class from page A1

land Science Math Technology (OSMTech) Academy and has two sections this summer. Both sections — one in Clarkston and one in Troy — are filled, which shows an increased interest from last summer when it was a brand-new program.

The summer class is not limited to girls, but was established from a gender equity grant that Oakland Schools received last year. This year the class opened to boys for the first time.

"This year there's been a tremendous response," said Kyle Hughes, instructor of the course. She said she wants her students to realize that engineering "is not just for guys."

"We lose a lot of girls in this age group," Hughes said of the students age 9 to 14. But if students leave the summer class knowing anything, she hopes they develop positive attitude about engineering.

"They can do anything," she said. "If they set their mind to it, they can do anything."

Some projects the students have worked on so far include a circuit board that either lights up or beeps when properly connected, and a replica of a bridge that will span 20 centimeters.

The class aims to cover several facets of engineering, from civil, to electrical, to aeronautics, and even robotic engineering. Learning is coupled with friendly competition. Once the bridges are completed, the students will test to see whose is strongest. The

students will soon begin a project making planes. By learning how planes fly and creating their own the students will compete to see whose plane flies farthest in a straight path, and which exhibits the best design.

"This is what kids need," said Hughes. "They look forward to coming in in the morning. It's a place for socializing."

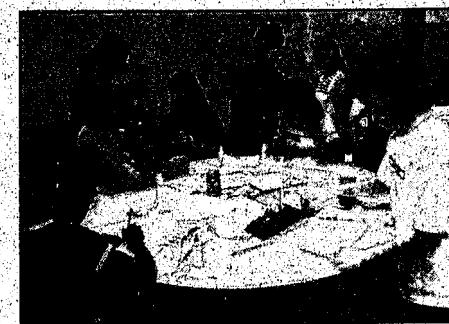
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**Working Intently:** Lacey Sleade puts her bridge together during a summer engineering class.



**A little guidance:** Amy Reed, assistant instructor, helps Christie Carson with her civil engineering project as classmate Maria Frendberg works to the left.



Emily Qutio, 10, said she really likes the class. The Waterford girl said she found out about it from another teacher who was "really into technology." Working on the bridge project on her own, Qutio said she "likes playing around with everything."

The class and instructors encourage a hands-on approach to learning, said Barbara Mack, supervisor for the OSMTech Academy's summer program.

"It is an exciting program," said Mack.

Kelley Stokes, a 10-year-old from Southfield, comes to class in Clarkston because it's a chance to learn something fun, she said.

"It's fun because sometimes we take things apart," she said.

"We get to make bridges. It's really fun. I never knew all these big words, like superstructure."



That section of the course

**Anything's possible: In the Young Women in Engineering class, the key concept is that students are capable of doing anything they set their minds to.**

connects somewhat to the Lego Mind Storming program, which Hughes also teaches to students of the same age.

"If I chose a buzzer, and I took it home, it would probably drive my mom crazy," she said.

Her classmate, Kathleen Rocheleau, 10, took the class because of her interest in mechanics.

"I want to be a mechanic when I grow up so I wanted to see what it's like," she said. Her favorite project is also the circuit board.

"I like working with the wires and everything," she said.

Hughes seemed most excited about teaching the robot unit the class will begin this week. She will teach the class how to program a robot using a computer.

For more information about Young Women in Engineering or the Lego Mind Storming program, contact Hughes at kyle.hughes@oakland.k12.mi.us or call (248) 620-3270.

## OBITUARIES

### MARCELLA M. SANCHEZ

Marcella Sanchez of Clarkston died July 6, 1999, at age 73.

Mrs. Sanchez is survived by her husband Fernando; sons, Paul of Pontiac, Ronald E. of Waterford, Fernando, Jr. (Victoria) of Holt, Anthony G. of Waterford, Steve (Sherry) of Clarkston, Dave of Pontiac; daughters, Mercedes (Tim) Merlini of Ann Arbor and Marta Sanchez of Seattle, Wash.; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and sisters Frances Ramirez of Pontiac, Josephine Caradenas of Texas, Genevieve Wilson of Waterford and Andrea Sanchez of Waterford.

Services were held July 10 at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church in Waterford.

Funeral arrangements were made by Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston.

**Cancer awareness program offered**

Crittenton Hospital will sponsor a free program called "Ovarian Cancer ... Becoming Informed," from 7-9 p.m. on July 28.

Vinay Malviya, gynecologic oncologist, will suggest ways that women can reduce their chances of getting the disease, in addition to discussing latest ovarian cancer research and profiling who's at risk.

Malviya says that only 25 percent of ovarian cancer cases are diagnosed in the beginning stages. According to the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance, the cause of ovarian cancer is unknown. The majority of women with the disease possess none of the risk factors that researchers have identified.

Register by calling Crittenton Hospital's Community Health Education department, at 652-5269.

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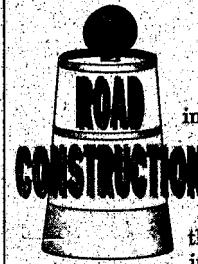
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**Summer is here, and Oakland County road construction projects are in full swing, including the following:**

Road improvements could cause delays on the following Oakland County roads.

Roads are open unless noted. Alternative routes are advised in all instances.

#### BALDWIN ROAD

**From:** North of I-75  
**Community:** Orion Township

**Details:** Water and sewer line installations are ongoing along Baldwin Road north of I-75. At times construction crews will flag traffic through the area. Lane closures are possible. Completion date is not available.

#### BROWN ROAD

**From:** Baldwin Road to Joslyn Road  
**Community:** Auburn Hills and Orion Township

**Details:** RCOC is paving and adding gravel to this stretch of the road. Completion by Nov. 15.

#### OPDYKE ROAD

**From:** Auburn Road and M59 EB ramp  
**Community:** Pontiac and Auburn Hills

**Details:** RCOC will be resurfacing these sections of road starting the week of July 12. Completion by July 23.

#### TIENKEN ROAD

**From:** Adams Road to Livernois  
**Community:** Rochester Hills

**Details:** RCOC will begin resurfacing this section of road the week of July 12. Completion by July 23.

#### HICKORY RIDGE ROAD

**From:** Clyde Road to Fenton Road  
**Community:** Rose Township

**Details:** RCOC is pulverizing and paving this section of road. From July 6-26 Hickory Ridge Road will be closed from Rose Center Road to Fenton

Road for reconstruction. Completion date by end of July.

#### HATCHERY ROAD

**From:** Dixie Highway to Frembe Road.

**Community:** Waterford Township

**Details:** From July 14-16 this road will close for railroad crossing repairs. The detour route is Dixie Highway and Frembe Road. Completion by July 16.

#### MCCLELLAND ROAD

**From:** Dixie Highway to Vassar Road

**Community:** Holly Township

**Details:** This road will be closed so that it can be paved. The detour route is Vassar Road, Groveland Road and Dixie Highway. Completion by Oct. 5.

#### E. HOLLY ROAD

**From:** Road Road into the Village of Holly

**Community:** Holly Township and Village of Holly

**Details:** Water and sanitary sewer lines are being extended along this stretch of E. Holly Road to accommodate the new high school under construction. One lane of the road will be closed during daylight hours. Completion date by the end of July.

#### WATKINS LAKE ROAD

**From:** At Dixie Highway

**Community:** Waterford Township

**Details:** On July 12 and 13, this road will be closed for railroad crossing repairs. The detour route is Dixie Highway and Scott Lake Road. Completion by July 13.

#### WASHINGTON ROAD

**From:** Dequindre Road to Tienken Road

**Community:** Rochester and Rochester Hills

**Details:** RCOC is closing this road from June 28 to July 1 so that Stante Excavating can install water mains. The detour route is Dequindre, Runyon Road and Tienken Road.

#### CROOKS ROAD

**From:** North of Long Lake Road

**Community:** Troy

**Details:** The city of Troy is working on the southbound center turnaround on this section of Crooks Road. The southbound curve lane is expected to close for five days sometime within the next two weeks as part of the project. Ongoing throughout the summer.

#### GRISWOLD ROAD

**From:** At both 8 Mile and 10 Mile Roads

**Community:** Lyon Township

**Details:** The Griswold Road approaches to both 8 Mile and 10 Mile are being paved. Completion date is unknown.

#### WOODWARD

**From:** at 14 Mile Road

**Community:** Royal Oak and Birmingham

**Details:** Storm water drains are being replaced along Woodward Avenue (a state highway under the jurisdiction of the Michigan Department of Transportation) near the intersection of 14 Mile Road (a county road to the west of Woodward and city street to the east). The work could cause delays on both 14 Mile (east and west of Woodward) and on Woodward. Completion date unknown.

#### NINE MILE ROAD

**From:** In the vicinity of Novi Road

**Community:** Novi

**Details:** The City of Novi is reconstructing and widening Nine Mile (a city street) near the intersection of Novi Road (a county road). The work on Nine Mile is expected to affect traffic on Novi Road and delays are expected on both roads. Completion is expected during the summer.

#### 10 MILE ROAD

**From:** Mill Road to Martin-deale Road

**Community:** Lyon Twp. and South Lyon

**Details:** RCOC is widening this road. Completion by the middle of August.

# County budget awaits a healthier Patterson

BY PAT MURPHY  
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County Executive L. Brooks Patterson was expected back in the office Thursday after vacationing at a California health spa learning a healthier life style.

"We've got budget hearings coming up," he said, "and I'm anxious to get back to work."

Patterson checked into the Pritikin Longevity Center and Spa on the beach in Santa Monica in mid-June for a regimen of exercise, supervised dieting and behavioral modification classes.

"I should have done this long ago," Patterson said in a phone conversation Tuesday. "I dropped 23 pounds, and my numbers are very good."

The executive was referring to the index numbers for his triglycerides (fat in the blood stream) and cholesterol. He said the triglycerides dropped from 400 to 109, and his cholesterol from 224 to 117.

Patterson didn't mention any political aspirations, although some observers said the visit to the health spa was confirmation he plans to run for governor in 2002. The executive was too concerned about his recommended budget.

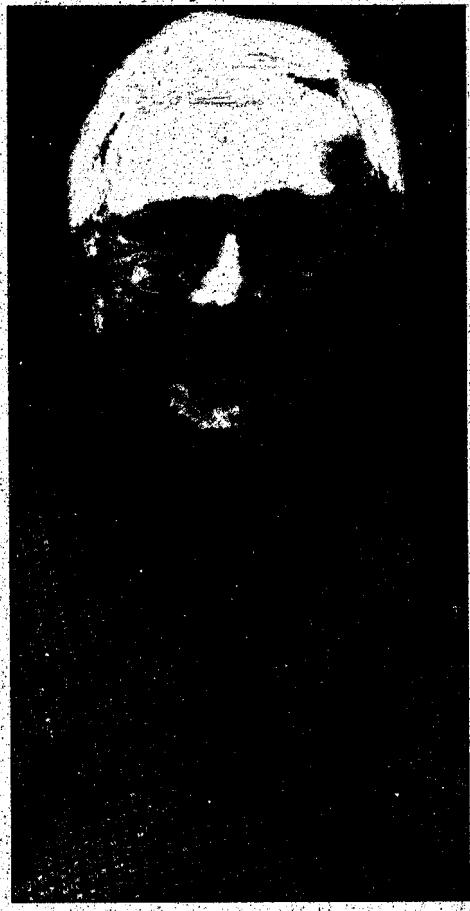
High on Patterson's agenda was a meeting with county commissioners on the Finance Committee, who will be looking at the recommended budget for 2000-2001. The recommended budget is \$439 million, or about 6 percent higher than the previous year's adopted budget.

That recommended budget is pretty tight, said Commissioner Sue Ann Douglas (R-Rochester), chair of the finance committee.

"We might not be able to do to the budget what Pritikin did for Brooks," she said. "But we're going to take a hard look at it."

Among the more controversial items in the recommended budget are new positions on the executive's staff, at an anticipated cost of more than \$400,000 annually.

"We're going to have to talk about those new positions," said Douglas, who was scheduled to meet with the executive prior to the committee meeting.



■ 'We've got budget hearings coming up, and I'm anxious to get back to work.'

L. Brooks Patterson  
county executive

## Crafters invited to OCC show

Crafters are invited to exhibit in the sixth-annual Holly & Hearth Country Craft Show sponsored by Oakland Community College's Highland Lakes Campus, and promoted by Lynda Ball.

### Scholarship benefits

This year's event will take place in the campus' Physical Education Building from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6. Proceeds benefit the OCC scholarship program.

For an application and further information call Ball at (248) 889-2474.

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## Have luscious locks in spite of humidity

### THE REAL DEAL



CARI WALDMAN

Don't you dread doing your hair in this summer heat? Standing in front of the mirror holding a hot blow dryer is anything but fun.

Sometimes, by the time you're done drying and styling, you feel as if another shower is order!

To make matters worse, there currently is a heightened desire to have perfectly straight hair. But since the heat and humidity are here to stay for another seven weeks or so, we might as well make the best of it.

Fortunately, there are dozens of products out there to help us obtain the look we desire and prevent a succession of bad hair days. Here are a few products I, along with local hair care experts, recommend:

■ For those of you who like clean hair, but want your hair to have that "slept-in," "piecey" look, rub a small amount of Bumble and Bumble's "Brillantine," \$13 at Salon Clique in West Bloomfield, into dried hair. It puts natural oils back into the hair and adds weight.

■ To relax and straighten thick and coarse hair, Bashar, of Bashar Salon in downtown Birmingham, suggests Phytofrisant "Relaxing Balm," \$17 at Bashar Salon. He says it tames hair cuticles and smoothes out the top layer of hair to achieve a straight look.

■ Men who admit to bad hair days, like my husband, might try Sebastian's "Crude Clay," \$17.50 at Toni's Main Street in Rochester. It's a new product that holds hair in place but doesn't feel greasy.

■ Those who prefer fragrance-free products, might try Aveda's "Pure-fume Brillance" anti-humectant pomade, \$12 at Aveda stores at the Somerset Collection in Troy. Derived from plants and flowers, the hair polisher inhibits the surface moisture that causes frizz, and Aveda promises you won't get a whiff of any synthetic aromas with use.

■ If your hair is puffy, try "Secret Weapon" styling creme from John Frieda's Frizz-Ease line, about \$6 at area drug stores. It's one of my favorite drug store products. Applied to dry hair, it produces smooth and shiny locks and tames static and flyaways.

Other products to try include:

■ "Get It Straight" by Sebastian, which maintains body for curly and wavy hair, \$21.50 at Bashar Salon.

■ "No Frizz" gel by Rene Furterer, which helps maintain the integrity of your curls, \$16.75 at Bashar Salon.

■ KMS "Stay Smooth" spray, which adds shine and maintains a soft hold, \$9 at Ninetieth Floor Salon.

Also, try drying your hair in sections during the summer months. Use clips to section off hair and dry one section at a time.

Hair must be completely dry before styling, since any leftover dampness will lead to big hair by lunch time. For more specific needs, ask your stylist for information and tips.

Please send your style and shopping questions to Cari at OERealDeal@aol.com



**Keep it flat:**  
KMS "Flat Out" relaxing creme kills frizz in all hair types, \$17 at Ninetieth Floor Salon in downtown Birmingham.

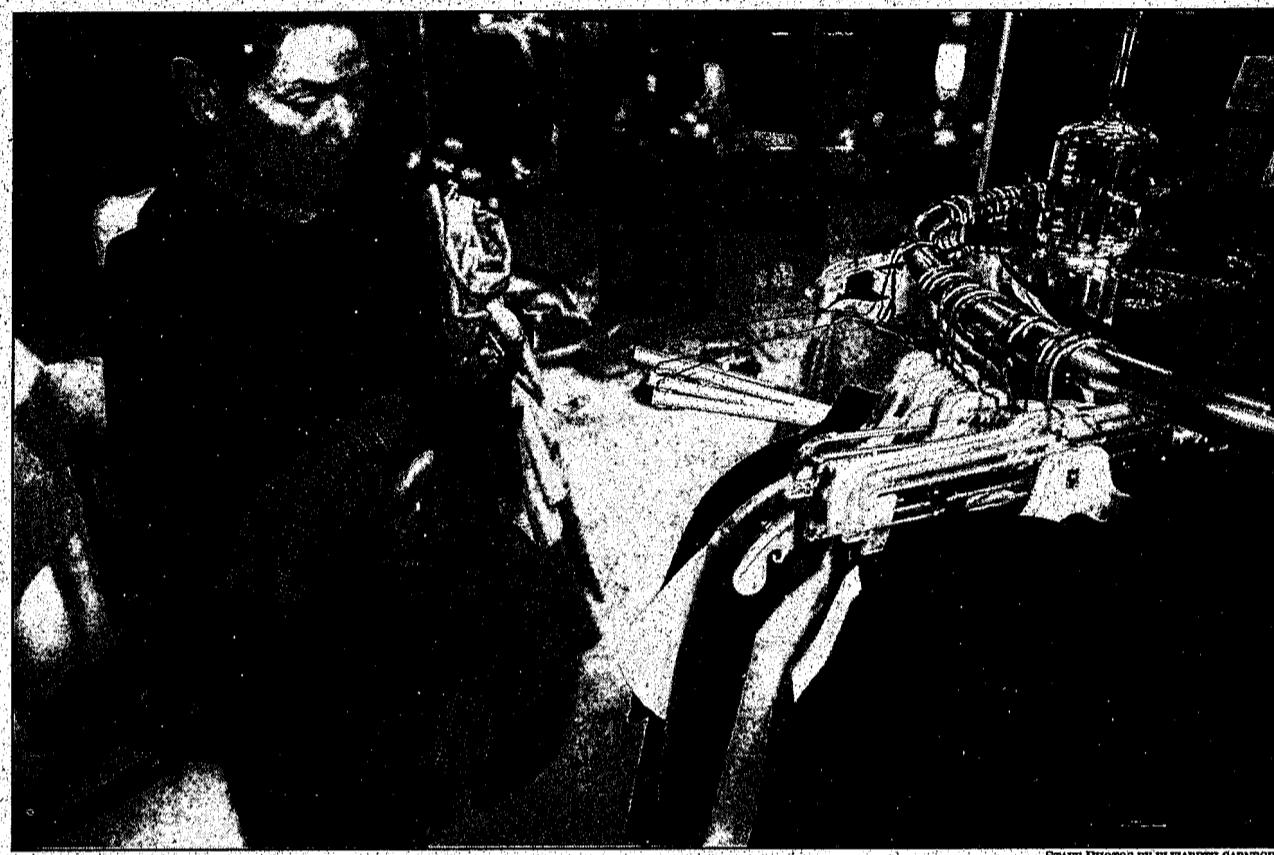
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## Go lightly Local clothier teaches women to travel with style and ease



Taking inventory:  
Women's clothier Lynn Portnoy selects clothing pieces to pack for a 10-day trip. She'll pack an entire travel wardrobe in one carry-on bag.



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When it comes to travel, fashion can be a real downer.

One never knows exactly what to pack and inevitably ends up struggling to answer a host of troubling questions: what if I don't pack enough, what if the weather turns sour, what if an occasion arises for which I have nothing to wear, am I packing too much, do I have enough room for everything?

As troubling as packing for a vacation can be, clothing boutique owner and women's travel guru Lynn Portnoy considers the process an opportunity for women to hone their skills at assembling wardrobes.

**One bag:**  
Lynn Portnoy demonstrates how an entire wardrobe for 10 days of travel fits in a single carry-on bag.



"When you're buying your clothes, think of how they go together, even if you're just staying here and not going anywhere," says Portnoy, 61, who has helped professional women assemble wardrobes in the metropolitan-Detroit area for decades as the proprietor of Lynn Portnoy Women's Clothier, a 20-year-old business now located in Southfield.

As a former clothing buyer for the now-closed Claire Pearone, an upscale women's fashion boutique that was located in the Somerset Collection, Portnoy has traveled extensively.

Having long ago mastered the art of packing just enough and never too much, Portnoy gives seminars on how to "travel with one bag." Promoting her recently released book, "Going Like Lynn," a women's travel primer for Paris, Portnoy will be giving a series of packing demonstrations on July 19 and 20 at her store in conjunction with a fall trunk show of wearable, easy-to-pack clothing by YEOHLEE.

"It's not the bag, it's thinking out the clothes you'll be wearing," says Portnoy, as she rifles through a rack of clothing in her store for shirts and tops, demonstrating her planning techniques. "Six, seven, eight tops ... that's too many," she says. "This is only a 10-day trip. ... See, I have three colors, black, cranberry and beige. ... Every piece here works with every other piece."

In general, says Portnoy, women should apply the same principles to packing a vacation wardrobe that they use when assembling a fall or summer wardrobe: only select pieces that coordinate with others.

"More is not better," says Portnoy. "Less is better, if it's thought out and works well together." The mistake most women make when packing is "nothing goes together. That's why they're packing so much."

Portnoy also insists "you have to be very practical."

Practically speaking, one can't pack a closet's worth of clothing or every favorite pair of pants, so don't try, she says.

Likewise, don't pack linen and other fabrics prone to wrinkle. Instead, take knits and synthetic fabrics that resist wrinkling. "I never take an iron," adds Portnoy. "I hang everything up in the shower. I don't even own an iron."

If you insist on packing a linen suit or taffeta dress, don't bring an iron, pay to have the item pressed, says Portnoy.

Portnoy also suggests:

■ Take destination-appropriate clothing. You won't need a bathing suit while sightseeing in New York City. Likewise, you probably won't need a dress while vacationing in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

■ Wear the heaviest clothing you wish to take and layer several pieces for your day of travel in case the weather changes.

■ Keep in mind that jackets, sweaters and cosmetics are the bulkiest items you'll pack (buy trial-size cosmetics and toiletries for travel).

■ Select a variety of clothing pieces, pack a long and a short skirt, for instance, and make sure you have sporty and dressy pieces.

■ Always bring tops in black and white or other neutral tones.

■ Add color to your travel wardrobe with tops and scarves, rather than jackets, sweaters and other bulky items.

Lynn Portnoy's "Travel With One Bag" demonstrations are slated for 1 p.m., 1:30 p.m., 2 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Monday, July 19, and 11 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 20, at Lynn Portnoy Women's Clothier, 29260 Franklin Road east of Northwestern Highway in Southfield. For additional information, call (248) 363-2900.

## Sidewalk sales promise bargains for savvy shoppers

Finding a bargain shouldn't be difficult in coming weeks since the season for sidewalk sales has arrived. Here are a few to keep in mind:

■ The Best of Birmingham sidewalk sale runs 6-11 p.m. July 16 in conjunction with Night on the Town.

■ Merchants in downtown Rochester

take their wares to the street and extend shopping hours July 15-17.

■ Bargain prices and sidewalk sales are slated July 15-17 at the Northland Center in Southfield.

■ The Livonia Mall's Shoot for Savings Sidewalk Sale, held inside the center, runs July 15-18.

■ Also in Livonia, Wonderland Mall will host a Sale of the Century Side-walk Sale July 15-18.

■ Tel-Twelve Mall in Southfield will hold a Construction Clearance Side-walk Sale July 15-18.

■ Sidewalk sales at Meadowbrook Village in Rochester Hills run July 22-

25.

Many malls and downtown shopping districts also plan to offer entertainment and shopping giveaways, including coupons, goody bags and gift certificates. Call mall and downtown association offices to find out about extended hours and special offers.

Retail, style and special store events are listed in this calendar. Please send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax: (248) 644-1314. Information must be received by 5 p.m. Monday for publication the following Sunday.

SUNDAY, JULY 11

### COLLECTIBLES SHOW

Tel-Twelve Mall in Southfield holds an antique and collectibles show throughout the center with antique appraisals and china and glass repair services available, 12-5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14

### HERRERA SPECIAL ORDER COLLECTION

Carolina Herrera makes a personal appearance and presents her Fall 1999 special order collection at Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, 10-11:30 a.m. Collection available for viewing through July 15, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Designer Salon, second floor.

THURSDAY, JULY 15

## ADDED ATTRACTIONS

### HINO & MALEE SHOW

View the complete Fall 1999 line of Hino & Malee and meet design team representative Elaine Louie through July 17 at Roz & Sherm in Bloomfield Hills, Thursday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

### GIVE BLOOD, WIN THREE TENORS TICKETS

Art Van Furniture, at 5053 Dixie Highway in Waterford, sponsors an American Red Cross blood drive to help replenish summer supplies, 2-8 p.m. Blood donors may register to win a pair of tickets to the July 17 Three Tenors concert.

FRIDAY, JULY 16

### BLUES IN DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH

As part of downtown Plymouth's Friday Night Fun series of free concerts, blues act Pete "Mad Dog" Fet-

ters plays at the corner of Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth, 7-9 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 17

### ROYAL OAK GARAGE SALE

The Greater Royal Oak Chamber of Commerce presents the 24th Annual Antique & Garage Sale in the Center Street parking garage, between S. Washington and S. Main on Center Street at Second, through July 18, Saturday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

### YO-YO COMPETITION

Meadow Brook Village in Rochester Hills hosts the Second Annual Champion Spinners Yo-Yo Classic II with yo-yo entertainment and demonstrations between competition sets, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 18

### WORTH COLLECTION SHOWING

View the Fall 1999 Worth Collection through July 26 in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area by appointment. Call (248) 540-4981 or (248) 865-0553.

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## STUFF WE CRAVE

**Cool blue:** The milky blue Chalcedony stone takes center stage in jewelry designer David Yurman's new Blue Ice collection, with pave diamonds in sterling silver and 18K gold, \$995-2,300, exclusively at Neiman Marcus.



**Little lamb:** It's Mary's Little Lamb in washable purse form, by North American Bear Co., \$28.50 at the Union General Sweet Shop and Cafe in Clarkston.



**Rise and shine:** Tiffany & Co.'s Roosters collection of English earthenware adds vibrant color and a dash of country charm to summer picnics and casual gatherings, \$20-100 and in stock again at Tiffany & Co., the Somerset Collection in Troy.



**Golf guides:** Don't lose stray balls; track them with a handheld golf scope, \$50 at Brookstone. Rand McNally's Golf Road Map, a guide to golf courses in southeastern Michigan, will help get you there on time, \$4.95 at Rand McNally All at the Somerset Collection in Troy.

*Where can I find?*

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate merchandise that's difficult to find. If you've seen or are looking for an item, call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name and phone number. We publish readers' requests for merchandise twice. If you don't hear from us or see information about the item within a few weeks, we were unable to locate it.

## WHAT WE FOUND:

- Quilts with photographs are available at Quilted Life, (734) 722-6766 or 1-877-MY-QUILT.
- Cabinets that open into dining tables are available at Cost Plus World Market and at "Resell It Estate Sales," at 34769 Grand River in Farmington, (248) 478-7355.
- Sheet straps can be found in the Harriet Carter catalog, (800) 377-7878.
- To replace Revlon's feathering color lock product, try Coty "Stop It" in a tube.
- Missing parts for broken appliances may be available through Culinary Parts Unlimited in Pacheco, CA, (800) 543-7549 or at www.culinaryparts.com.
- "The Great Mouse Detective" will be released again by Disney on August 31, 1999 and can be ordered through a Disney company catalog or store.
- A picture of dogs playing poker can be purchased at the Meijer store in Northville in the picture department.
- Natural Exfoliating body bar soap might be available through Avon, (800) 500-AVON.
- Eyebrow stencils can be purchased through the Beauty Boutique catalog, (440) 826-8008.
- We also found a WWII uniform.

## WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

- A place in Oakland County, preferably near Clarkston, that recycles cake boxes, cereal boxes and the like for Lori. (SCOCRA only does recycling in the general area of Royal Oak.)
- Revlon Fine Line Natural brow pencil refills in light brown color for Lorraine.
- A Ziggy doll (made in 1986 or 1987) dressed in a nightshirt and nightcap for Jim.
- A Mickey Mouse waffle iron for Lucy.
- A replacement glass carafe for a coffee server that tilts and has a place to light a candle underneath.
- A 1968 Clarkston High School yearbook for Gary.
- Thermo-Serve coffee mugs for Maggie.
- A large black plastic hook with adhesive backing for Gloria.
- A catalog for mastectomy patients.
- Revlon color lock eyelid shadow base for oily lids.
- A used "Little Tyke" Playhouse log cabin for the backyard and a Childcraft Changing Table in honey oak finish for Leslie.
- Ultima II lip liner in "Tawny" color for Carol.
- Rose Mill Skin Care lotion for Vivian.
- Stamped, cross-stitch baby quilt material (not pre-quilted) for Marie.

- A used baritone musical instrument case for Norma.
- A 1960 Highland Park High School yearbook for Carol.
- Coty La'SLEUR cologne for Joanne, a resident of Southfield.
- Rockford socks with red heels and toes (to make monkey toys) for Noreen of Livonia.
- A 1953 Central High School yearbook for Faye in West Bloomfield.
- A person who refinishes rocking chairs for Barbara.
- Schlinkhaus German cabinet white wine for Barbara.
- A Doubleday cookbook, as seen on "Cooking Live," for Teresa, who lives in Livonia.
- Vietnam and WWII uniforms for Sheila, an American history teacher who wants to use the items in her classroom.

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# Little-known official handles county's billions

BY PAT MURPHY  
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**H**is office has responsibility for \$1.5 billion dollars. Yet his biggest media splash — in recent history, anyway — was a whimsical flap about his office having a private bathroom while the county clerk's didn't.

"The media wanted to talk about that bathroom," said C. Hugh Dohany, Oakland County's treasurer for almost 31 years. "Otherwise, they don't talk to me that much," he chuckled.

The media did clamor to talk with Dohany in 1995, when the west wing of the county building was renovated, and — unbeknown to the incumbent — the treasurer's office ended up with a modest executive washroom.

Tongue-in-cheek complaints came from Dohany's friend and colleague, Lynn D. Allen, then county clerk. Allen feigned anger and complained about being snubbed. His office was every bit as important as the treasurer's, he joked to reporters, but it didn't have an executive john.

What Dohany said about the private john is correct. The part about the media not paying attention to the treasurer is false modesty.

Dohany, a 74-year-old Novi resident, was elected county treasurer in 1968 and has a bachelor's degree in business from Michigan State University. He cut his teeth on municipal finances in Southfield, where he was treasurer as well as a city councilman.

Somebody who knew Dohany then was L. Brooks Patterson, now county executive who was working as a reporter at the local newspaper to help finance his college education.

"Hugh Dohany was the dean of Southfield city government then," said Patterson, "and he's the dean of county treasurers now."

Dohany had tough primary in 1968 as he went from city to county government. But never again. In seven subsequent elections, he had no opposition in the primary and token Democratic opposition in the general elections.

Like other Oakland County officials, Dohany is mindful of the 2000 election, when he's up for re-election, along with Pat-

terson, Prosecutor David Gorcey, Sheriff Michael Bouchard, Clerk G. William Caddell and Drain Commissioner George Kuhn.

Those offices are expected to get more attention next year because some well-known state legislators — careers threatened by term limits — are known to be eyeing those posts, especially in the absence of an incumbent.

Dohany is aware some would-be successors are looking longingly at his office, which has an annual salary of \$100,015, a budget of \$2.8 million in fiscal 1998-99 and a staff of 58.

He definitely intends to run in 2000. When he does step down, potential successors will face the prospect of running against Dohany's son, Patrick, appointed the Oakland treasurer's chief deputy in 1993.

Patrick Dohany, 47, has a business degree from Ferris State University and certification as a municipal finance administrator from Michigan State University. He was also treasurer of Commerce Township for 16 years before joining his father.

The treasurer is well aware of critics who complain, anonymously, about what they see as a hint of nepotism. Patrick Dohany may be qualified, they concede. But those critics are not high on the idea of an incumbent appearing to anoint his son as successor — especially if they have another candidate in mind.

The elder Dohany takes the comments with a grain of salt . . . then ignores them.

"I never thought about nepotism," he said. "I just picked the most qualified person for my deputy."

Among those who agree is GOP County Chair David A. Sebastian, who said Hugh and Patrick Dohany are an asset to Oakland. "Hugh Dohany has been a pillar of county government and the Republican Party for years," he said. "Much of the credit for the county's overall success belongs to Hugh Dohany."

"His son Patrick is very knowledgeable," Sebastian said, "and he's respected by people in the field. The Oakland Treasurer's office is in very capable hands."



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**Dohany & Son:** The Oakland County Treasurer's Office has become a father-son effort with long-serving C. Hugh Dohany (left) in charge and son Patrick as chief deputy.

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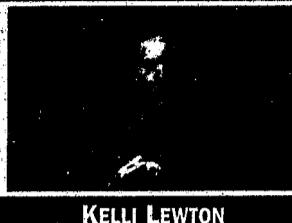
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## 2 UNIQUE



KELLI LEWTON

## Home-grown produce is the very best

The blossoming market for all things herbal has Michigan farmers adding new varieties to their crops.

New farms, whose only focus is herbs and specialty produce, are also taking root.

Across the country, people are popping capsules, sipping teas and changing their diet to ward off flu, brighten their moods and rev up their romantic life.

In addition to all the bottled herb concoctions and health potions, there is a whole line of so called "functional foods" popping up at a grocery store near you.

Fruit juices laced with ginger, corn chips with Kava, food to pick you up as well as food to bring you down. Many of our national food chains and drug companies are finding their way into the health food game.

It is estimated that 60 million Americans are now swallowing herbal doses of some form regularly. Americans are rediscovering the healing power of plants and home-grown produce, making the return to an ancient form of medicine that was our mainstay for thousands of years — and that remains so for 80 percent of the world's people.

My sister and I have a small booth at the Royal Oak Farmer's Market, where I have been afforded a bird's-eye view of what local farmers grow.

Greg Marciszewski of Blooming Farms in Grand Blanc, a regular at the market, said his business that he started 11 years ago as hobby of sorts has turned into a thriving 31-acre vacation for himself and his wife, Diane.

He grows a large variety of culinary, medicinal and aromatic herbs as well as other produce, including baby greens.

Many of his customers are buying green foliage, including St. Johns Wort, Echinacea, Skull Cap and Ginger Root, to have a potted pharmacy and culinary cabinet at their fingertips.

Greg suggests tossing herbs such as basil, sorrel, caraway, salad burnet, lovage and dill into your next salad. These herbs promise to perk up your taste buds as well as your feeling of well-being.

Another Royal Oak Market favorite of mine are Heather and her chef husband, Bob Rosencrantz.

They are cultivating an array of medicinal and culinary herbs and are known for their special ointments, salves and powders. They also offer some of the best Chai and Farm blend tea that I've had the good fortune to sample.

Heather said all of their culinary herbs have health and healing properties. She suggests growing your own herbs, potted or directly in the soil.

Remember during the growing season to trim buds and leaves to zip up your salads, summer vegetable dishes as well as fun treats such as herb pizza!

To harvest herbs at the end of the growing season, hang and dry them in a dark place, such as a closet, for a week. Pick leaves and store in an airtight glass jar and live the freshness of your garden in your winter fare.

Glen, my produce purveyor, reports the following up-and-coming Michigan produce.

Local crops are rolling in by the truckload: lettuces, spinach, cucumbers, strawberries, cherries, cabbage, kale and the famous Michigan morels and chanterelles.

Expect awesome fresh corn by next week. By mid-July, anticipate peppers, all stone fruits, Honey rock, blueberries, raspberries, watermelons, a variety of squashes, tomatoes of every shape, size and color, local asparagus and more!

Chef Kelli L. Lewton is owner of 2 Unique Caterers and Event Planners in Bloomfield Hills. A graduate of Schoolcraft College's Culinary Arts program, Kelli is a part-time instructor at the college. Look for her column in Taste on the second Sunday of the month.

See recipes inside.

## LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Ice cream
- Focus on Wine

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# Stay on the road to good health



BY PEGGY MARTINELLI-EVERTS  
SPECIAL WRITER

Staying faithful to a healthy diet can be a challenge when you travel.

A puzzled observation from Europeans is that we Americans eat in our cars. Eating on the road is commonplace. For me, it is an everyday occurrence. I stash food in my glove box where others keep maps and pens.

We often don't take time to sit down at a table and eat — there are too many things that need to be accomplished. But besides food spills in the car, the problem with eating on the run is that we may not make good food choices.

When we're on vacation many of us don't have as many healthy foods as we should. We stay up late, and eat the foods that we enjoy but aren't necessarily nutritious. Vacations last only a short time.

If your job frequently takes you away from home, you may need to develop some good eating strategies. For instance, take advantage of local specialties that are good and fun for you to eat. Going to the East Coast? Try lobster at a lobster pound. To the West Coast? Enjoy Dungeness crab and salmon.

If you are driving, stop at roadside markets. Cherries in Traverse City; peaches in Romeo, Ontario and Georgia; melons in Texas; oranges in Florida. You get the idea. Some hotels have a bowl of apples right at check-in!

Convenience stores have started selling fresh fruit. You can fill up your car tank with gas and buy yourself a banana for the road.

### Foreign versions

Every foreign country has its version of fast food. In England it's called a "take-away." They have small sandwiches prepared "to go." English bakeries make up sandwiches on multi-grain rolls and sell bananas, apples, bottled water and juices.

In Mexico City, fruit stands on the street offer juices and cut-up fruit in cups. Sometimes you can't tell by looking whether it is sanitary. The safest place to buy is in a store front or restaurant with modern facilities. Street-side stands aren't worth the risk. In the Third World it may be wisest to buy fruit and vegetables yourself, clean them with disinfectant and peel just before eating.

However, if you're unsure, stick to cooked foods. Drink coffee, bottled water, beer or soda without ice. Cooked vegetables, soups and stews are better choices than a fresh salad. Brush your teeth with bottled water even if the sign says the water is "potable."

Ordering a freshly prepared dish from the restaurant menu may be a better choice than eating from the buffet if your travel takes you to a hot climate in a foreign country. Refrigeration might be less regulated with rules for keeping food "hot" or "cold" frequently lax.

High altitudes cause you to become tired more quickly and eat-

ing lighter is a wise choice until you become acclimated to altitude and the time zone change. Note — the effects of alcohol are more pronounced as well.

Be creative. Quick, tasty and nutritious food can be found in convenience stores, service stations, grocery stores as well as restaurants. Choose wisely and you can stay healthy as you travel.

### Coffee pot cuisine

When staying in a hotel, usually you are forced to dine out, because the room offers no kitchen. However, if yours has a coffee pot, you're in luck! We've developed some "coffee pot cuisine" recipes to make right in good old Mr. Coffee. Pack the ingredients in your suitcase (they're light, portable and nutritious) then enjoy a hot meal anywhere a coffee maker is available!

These economical recipes are great for anyone who is watching their calories and their cash! See recipes inside.

Peggy Martinelli-Everts, R.D., a Clarkston resident, is a registered dietitian and director of clinical operations for HDS Services, a Farmington Hills based food service and hospitality management and consulting company. Look for her article on the second Sunday of the month in Taste.

### NONFAT ORIENTAL DRESSING

3/4 cup nonfat Italian dressing

1 tablespoon dry sherry or orange juice

1 tablespoon low-sodium soy sauce

2 cloves garlic, minced

1 teaspoon fresh ginger, peeled and minced

1/2 teaspoon Chinese Five Spice Powder

Mix all the above ingredients well. Refrigerate.

Nutrition Facts: Calories 210; Fat 3.1 g; Saturated Fat 0.6 g; Cholesterol 62 mg; Sodium 586 mg

Food Exchanges: 3 lean meat, 2 vegetable.

## Make ahead Oriental chicken salad a cool company dish

### MAIN DISH MIRACLE



MURIEL WAGNER

I envy cooks who seem so calm when company arrives for a meal. I've given up trying to uncover their secrets. Instead, I concentrate on developing my own strategy.

One of my ploys is to develop a repertoire of delicious recipes that can be prepared ahead of time and that actually improve on standing.

Of course, they must meet my criteria for smart eating as well — low-fat, high fiber and taste tempting.

This recipe for Oriental Chicken Salad is just that. It actually needs to be prepared ahead. The flavor improves while it waits to be served. It combines low fat, high fiber ingredients with my favorite Chinese sweet-sour flavors.

I poach my chicken breasts for the recipe in one of those prepared herb-seasoned broths. I'm a lazy cook, remember? For this salad the roasted garlic flavor enhances the final taste. Be sure to keep the broth at a simmer temperature when you're cooking the chicken. Boiling toughens the meat. If you're planning to use the broth again,

bring it to a full rolling boil to be on the safe side.

I like my chicken breasts torn in large pieces, rather than cut into strips or chopped. You'll note from the ingredient list that most of the ingredients are also in large recognizable pieces. One of the advantages of overnight marinating is that the ingredients become flavored throughout.

The Italian dressing may seem a strange choice for a salad with Oriental flavors, but I like a dressing that adheres to the ingredients. That's difficult to achieve unless you use lots of oil. If you want to reduce the sodium content, a fat reduced, low sodium broth can stand in for the Italian dressing. The other flavors, particularly the Chinese Five Spice Powder, soy sauce and ginger will add the flavor accents that say Chinese. You can call it my version of "fusion" cooking.

The Chinese Five Spice Powder is a blend of star anise, Szechuan pepper and fennel or anise seeds with cinnamon and cloves and possibly licorice root, cardamom or ginger. It has a licorice accent. You could make it yourself but I buy mine in the Oriental food section of my favorite supermarket. The toasted sesame seeds add an interesting flavor accent. Don't skip them.

### ORIENTAL CHICKEN SALAD

5 chicken breast halves, cooked and torn into strips

1/2 cup baby carrots, washed and peeled

1 cup broccoli florets, washed

1 cup pea pods, washed and trimmed

6 green onions, washed and sliced

3 stalks bok choy or celery, washed and cut into 1-inch pieces

1 can (8 oz.) sliced water chestnuts, drained

1 can (9 oz.) mandarin orange sections, drained

2 tablespoons sesame seeds, toasted

1 recipe nonfat Oriental dressing

Cook carrots on HIGH in microwave for 1 minute. Chill immediately in ice water. Repeat process for broccoli.

Microwave pea pods for only 1/2 minute on HIGH and chill immediately in ice water. Drain all ingredients and combine.

Pour Oriental dressing over all ingredients and marinate at least 4 hours in refrigerator. Arrange on leaf lettuce and sprinkle with sesame seeds that have been lightly browned over low heat in a skillet treated with nonstick spray.

Serves 6.

■ Look for Main Dish Miracle on the second Sunday of the month in Taste. Muriel G. Wagner is a registered dietitian and nutrition therapist with an office in Southfield. She publishes "Eating Younger," a quarterly newsletter with recipes and nutrition tips. To subscribe, send a check for \$13.50 to "Eating Younger," P.O. Box 69021, Pleasant Ridge, MI 48069.

# Home-grown produce makes it better

*See related story on Taste front. Recipes compliments of Kelli Lewton, 2 Unique Catering.*

## COOL AS A CUCUMBER SOUP

4 medium cucumbers, trimmed, peeled and cut into 1-inch chunks.

1/2 cup half & half or whole milk

1 tablespoon fresh mint

1 teaspoon fresh dill

1/2 cup fresh cream or 1 cup plain yogurt

Garnish

2 tablespoons freshly toasted chopped walnuts

1/4 cup yogurt

8 slices of paper thin sliced cucumber

Place cucumbers, half-and-half, mint, dill pepper and 3/4 teaspoon salt in large blender or food pro-

cessor and blend on high until smooth.

In medium bowl, mix whisk together sour cream, creme fresh and/or yogurt.

Stir in half of puree, blend then fold in the rest.

Ladle into bowls, top with yogurt, a teaspoon of walnuts and a few slices of cucumber. Serves 4 to 6.

## HERB GARDEN PIZZA

1 whole garlic bulb baked until caramel color in 1/4 cup olive oil (reserve oil)

1 pound of your favorite pizza dough or try frozen dough from your grocery freezer section

6 plum tomatoes sliced thin 12 whole basil leaves

1 tablespoon chopped oregano

1/2 teaspoon chopped rosemary

2 tablespoons chopped parsley

1 tablespoon chopped thyme

1 cup grated Mozzarella

1/2 cup good quality hand grated Parmesan or Romano/Parmesan blend

1/2 cup Monterey Jack cheese

Roll pizza dough to 10 by 12-inch oblong size

Take 1/2 of soft caramel colored garlic cloves and mash with reserved olive oil and smear onto raw pizza dough

Top with thinly sliced plum tomatoes (overlapping)

Sprinkle with chopped herbs and arrange whole basil leaves

Arrange fresh sliced mozzarella. Arrange extra garlic cloves and top with grated cheese.

Season top of pizza generously with coarse black pepper and a pinch of salt.

Preheat oven to 400°F. Bake cookie sheet turned upside down with a little cornmeal sprinkled over top for ten minutes (or bake on pizza stone).

Put pizza directly onto hot sheet tray sprinkled with cornmeal and reduce heat to 375°F and bake for approximately 12-14 minutes until golden brown and cheese is bubbly. Slice into 8-12 squares

1 pint blueberries  
2 oz. Blueberry Schnapps

2 oz. White wine

1 oz. Olive Oil

Sugar to taste

1 pint Raspberries

2 oz. Chambord

2 oz. White wine

1 oz. Olive oil

Sugar to taste

Sauté blueberries in oil two minutes. Add Schnapps and white wine and cook for 10 minutes.

Run Through food mill. Adjust consistency with sugar. Repeat same procedures using raspberries.

To Assemble:

In wide soup bowl ladle a scoop of each soup at the same time into the bowl. Make sure both soups

are of the same consistency. Sprinkle with chopped walnuts as garnish.

## STRAWBERRY RHUBARB PIE

1 1/2 cups sugar granulated

1 cup Michigan Rhubarb

1/2 cup raisins

1 Orange, segmented

Mix the ingredients together and let the mixture stand overnight on the refrigerator 1 cup chopped Walnuts 2 cups sliced strawberries 1/2 cup flour

Add these to the above mixture and place in a 9-inch pie shell. Place a top crust on the pie and bake at 375°F for 45 minutes to an hour or until rhubarb is tender. Let cool. Serve.

## Recipes for your road to good health

*See related story on Taste front.*

### Coffee Pot Cuisine

Making food in a hotel room can be difficult, unless you come prepared. Most hotels and motels now provide a coffee pot in each room. You can use this handy appliance to make much more than coffee.

The HDS test kitchen successfully made seasoned rice in our very own Mr. Coffee. It took a bit of time — about an hour — but the rice was light, fluffy, and flavorful.

To cook Rice-A-Roni, or other packaged rice, first wash the coffeemaker parts thoroughly, then simply empty the rice and flavor packet into the coffee pot. Pour the water (amount according to package instructions) into the coffeemaker. Turn it on. The water will heat up and cook the rice in about an hour.

Here's a more creative recipe that is easy to pack, requires no refrigeration, and cooks in about the time it takes to make a pot of coffee.

### MR. PASTA

(Recipe is per serving, you can make up to 2 servings at once in a coffeemaker)

1 serving (2 nests) of Angel hair pasta (we used Delverde Capelli d'Angelo pasta, that comes dry, swirled into a nest)

1/4 cup dried vegetables (available in camping supply stores, some health food stores and grocery stores)

1/4 teaspoon Mrs. Dash 1/8 teaspoon coarse Kosher salt (or less) pepper to taste

1 packet Kraft "Handy Snack" cheese and cracker combo

Thoroughly clean automatic drip style coffeemaker (like a Mr. Coffee). Put a coffee filter in place.

Put the pasta nest on the coffee filter, where coffee usually goes.

Fill the coffee pot 3/4 full with water and pour into coffeemaker. Put vegetables into empty coffee pot. Position pot in place and turn on coffeemaker.

When all the water has run through, pasta should be cooked. If it's not quite done, place it in the coffee pot with the veggies and water for a few minutes. Drain pasta and veggies by removing the coffee filter and filter holder and putting it into the sink. Pour the coffee pot contents into the coffee filter a little at a time. When drained, put pasta and veggies on a plate.

Toss with spices and mix in the cheese from the Handi Snack. Eat the crackers with your meal. If you want to lower the salt content of this meal, don't add the cheese and crackers.

Nutrition information per serving: Calories 323, Protein (g): 10, Fat (g): 7.4, Sodium (mg): 822, Carbohydrates (g): 13, percent of calories from fat: 21

### GRAB & GO ENERGY COOKIES

1 cup dates (cut up in small pieces and soaked in hot water)

3 tablespoons hot water

3/4 cup sugar

1/2 cup butter or margarine

2 eggs (beaten)

1 1/4 cups flour  
1/2 cup soy flour  
3/4 teaspoon cinnamon  
3/4 teaspoon baking soda  
3/4 teaspoon salt  
1/4 cup almonds  
1/4 cup pine nuts  
1/4 cup sunflower seeds  
1/4 cup dried cherries  
1/4 cup walnuts, coarsely chopped

Preheat oven to 375°F. Soak dates in hot water

Cream butter and sugar together until fluffy. Beat eggs and add to sugar and butter. Sift together the flour, cinnamon, soda and salt. Add to the sugar, butter and egg mixture. Mix in dates with water, and remaining ingredients.

Drop in tablespoon-size portions onto cookie sheet sprayed with non-stick cooking spray. Bake for 10 minutes. Cool. Makes 28 cookies. Store in a covered tin.

Nutrition information per cookie: Calories 112, Protein (g): 2.7, Fat (g): 4

Sodium (mg): 82, Carbohydrates (g): 16. Percent of calories from fat: 32

Chili peppers — contain dynamic redent capsaicin that triggers natural reflexes that flood your respiratory system with watery secretions. This extra fluid thins toxic wastes allowing you to oxygenate your system for more energy.

Apples — are an invaluable energizer and cleanser of inner organs.

Cucumbers — The high potassium content along with sulfur gives you the feeling of well being by regulating sugars in your metabolism hence "cool as cucumber".

Blueberries — Are a good source of myrtillin an amazing substance that keeps balance blood sugar.

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Nouvelle Scampi, the book explains, takes about 20 minutes to prepare and 10 minutes to cook. It's "nouvelle" because of the eye-opening tang of lime juice and the heady aroma of basil, miles away from the dish's restaurant origins. And it has only 10 grams of fat per serving.

Scampi is the Italian name for giant prawns found in European waters (the dish called Shrimp Scampi, which nonsensically translates as Shrimp Big Prawns, has become an Italian restaurant standard).

"To approximate what a dish made with real scampi might be, try to find shrimp that come 16 to 20 to the pound. If they're terribly expensive, you can, of course, use smaller specimens," the book's editors say.

### NOUVELLE SCAMPI

1 tablespoon olive oil  
11/2 pounds large or jumbo shrimp, shelled and deveined  
3 large garlic cloves, minced  
1/3 cup fresh lime juice  
1/3 cup chicken broth  
1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
4 teaspoons unsalted butter, in pieces  
2 tablespoons chopped basil

In 10-inch nonstick skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Add shrimp and cook, tossing frequently, 3 minutes, or until just cooked through. With slotted spoon, transfer shrimp to a bowl.

Reduce heat to low, add garlic to pan, and cook, stirring frequently, 1 minute, or until tender. Add lime juice and cook 1 minute. Add broth, cayenne and salt; increase heat to high and cook 2 minutes, or until slightly reduced.

Remove pan from heat and return shrimp to pan. Add butter and basil and swirl until butter has just melted and shrimp are coated.

Makes 4 servings.  
Nutrition facts per serving: 225 cal., 10 g fat.

# Peach melba is famous and deservedly so

BY DANA JACOBI  
SPECIAL WRITER

Move over millennium madness — it's time to observe the centennial of Peach Melba. Renowned Chef Auguste Escoffier created this luscious combination of peaches poached in vanilla syrup, served over vanilla ice cream and drizzled with a sauce of pureed raspberries to honor Dame Nellie Melba, an Australian opera diva with a passion for peaches.

First served in London sometime between 1898 and the turn of the century — we don't know the exact year — Peach Melba soon came to the U.S., where it became an American favorite. Edith Wharton even mentions it in her 1906 novel, *The House of Mirth*.

Sublime when made with mature, ripe fruit, Peach Melba also brings out the best from the prematurely picked peaches prevalent these days in stores even at peak season. It is even delicious when made entirely with frozen fruit.

In fact, I often use frozen raspberries for the sauce. Not only are they more economical and convenient, but frequently they taste better, as well.

Georgia peaches may be famous, but fruit grown near you, wherever that is, is usually best, according to California-based fruit expert David Karp. He urges buying from local farms where peaches can be picked ripe and sold before they spoil. He also cautions that "free-ripened" has no formal definition; keep this in mind when you see fruit labeled with this term.

For peaches that taste best, follow your nose first, then your eyes. Select fruit exuding a rich, seductive fragrance and glowing with golden color. A rosy cheek is not an indication of ripeness, while any tinge of green should be avoided. Finally, pick fruit that yields somewhat when pressed gently along its suture. Even if the rest of it is hard, these peaches can become soft and juicy when held two to three days, especially if stored in a paper bag. They also taste sweeter because their acidity falls as they sit.

## PEACH MELBA

1 1/4 cups sugar  
4 fresh peaches, halved and pitted, or 20-ounce bag frozen unsweetened sliced

peaches  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1 pint fresh raspberries or 12-ounce bag frozen unsweetened raspberries  
1 pint low-fat vanilla ice cream

In a deep saucepan, combine 1 cup of the sugar with 2 cups water. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat, and simmer 3-5 minutes to thicken the syrup slightly.

Add the peaches, cut side down. When the peaches are still firm, about 3 minutes, remove the pot from the heat. Add the vanilla.

Cool the fruit in the syrup. If using fresh peaches, lift the skins from the fruit. The peaches can sit in the syrup for up to 2 days, refrigerated in a closed container.

Puree the berries in a food processor. Strain the puree through a sieve; there should be about 1 cup. Mix in 1/4 cup of the peach syrup. Add up to 1/4 cup of the remaining sugar, according to taste.

To serve, with a slotted spoon lift a peach half from the syrup. Place it, cut side up, in an individual dessert dish or shallow bowl. Top with a scoop of the ice cream. Place a second peach half, cut side down, on top of the ice cream. Pour over a quarter cup of the raspberry sauce. If using sliced peaches, start with the scoop of ice cream. Arrange a quarter of the peaches over and around the ice cream in each bowl and top with the raspberry sauce.

Repeat to make four servings. Serve immediately.

(Note: Save the syrup to pour over strawberries and other fresh fruit and to sweeten iced tea.)

Nutrition information: Each of the four servings contains approximately 230 calories and 2 grams of fat.

Written for the American Institute for Cancer Research by Dana Jacobi, author of *The Best of Clay Pot Cooking* and *The Natural Kitchen: SOY!*



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**Special dessert:** First served in London sometime between 1898 and the turn of the century, Peach Melba soon came to the United States, where it became an American favorite.

## Cookbook makes the most of rice

AP — Ellen Blonder is an illustrator and designer. Annabel Low is her aunt, and both live in San Francisco. Separated in age by only 16 days, they grew up almost as sisters, members of an extended Chinese-American family where food was both business and pleasure.

Their first cookbook is a winner.

Out of their shared experiences they have produced "Every Grain of Rice: A Taste of Our Chinese Childhood in America" (Potter, \$25). It features some 120 recipes for favorite dishes they grew up with but don't often find in conventional Chinese cookbooks.

"My parents were surprised and delighted to be asked at last to share their wealth of knowledge about food," Blonder writes. The book's title comes from a family maxim, Low explains. "Eat every grain of rice," Mother used to say when I was a child. "Every grain counts."

There's a little family history, a great deal of careful explanation of foods and techniques, a glossary, and recipes ranging

from soups to sweets, from kids' meals to elaborate dinners.

The book is a design delight, illustrated with Blonder's fine-detailed watercolors. It won the 1999 Julia Child Award for best American cookbook published in 1998, from the International Association of Culinary Professionals.

Steamed Egg With Clams, one of the book's recipes, is a savory custard. "Boiling the water for this recipe is an essential step because it rids the water of tiny air bubbles that will ruin the silky texture of the custard," the writers say.

## STEAMED EGGS WITH CLAMS

4 eggs  
61/2-ounce can minced clams  
1 1/2 cups water, boiled and cooled to lukewarm  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1 1/2 teaspoons oyster sauce  
1 green onion, very thinly sliced (optional)

In a mixing bowl, beat the eggs well with a fork. Drain the clams,

reserving the liquid in a measuring cup. Add enough of the cooled water to the clam liquid to make 1 3/4 cups. Add liquids, clams and salt to the eggs and stir until blended. Pour into a heatproof dish.

Set a rack in a saucepan big enough to hold the dish and add water to a depth of 1 1/2 to 2 inches. You may also use a steamer; if you do, fill the lower tier half-full with water. Bring water to a boil. Set the dish on the rack or on the upper tier of the steamer. Lower the heat to a simmer and steam for 25 minutes. The eggs are done when they don't jiggle in the middle when the dish is tapped or an inserted toothpick comes out clean.

Pour the oyster sauce on the eggs and spread evenly over the surface with the bottom of a spoon. (A Chinese soup spoon works perfectly for this.) If desired, sprinkle with chopped green onion. Serve hot over cooked rice, spooning the eggs out of the dish with a serving spoon.

Makes 4 to 6 servings as part of a Chinese meal.

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## CONVERSATIONS



FRANK PROVENZANO

### A vet turns philosophical

"The godly are concerned for the welfare of their animals." — Proverbs

The illustration of heartworms and the half-dozen cages for sickly and boarded pets are sure signs that the Commerce Animal Hospital isn't a typical place of worship.

Then again, nothing is typical about Cody Jones, the vet on duty turned Biblical scholar who also owns the combination trauma center, surgical complex, laboratory and interim hotel for dogs, and cats.

A world-class table tennis player, marathon runner and motivational speaker, Jones of West Bloomfield isn't one to stay settled for long. He has a scholar's seriousness and an athlete's diligence as he goes about his quest for knowledge, whether it's about four-legged or two-legged creatures.

Nearly 15 years after what he calls a "spiritual awakening," Jones is stirring the interests of Biblical scholars with the recent publishing of his book, "The Complete Guide to the Book of Proverbs." It took Jones five years and about \$15,000 to self-publish his book.

Proverbs is an Old Testament collection of wise sayings from King Solomon, who lived three millennium ago. Basically, Jones offers contemporary interpretations, a cross-reference index to compare translations, and a startling hypothesis that the prophet Isaiah — who lived 250 years after Solomon — actually edited the later proverbs.

Jones' goal was simply to make the Biblical nuggets of wisdom more accessible to readers. Whereas the Ten Commandments offer a list of "Thou Shall Not's," the Book of Proverbs is the ultimate classification of how to keep on the straight-and-narrow path.

#### Food for thought

For years, studying the Bible would have been unthinkable to a student of veterinary science who never quite found any relevance in the Good Book.

Until 1984, Jones claims he was a content agnostic, whose professional writing focused strictly on veterinary medicine.

"I was a success on the outside, but on the inside, I was empty," he said. "I asked myself, 'If I died, would anyone notice?'

Like many baby boomers approaching middle age, Jones struggled to balance on what he calls the three-legged stool of life made from physical, mental and spiritual fulfillment.

To the dogs?

A Dale Carnegie course along with an in-depth study of world religions led Jones to reconsider the role of positive thinking and spirituality in his life.

This time, the boy who lived on a chicken farm in Wauseon, Ohio, and who was raised a Methodist and converted to Catholicism after marriage, turned to the Church of Today.

On Sundays, Jones speaks to the congregation at the Church of Today in Novi about the lessons of life and often draws inspiration from worldly texts of religion and literature.

While the guide to proverbs helps to elucidate the wisdom of King Solomon, it's clear that Jones also practices what he preaches.

"I'm only interested in changing myself, not other people."

That type of wisdom will never go to the dogs.

Of course, some people who can't resist a pun never learn.

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Veteran musician: Alma Smith brings her quintet to Lear Stage 3 p.m. Sunday, July 18.

## LOCAL JAZZ JAM A BEAUTIFUL THING

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
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Jazz purists like Ron Kischuk think the beauty of the Michigan Jazz Festival is that it features local musicians who are veterans of the art form.

Never mind that the day-long festival still doesn't have the reputation of the Detroit Montreux Jazz Festival about to celebrate its 20th year. After all, at five years old, the Michigan Jazz Festival is just beginning to build a following that one day may rival Detroit Montreux.

In the meantime, the Michigan Jazz Festival has come a long way from the first event at Freedom Hill when 200 people showed up. Held at the Botsford Inn for the last three years, the festival promises to grow in size at its new digs

on the campus of Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Crowds numbering around 5,000 annually enjoyed the sounds of jazz in the intimate setting of the historic inn. Organizers expect attendance to top that this year because parking is unlimited. Festivalgoers won't have to park and then take a shuttle to reach

their destination.

And because the festival is by invitation only, the musicians are every bit as good as those who play at Detroit Montreux. Kischuk, a Bloomfield Hills trombonist, and his Tartarsauce Traditional Jazz Band have been pleasing crowds with their lively Dixieland music for 20 years.

"The Michigan Jazz Festival is kind of nice because it highlights local talent that play at the same level as musicians who play in the Detroit Montreux Festival," said Kischuk, who performs at the Sunday, July 18 festival. "The committee are truly distinguishing jazz listeners so they're choosing groups with a certain quality. The festival itself gives people, even for just a day, the chance to listen to good music. The jazz community is so small in Detroit

now. There are fewer and fewer places people can go to hear jazz. At the Michigan Jazz Festival they can hear all different styles of jazz."

Kischuk, along with 20 other groups and four big bands, take to four stages at the Michigan Jazz

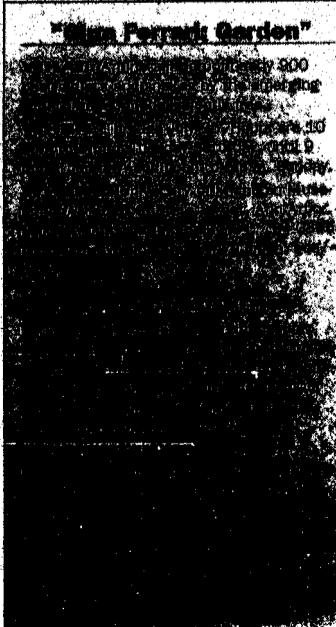
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Dixieland: Ron Kischuk leads his Tartarsauce Traditional Jazz Band to the Michigan Jazz Festival.

## ART

"Gina Ferrari's Garden"



### Emerging artist lets work speak for itself

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
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Standing on the edge of a sea of nearly 900 piglets and snakes, Gina Ferrari is pensive, almost reticent to relay any of the history behind her installation in the Apse of the University of Michigan Museum of Art.

The Southfield artist spent the better part of a year casting the glossy pink bodies in plaster, resin and rubber, but she will reveal little else about the work or herself.

If you missed seeing Ferrari's "Garden" installation in 1998 at Revolution Gallery in Ferndale, this is your chance to decide for yourself what this emerging artist and her art are all about. Was there a method Ferrari used to arrange the piglets in garden-like rows on the pale pink raised platform? Some of the piglets lie snuggled together almost as if their togetherness will create a barrier to

keep out the snakes.

"I wanted to deal with the whole nature of gardens," said Ferrari. "It's a metaphor for the cyclical process, and it's the idea of landscape. It's about finding a sense of order — order and chaos. It deals with fragility and ambiguity and has a high-gloss porcelain feel."

Comments written by visitors show the work makes a definite impact on the psyche of everyone who sees it. People seem to love solving mysteries. As Ferrari bends over to read each of the remarks, she smiles at one

that says the installation is better than one created by New York artist Sol Lewitt at the museum last year. For another viewer, Ferrari's "Garden" is a reminder of the Holocaust: The snakes are predators. A colleague notes Arkansas farmers used pigs to rid their properties of snakes, so

A SEA OF 900 PIGLETS AND SNAKES

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### Tenorman takes over Motown

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There was a similar invasion in 1964, if anyone noticed.

This one about to commence, however, doesn't have any quick-witted mop tops, shrieking teeny boppers or threats of the British storming the guards.

Except for the more cosmopolitan musical repertoire, not to mention the receding hairlines and bulging midriffs of the performers, it's really just another form of mania.

Tenorman, to be exact.

It's less than a week before Luciano Pavarotti, José Carreras and Plácido Domingo perform at Tiger Stadium, and there's an unmistakable sense of history and euphoria surrounding the Three Tenors concert on Saturday.

"The Three Tenors is a universally acclaimed phenomenon," said David DiChiera, managing director of the Michigan Opera Theatre, which attracted the legendary operatic singers to help raise money for their endowment.

"This concert is a tremendous symbol about the dramatic renaissance of Detroit," he said. "Consider us a major cultural city that commands the attention of the premier performers of our time."

Even skeptics would be impressed. The Three Tenors haven't toured in two years, and their only North American stop this year is in Detroit, where they'll be greeted by 34,000 fans, who have paid \$50 to \$750 to hear maestro James Levine lead the singers in a performance of operatic, folk and pop songs.

"We've heard from people who've said they've always loved opera and others who want to be part of a landmark event," said Bill Lee, senior director of marketing at Olympia Entertainment, which is promoting the event.

Before ticket sales were open to the public, MOT had sold 20,000 to subscribers. Of the remaining 14,000 seats, fewer than 3,000 remain, said Lee, a Birmingham resident.

"Only superstars fill a stadium," he said. "For this show, we have broad demographics — tour operators from all over the Midwest, corporations, senior groups."

Members of the orchestra have been hired by MOT, including accordionist Peter Soave of Farmington Hills. Soave, who has won world-wide accordion competitions, is expected to be a featured musician during the performances of Italian folk songs.

In the last several years, Kiss, The Eagles and Rod Stewart have performed at Tiger Stadium.

For the Three Tenors, the soulful symbol of Motown, Aretha Franklin, will be on hand. Franklin, who lives in Bloomfield Hills, will sing the national anthem and is expected to perform with Pavarotti, Carreras and Domingo during their encore.

Right up until show time, Lee expects tickets to be available.

"There's a perception that this is too expensive for most people," he said. "There are still good seats for \$50. Tickets at most stadium shows are about \$75."



STAFF PHOTO BY PETER WILLIAMS  
Fragility and ambiguity: Gina Ferrari talks about wanting viewers to come to their own conclusions about her installation at the University of Michigan Museum of Art.

**BOOKS**

# Helen Thomas' book reveals memories of hometown Detroit



VICTORIA DIAZ

**"Front Row, at the White House: My Life and Times," by Helen Thomas (Scriber, \$26)**

"I chose to take the personal route and make this an impressionist view of what I saw ... heard

and ... felt through eight administrations. I have left it to others to tell the story of ... policies and actions and legacies."

So begins this memoir by Helen Thomas, Detroit's own dean of the White House press corps, the correspondent who, for years, has concluded each presidential press conference with the words, "Thank you, Mr. President."

Even if you think you have grown disenchanted with politics and politicians, try taking a look at "Front Row at the White House" anyway. You'll come away with perhaps a wider perspective not just on politics but on some of the journalists who help us see the president in the first place. In the bargain, you'll also get a chance to find out, up close, how journalists work and how their practices have changed along with the times.

As frosting on an already-rich cake, Thomas also sketches in a lively word-picture of some of her own life experiences, starting with the days she was growing up on Heidelberg Street (in the same house that later became, in one of the screwy twists of fate, part of the controversial Tyree Guyton "street art" project). Belle Isle, Bob Lo, and Sanders hot fudge sundaes are fondly remembered.

As the second youngest in a large and opinionated Syrian-Lebanese family, Helen Thomas remembers that she was "taught early" that "great things were expected" of her and her seven siblings. Shortly after graduating from what was then Wayne University, she headed straight for war-time Washington in 1942, determined to find work as a reporter with one of the capital's newspapers.

"It never occurred to me that I might be trespassing into a man's world," she writes. "It never occurred to me that I might not get a job in journalism right away. But I was and I didn't."

To stay afloat financially, she worked as a hostess at a Washington restaurant. It was quickly apparent, though, that the job was ill-suited to the rather dour-looking Thomas. The restaurant owners, concerned that she "didn't smile enough," were set to let her go on the same day she hired on at the Washington Daily News as a copy girl.

Helen Thomas was on her way. Before war's end, the enthusiastic young reporter was writing for United Press (later to become UPI), the news organization she is still associated with today. During the Kennedy administration, the White House became her beat.

In "Front Row," Thomas takes us along as she meets JFK for the first time, finding him slightly "dull" (an opinion that would later change completely).

We look in as she and some of her colleagues lunch in the White House with LBJ during the Detroit riots, and the President complains that Michigan Gov. George Romney won't ask Washington for help because he's

afraid of the "potential humiliation."

We are present in the White House press room when Richard Nixon strolls in to tell reporters: "I want to be worthy of your trust."

We are at Jimmy Carter's side as he visits old friends on the streets of his hometown.

We listen as Bill Clinton teases Helen Thomas in a speech at the Washington Gridiron Club.

"Helen ... (has) spent more time in the White House than anybody here tonight," he says. "Still, it hurt my feelings we demanded a security deposit when we moved in."

Thomas also, in some telling details, acquaints us more closely with first ladies, and presidential press secretaries.

She also reveals her "favorite president."

In addition she takes us aboard Air Force One, even showing us the favored menus for some of the most important passengers. (Gerald Ford preferred cottage cheese dashed with A-1 sauce; George Bush, Texas barbecue; Ronald Regan, meat loaf and lemon pie.)

Though Thomas repeatedly emphasizes that personal likeability has never been her No. 1 stock-in-trade, "Front Row" nevertheless has about it a decidedly friendly flavor, mostly achieved through an unpretentious, almost conversational tone and style.

The format tends to be a little hither-and-yon and now-and-then, and Thomas occasionally repeats herself. But these are tiny bones to pick with a book that should prove highly rewarding for most readers.

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**ANN ARBOR LIBRARY**

Gary Zukav signs copies of his book "Seat of the Soul," during a Borders Books and Music, Ann Arbor-sponsored event, 7 p.m. Friday, July 16, at the library. (734) 668-7652

**BOOK SIGNINGS**

Farmington Observer reporter and Livonia resident Tim Smith will sign copies of his new book, "Miracle Birth Stories of Very Premature Babies - Little Thumbs Up!" 7-9 p.m. Friday, July 16, Waldenbooks and More, 13667 Eureka Road, Southgate; 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 396 John R Road, Troy. Smith can be contacted directly at (248) 477-5450.

**BARNES AND NOBLE (B&N) HILLS**

The mystery group will discuss "Shore to Die" by Valerie Wolzen, July 13 at 7:30 p.m., and author Scott Marks will conduct a question/answer session on the topic of his book "Y2K - It's Not Too Late" on July 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the store, 6575 Telegraph Road. (248) 540-4209.

**BORDERS (ANN ARBOR)**

Marvin Yolles, JD, MBA, discusses "You're Retired, Now What?" 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 14; "ArtVentures: Argentina," 11 a.m. Saturday, July 17, at the store, 612 Liberty St. (734) 668-7652.

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"Fight Club IV," a short story writing workshop geared for 14-20 people, 4 p.m. Thursdays; "Common Thread," a gathering of knitters, quilters and needlepointers, 7 p.m. Tuesdays July 13 and 27; Gurdjieff-Ouspensky Lecture about practical methods for increasing self-awareness and consciousness, 7 p.m. Wednesdays, July 14; Magician Fred Lenter, 2 p.m. Saturday, July 17, at the store, 3527 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor. (734) 677-6948.

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Leon Scholchit displays his watercolors through July 31 in the Borders Cafe; Master Gardener Peggy Malnati discusses "Heritage Gardening" and "Companion Planting," 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 12; Leonard F. Charla discusses his book "Never Cooked Before. Gotta Cook Now!" 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 14, at the store, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. (248) 737-0110.

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Book discussion series at the library, 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield features the works of Edith Wharton. Registration is required and participants will be responsible for providing their own books. Register at the Fiction Desk, or call (248) 948-0470. Discussion dates are 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, July 28, "Summer"; and 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, "The Mother's Recompense." Series is part of the Sum-

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Six authors on Saturday, July 24 from 1 to 3 p.m. will sign their books: Tina St. John

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**CANBROOK WRITERS**

Several published writers, all faculty at Cranbrook's third annual retreat for writers, will present their work over the next few days. The schedule: July 11, fiction author Joseph Caldwell; July 12, poet Marie Howe and fiction writer Richard McCann; July 13, poet Richard Tillinghast; July 14, fiction author Daniel Mueller; July 15, poet Cynthia Huntington; July 16, author John Skoiles; July 17, fiction author Lucy Rosenthal and children's author Elaine Greenstein. The event takes place at 8 p.m. each night at Cranbrook Schools, Thornlea House, 550 Cranbrook Road, between Lone Pine and Woodward. Contact Tom Murdock, (248) 645-3664.

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Festival, proving the festival organizers' premise that traditional, straight-ahead jazz is alive and well. Seasoned groups led by George Benson, Matt Michaels and Jack Brokensha, Alma Smith, Bess Bonier, and Johnny Trudell join with emerging artists Janet Tenaj and the SCool, JAZZ/PRIME vocal jazz groups on the nearly 11-hour program.

"These people are all stars in their own right and they play for scale because of their love for jazz," said festival committee member Midge Ellis of Livonia. "The festival gives them exposure and gives people who don't normally go to hear jazz the opportunity to get to hear it for free."

Thanks to sponsors, fund raisers, and money from the Music Performance Trust Funds

through the U.S. Recording Companies as arranged by Local No. 5, American Federation of Musicians, the festival, expected to cost \$25,000, remains free.

Ellis is excited about the fact, there will not only be a variety of jazz but food as well. The American Harvest Restaurant in the Waterman Center will tempt jazz lovers with gourmet food prepared by Schoolcraft College's world-renowned Salon Competition Team. The Food Court on the grounds, south of the Waterman, offers visitors everything from hot dogs to dinners, popcorn, pizza and ice cream provided by the Schoolcraft College Food Service Department.

So listen to the Dennis & April Tini Quintet in the intimate Recital Hall of the Forum Building, then grab a bite to eat and head over to hear the World's

Oldest Living Saxophone Octet in the Lower Waterman or the jam session in the Lear tent. The Michigan Jazz Festival is bigger and better than ever.

### Ron Kischuk & The Tartarsauce Traditional Jazz Band

Kischuk and his band—Charlie Gabriel, clarinet; Nate Panicacci, trumpet; Chuck Shermetaro, piano; Paul Finazzo, bass and Bill Cairo, drums, will literally come straight to the Lower Waterman from playing the Summer Festival at Greenfield Village. The band plays at the Dearborn historical site seven days a week through Aug. 22. Expect to hear Dixieland sounds such as "Sweet Georgia Brown," "Bourbon Street Parade," and Louie Armstrong's theme, "When It's Sleepy Time Down South" from the Tartarsauce Traditional Jazz Band. Each of the tunes are on their first CD titled after the band.

"They'll hear really lively Dixieland jazz," said Kischuk, an instructor of classical and jazz trombone at Wayne State University and owner of Percussion World in Ferndale. "Charlie Gabriel is fourth generation New Orleans. It's traditional jazz."

### Dennis & April Tini Quintet

Farmington Hills musicians Dennis and April Tini and their quintet—Chris Collins, saxophone; Dan Jordan, bass; and Rich Mikels, drums; mix standards and contemporary jazz



**Traditional Jazz:** Dennis and April Tini perform everything from Duke Ellington to original music at a jazz festival featuring 21 groups and four big bands.

with Dennis's original compositions from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. Sunday, July 18. From Duke Ellington to Jobim, the audience is sure to enjoy the music of the married couple who've been playing professionally for decades.

Dennis is chairman of the music department, co-founder/co-director of Jazz Studies & Contemporary Media, and director of choral activities at Wayne State University. As a jazz pianist he

has performed throughout Europe, Africa, Canada, and the U.S. during the last 25 years. He's conducted orchestras and album soundtracks for Hollywood movies, composed music for documentaries and commercials, and appeared with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Buddy Rich, J.C. Heard, Marcus Belgrave and his wife, April.

April also teaches in the music department at Wayne State University. She recently directed Oakland University's show ensemble, Meadow Brook Estate, and has held faculty positions at Berklee College of Music, Northwestern University and Western Michigan University. She has performed throughout North America, Europe and Japan.

Even though the Michigan Jazz Festival is close to home it is no less respected by the Tinis.

"The Michigan Jazz Festival offers musicians a wonderful forum to showcase their talents and contributions to continuing the art," said April Tini. "These are all dedicated, seasoned jazz musicians. Now they're going to be the torch bearers into the new century along with a lot of new players with a lot of fire."

### Aldama Smith

Every other Tuesday night for the last seven years, Alma Smith's been playing traditional jazz at Sweet Lorraine's in Southfield. The veteran pianist brings her quintet—saxophonist Vincent York, bassist Will Austin, trumpeter Felton Jones, and former Motown drummer Pistol Allen to the Lear Stage.

Smith chuckles when it's mentioned that over the years, she's played with everybody. The memories flood back as she talks about her more than 40 years in the music business—playing organ for Lou Rawls, vibraphone with Jimmy Dorsey, and opening Detroit's Music Hall for Ella Fitzgerald. It's a rare treat to hear this Countess of jazz belt out songs by Ellington and Porter.

Smith laughs, "does this date me? The first TV show I did was with Jimmy Dorsey. I started out as a teenage pianist and used to have to sit in the dressing room between sets until I was 21. When I joined the union, my father had to sign for me because I was too young. By the time I was 21, I was from coast to coast. My first recording was made in Les Paul's studio. But as old as I am, I'm as nervous as a cat before I hit the stage."

### Wisdom comes with age

Smith started composing her own tunes, many of which can be heard on her CD, "Time Won't Stop," as a kid. Over the years, the Detroit pianist's played the Detroit Montreux Jazz Festival and Baker's Keyboards many times as well as the B'Jazz series at First Baptist Church in Birmingham. Even though she won't tell her age, Smith says she still has a lot to learn about music and her instruments.

"The most important thing about the business is to stay humble," said Smith. "Once you think that you're great, then you're not fresh at it."

### Artist

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he sees the reverse of the viewer who saw the snakes as predators. Another viewer thinks the work looks like Silly Putty.

"Compelling," "gross," "unnatural" are just some of the reactions to the work cast from several piglet corpses and plastic foam taxidermist snake forms.

"I think that's pretty interesting, to be so extreme," said Ferrari.

Where does Ferrari's art come

from? The emerging artist's

years at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills? Her undergraduate days at Wayne State University? Graduate studies at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond and the Studio Arts Center in Florence, Italy, or even earlier than that?

Ferrari explains it's been a life-long evolution. But more important, it is the viewer's own history that triggers their

response to the "Garden."

"It's open to multiple interpretations," said Ferrari. "People bring their own interpretations. It's about looking and seeing."

Upcoming lecture

Ferrari and museum director James Steward will talk about the installation as well as the history of installations, why they continue to fascinate artists and viewers alike on Thursday, July 15. Why would Ferrari rent addi-

tional space alongside her Detroit studio and enlist her Wayne State University students to join in the production and spray painting of hundreds of piglets and snakes?

"Creating an installation is a liberating and freeing experience," said Ferrari. "It's freeing not to be limited and to have the inclusion of video and photography if you should so want."

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## PUBLIC READINGS AT CRANBROOK

## WRITER'S RETREAT

The annual Cranbrook Retreat for Writers features free readings by instructors at the two-week seminar on the Cranbrook Educational Community campus in Bloomfield Hills.

The public readings begin 8 p.m. at Thornlea House, 550 Cranbrook Road, between Lone Pine and Woodward.

Readings include:

■ Monday, July 12 - Poet Marie Howe and fiction writer Richard McCann

■ Tuesday, July 13 - Poet Richard Tillinghast

■ Wednesday, July 14 - Fiction writer Daniel Mueller

■ Thursday, July 15 - Poet Cynthia Huntington

■ Friday, July 16 - Fiction writer John Skoiles

■ Saturday, July 17 - Fiction writer Lucy Rosenthal and children's book author Elaine Greenstein

For information, call (248) 644-3664.

## CURATOR NAMED

Joseliene Magoto has been named curator of education at Cranbrook Art Museum.

Magoto's responsibilities include developing and administering educational programs to supplement the museum's exhibits.

Before arriving at Cranbrook, Magoto served as executive director of the Old Jail Art Center in Albany, Texas. She also taught studio art classes and served as director of the art gallery at Clarion University in Pennsylvania.

## SUMMER CLASSES

The Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center offers nearly 40 classes for children and teens.

Among the classes is "A Feast For Your Eyes!" which provides children in grades 1-3 an exercise of working with papier-

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Other classes include photography, drawing, ceramics and beginning drama.

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## CONSERVATORY RECEIVES FUNDS

FAR Conservatory of Therapeutic and Performing Arts has received \$20,660 from United Way Community Services.

The funds will be used in 1999-2000 for creative arts therapy, arts instruction, athletic training and leisure services for children and adults with mental and physical challenges.

## ABT &amp; WSU COLLABORATION

Dance students in the American Ballet Theatre and Wayne State University's four-week instruction program will hold two performances 12:30 and 3 p.m. Friday, July 23, at the

Detroit Opera House.

The concert is open to the public. Donations will be accepted.

The collaboration, now in its second year, provides intermediate to advanced dance training to students age 13-18.

For information, call (313) 237-3416.

## NEW DEPARTMENT HEAD

Under the direction of newly named department head and renowned ceramic artist Paul Young, the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center is expanding to include six new teachers and 20 additional classes.

In total, the ceramics department includes eight teachers, including Carolyn Court, Kaiser Suidan, David McGee, Sandra Belcher, Mike Magoto and Ilham Mahfouz.

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## VAN GOGH FACES

"Van Gogh: Face to Face" will be on exhibit at the Detroit Institute of Arts, March 12 to June 4, 2000.

The exhibit includes 50 paintings and drawings from international public and private collections.

After the DIA showing, the exhibit will travel to the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, then to the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

## DIANA ROSS AT ORCHESTRA HALL

Legendary singer and former Motown star Diana Ross will perform with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra on Friday, Sept. 17.

The concert at Orchestra Hall, entitled "Classic Legends: Opening for a New Millennium," will also feature conductor Neeme Jarvi and pianist Ivo Pogorelich.

For information, call (313) 576-5145.

## WRITERS' RETREAT

The first annual Walloon Writers' Retreat welcomes writers and poets to attend workshops, readings and panel discussions, held at Michigania on Walloon Lake, Sept. 30 to Oct. 2.

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**BIG & BEAUTIFUL**

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Fun, outgoing SWB, who enjoys movies, swimming, jazz, seeks outgoing man, companion, 30-40, for fun, exercise, travel, etc. 234798

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BRAD KADRICH

## Orion's Goleski eyes major dream

Ryan Goleski's dream isn't really any different from that of any red-blooded American boy. He wants to play major league baseball.

What young man didn't hope to patrol a big-league field? I know one chubby sportswriter who wanted to replace Mickey Stanley in center field for the Detroit Tigers.

The difference between that guy and Goleski? Goleski may actually have the tools.

Goleski, Lake Orion's powerful first baseman, just put together a stellar junior season for the Dragons, one in which he stroked eight home runs and seven doubles and tied for the team lead in runs batted in with 28. While he was at it, he won his only two decisions on the mound, pitching 18-2/3 innings while striking out 27.

In other words, at 6-foot-3 and 210 pounds, he appears to have the tools.

"Ryan has all the physical gifts that make up outstanding hitters," Lake Orion coach Andy Schramek said. "He's big, he's quick and he hits angry. He gets up with the attitude nobody is going to get him out."

It hasn't happened by accident. Goleski is possibly the hardest-working player around, often putting in 12-hour days honing his craft. He can often be seen at night, hitting balls off a tee or taking batting practice.

It started paying off big for him his freshman season, when former Dragons coach Dave Collins brought the youngster up to the varsity for the state tournament. Goleski watched, soaking in as much as he could, as his teammates reached the district championship game before falling to eventual state champion Rochester, 2-1.

It was in that game Goleski got to watch former Falcon Andrew Good work. Until then, he'd only seen the Rochester star's name in the paper. Since then, he's followed players like Good and former Brighton star Drew Henson, now a million-dollar baby for the New York Yankees.

The prospect of reaching the same heights those types of players hit is what drives Goleski's work ethic.

"My goal is to be one of the best," Goleski says. "It's not something that's just going to come. Too much work is not enough work for me."

He's been that way since he was maybe 2 years old. He played his first organized baseball at age 8, getting into the Orion house league. After one season there, he was picked up by the Lake Orion Dragons Federation team, and he's been playing federation ball ever since.

The work shows in his improvement. He started every game as a sophomore, hitting .325 with four home runs. He raised his average more than 100 points, to .439, as a junior, but was disappointed because he missed his personal goals of a .500 average and 15 home runs.

"I had a good season, but not as good as I wanted," said Goleski, who missed four games this year. "It was a good year, but I try to set myself apart from everyone else."

In fact, he's concentrated so much on baseball, one might worry whether he's taking time just being a kid. It may be a concern to some, but not to Goleski, who enjoys the same things other kids enjoy: a girlfriend, good friends, good times.

"Once baseball is over now, I try to clean it out of my mind," he said. "I hang out with my friends, I go out with my girlfriend. I do like to separate it, because it is overwhelming if you focus on it all the time. It wears away at you."

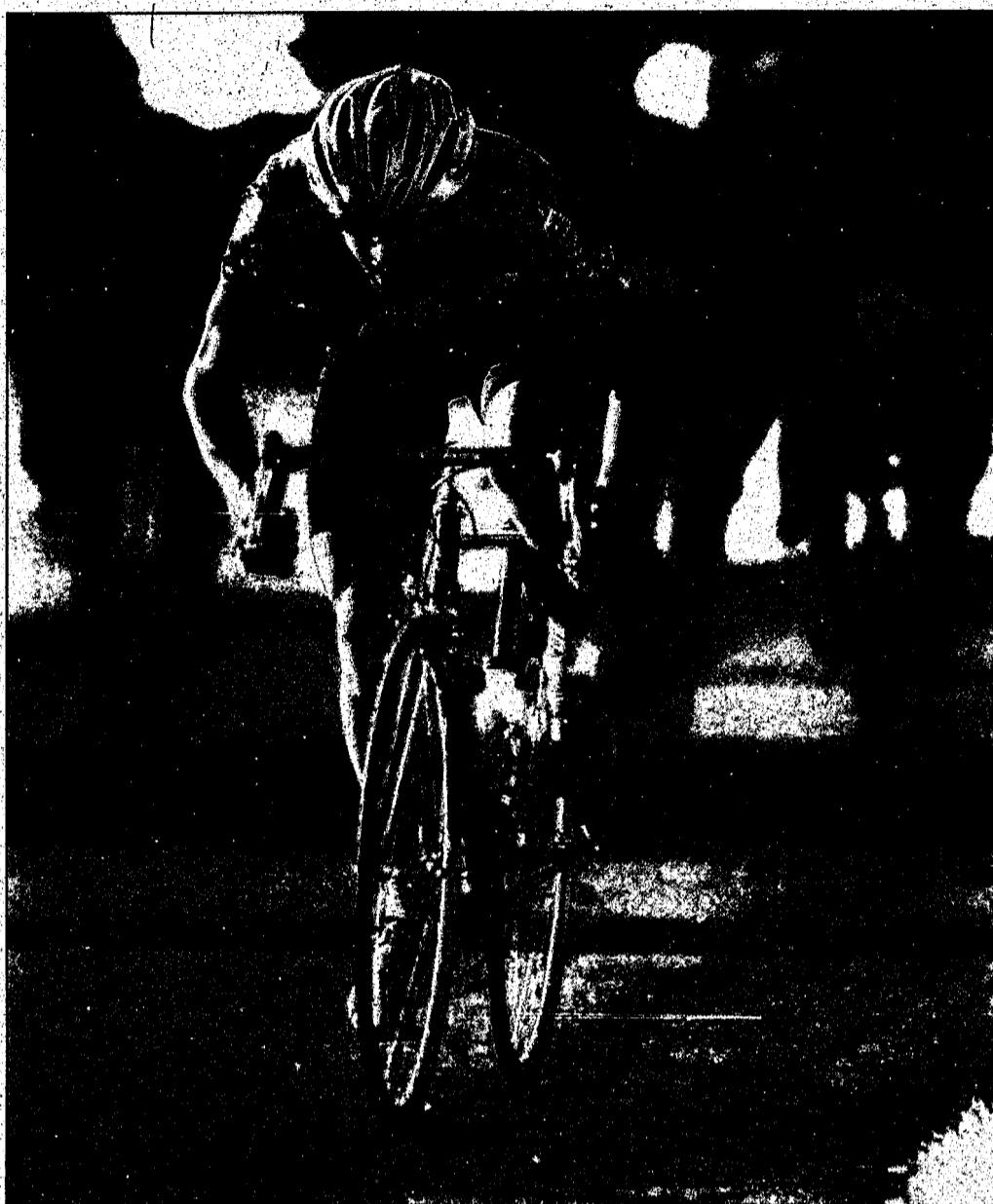
He has already drawn interest from dozens of schools, his favorites, of which are Stanford, LSU, Florida State and Miami (Fla.).

Can he play at the level? His coach has no doubts.

"He loves to play baseball, and he loves to work," Schramek said. "He stays after practice to take extra batting practice. He lifts weights in the off-season. He's a dedicated baseball player. He plays with so much emotion and energy that at times he has to learn how to channel it."

"That's the next step in his development: harnessing all that emotion and adrenaline."

If he can make that adjustment, the next step for Goleski could be fulfilling that childhood dream.



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**Push it ... push it!** A member of the Flying Rhinos road racing team works out during a recent practice at the Waterford Hills Road Racing Track in Waterford. Although the competitive team practices weekly, and is a fixture at races all over Michigan throughout the year, the majority of the club is made up of "casual" riders.

## The 'Flying Rhinos'

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**I**t doesn't matter what kind of bike ride you want, the Flying Rhinos cycling club has the one for you.

Care for a weekly relaxed-pace, dirt-road ride? Got it.

High-paced, competitive racing teams? Got 'em.

There's the lunch hour group that does a 15-20 mile ride on Fridays and the family ride group that will take time to ride with anyone. A group even stops at a coffee shop in Fenton during a Saturday morning ride.

"Our main goal is to promote cycling at all levels," said club president Pete Anderson. "We get families, little kids, racers ... it's just a lot of fun."

The club, based out of the Kinetic Systems Bicycles shop in downtown Clarkston, has nearly 250 members whose cycling interests and abilities vary as widely as the club itself.

"We do have a road race team and a mountain bike race team that we sponsor but we do a lot of the slower, more casual rides that anyone can go on."

The competitive teams are for the more serious bikers like Doug James, an officer and nine-year member of the club.

"You get to go fast and you don't have to step on an accelerator or twist a throttle," he said. "And, obviously, it keeps you in shape."

The road racing team, which practices weekly at the Waterford Hills Race Track in the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club complex in Waterford Township, takes part in competitive road and track races throughout the country.

"We mainly go to the races in Michigan but, occasionally, some guys go to the national events," said



**Follow the leader:** All eyes are on Jeff Nofz as the team completes one of several practice laps. Nofz co-founded the Flying Rhinos Cycling Club in 1981.

James. "There was an event in Vermont and some of the guys went to that."

The group sponsors three major rides throughout the year that are open to the public. The first, a Spring ride, takes place on Mother's Day, and the second, a Fall color tour, runs in October. Both are called the "Back Forty Challenge" and draw over 400 participants each. The rides give cyclists the option of biking a 17-, 24-, 44- or 62-mile course that winds through northern Oakland County.

"Sometimes, it's fast. Sometimes, it's slow," said Anderson. "It depends on who shows up. One thing that is for sure is that no one will be left behind. You're not going to come out for a casual ride and get lost by the pack. What people want to do is up to them but we welcome new riders."

James agreed saying, "I've heard of

other clubs that turn their nose up to new riders but I've found that the people in our group are just good people who like to ride. That, above all, I think, is what you're looking for. We do the casual rides rather often just to try to get people together and we hope to get them to come back."

The club's third event, the "Polar Ride," is for the true (and literally) blue cycling freak. Taking place on New Year's Day, the ride is the same as the Spring and Fall events, with the 62-mile part of the course.

James said that there is a smaller turnout for that race but a group of nearly 200 riders have shown up for past "Polar Rides."

The club is also involved in the community, donating a portion of the proceeds from the "Back Forty Challenges" to SCAMP, a local summer

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## Stars pound Tigers as bats burst for a dozen

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With a pitching staff depleted by injuries, the North Oakland Stars have had to rely on their strength at the plate in recent weeks. That was the case Wednesday night.

The Stars were all over the Michigan Tigers as they rolled to a 12-7 win at Sterling Heights Stevenson.

Nick Tomczak (Fenton/Western Michigan) was the catalyst behind the attack, going 3-for-4 while driving in three runs. Catcher Randy Ortiz (Rochester/Michigan State) also ripped a two-run homer, while Chris Crowder (Troy/U-of-M), Brett Wattles (Rochester/Michigan State) and Ryan Good (Rochester) each contributed two hits and two RBI apiece.

On the mound, Justin Young (Flint Kearsley/Saginaw Valley) recorded the win, striking out six, while Tomczak came on in relief and picked up the save, also striking out six.

■ Four Stars head to Black Swamp: Four members of the North Oakland Stars Baseball club have accepted an invitation to play in the Black Swamp Invitational this weekend at the Black Swamp Classic in Bowling Green, Ohio. Pitcher/infielders Ryan Good (Rochester), John Handley (Rochester) and Matt Lestan (Troy), along with outfielder Chris Crowder (Troy/U-of-M) will compete for the Northwest Ohio Mavericks, which are based out of Bowling Green.

**NORTH OAKLAND SPORTS SCENE**

### Volleyball camp

The first Oxford Wildcat Volleyball Camp takes place at Oxford High School, July 26-Aug. 6. The camp is open to boys and girls entering grades nine through 12.

The camp will be conducted under the direction of Wildcats varsity coach Lori Campbell. Other members of the staff include junior varsity coach Nita Stevenson, eighth-grade coach Gayle Tucker and various Wildcat alumnae.

The camp runs from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday through Friday. Campers are asked to arrive at 8:30 a.m. on the first day. Heavy emphasis will be placed on fundamentals. Tuition for the two-week camp is \$50, which includes a T-shirt. For more information, call Lori Campbell at (310) 688-2289.

### Soccer camp

Bay Pointe Community Church presents its "On Goal Soccer Camp 1999" July 20-23 at Friendship Park in Orion Township.

The camp is open to players ages 6-14. Cost is \$95. Camp times are 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

For more information, call (248) 391-2229.

### Kidney foundation benefit

AirTouch Cellular and the Detroit Tigers Alumni Association presents their 14th-annual Golf Classic May 17 at Indianwood Golf & Country Club in Lake Orion.

Registration begins at 9 a.m., with an 11 a.m. shotgun start. All proceeds benefit the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan.

Entry fee is \$750 per person or \$3,000 per foursome. A portion of the cost is tax deductible. The registration fee includes 18 holes of golf with cart, a celebrity golfer with each foursome, brunch, a full-course dinner and an open bar. It also includes several participant gifts, fabulous auction items, raffle and door prizes and trophies for the winners.

For more information, call (734) 971-2800.

## Orion plays host to AAU hoop tourney

Opening ceremonies were set for 7 p.m. today (Sunday) at The Palace of Auburn Hills for the 1999 Boys 16-U/10th Grade AAU National Championship basketball tournament.

The tournament will have a distinct local flavor. Lake Orion High School will be one of three sites for the tournament.

The Grand Marshal for the

ceremonies was Jalen Rose, current Indiana Pacers and former member of the Fab Five at the University of Michigan. Rose also played at Detroit Southwestern High School.

Mock 3-for-all contests start at 6 p.m. on the outside arena on the Shockfest court. The winners of those contests received Nike/Shock giveaways. A repre-

sentative from the Shock will also speak at the opening ceremonies.

Last year's 15U/9th Grade national champions, the Playground Warriors of Milwaukee return to defend their title. There will be 72 teams from 26 states, including five teams from Michigan, in town to compete in the week-long tournament.

Tickets for games are available at the three tournament locations: Lake Orion High School, Oakland University and Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest. Week-long passes are \$35 for adults and \$25 for children 15 and under. Daily rates are \$8 for adults, \$5 for children.

## TPC becoming synonymous with courses

When it comes to golf courses, three letters are synonymous with the PGA Tour: "TPC." The Tournament Players Club network was conceived and developed by former PGA Tour Commissioner Deane Beman in the late 1970's, when he envisioned a network of Tour-owned and operated golf courses on which to hold PGA Tour events.

Beman's concept, which included special attention to spectator vantage-points, has taken shape, as 21 PGA Tour, Senior Tour or Nike Tour events are currently held on TPC golf courses.

The PGA Tour has spared no expense in the quality architects it has hired to design these golf

courses. Golf artists like Pete Dye, Tom Fazio, Arnold Palmer, Tom Weiskopf, Arthur Hills, and Bobby Weed have had their hand in creating memorable golf courses capable of handling crowds and galleries.

The number is still growing, but at present, there are 32 TPC courses scattered all over the globe, in places like Tampa, Las Vegas, Princeton, Charlotte, Myrtle Beach, Seattle, Houston, Japan, Thailand, and China.

Dearborn, of course, has been home to the Tournament Players Club of Michigan since 1991, when designer Jack Nicklaus finished converting the dumping ground along the Rouge River into the home of the Ford Senior Players Championship, a Senior Tour Major Championship.

"The land we developed this golf course on was a junkyard," Nicklaus said when he competed in the Ford Senior Players Championship in late June. "The

place was a dump that they put everything from the automotive industry. We found everything out there including the kitchen sink."

Since the Ford Motor Company, PGA Tour, and indeed Nicklaus redeveloped the land into a 6,867 yard, par-72 championship golf course, the TPC of Michigan has, in fact, won its share of Audubon awards and environmental acclaim.

Natural wetlands and complex ecosystems now thrive on the property, as have Hale Irwin, Gil Morgan, Raymond Floyd, Jim Colbert, and Dave Stockton, to name a few of the notable champion golfers who have won the Senior Players Championship at the TPC of Michigan.

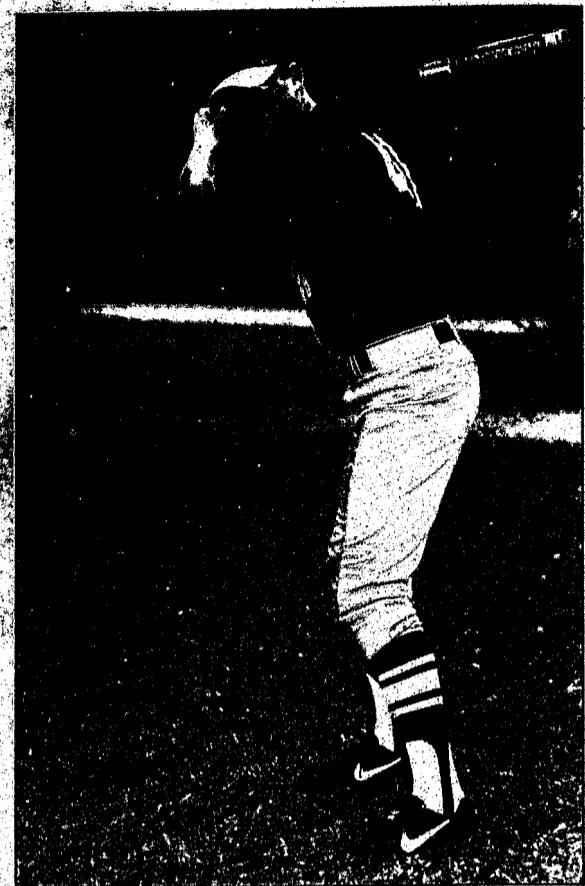
Canton's Steve Munch, who previously served a term as Head Golf Professional at the TPC, returned to the club this winter in the role of General Manager.

"I'm very pleased to be back in the area," said Munch, who explained further that the TPC of Michigan is really one of the top clubs in the TPC network.

"There's something very special about it to me, it's a fine operation, and it has really become home to me and my family."

Munch, articulate, poised and professional, is a perfect leader for the TPC, which caters to a wide variety of members including automotive executives, area residents, corporate executives, and golfers who prefer a challenging course of distinction and merit. On Sunday, July 25, Munch would like to play host to you and your family, as PGA Tour Charities sponsors the 1999 Area-Wide Junior Golf Clinic at the TPC of Michigan. The first 300 juniors, ages 5-17, will get the opportunity to receive free instruction from PGA Club Professionals, and view a trick-shot exhibition by "Divot" the clown. Prizes, refreshments, and snacks will also be given.

## Back from camp



**In training:** Justin McKee of Lake Orion recently completed a week of intensive baseball training at Mickey Owen Baseball School near Miller, Mo. Justin is the son of Norm and Sheree McKee. During his stay, Justin received specialized training in all phases of baseball through a combination of instruction, practice and game experience. A session includes 15 to 20 games in a two-week stay that incorporates use of video tape replay and personalized training from top baseball instructors that enable him to improve his skills. The school was founded in 1959 by former major league catcher Mickey Owen in order to provide young players an opportunity to learn about baseball through systematic, personal instruction.

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camp for children and young adults with special needs, and a portion from the Polar Ride to the Independence Township Library. The group also rides in Clarkston's Fourth of July Parade.

Most riders are from the local area but, according to Anderson, some of the events do draw from out-of-state.

"They're mostly local people but we draw from all over Michigan," he said. "We do get a few from Ohio and Indiana and

there's even a little representation from Ontario."

Yearly membership to the club is \$20 per person and \$25 per family and includes a monthly newsletter.

For more information on the club, call the Kinetic Systems bike shop at (248) 625-7000 and ask for Doug. Additional information about the club and various events throughout the state can be found on the club's web site at [www.flyingrhino.com](http://www.flyingrhino.com).



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RANGER 1998 XLT ext. cab V6, loaded, 2 wheel drive. 5 yr. extended warranty, 71,500 miles. \$14,500. (734) 397-0726

RANGER 1990 XLT, 5 Speed. 110K miles, runs good, sharp. \$2450. (248) 489-0015

TOYOTA 1991 - new brakes & exhaust. Cold air. Original owner. \$3250. (734) 721-7893

AEROSTAR 1988 auto, V-6, 82K. Great van, well maintained. \$3000. (248) 478-3520

AEROSTAR 1994 Sport - air, 122K, great mechanical, no rust. \$4200. (734) 261-9493

AEROSTAR 1993 4 wheel dr., 108K, good condition. \$2400. (248) 615-0148

AEROSTAR 1993 XL, sport good condition. \$800. (248) 454-2562

AEROSTAR 1993 XLT: Loaded, Excellent condition. \$4500. (313) 535-8855

AEROSTAR 1992 XLT, 4 WD, dual air, electronic, automatic. \$5800. (734) 455-4486

ASTRO 1997 - loaded, cd, power seats, green w/bronze. \$15,000. (248) 624-1962

CARAVAN 1994 - AWD, air, cd, captain's chairs, 135K, 1 owner. \$5500. (248) 887-7769

## 824 Mini-Vans

CARAVAN 1989 - New brakes, excellent condition, 140K+ ml. \$1800. (248) 476-7138

CHEVY ASTRO 1992 CL, extended, excellent condition, runs good. (734) 721-8206

CHEVY 1993 Astro. Conversion Van. 50K Miles, excellent condition. \$10,000. (734) 464-1578

CHRYSLER 1994 Town & Country loaded, AWD, new tires, 5K miles. \$10,500. (248) 584-8130

DODGE CARAVAN 1997 - 60K, V-6, sunroof, glass, all power, \$10,200. (734) 459-3824

GRAND VOYAGER 1992 LE, 102K miles, quiet seats, loaded, new tire. \$4500. (248) 344-9328

MERCURY 1997 Villager GS - 24K miles, excellent, extended warranty. \$16,000. (734) 421-1867

OLDS SILHOUETTE 1997, a/c, power locks, power window, tow package. 29K miles, runs good. \$13,500. (248) 389-8350

PLYMOUTH VOYAGER 1992 - 8 passenger, 98K miles, all power, sharp. (248) 449-4518

PLYMOUTH VOYAGER 1989 - 7 passenger, runs good, clean, new tires \$2500. (313) 531-5550

DODGE 1995 Ram conversion H-100, loaded, 5.2L, warranty. \$15,500/best. (734) 416-9772

DODGE RAM 1997 250 + great

body; very little rust, great interior, conversion, needs engine work \$3000. (248) 346-8650

VILLAGER 1997, GS, red, 38K ml, rear air. ABS. \$14,000. best. (734) 953-9636 x103

VILLAGER 1997 - 7 passenger, rear air, full power, 21K. Excellent, \$16,300. (734) 464-7293

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CARAVAN 1994 - AWD, air, cd, captain's chairs, 135K, 1 owner. \$5500. (248) 887-7769

VOYAGER 1993 - 71K, Extra clean; 7 passenger, service records. \$5500. (248) 538-9695

VOYAGER 1998, loaded, green, 34K miles. \$11,000. (248) 347-2870

VOYAGER 1991: new transmission & tires. Great condition! \$2450/best. (248) 363-9707

VOYAGER 1990, 8 passenger, very reliable, CA, no rust. \$3100. (734) 454-5885

VOYAGER SE 1992, 1 owner, 8 cylinder, 93,000 miles. Excellent, \$4,500/best. (734) 525-9088

VOYAGER SE 1997: V6, loaded, 75K warranty. Excellent condition! \$12,500. (810) 977-1557

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PLYMOUTH VOYAGER 1997 - Teal, white, leather interior, 7 passengers, loaded. \$10,500/best. (313) 683-8004

VILLAGER 1997, GS, red, 38K ml, rear air. ABS. \$14,000. best. (734) 953-9636 x103

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VOYAGER SE 1992, 1 owner, 8 cylinder, 93,000 miles. Excellent, \$4,500/best. (734) 525-9088

VOYAGER SE 1997: V6, loaded, 75K warranty. Excellent condition! \$12,500. (810) 977-1557

MERCURY 1995 conversion van, handi-lift, lift. \$75,000 miles. \$6,000 or best offer. (313) 534-4678

FORD 1995 Explorer, Ltd. - leather, sunroof, CD changer, 48k. \$19,500. (313) 538-0353

GMC JIMMY 1997 - loaded, CD, sunroof, a/c, green with leather. \$20,000. (248) 851-3825

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## Fun-to-drive Pontiac SSEi is a keeper

### CAReport



Anne Fracassa is on vacation. Her column returns next week.

By Marty Majchrzak  
Avanti NewsFeatures

Finally a real road car that has all the class of a \$50,000 vehicle for far less.

I bought a Chrysler LHS in 1996 and it cost me \$32,000. Just three years later, I find out the 1999 Pontiac Bonneville SSEi stickers for just about the same price.

The LHS is a good car, but if I had to pick between the two today, I think the Bonneville is much more car for the money.

The first time I laid my eyes on this luxury Bonneville I told my wife Donna that we were looking at a sharp-looking car. Navy blue metallic with cool ground effects, 16-inch tires and chrome wheels. A rear spoiler that was not overpowering to the rear but blended in just right with the trunkline.

Very cool.

It took just one week of driving the SSEi to make me fall in love with the way it handled. I also couldn't get enough of the power and the smooth ride the car gave us.

Sitting behind the wheel you're in a bucket seat that's big and comfortable, and everything is at your fingertips. I really got a kick out of resting my head against the highback seats and looking through the moon roof as the fresh air rushed in.

Very, very cool.

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