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All well and good

The Clarkston City Council's meeting last week was heavy with discussion of a water main that could hook Clarkston into Independence Township's community well. Talk centered around the health benefits and the anticipated cost of such a project. Leave it to City Attorney Thomas Ryan to lighten the tension.

When Mayor Sharron Catallo was asked about what Independence Township officials think about the contaminated Clarkston wells, she responded: "They're well aware of what's going on."

And Ryan said: "No pun intended."

The crowd and council members got a good laugh out of a serious situation.

CSB boasts 1,000th customer

Esther M. Skibowski was the lucky Clarkston resident who will now be known as the thousandth customer to walk through the doors at Clarkston State Bank, 15 S. Main Street.

The bank is in its second quarter since opening last January. The first branch of Clarkston State Bank will open at Food Town, 6555 Sashabaw Road in Independence Township later this month.



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Pine Knob monitors sound at homes



Not everyone wants to be at a Pine Knob concert in their own backyard. Some people have complained to Independence Township about the sounds coming from the entertainment venue.

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A letter to the editor by Independence Township Supervisor Dale Stuart asking if residents living near Pine Knob Music Theater are encountering excessive noise and vulgar language drew about a half-dozen responses.

It also prompted Tim Smith, director

of event operations at Palace Sports and Entertainment, which manages Pine Knob, to personally visit the homes of residents complaining about the noise.

"Most of the complaints I got were concerned with sound and vulgarity," Stuart said Thursday in an interview in his office.

David and Laura Hamilton mailed a

complaint letter on behalf of themselves and seven neighbors. They've lived on Forest Valley Drive, about a half mile northeast of the outdoor music theater, for more than three years.

"We complained because we felt the music and the noise are considerably louder this year," Laura said. "We can clearly hear actual words of songs this year. Before, we would expect to hear a muffled noise occasionally, but it's never been to the degree it is this year."

Hamilton said Smith visited her home during a recent concert.

"He was very polite," she said. "He told us the sound was louder than he expected it to be. He explained to us that Pine Knob is continuously working on the speaker system, and he will stay in touch with us to see if the sound levels decrease in our yard."

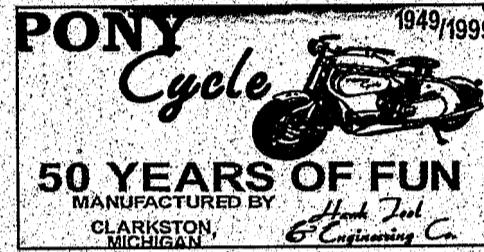
Smith said he's been to several homes to check the sound levels.

"We're monitoring how the noise level is and where it's traveling to," he explained.

Pine Knob installed a new sound system for the lawn this summer. It's sup-

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Couple travel back in time on classic motor bikes



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Anyone in attendance at the 60th annual Independence Day Parade through downtown Clarkston might've spotted a slice of history riding down Main Street.

Terry and Jan Hawke entered the parade to show their classic Pony Cycles — mini motor scooters built in Clarkston in the late 1940s. They were marketed as "The Lightweight Cycle anyone can ride."

"They were built in the heart of Clarkston," said Terry Hawke, a Walled Lake resident.

Hawke has a personal connection to the cycles: His grandfather and father owned Hawk Tool & Engineering Co., which manufactured Pony Cycles. Hawk Tool supplied stamping dies and tooling fixtures to the automotive industry for 16 years before the owners decided to create their own product. According to Hawke, one of their customers came to them with the prototype bike for production.

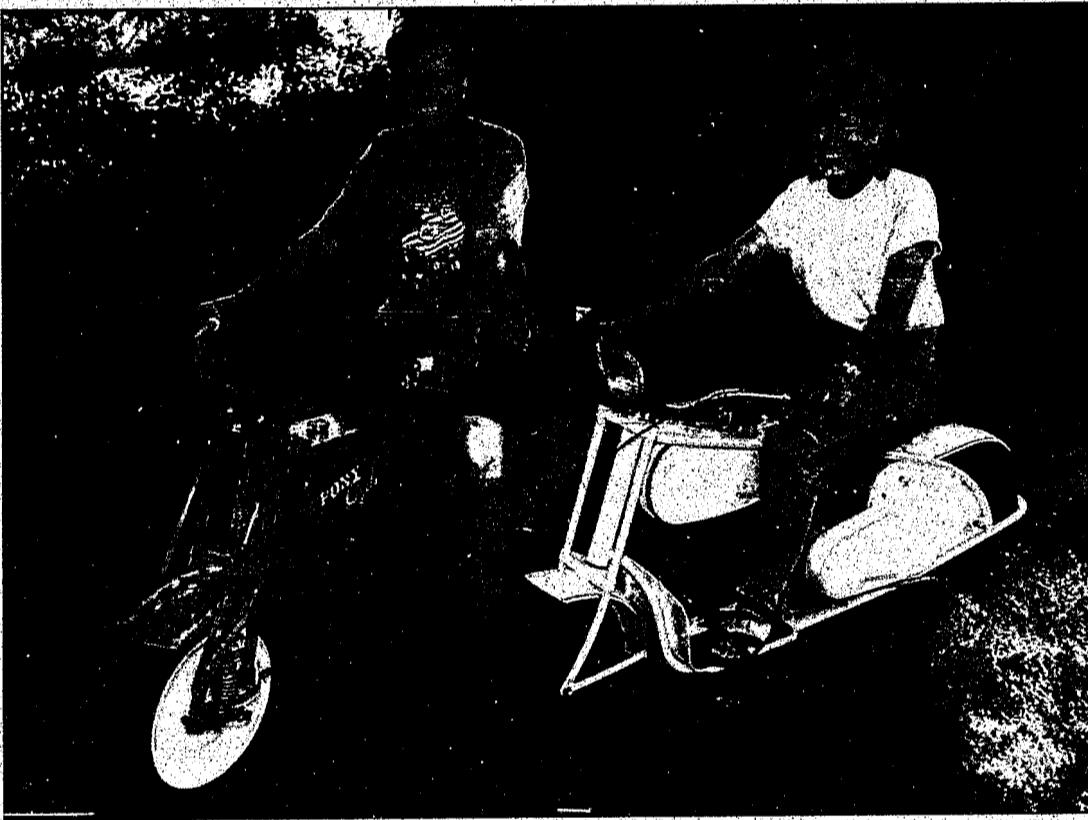
"They bought the bike and the rights," he said. And that was the beginning of the Hawke family's Clarkston legacy. It started with Terry's grandparents, Allen and Flo Hawke; his father, Bud; his aunt Irene; her husband, Jay Blaine, and Terry's uncle Earle.

"It was the first of its kind to be completely automatic, with a brake and gas," said Terry Hawke of the Pony Cycle. No one knows why the scooters were called Pony Cycles, he added.

The Hawke family decided to make the bike larger to accommodate adult riders. The bikes could go as fast as 70 mph and were made with sturdy 12-inch tires. Hawk Tool & Engineering Co. made all parts of the cycle. The company, in 1950, was based in what is now the Clarkston Mills building on Washington Avenue. The building originally served as the Ford hydro plant, but it was remodeled to accommodate the tool and die business.

Allen Hawke, Terry's grandfather, bought a house next-door to the Clarkston plant. In 1952, a second plant for painting and assembly of the cycles was located on White Lake Road.

"We made everything," said Hawke. "We rolled the fender. We bent and welded the tubing. We stamped out the wheels ... It was good engineering."



Pony Cycle history: Walled Lake residents Terry and Jan Hawke still ride these Pony Cycles, which were made by the Hawke family in Clarkston in the 1950s.

Terry Hawke fondly recalls those years when the lightweight scooter was in production. In a letter written by Terry and Jan Hawke, he said: "My older brother, Tom, and I would go to the plants during this period and play on the prototypes. We admired the 'new' accessories that were being added, like saddle bags and mirrors. Saturday afternoons were a special treat — the bikes were taken on 'test rides,' which were nothing more than joyrides through the countryside. This was the only time I was allowed to ride outside the company fence except for parades."

Hawke admits after parades, he sometimes sneaked away to Deer Lake Farms to ride the scooters. He also remembered spending time in the plant with his brother. They would use the boxes, or parts like



Ponies on parade: Jack Moss (front row from left) and Earle Hawke head up the Independence Day parade on Pony Cycles near Depot Park in the early 1950s. Tom and Terry Hawke (second row from left) follow behind. Their uncle, Cic Bauer, is last in line.



On the job: Bill Fisher, a driver with the Road Commission for Oakland County, takes a break waiting for the blacktop to dry on Seymour Lake Road.

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Spot repair keeps local workers busy

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Bill Fisher knows his way around Oakland County roads — as a driver and as an employee.

When it comes to road repair, he sees it as a two-way street: workers who need to efficiently complete the projects, and drivers who need to patiently seek alternate routes until the roads can be fixed.

The Independence Township resident has worked for the Road Commission for Oakland County for 27 years. He began working for the county when he was 18 and has covered territory in Troy, Southfield and Pontiac. Now settled into a job closer to home, he drives trucks for the Orion Township district of the road commission. He spends much of his time on hot summer days

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hauling gravel or blacktop back and forth to roads in need of repair.

"I do a little of everything," he said of the spot maintenance work.

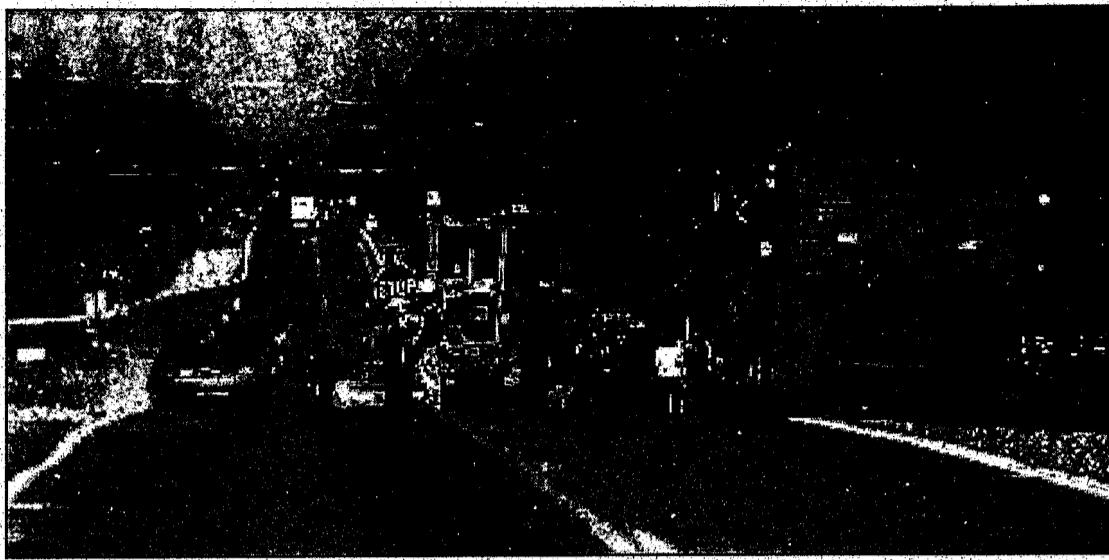
Employees of the Orion garage, he said, take care of roads in Orion, Oakland, Addison, Brandon, Oxford and small parts of Groveland, Rochester Hills and Auburn Hills. On Wednesday he joined a crew of nine men at Seymour Lake Road where they worked to build up an area of road with blacktop where it had deteriorated. By 10 a.m. with sparse traffic trickling through, the crew had put down 24 tons of blacktop, and the day was just beginning.

Fisher's truck was filled with 12 tons of steaming hot blacktop. His crew leader for the day, Dave Gilmore, said they may put down 100 tons of black top in a day.

Like many of his cohorts, Fisher said he enjoys the job for two reasons — it allows him to be outdoors and it changes daily.

"You're doing something different at a different location," said Fisher. "You gotta enjoy being outside to like the job. You're not always in the truck with the heat or the air conditioning on. A lot of times, you're outside where it's real cold or real hot."

Mike Cordova, who claims to be "the new guy" since he's only



worked for the road commission for 12 years, agreed he liked the work because it allows him to be outdoors and it changes daily.

"Instead of being in the plant, being indoors, every day's a challenge," said the Independence Township resident. "Every day is different."

Cordova was using a tool — a rake-like tool — to smooth the blacktop onto the surface evenly. He considers the work to be fun. Cordova spends a lot of his time black-topping, patching potholes

and working with road drainage. The work isn't easy, and employees pay careful attention to safety on the job.

"It's dangerous out there if drivers aren't paying attention," said Cordova.

"You're standing right on the edge of traffic," Fisher agreed.

Steve Ashley, of Independence Township, said drivers don't slow down enough when passing by a work site.

Gilmore said most drivers don't understand what they do each day. A difficult aspect of the

job occurs when drivers complain about the condition of a certain road, and then become more upset when road commission crews work on the road.

Sometimes, Gilmore said, they are praised by the end result — but not nearly enough.

"It doesn't matter whether you're driving or not," said Gilmore. "Everyone's got somewhere to go."

Loren Yaros, district superintendent for the Orion Township area, said Michigan's shorter construction season and wet

weather create most of the problems.

The Lake Orion district includes 245 miles of paved roads, 271 miles of gravel roads and more than 100 miles of subdivision roads. In the summer, 32 employees are responsible for maintaining them.

"Our goal is to make it safer for the public, ourselves and our family," said Gilmore. "We all use these roads. It's our job; that's why we're here."

Ashley is also familiar with the complaints.

"Everyone wants the roads fixed," he said. "Everyone hates to get tied up. We just try to keep things moving."

With development and age, the roads are continually in need of repair.

"Most of these roads were built years ago," said Fisher. "They are just starting to fall apart."

He attributes the damage to area roads to weather conditions and heavy truck traffic. In winter, freezing and thawing causes cracks and pot holes on the surface.

Road repair, he said, is a constant job. Fisher said some areas of a road like M-24 show signs of damage just three years after repair. The road shows where tires have "dished out" well-traveled black top. The only way to prevent that, said Fisher, would be to use concrete — but that tends to be too costly.

"Asphalt's a lot cheaper," said Fisher.

The key is planning when a road is built. If the right type of road bed is put in, Fisher said, the road will last a lot longer.

"Basically we're out here patching every day," said Fisher. "Sashabaw Road got so bad there are cracks every 5 inches, especially when we get rain."

Fisher said he has a vested interest in his job.

"It's always nice to live in the area where work is," he said. "These are the roads we travel. We've gotta go over the same humps and bumps as everyone does."

NOTABLES

Independence Township Clerk Joan McCrary, CMC/AAE, has been accepted as a member in the Academy for Advanced Education of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks.

The Academy is the professional body of municipal clerks who have continued their level of

educational achievement beyond the attainment of the prestigious Certified Municipal Clerk Award.

McCrary has been employed with Independence since July 1989.

Gary Krieger of Clarkston

has been recognized by the Wall Street Journal for his stock picking skill. Krieger, an analyst at OLDE Discount in Detroit, was among four analysts from the firm who received this honor. Krieger outperformed many other analysts in the investment area of aerospace and defense

stocks.

In his six years at OLDE Discount, Krieger has researched a broad range of industries including banking, automotive and aerospace and defense. This is Krieger's second appearance on the Wall Street Journal All-Star list.

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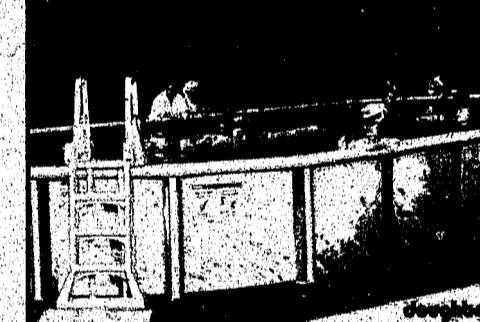
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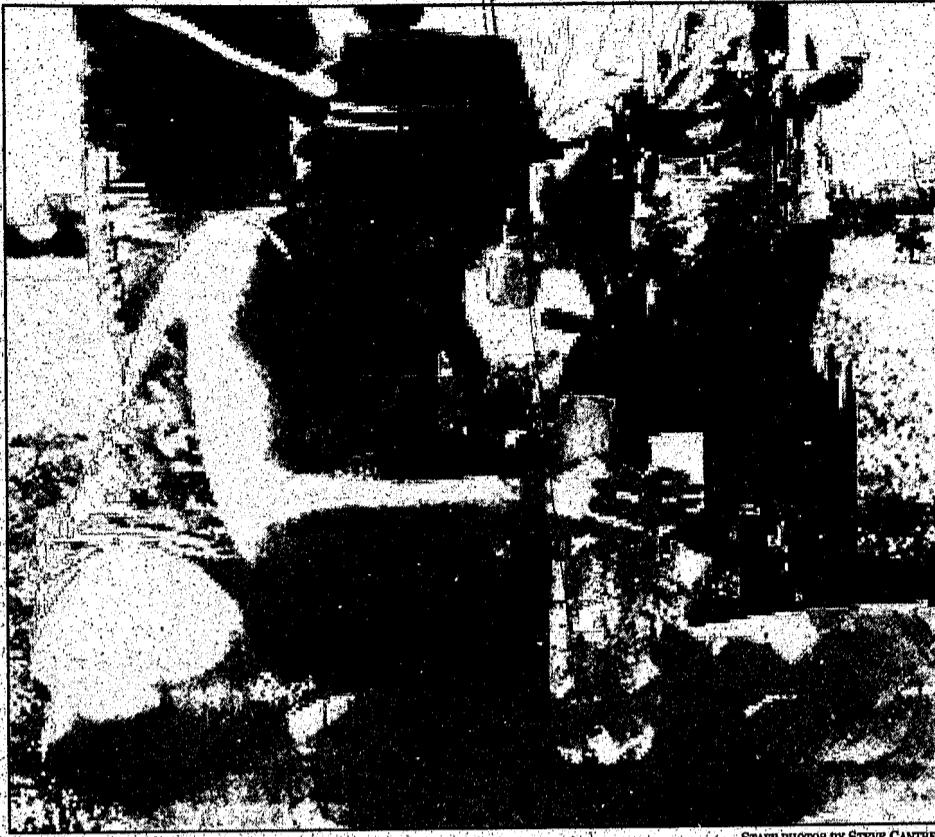
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Clarkston welcomes SCAMP-ers



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Camp fun: Libby Robinson (left) helps Michelle Tudor fill bottles with water.

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Amber Matich of Clarkston ran out of the lake at Independence Oaks County Park with a big smile on her face. Her bright pink bathing suit was soaking wet. So was her hair. She sat down to dry off and her friend, Cody Passmore, came and sat right next to her.

Amber was a happy camper.

Amber, 7, is one of 300 children from north Oakland County and part of Genesee County who are enrolled this summer in the Clarkston SCAMP (special camp) program.

SCAMP is a non-profit program administered by the Clarkston Community School District. The program provides a supervised, summer day camp experience for students with special needs from such communities as Clarkston, Waterford, Lake Orion, Oxford and Rochester.

It takes a lot of coordination to keep things running smoothly for these 300 campers, according to one of the six assistant directors, Jason Novetsky.

"We have buses coming from different school districts pulling up in front of Sashabaw Middle School in the morning and afternoon," he said. "It looks like mass confusion at first, but it's very well-organized."

Nearly 300 employees and volunteers at Sashabaw Middle School greet the students as they start their SCAMP day.

Once they get into their individual groups, they start off with a camp warm-up. Cory Krupa,



Old-time fun: Brandon Koop shows his bubble-blowing skills.

site director Michelle Sturgis, she's also responsible for planning and coordinating SCAMP.

"The thrust is for these youngsters and young adults to have a social setting for the summer," she said. "We want them to have fun. It's not an academic camp at all."

"SCAMP is such a wonderful experience," said assistant direc-

tor Lars Covintree. "The children and young adults come here and see there are other people just like them. It's different from when they are at school during the year and there may only be a few students there with a disability. Here everyone is the same."

Besides Novetsky and Covintree, the other SCAMP assistant directors are Jodi Yeloushan, Jamie LaBrosse, Melissa Murphy and Anita Gallagher. They are assisted by certified teachers, adult aides, student aides and volunteers.

Just like regular campers, SCAMPers go to the park every day and also participate in arts, music and crafts. They go on several field trips, all planned by their lead teacher.

The funds for SCAMP are raised by the North Oakland SCAMP Funding Organization. It raises money through annual events such as the SCAMP walk and Clarkston home tour.

Local organizations and individuals donate money, too, to help SCAMP provide its special day camp. And camp leaders have asked for donations of certain items for camp.

If you have a parachute, cones, foam balls, tennis balls, rubber playground balls or kiddie pools lying around unused, consider donating these to SCAMP. These are in short supply for teachers to use for the SCAMPers.

Anyone interested in learning more about this organization can contact SCAMP at (248) 625-3330.



Partners: Kaitlin Kieras of Clarkston helps Michelle Holmes of Waterford during field events at SCAMP.

POLICE NEWS

The following incidents were reported to police and fire agencies in Springfield and Independence townships July 15-18.

Springfield police

Thefts

On July 12, a license plate was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Melissa.

On July 12, a lawn mower was reported stolen from a shed located on East Holly Road.

On July 13, approximately \$400 in cash was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Ellis.

Vehicle Fire

On July 13, an engine reportedly caught fire on a vehicle traveling on Dixie Highway.

Independence police

Thefts

On July 12, a wallet was reported stolen from a Dixie Highway address.

On July 13, a radio face, amplifier, compact discs and speakers were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Parview.

On July 13, a cell phone was reported stolen from a Dixie Highway location.

On July 13, a chainsaw was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Sashabaw Road.

On July 13, a wallet, keys and speakers were reported stolen from a Pine Knob Road address.

On July 14, a for-sale sign was reported stolen from a Wellesley Terrace location.

On July 14, a cell phone was reported stolen from a Joslyn Road address.

On July 14, a paddle boat was reported stolen from a Harding address.

Home Invasion

On July 14, four golf shirts were reported stolen from a Meyers address.

Vandalism

On July 13, a newspaper box was reported damaged on Greenview.

Independence fire

Between July 15-18 firefighters responded to 12 calls.

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Independence preparing computers for 21st century

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Independence Township expects to have its computers ready for the year 2000.

It recently purchased 19 new computers to replace any non-Y2K compliant machines and to give computers to existing and new employees.

The township is also replacing the file server at the fire department with an existing one from the township offices and purchasing a new one with increased capacity for future applications for the township offices.

The file server is the hub that links all the computers in the township offices to the same programs so staff can share files and communicate with each other.

At the same time the township is investigating the Y2K readiness for both existing computer machines and applications, according to David Kramer,

Independence IS (Information Systems) director.

"We know our Windows '95 office suite (programs) have to be upgraded to Windows '98," Kramer said. "That's easy enough to do."

The township board of trustees approved spending \$57,582 from the capital projects fund to purchase the computers and file server.

This expense also includes getting the township's Internet e-mail program on board. Once this is running, residents will be able to do such things over the Internet as register for parks and recreation department programs as well as download a burning permit, fill it out and send it back.

"It's just phenomenal how dependent many of the township's departments are on computers," Kramer said. "Certain departments are dead in the water here without a computer."

He explained that the 19 new computers, which are at the township offices already, won't

be installed until the final server solution is in place. "Otherwise, we'd have to hook them up twice," he explained.

"We really needed these purchases," Kramer added. "Over the course of time several computers have failed to either keep pace with the demands made upon them, or have just plain failed mechanically. The township also needed more computers due to either new or additional personnel."

The file server for the fire department had to be replaced because it would temporarily shut down when it was being fed more information than it could handle.

"It would just quit working for awhile," Kramer said. "We discovered that the fire server at the township offices would more than adequately meet the needs of the fire department. At the same time, we're increasing the capacity of the township's file server for future use. This works out for both departments."

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handlebars, to make forts.

Fifty years later, Terry and his wife, Jan, are keeping the memory of those machines alive. They brought the cycles back home to Clarkston for this year's parade. While it was Jan's first Clarkston parade, Terry was right at home on the bikes and familiar roads of Clarkston.

He'd been involved in the parades as a child and one other time as an adult — about four years ago. But this year, he said, not as many people seemed to remember the Pony Cycles. But shouts were still heard as Terry, Jan and the Hawke grandchildren buzzed down Main Street.

"I love it," said Jan Hawke. "It's a lot of fun. I'd never heard of it before I met Terry. We go to a lot of car shows."

And on July 9 and 10, the couple took five cycles to Portland, Ind., for the Vintage Motor Bike Club's national meet. A restored red scooter — one of the last manufactured — received first place in the competition. Coker Tires of Chattanooga, Tenn., and

Chassis Powder Coating of Livonia sponsored the bike at the meet.

In its heyday, around 1954, the Pony Cycle was sold by bicycle and lawn mower shops as a lightweight, inexpensive scooter. Hawke said his family's company was one of the largest employers in Clarkston at the time. The family was also active in the community. His grandfather would give sermons at Clarkston United Methodist Church, and Terry graduated from Clarkston High School.

By 1956, Montgomery Ward granted Hawk Tool & Engineering Co. a contract to produce Pony Cycles. Two models were built and known as Montgomery Ward's Special and the Deluxe. A catalogue shows the cycle cost \$253 that year.

Hawke estimated that between 6,000-10,000 Pony Cycles were built.

Financial woes caused the downfall of the manufacturing of Pony Cycles. Unable to meet the quota, the company lost its con-

tract with Montgomery Ward in 1957. One year later, the Hawke family decided to put all of its efforts back into the tool and die business.

"It was a financial burden," said Hawke.

Though they have acquired only five cycles, including the 1948 prototype "Powerbike" and two of the first Pony Cycles ever made, Terry Hawke said they do ride the bikes. They are not just for show. He and Jan recently restored the off-white prototype as close as possible to its original condition.

"This is as close as we can reproduce it," said Hawke, who says he grew up on the cycles.

His wife, Jan, said he's the most enthusiastic member of the family when it comes to the cycles. He's been riding them since he was 8. He and his grandfather had a deal — if Terry worked in the garden, he could have riding privileges in the fenced yard.

"I'm really proud of my family," said Hawke.

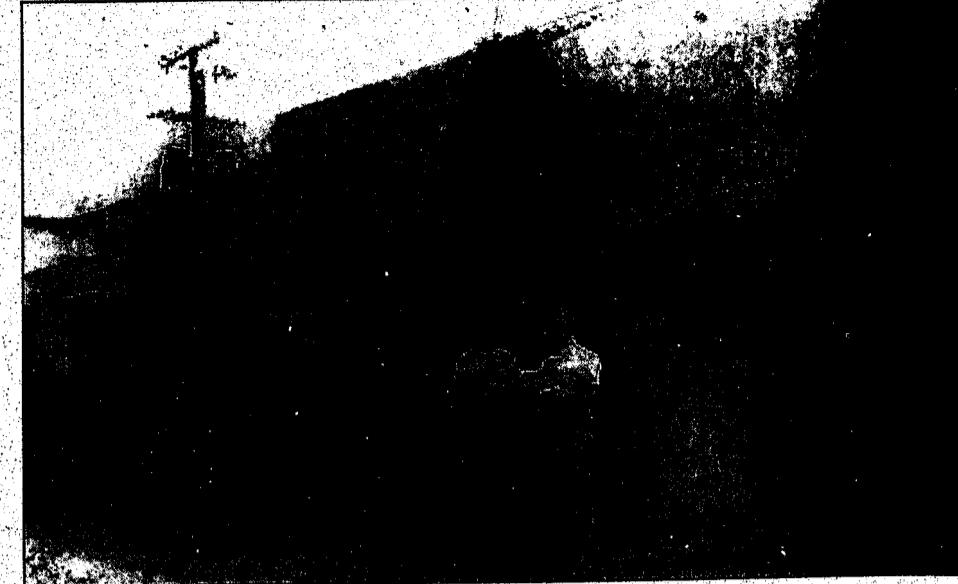


PHOTO PROVIDED BY TERRY HAWKE

The old factory: Hawk Tool & Engineering's first Clarkston plant was located where the Clarkston Mills building stands on Washington Avenue. In this 1955 photograph (from left) Bud and Allen Hawke, Terry Hawke's father and grandfather, look over blueprints in front of the building.

Walk to benefit epilepsy patients

The Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan will hold its eighth annual Summer Stroll for Epilepsy 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 24, at Independence Oaks in Clarkston.

The fund-raiser benefits more than 90,000 individuals in Michigan with epilepsy.

"There are more than 90,000 people in Michigan with epilepsy, and we want to see them, their families and friends come out in support of this event," said Arlene S. Gorelick, president of the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan. "In fact, epilepsy

affects more people than cerebral palsy, cystic fibrosis, multiple sclerosis and muscular dystrophy, twice combined," she said.

"It is a disorder that affects thousands of men, women and children in Michigan and is worthy of support and recognition."

The Summer Stroll is a 5-kilometer walk (about three miles) that raises money for such programs as advocacy, public education, seizure management, counseling, information and referral, support groups and camps for kids with epilepsy.

Established in 1948, the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan is the state's only non-profit organization focusing solely on epilepsy.

The Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan's 1999 "Winning Kid," Danielle Therese Marisol Papin, will be on hand to represent the 30,000 children throughout Michigan with epilepsy.

For more information on becoming an individual stroller or forming a company or family team, contact the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan at 1-800-377-6226.

OBITUARIES

Hazel V. Luth

Hazel V. Luth of Lecanto, Fla., formerly of Clarkston, died July 13, 1999, at age 79.

Mrs. Luth was retired from National Twist and Drill Tool Co., Rochester.

She is survived by her husband, Frederick "Pete" of 50 years; daughter, Virginia Gregory of Clarkston; grand-daughter, Stephanie Nolen of Pontiac; and great-grandmother, Jesseenia Marie.

Mrs. Lutz is survived by her sister, Helen Griffin of Florida, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 17. Memorials may be made to Calvary Lutheran Church. Funeral arrangements were made by Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Clarkston, died July 15, 1999, at age 86.

Mrs. Brinkman was preceded in death by her husband, Andrew; she is survived by her four children, Andrew (Rose Mary) of St. Clair Shores, Jean (Peter) Sloan of Durand, Marilyn (Joseph) Schneider of Grosse Pointe Shores and Virginia Ann Porzandek of Warren. Mrs. Brinkman is also survived by 14 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren, as well as her sister Patricia Butts.

A funeral Mass was held Monday, July 19, at St. Daniel Catholic Church, with Rev. Msgr. Robert S. Humitz officiating. Funeral arrangements were made by Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston.

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Pine Knob traffic creates 'huge impact' on township

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When Pine Knob has a concert, there are an average of 6,000 cars going in and out of the outdoor music facility on Sashabaw Road.

That's a lot of cars to deal with at one time.

Lt. Joseph Quisenberry of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department administrates the law enforcement contract for the Independence Township entertainment venue. His job includes overseeing traffic control.

"There is no questions about it — there is a huge impact on traffic in Independence Township when there's an event at Pine Knob," he said. "On any given show, we'll bring 6,000 cars into that facility in a short period and when it's over, 6,000 cars will leave in an hour and 10 minutes. Then it's done."

Quisenberry said traffic is diverted out of Pine Knob along the same routing patterns that have been in place for seven years. "We direct them south onto Sashabaw Road to I-75. Ninety-five percent of every car that leaves wants to go south on I-75," he said. "We've done extensive studies and we've come up with these patterns that keep the cars moving."

Traffic is also routed out the back entrance of Pine Knob, where it's directed south on Pine Knob Road to Waldon Road and north on Sashabaw back to I-75.

Traffic is not allowed to turn north on Pine Knob to Clarkston Road, Quisenberry said.

Independence Township Planning Commissioner Jill Palulian, a resident on Clarkston Road, said she's seen an increase in traffic on Clarkston Road after a Pine Knob concert.

"We've noticed a steady stream

of cars that are turning left onto Clarkston Road from Sashabaw after a concert," she said during Monday's joint meeting between the planning commission and township board. "There are hundreds of cars. The passengers throw beer bottles and food wrappers onto our lawns."

Quisenberry said it's difficult for cars to get onto Clarkston Road.

"There's only one lane out of the facility that we allow to turn north onto Sashabaw Road. All the rest have to turn south towards I-75," he explained.

"Most of those cars going north live north of the facility or are headed towards Lake Orion."

The sheriff's department keeps two streets open for emergency vehicles to approach Pine Knob: Clarkston Road is one of them.

Clarkston Police Officer Ernie Combs said the department hasn't had any traffic problems in Clarkston after Pine Knob concerts. But the police are always on the watch for intoxicated drivers following the concerts.

"We are aware of the high incidence of alcohol consumption at Pine Knob," he said.

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posed to carry the sound to concert-goers sitting on the lawn and dissipate the sound beyond that.

"We're in the learning stages of this system. It should help. We'll be tweaking it over the next weeks until we perfect it," he said.

Smith also addressed the vulgarity complaint.

"It happened during the Ozz Fest in June. One of the performers in a band on a secondary stage let loose with some vulgarity. We weren't familiar with this band. We don't bring bands in that use vulgarity. We do all we can to make sure this doesn't happen," he stressed.

Palace Sports and Entertainment took over managing Pine Knob about nine years ago. The facility seats 7,202 in the pavilion and 8,000 on the lawn.

"We very much want to be good neighbors, and we are continuously working toward that very hard," he said. If people have a complaint involving Pine Knob, they should contact Palace Sports and Entertainment at (248) 377-0100.

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MDOT helps add pedestrian bridge to M-59 road work

Waterford Township is taking advantage of the road improvements on M-59 to put a new pedestrian bridge across the Clinton River.

The board of trustees approved to spend up to \$25,000 to join the Michigan Department of Transportation in installing a pedestrian bridge across the Clinton River along the north side of M-59 just west of Crescent Lake Road.

Currently, residents only have a 2-foot-wide bridge splash block located between the back of the curb and the bridge rail to cross the river.

Doug Bradley, township building and engineering director, said that he met with MDOT officials to see about making the walkway safer. He said MDOT is willing to have their contractor install a pre-manufactured wooden bridge across the Clinton River north of the existing bridge rail.

Supervisor Katherine Innes said the bridge will fit with the township's long range plan to extend a sidewalk within the area of the Waterford Towne Centre project on the corner of Crescent Lake and Highland roads.

Innes said it was important the township take advantage of

the opportunity while MDOT is working on the bridge.

"It will save the taxpayers of Waterford a lot of money," she said.

Bradley said it would be best if the township bought the wooden bridge premanufactured from Cedar Forest Products located in Polo, Ill., the same company that supplied the bridge at Fish Hatchery Park.

Cedar Forest Products delivered a quote of \$15,789 to fabricate and deliver the wooden bridge for the M-59 project. Bradley noted it would take about six weeks to manufacture the bridge. The remaining funds would be used to help install the structure if needed.

The board agreed to forego bids for the project considering the time constraints to have MDOT install the bridge at no charge to the township.

Bradley said the project will require only slight modifications to the existing bridge wing walls and extension of the existing sidewalk located east of the bridge.

"I think it's long overdue," said Trustee Paul Deni.

The M-59 road improvement project is expected to be completed sometime in the fall.

Naturalists use beetles to halt spread of purple loosestrife

BY JILL HOCKMAN
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They may be pretty, but those wild purple flowers cropping up along lakes, wetlands and roads can be dangerous to animal habitats.

The showy flower spikes of the purple loosestrife plant can be seen throughout the lakes area. Currently in its flowering peak, small patches of the plant don't pose a hazard.

But once the non-native purple loosestrife spreads, the aggressively growing plant can choke other vegetation, disrupting habitats that are home to ducks, muskrats, mink and endangered plants.

"It basically out-competes everything," said Jonathan Schechter, naturalist and park ranger for West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation.

"It's a beautiful plant," said Barb Garbutt, chairman of the Commerce Township Parks and Recreation Commission. "It's just that it's such an insidious thing."

Getting rid of what's sometimes called "the purple plague" can be tricky. Burning it doesn't work very well. Neither does digging it up or spraying it with herbicide.

On Friday, West Bloomfield officials tried another strategy: plant-eating bugs.

Schechter and his colleagues released thousands of galerucella beetles at the West Bloomfield Woods Nature Preserve and the township's civic center grounds, two spots plagued by the plant.

The beetles are the natural enemy of purple loosestrife, feeding on buds, leaves and stems. The beetle munching prevents flowering and seed production, eventually leading to plant death.

In its second year, the township's move was part of the Purple Loosestrife Project at Michigan State University. The project was launched in 1994 to combat the plant throughout the state.

"Some people don't like the idea of the project," Schechter said. And it can be tough to explain why a beautiful plant needs to be destroyed to make way for ugly, native plant species, he said.

"It's a real public relations nightmare," Schechter said.

Project leaders delivered 200 beetles to West Bloomfield officials about seven weeks ago. Wetlands experts then released the insects on potted loosestrife plants, where the bugs laid eggs and multiplied.

On Friday, township officials placed the potted plants among the wild loosestrife. Schechter said they'll leave the plants there for about five to six weeks to allow the beetles to spread throughout the loosestrife patch.

"One of the sites we were look-

ing at this last weekend at the nature preserve shows real evidence that the beetles are doing their job," said township supervisor Jedy Hood.

Orchard Lake and Keego Harbor officials said they're monitoring the proliferation of the plant, but so far haven't taken steps to combat it. The plant isn't a problem in those communities — yet.

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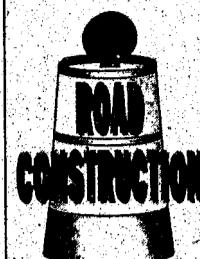
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Summer is here, and Oakland County road construction projects are in full swing, including the following:



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.

DRAHNER ROAD

From: M-24

Community: Oxford Township

Details: Starting July 19, RCOC will be adding a right turn lane from east bound Drahner onto M-24. Completion date is mid August.

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.

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.

E. HOLLY ROAD

From: Rood 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.

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.

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.

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 Martindale Road

Community: Lyon Twp. and South Lyon

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

HAGGERTY

From: 8 Mile to 9 Mile

Community: Farmington Hills, Novi

Details: A center left turn lane is being added to this section of road. Major work will begin within the next week. Completion date is not available.

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.

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.



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Man says he didn't cause rollover wreck

BY JAY M. GROSSMAN

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A 35-year-old Clarkston man who voluntarily spoke with Oakland County Sheriff's deputies Wednesday in connection with a suspected road rage accident on M-59 in Rochester Hills denies causing the crash.

"He does not feel he caused this accident," said the man's attorney, Ray Cassar of Farmington Hills. "My information leads me to believe there's some very differing opinions from eyewitnesses. As far as I'm concerned, that's good."

Oakland County Sheriff's Deputy Tom Poulin said Thursday that investigators are still trying to piece together what happened, and that it will take "at least a week if not more" before a case is presented to the prosecutor's office. Police have not released the Clarkston man's name.

Another driver, Sean Howell of Grand Blanc, told police he was on eastbound M-59 near the Auburn Road overpass early Tuesday morning when another vehicle, now believed to have been driven by the Clarkston man, forced his Isuzu Rodeo into

the freeway median, where it rolled over several times.

Howell's wife, Lisa Howell, 35, a passenger in the Rodeo, remained in critical condition at William Beaumont Hospital, Troy as of Friday afternoon. She underwent four hours of surgery on Wednesday.

Witnesses told police a man driving a red pickup truck kept maneuvering in front of Howell's vehicle and slamming on his brakes. Cassar said his client told him that never happened.

"Everyone's making this out to be some type of road rage," Cassar said. "My problem is, if people believe these two were playing cat-and-mouse, why didn't the driver in the back just back off? Obviously if he had backed off, this accident wouldn't have occurred."

He added his client has an "average" driving record. Police say alcohol was not involved in the crash.

The last thing he recalls is he did hear the sound of squealing and noticed the vehicle behind start to lose control," Cassar said. "But again I ask, why didn't the vehicle behind him just back off? That's the important part I think we still need to answer."

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—Ray Cassar
attorney

ACHIEVERS

Marty Rathsburg of Clarkston, a student at Notre Dame Preparatory, attended the Global Young Leaders Conference (GYLC) June 28 through July 3, in Washington, D.C., and New York City. This unique leadership development program invites high school students, chosen on the basis of their scholastic merit, community involvement, and leadership experiences, to interact with today's global leaders.

Army Spec. Jason J. Keiser of Clarkston, son of Karen A. Green, graduated from the Ranger training course at the

U.S. Army Ranger School in Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

During the 61-day course, the training phases are conducted at Fort Benning, in the mountains of northern Georgia and in the Florida swamps at Eglin Air Force Base, Valparaiso, Fla. The course is designed to develop confident and capable small-unit leaders assigned to units whose primary mission is to engage in close-combat, direct-fire battle situations.

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Oakland rep. kicks off run for speaker's seat

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In a horse race, being first "out of the chute" can translate to being first at the finish line. That philosophy led State Rep. Patricia (Pan) Godchaux (R-Birmingham) to announce last week her interest in running for the position of Speaker of the House in 2001.

"Well, you might say I'm not one of the obvious people to run and I figure I need the time to do it... figured I would take the opportunity and be the first one out on all this," she said.

Godchaux explained that she filed with the Secretary of State's office in January to create a "leadership fund," an independent political action committee, to start her run for Speaker.

A campaign finance fund over and above her regular election account, the PAC will allow her to collect and distribute money to assist other GOP candidates in their quests for election year from this November. In return for her support, those candidates will pledge their votes to Godchaux for Speaker in January 2001.

But it's too early to start campaigning, says another likely candidate.

"I recall that in the past this hasn't started until much closer to the election. We have a lot of work to do and we have a Speaker, (State Rep.) Chuck Perricone (R-Kalamazoo), who is doing good work," said Rep. Patricia Birkholz (R-Saugatuck). "It's too soon to have members start thinking along these lines. Let's just say it could detract from the work of the caucus."

Already Speaker Pro Tem Birkholz is currently second in command in the Republican House leadership, and therefore seen as a front runner in the bid to succeed Perricone. She said she is sure she will be seeking a leadership role in the caucus next session, she won't make up her mind about exactly which post to try for until later this

year, probably in the fall.

Other likely candidates for Speaker next term include House Majority Floor Leader Andrew Raczkowski (R-Farmington Hills) and State Rep. Mark C. Jansen (R-Grand Rapids) although neither has announced a decision.

Godchaux explained she expects the caucus to pick the Speaker from its senior leaders, and those four candidates will all be starting their third and final terms in 2001.

And if it sounds as if the race for Speaker is starting awfully early, Godchaux says: "Part of the leadership race is providing leadership. You don't provide leadership at the last moment."

"What I'm offering is the choice of a different kind of leadership," she said. "Historically, if you were king of the mountain, you made the mountain look the way you want it to look. I would be more facilitating as a leader than controlling. I don't think that is what we have now. In fact I know we don't have that now."

House leadership, she said, is currently controlled what she described as a minority of very conservative Republicans.

"I felt, and a number of my colleagues felt, that there were a lot of times this spring when, if you weren't with the caucus, you were against it," Godchaux said.

She said that much of what was done in the House in the first five months of the current legislative session was accomplished at the expense of the process. The leadership monopolized the agenda and allowed little time for discussion and input.

"Yes, we got a lot done, but what I'm saying is that we could have accomplished just as much, and perhaps we would have ended up in the same place, if we had allowed for more room for discussion in committee. We could have done the same amount and had a more open process," she said. "There were a lot of freshmen who were saying, 'This was not what we bargained for.'"

One example was the passage of the bill to phase out the Single Business Tax. God-

chaux said that the final versions of the bills were rushed through so quickly that even members of the Tax Policy committee did not have time for a thorough discussion. And the House passed version of the bill contained a "horrendous error" which would have penalized Canadian firms. It had to be corrected in the Senate.

"Our leadership needs to facilitate everyone to participate so that (representatives) do not feel that someone else has not allowed an issue that is important to them to at least be part of the process," she said. "In the past, the leadership has really determined the whole agenda."

"Everyone comes to the House with an agenda and that's what I'm offering is an opportunity for each and every one of them to work on that agenda and not have to work around a leadership dictated agenda."

Still, Godchaux is considered the dark-horse in the leadership race because of her stance as a moderate Republican. She has split with the caucus a number of times so far this year.

But Godchaux said she believes there are more moderates in the group than is generally acknowledged. She said she believes the fact that conservatives have control of leadership has dominated the GOP side of the aisle.

Godchaux was first elected to the House in 1996, leaving the Birmingham Schools Board of Education after nearly ten years to take the post. A former Peace Corps volunteer in Bolivia, she returned to the states to work for the Washington Post and later as a broadcast journalist in Savannah, Ga. She and her family — husband, Justin, and their three children — moved to Michigan in 1983.

She was growing up in New Jersey, the second of five children, when she acquired the unusual nickname "Pan."

"It's Patricia Ann, and Pan is a combination of the two names," she said. "My parents did it and it has stuck with me ever since."

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Patricia (Pan) Godchaux
(R-Birmingham)



Patricia (Pan) Godchaux



Police add summer 'Nightcap Patrols'

Nightcap Patrols will continue through the summer. The "Operation...Nightcap" effort places an additional 26 officers on patrol in Waterford, Southfield, Auburn Hills and Pontiac focusing on apprehending drunk drivers through aggressive traffic enforcement.

In addition to local police agency involvement, each community will be receiving addi-

tional patrols from the Michigan Department of State Police and the Oakland County Sheriff's Department Alcohol Enforcement Team.

This traffic safety effort is funded by a grant from the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning and is part of a statewide effort to reduce the number of drunk drivers on Michigan roads. Funds

from this grant will support officer overtime and a public education campaign.

During 1997, more than 60,660 arrests were made in the State of Michigan for Operating Under the Influence and 37.6 percent of the crashes were alcohol related.

"This is an area of traffic safety that every person can make a difference! Choose not

to drink and drive!" said Eileen Weisse, project director, Traffic Improvement Association of Oakland County.

To date, the Nightcap patrols have resulted in 38 arrests for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol during the previous two patrols.

Patrols will continue during the summer.

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Sometimes, those extra pounds are a good thing

BEAUTY AND THE BEST



JEFFREY BRUCE

Skin talks. It's your telephone to the world. It shouts your reactions to whatever you are thinking, feeling, or doing. You can hide nothing from your skin.

Frightened? Watch the hair follicles broadcast the fact by rising to attention.

Nervous? That attractive sweat line on your upper lip tells all.

Embarrassed? Blushing proclaims the big news.

Cold? Those goose bumps popping out of your skin scream it out to the world.

As far as the larger woman is concerned, however, she is ahead of others in the skin game.

True, heavier women cannot compete with those wasp-waisted women, but who would want to? The good news is you can win in the face department. Those extra pounds really create a miracle. Look at the face of a middle-aged woman.

First look at a few social x-rays, ladies who lunch...and eat nothing! Then check out the woman at the next table who is REALLY enjoying her lunch.

Her face might be a tad fuller, but she is practically line free.

Then do a comparison of the hands. Thinner than Thou hands are bursting with veins. But Miss Normal is practically vein-free. Why? Plumpness adds a tad of heft to the hands and conceals the veins.

WHAT IS THE BIGGEST SKIN PROBLEM FOR LARGE WOMEN?

Without question it's intertrigo, or, in common parlance, chafing. The heavier the woman, the more skin folds she has. The solution? Dry yourself very carefully after bathing.

Also, heavier women tend to wear old-fashioned undergarments. NEVER wear them to bed since occlusive garments don't allow the skin to breathe and contribute to the problem. Think of yourself as a baby with a diaper rash. Try to expose as much of your skin to the fresh air as possible.

DOES EATING CHOCOLATE OR FATTY FOODS CREATE SKIN PROBLEMS?

Over the years, I've encountered many heavier people who live on these foods, and they have perfect complexions.

Pimples are certainly not the exclusive property of avid consumers of fatty foods. Check out a teenager.

WHAT DOES YO-YO DIETING DO TO THE SKIN?

When you are a kid, not much at all. But face it, most of you who are reading my column are not kids. As you age, the skin loses elasticity, which is why skin has more of a tendency to "hang." Pretty thought, isn't it?

My advice: Simply decide what weight you can realistically maintain and stick to it. DO NOT say you have to lose 10 pounds in 2 weeks. That is both unrealistic and unhealthy.

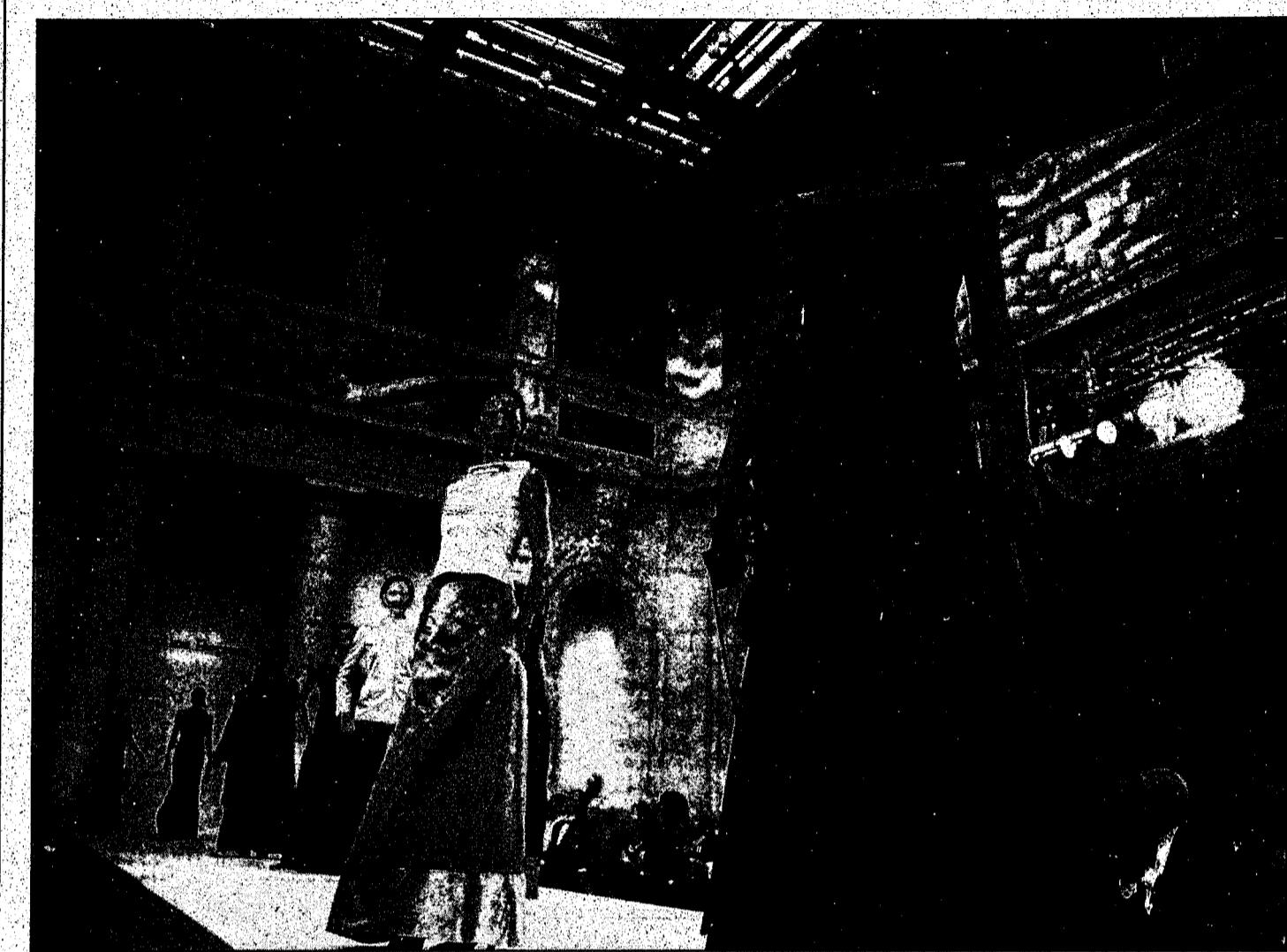
DO SKIN SPECIALTY SALONS REALLY HELP THE SKIN?

You know the answer to that question. No!

If you have blackheads and want them ejected in a sanitary environment, then, of course, a salon has "made you look better" and improved the skin. But the only thing that can give you great skin is great genetics!

Now let's get down to beauty basics. When it comes to skin care, whatever is good for a thin woman is also good for a heavier woman, with one important exception. Heavier women tend to perspire more because their body temperatures are higher. So it's not a good idea to use a lot of oils, creams and heavy makeup. They clog your pores. Obstructive face products are also not good for heavier women. Use good judgment and common sense.

JEFFREY BRUCE will be performing personal makeovers at the Hotel Baronette in Novi. The only week available for the rest of the year is in October. All other dates are completely sold out. The minimum purchase at the clinic is \$125. Please call 1-800-944-6588 for further information. You may e-mail Jeffrey at jwbb@worldnet.att.net



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Satin splendor: Carolina Herrera's A-line ball gowns played with color. The designer not only used unusual colors but also challenged our notions about colors that go together by combining, for example, bright true red with rich chocolate brown.

Carolina Herrera's high style for fall conceals drama in subtle elegance

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
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Dramatic and luxurious details, from oversized fur collars and skinny sequined belts to side pockets on ball skirts, punctuated the fall 1999 clothing collection of Carolina Herrera.

The Venezuela-born designer's lat-

est pieces were presented Tuesday by Saks Fifth Avenue at the Detroit Institute of the Arts in a museum benefit.

One attendee of about 300 who packed into the DIA's Rivera Court said "the clothing didn't have flare," but Herrera's designs, known for their elegance and simplicity, made subtle, rather than eye-popping

statements during the event, one of the first major fall fashion shows in the Detroit area.

Upcoming local shows include Hudson's Fash Bash on Aug. 11 at the Fox Theatre and the Mode du Concours luncheon fashion show on July 30 at Meadow Brook Hall. Held in conjunction with the Concours d'Elegance car show, the latter event

will feature Ellen Tracy's fall 1999 collection.

If the Herrera show foreshadows things to come, silhouettes at the neck will be important in the fall. Herrera's collection showed funnel neck tops, a portrait neck leather dress, sweaters and tunics with fur collars and several fur wraps at the neck, some reminiscent of the style of Argentina's famous former first lady, Evita Peron.

Cheryl Hall Lindsay, regional director of fashion and special events for Saks Fifth Avenue, fingered Herrera's jackets, fitted close at the waist and bodice, as an emerging fall trend.

"That kind of close fitting jacket - we haven't seen that much of, but I think we're going to see more of it," she said.

While Herrera's jackets hugged the body and created a very feminine silhouette, "They were very fitted without being too constricting," said Amanda Turner, fashion manager at the Somerset Collection.

Lindsay also pinpointed Herrera's A-line ball gown skirts as a fresh trend. "It looks new to me," she said. "Classic, but not so full and gathered." Side pockets on Herrera's ball gown skirts, however, impressed Lindsay as both a practical and sporty feature.

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Close lines: Herrera paired a fitted, buttery-yellow leather jacket with a camel alpaca knee-length skirt.



Fur drama: Fur trim and wraps of fox and mink added drama to tunics, jackets and sweaters.



Sequin splendor: Sequins accented evening and formal wear in familiar and unusual ways.

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.

MONDAY, JULY 19

YEOLLEE TRUNK SHOW

View the Fall 1999 trunk show of American designer YEOLLEE at Lynn Portnoy Women's Clothier in Southfield through July 20. Noon-8 p.m., Monday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday. For information, call (248) 353-2900.

TUESDAY, JULY 20

CHANEL SHOW

View Chanel's special order collection for Fall 1999 at Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, through July 21, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Chanel Boutique, second floor.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

THEATER SERIES FOR KIDS

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Oakland Mall in Troy presents Snow White as part of the center's Giggle Gang summer theater series for children, 1 and 6 p.m., center court. For more information, call (248) 585-6000, ext. 4.

THURSDAY, JULY 22

JAZZ FEST

Free concerts and jazz performances come to Birmingham's Shain Park and fine restaurants during the seventh annual Jazz Fest through July 24. Call the Jazz Fest hotline, (248) 433-FEST, for a performance schedule and other information.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Escapades in Franklin celebrates Christmas in July with savings on select gift items and Hollylujah dinnerware through July 24, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. For information, call (248) 855-5856.

CHRIS KOLE GOWN SHOW

Roz & Sherm in Bloomfield Hills hosts the Fall 1999

trunk show of Chris Cole's gowns with a designer representative through July 24, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Thursday, and 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday and Saturday.

FRIDAY, JULY 23

TOMMY HILFIGER APPEARANCE & SHOW

Meet designer Tommy Hilfiger and MTV's House of Style host and supermodel Rebecca Romijn-Stamos at Hudson's at Oakland Mall in Troy. Autograph signings follow a fashion show at 1 p.m., Hudson's mall entrance.

SUNDAY, JULY 25

SUMMER STORYTIME

Borders Books & Music in Farmington Hills hosts storytear Judy Sims for a children's event that combines folk, traditional and modern tales with humor, props, songs and audience participation, 11 a.m. For information, call (248) 737-0110.

GARDENING TALK

Adrian Bloom, acclaimed gardening author and president of Blooms of Bressingham Nursery in England signs books and answers gardening questions at English Gardens in Royal Oak, 1 p.m. For additional information, call (248) 280-9500.

Herrera from page A8

"Luxury doesn't have to mean that you don't have utility. (In Herrera's collection) there was luxury mixed with utility, and that's a very rare combination," she said.

Another dramatic element — black feathers — came from Herrera on several evening pieces. A dress, skirt and jacket each were overlaid with black feathers but never evoked the ostentatious. Equally dramatic was a black cocktail dress dotted with black sequins and accents from a series of barely-there, sequined belts.

Herrera's classical formal wear also made interesting plays on color. Iridescent faille gowns came in unusual, almost identifiable, col-

ors. One was a rusty, terra-cotta rose. Another seemed plum one moment and cocoa the next.

Another set of gowns paired an icy sky blue with cappuccino and brilliant true red with rich chocolate brown. "Very understated," said Turner of the collection. "But what made it new was the colors that she put together, the mixing of colors. And, they were very unusual colors."

Herrera's sportier pieces fell more in line with notions of the millennium — sleek and simple lines — than her formal wear. Shiny leather rendered tailored jackets, a curve-hugging dress and a squared-off tunic downright aerodynamic.

Jackets were donned without tops and paired with easy-going, wide-leg trousers and comfortable over-the-knee skirts.

While many of Herrera's pieces bore simple lines, the clothing was still elegant and luxurious because of the quality of the fabrics, said both Lindsay and Turner. Moire and faille, both similar to taffeta, lots of mohair, alpaca and an abundance of cashmere were used by Herrera.

"Luxury of fabric and simplicity of cut — those are her trademarks," said Lindsay. "Overall, the collection was very understated. And, underneath the understated was the drama."

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:

Boutonnieres are available at the Meijer store (in the household department) on Ford Road in Canton.

Rocking chairs can be refinished at Heirloom Furniture Restoration, (810) 725-2657.

A mastectomy products catalog is put out by J.C. Penney, (800) 222-6161.

Rockford socks and patterns for sock monkeys are available through Jamonda's Press in Ann Arbor, (800) 223-7873 or (734) 994-6289.

Quilt material that is not pre-quilted can be found at Mary Maxim's (they have a catalog) in Port Huron, (810) 987-2000.

Alexander Julian perfume is not longer manufactured, but can be purchased on the Internet at perfumeperfume.com, (561) 586-7125.

A Mickey Mouse waffle iron can be bought at Kitchen Glamour in Novi.

Rose Milk Skin lotion can be purchased by calling (800) 321-1834.

We also found cabinets that open into dining room tables and additional WWII uniforms for the history teacher who would like to use them in her classroom.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

A dinner plate with either "You Are Special" or "Special Day" engraved on the rim for Jill.

Huckleberry jam for Dolores.

A person who does chair caning in their home (in the Livonia area) at a reasonable price.

The game Password for Kay.

A men's athletic-cut dress shirt (larger neck and smaller waist) for Jan.

A twin bedspread pattern called Old Glory (it has an American flag motif)

for Dale.

A 1979 Wayne Memorial High School yearbook for Alberta.

A beauty salon that performs computer imaging makeovers for Kathleen.

Revlon Fine Line Natural brow pencil refills in "Light Brown" color for Lorraine.

A Ziggy doll made in 1986 or 1987 that is dressed in a nightshirt and nightcap for Jim.

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.

Revlon Color-Lock eyelid shadow base for oily lids.

A used "Little Tyke" Playhouse log cabin for backyard use and a Childcraft changing table in "Honey Oak" for Leslie.

Ultima II lip liner in "Tawny" color for Carol.

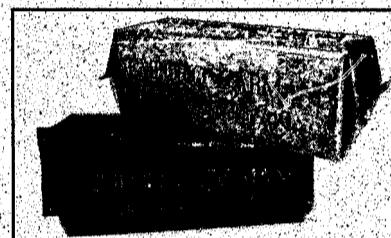
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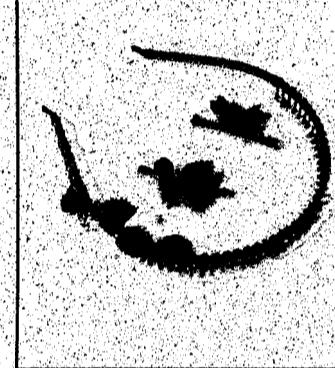
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Allie, but different: Emporio Armani helps men and women share a common lifestyle while respecting the differences between the sexes with their recently released line of fragrances for him and her, \$38.50 for at Hudson's.



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Beleaguered mental health director weighs job possibilities

BY PAT MURPHY
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Sandra M. Lindsey undoubtedly had mixed emotions Friday, her final day as executive director of the Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority.

She was upbeat going into her last days the top administrator of the mental health program that serves about 14,000 county residents with a budget of \$173 million in fiscal 1998-99.

And her prospects are far from bleak. Since Lindsey announced her resignation last week, attractive job offers have come her way, including one that would require her to become an airborne commuter.

"I'd be one of those people who leaves the airport Monday morning, and returns late Friday," she said, without going into detail about her job prospects, although she'd like to remain close to Lathrup Village where she and husband Rod Mugridge have a home.

But Lindsey is leaving her job under clouded circumstances, although they're probably as good as they get, considering her bosses (the Oakland mental health authority board) made it clear her services are no longer valued.

That happened May 26, when the board voted to launch a nationwide search for a new executive director. Lindsey said knew she could apply for the job, but board members made it abundantly clear doing so would be futile.

Some board members talked about asking for my immediate resignation, she said, "but it never came up." Instead, the authority board will honor Lindsey's contract through its expiration date, Oct. 31, and she will be paid for unused vacation time.

Center of controversy

Lindsey has been at or near the center of controversy since she was hired in 1994, as the county was about to undergo several structural changes that would drastically alter the way mental health services would be delivered in Oakland County.

Oakland in 1994 was about to assume full management of mental health services, meaning local officials would have more control when it came to bidding and awarding contracts, as well as monitoring the quality of services.

Another structural change followed quickly. That was another switch, the establishment of a community mental health authority — rather than a community mental health board — to set policy and oversee the delivery of services.

Oakland switched to an authority Jan. 1, after lengthy and sometimes contentious debate.

One of the more heated episodes was in August 1997, when the county board of commissioners gave Lindsey and the community mental health board a vote of "no confidence," as asked for their immediate resignations.

"I'm confident I did the best job possible under the circumstances," Lindsey said, referring to her five-year tenure. "And as I leave, I have the satisfaction of a job well done."

Agreeing with that assessment is County Commissioner Fran Amos (R-Waterford) who is also chair of the community mental health authority board. "She did a superior job, and her heart was always in her work," said Amos. "Her being ousted was an exercise in sheer, rotten politics."

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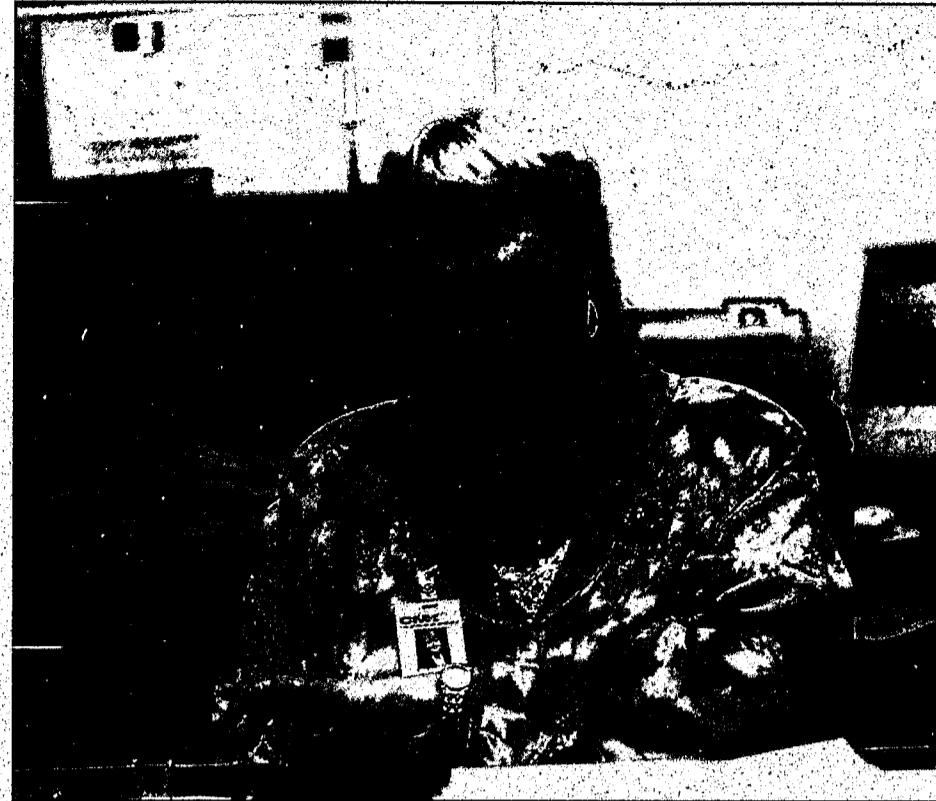
"We attempted to make this transition as graceful as possible," said Clifford Johnson, a Royal Oak attorney who is secretary of the Mental Health Authority board. "I don't think getting into the specific reasons (for needing a new executive director) is in the best interests of the board."

Needed a change?

"We needed a change at the top because we needed somebody with different skills that were not required in the past," said Johnson. "We need someone with a different background, someone who is knowledgeable about long term managed care."

State health officials, following the lead of federal authorities, are demanding more competition in the delivery of mental health services, said county commissioner John P. McCulloch (R-Royal Oak) who is also on the mental health authority board.

Thus a change at the top was needed, said McCulloch, who as



I'm not worried about finding work. But I do hope the board ends its divisiveness. That's the only way mental health can be successful.

Sandra Lindsey

outgoing director, Mental Health Authority

chair of the county board of commissioners oversaw Oakland's transition to a mental health authority.

Lindsey said she understands how McCulloch and others on the board might say they want a director more attuned to the policies and operating principals of a large, commercial managed care systems and the intricacies involved. But other skills —

including those she has in abundance — are also needed, Lindsey said.

With her background — including stints as executive director and president of Training and Treatment Innovations, Inc. in Berkley and clinical administrator of Dynamic Alternative, Inc., in Madison Heights — Lindsey is confident she could quickly master the knowledge and skills the authority board says it needs in a new director.

A divided board

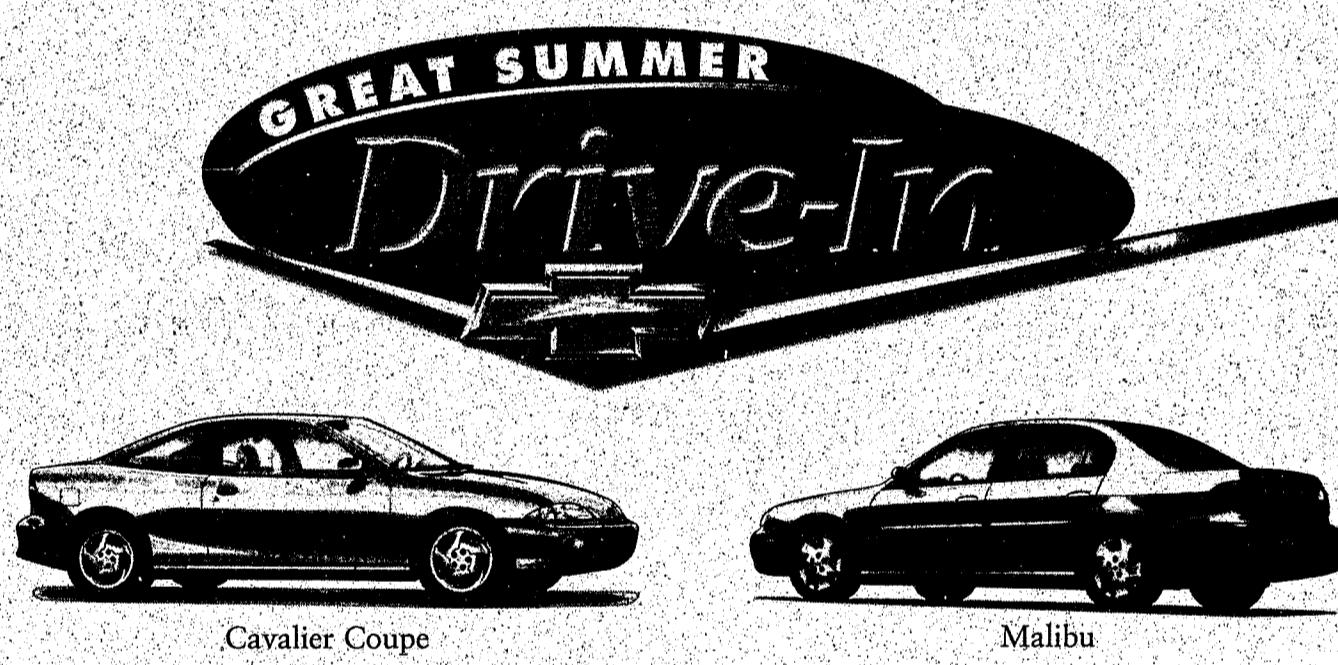
"But the board is too divided," she said. "I don't think I would have stayed even if the board had not voted to search for a new director. There's simply too much division on the board about what they want."

"I'm not worried about finding work," Lindsey said. "But I do hope the board ends its divisiveness. That's the only way mental health can be successful."

In that vein, Lindsey said she has one major piece of advice for her successor. "Make sure the board is united enough to speak with one voice. The board has to be united as it sets policy and then leaves the administration to the director and staff. The board can't micromanage mental health."

By the weekend, however, all the turmoil will be gone, at least as far as she is concerned, Lindsey said. "I haven't had a real vacation in five years, so my husband and I are planning on spending some quality time together before I get serious about job hunting," she said.

As for the future of the mental health system in Oakland County, Lindsey was philosophical: "I wish them well."



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FOCUS ON WINE



RAY & ELEANOR HEALD

Gallo of Sonoma wines good as ads say they are

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD
SPECIAL WRITERS

If you read magazines, you've run into colorful Gallo of Sonoma ads featuring Gina Gallo, sometimes with her brother Matt. These ads are believable, so are the wines and here's why.

The first generation of E. & J. Gallo Winery, its founders Ernest and the late Julio Gallo, sought privacy. The second generation, specifically Julio's son Bob, was quiet about an emerging project with Sonoma County grapes.

It is Julio's grandchildren, the third generation, who are visible family ambassadors for the wines. At 36 years old, Matt Gallo (Bob's son) is vineyard manager for Gallo's Sonoma Estates. His sister Gina, 32, is co-winemaker working in cooperation with Gallo veteran Marcello Monticelli, director of Gallo of Sonoma wine-making.

Stewardship

That Matt assumed vineyard stewardship for Gallo's more than 2,300 farmed acres in Sonoma County is not unusual. In the Gallo vineyard empire, he is following his father's footsteps through the vine rows. Gina, however, is the first woman to assume winemaking responsibility for

this very traditional Italian family.

Gina is open, competent, friendly and unpretentious. She's comfortable being interviewed at her workplace, Frei Ranch in Sonoma County's Dry Creek Valley. Clad in jeans, well-worn boots and a

plaid flannel shirt, she is a buttoned-down professional. It is obvious that her grandfather Julio was an enormous influence in her life. Her references to "grampa" regularly punctuate sentences. With a degree in business and psychology, she entered the family workplace as part of the marketing department, but upon encouragement from "grampa" took her first winemaking course.

"That was it," she said. "I told my

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Wine Picks

- Pick of the pack: 1997 St. Francis Old Vines Zinfandel \$25. This is a powerful wine, best suited for richer meals than you prepare in summer. But if you wait to buy it until it's cooler, it will be sold out!
- Cool wines to take the sizzle out of summer! Sauvignon Blanc is the coolest of cool whites. We recommend: 1998 Montevina Fume Blanc \$7 with Asian cuisine; 1998 Preston Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc \$12 and 1998 Morgan Barrel Sauvignon Blanc \$12. The following chardonnays are crisp and clean. On this list, as the price escalates, so does the flavor: 1998 Fleur du Cap, South Africa \$9; 1998 Evans, Australia \$11.50; 1997 Jekel FOS Reserve Chardonnay, Monterey \$21; 1997 Marimar Torres Estate Chardonnay \$25; and 1996 Byron Estate Chardonnay \$32.
- Zinfandel is the best red wine for barbecues. Preston Vineyards owner Lou Preston suggests transforming ordinary barbecue chicken into a Middle Eastern feast with a marinade and baste of tahini, paprika, garlic and ginger. Try it with 1997 Preston Vineyards Dry Creek Valley Old Vines Zinfandel \$16. We liked the 1996 Charles Krug Zinfandel \$11 with a salad tossed with raspberry vinaigrette. Other zins getting high marks are: Berliner North Coast Zinfandel \$12; 1997 Kunde Zinfandel \$15; and 1997 Quivira Zinfandel \$17.50. Serve the 1996 Benziger Zinfandel \$18 with fajitas.

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Irresistible: Hairnets in place, Joey Perpich, 11, (left), Christopher McGuire, 11, and Kathryn Kinville, 13, get a taste of freshly made ice cream at Guernsey Farm Dairy.

STAFF PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL

HERE'S THE

The cold facts on ice cream

Pssst, here's the scoop: According to the International Ice Cream Association, ice cream lovers across the globe rate vanilla No. 1.

Vanilla? Wake up and taste the ice cream, guys. The world is full of black cherry, Caramel Caribou, Apple Pie and Rowdy Reindeer. So many flavors and so little time!

Fred Inman, Jr. and Tom Bagazinski, the flavor-inventing owners of Vicki's Ice Cream Factory on Six Mile Road in Redford Township, describe themselves as ice cream crafters. They buy a basic ice cream mix (not exactly heart healthy at 15 percent butterfat!) from a Monroe dairy and add ingredients, churning up one delicious batch at a time.

"Our flavors are endless, at least 70," said Inman, who admitted to having never made ice cream before he and Bagazinski bought the business in December 1997.

Inman invented the rich-tasting White-Chocolate Chocolate-Chip Cheesecake, which he's dubbed "the flavor of the millennium," and the tangy but creamy Lemon Custard. If yellow had a taste, it would be lemon custard.

Bagazinski, who calls himself "the ice cream man," came up with "Elvis," half banana and half peanut butter, and "Crazy Insomniac," half blue moon and

half coffee. Blue moon and coffee?

"It turns out the two flavors have an affinity for each other," he said.

Still, there are the purists.

Ninety-year-old John McGuire, founder of Guernsey Farm Dairy in Northville, loves vanilla. "I like the aroma. I like the flavor," he said without a hint of defensiveness.

McGuire and his wife, Pat, opened Guernsey in downtown Northville in 1940. All 14 of their children (seven boys and seven girls) plus numerous grandchildren were initiated into the ice cream business at an early age.

"My dad counted one day and there were 22 McGuires working here," said Marty McGuire, president of the company. Today, seven McGuires retain an active role in the business, which ships milk products and ice cream within a 50-mile radius.

Guernsey is a true dairy, pasteurizing milk along with making ice cream. It gets raw milk no more than a day old direct from the farm and stores it in a 6,000-gallon tank.

The cream is separated and churned in tanks holding 200, 500 and 800 gallons. Milk is added along with dry ingredients — powdered cocoa, sugar, milk powder and stabilizers. The mixture is then piped through a freezer machine, which transforms it into a soft ice cream with a 12 percent butterfat content.

Workers in hair nets were making butter pecan the day I toured the dairy. A machine fed mounds of the expensive nuts into the soft ice cream before it was packed. Pecan pieces overflowed onto the flour.

Marty McGuire stopped production so I could have a sample. He filled a cup with a scoop of butter pecan the consistency of thickly whipped cream and handed it to me. My cholesterol count elevated on the spot.

John McGuire prefers the classic flavors — strawberry, chocolate, butter pecan — and recalls the days when he bought boxes of fresh raspberries from the nearby "berry lady," crushed and swirled them into his beloved vanilla.

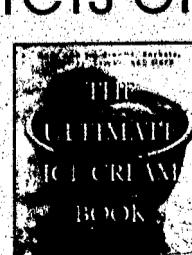
"That's the way we made ice cream back then," he said.

Today, Guernsey features at least 70 flavors; however, John McGuire believes subtlety is best. "You need to be reaching for the flavor. You want it to be

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Packing It In: (Above) half-gallon containers of Guernsey's "Chocolate Marshmallow" make their way down the production line. (Above center) Guernsey founder John McGuire makes sure all hairs are kept on heads and not in the ice cream.



stirring a bowl of cream and fruit."

When it comes to ice cream machines, Weinstein prefers models with built-in compressors that churn and freeze at the touch of a button. While these machines incorporate the least amount of air into the mixture, thereby producing a dense, premium ice cream, they're expensive, retailing between \$300 and \$600.

Ice cream makers with canisters you chill in the freezer before using come in one- to two-quart sizes and



Big mixing bowl: A batch of Guernsey's finest is mixed in one of the dairy's huge vats. Who's got a spoon?

Ice cream personalities

When it comes to ice cream flavors, we are what we eat, according to research conducted for Edy's Grand Ice Cream by Dr. Alan R. Hirsch, neurological director of the Smell & Taste Treatment and Research Foundation in Chicago.

■ **Vanilla:** Colorful, impulsive, risk-takers who set high goals and have high expectations of themselves. Vanilla lovers enjoy close family relationships.

■ **Double chocolate chunk:** Lively, creative, dramatic, charming, enthusiastic, and the life of the party. Chocolate fans enjoy being at the center of attention and can become bored with the usual routine.

■ **Butter pecan:** Orderly, perfectionist, careful, detail-oriented, conscientious, ethical, and fiscally conservative; also, competitive, aggressive in sports, and the "take charge" type of personality.

■ **Banana cream pie:** Very easy going, well-adjusted, generous, honest and empathetic.

■ **Strawberries and cream:** Shy yet emotionally robust, skeptical, detail-oriented, opinionated, introverted and self-critical.

■ **Chocolate chip:** Generous, competitive and accomplished; charming in social situations, ambitious and competent.

A scoop of ice cream trivia

■ Nearly a quarter of all males consider a typical serving of ice cream to be four or more scoops. To top that off, 40 percent of males often go back for seconds. In contrast, 50 percent of females help themselves to just two scoops, and 61 percent never take seconds.

■ Men love their ice cream so much that 13 percent lick the bowl. Just eight percent of women admit to this unorthodox dishwashing technique.

■ Over 40 percent of women admit to digging out the pieces of cookie dough, nuts or cookies from an ice cream carton. Men are not into mining.

■ Two-thirds of all males will polish off the last few scoops in a carton. Women are more likely to leave the last few bites behind.

Source: Survey conducted by Opinion Research Corporation International for Edy's Grand Ice Cream.

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■ Cook's Dairy — 2950 Seymour Lake Road, Ortonville, (248) 627-3329

■ Guernsey Farm Dairy — 21300 Novi Road (between Eight and Nine Mile Roads), Northville, (248) 349-1466

■ Ray's Ice Cream — 4233 Coolidge, Royal Oak, (248) 549-5256

■ Sweet Dreams Pastry & Ice Cream — 6558 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 737-8900

■ Vicki's Ice Cream Factory — 26145 Six Mile Road (four blocks west of Beech Daly), Redford, (313) 531-7777



Ready to taste: Fred Inman, Jr. takes a sampling of one of Vicki's Ice Cream Factory's creative ice cream flavors before filling a three-gallon container.

Author churns secrets of making ice cream

In his book, "The Ultimate Ice Cream Book," (William Morrow and Co., Inc., New York, \$15) author and New York-based food consultant Bruce Weinstein writes about two basic styles of ice cream, custard-style (made with eggs), and Philadelphia-style (made without eggs). His preference is for the richer-tasting custard-style ice, so most his recipes call for eggs.

From the classic butter pecan and vanilla to the sophisticated Burnt Sugar and the exotic Tropical Mango, Weinstein packs his book with both the familiar and the unusual. And for the ordinary (as if any ice cream is ordinary), pizzazz is

just a chopped candy bar or cup of toasted coconut away.

Weinstein also includes lots of recipes for the lighter sorbets and granitas, made with water, sugar, fruit juices and sometimes egg whites. Key lime sorbet or pink Russian granite will tickle your fancy.

However, don't even torture yourself reading Weinstein's book unless you intend to purchase an ice cream machine. As the author says, "no one wants to sit in a walk-in freezer,

stirring a bowl of cream and fruit."

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Ice cream makers with canisters you chill in the freezer before using come in one- to two-quart sizes and

produce delicious, dense ice cream. Electric models retail for about \$60. Models are available at Kitchen Glamor, Hudson's and Williams Sonoma.

One final word: We lied. Even if you don't intend to purchase an ice cream maker, Weinstein's book is a sweet treat. He gives several recipes for topping and sauces — banana, peach, peanut butter, caramel and marshmallow — as well as malts, and ice cream floats.

"The Ultimate Ice Cream Book" is available at Hudson's Marketplace Department, Kitchen Glamor, Borders Books, and B. Dalton Book-sellers.

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grampa I was fascinated with winemaking and that's what I wanted to do. He gave me the encouragement I needed."

Mentor

All young people making their way in a profession benefit from a mentor. In Marcello Monticelli, Gina has the best. Now in their sixth year working together, they are a winemaking team. But Gina knows she still has much to learn from the talented Monticelli.

Many winemaking families

send their children to apprentice outside the family winery before coming "home" to work. This makes little sense for Gallo. At the main headquarters for Gallo in Modesto, Calif., Gina worked in the experimental micro winery where several hundred experiments are conducted annually. The Frei Ranch facility has the latest technology.

Completed four years ago, the 130,000 square foot underground barrel cellar is home to more than 60,000 barrels, made at 18 of the world's finest cooperages

from every known wood suited for wine.

"Everything that Marcello and I do in the winery is decided in the vineyard," Gina said. "From about mid-August right through to the day we harvest, we're walking the vineyards and tasting the grapes. Once the wine is in barrel, we taste weekly with my brother Matt. He's most interested in seeing the vineyards showcased in the wines."

Are Gallo of Sonoma print ads believable? We think they are. The next time you're buying

wine, purchase a Gallo of Sonoma wine and be the judge.

Sherry cask whisky

Hiram Walker has introduced a new Canadian Club Sherry Cask whisky \$25.

It's doubly-matured, aged for at least eight years in white oak barrels and then "finished" by aging again in sherry casks, imported from the Jerez region of Spain. Double-matured Scotch whiskies have been produced for years using sherry casks as well as those of Port

and Madeira.

Hiram Walker's technique is essentially the same as those of a single malt Scotch and is the first Canadian whisky we know about that's doubly-matured.

Additional aromas and flavors imparted to the whisky come from the barrel, previously used for aging sherry wine. As a matter of fact some whisky producers select and purchase barrels, which are then provided free to the sherry producer with the condition that they are returned

after aging sherry.

This is an attractive dram with deep bronze color and rich, mellow flavor followed by a smooth, lingering finish. Enjoy Canadian Club Sherry Cask neat, on the rocks with a splash of spring water or in a classic Manhattan.

Look for Focus on Wine on the first and third Sunday of the month in Taste. To leave a voice mail message for the Heads, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1864.

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there, but you want to reach for it. You always want them to want more."

Screaming for ice cream

John McGuire claims the United States makes the best ice cream in the world. Judging by average American's consumption of 23.2 quarts a year, he may be correct. We love our ice cream.

Lots of people scream for Guernsey's butter pecan, once voted fourth best in the nation by a national magazine. And, according to the Fred Inman, Jr. of Vicki's Ice Cream Factory,

actor Robert De Niro has sampled their chocolate chip.

"One of our customers brought or sent some to him in New York."

Ice cream producers are constantly teasing the public with new flavors. Stroh's Ice Cream Company, now owned by Melody Farms in Livonia, has incorporated the best of the Sander's tradition by making "Hot Fudge Sundae" and "Bumpy Cake."

Both are "hot sellers," said Stephen M. George, vice president of product development.

However, one of the biggest

■ John McGuire claims the United States makes the best ice cream in the world.

flavors across the industry is the relatively new "Moose Tracks," chock full of miniature peanut butter cups. In both Stroh's and Melody Farms packaged ice creams, it is second to vanilla in sales.

George said he is a "plain chocolate" kind of guy whose job at Melody Farms is to develop

new flavors and improve old ones. If you now like Stroh's chocolate, thank George. He changed it from dark, bitter-sweet to a smooth-tasting milk chocolate.

"People love it," he said with pride.

Tom Davis & Sons Dairy Company in Oak Park, distributors of

the luscious, condiment-laden Ashby's Sterling Ice Cream, holds a "flavor day" every January for their customers' families.

"We'll have about 50 different flavors, and they'll pick out their favorites," said Rick Davis, vice president of sales.

Ashby's Sterling has won several national awards for its flavors, including the National Ice Cream and Yogurt Retailers Association's "Best New Flavor" for its "Amaretto Cherry" and "Triple Chocolate Truffle."

So far, this summer has been an ice cream blur for me. I've continuously plunged my face into Ashby's Sterling's black cherry cones and repeatedly smacked my lips over dishes of Guernsey's tart cherry yogurt. And my freezer has served as a temporary home for gallons of all kinds of Stroh's.

So what. Who's counting calories? Summer is ice-cream time, so I'll indulge now and diet this winter. When it comes to ice cream, there's just too many flavors and too little time.

Cajun-Style Lemon Chicken quick and easy entree

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The authors of "The No-Time-to-Cook Cookbook" (Avery, \$19.95) promise that it is a 30-minute task to prepare Cajun-Style Lemon chicken.

Joanne Abrams and Marie Caratozzolo subtitle their book, "Fabulous Dishes for Today's Fast-paced Lifestyle." They say they were determined to keep it easy to use, to work out all the snags in advance.

The goal was foolproof recipes

that were fast and easy to cook, low in sodium and fat. They point out that no recipe, from *Soup Sensations to Dazzling Desserts*, takes more than 45 minutes to prepare.

Most call for no more than five main ingredients per recipe, plus staples such as seasonings and broths that you won't need to shop for.

Serve these spicy chicken cutlets over a bed of hot brown rice, with a cool, crisp green salad.

CAJUN-STYLE LEMON CHICKEN

Main ingredients:

- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves (about 5 ounces each)
- 1 medium lemon, cut into wedges
- Staples:
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 4 teaspoons Cajun spice blend
- 2 teaspoons paprika
- Cooking spray
- 2 teaspoons canola oil

1 cup reduced-sodium, fat-free chicken broth

1 tablespoon lemon juice

Place the flour, 2 teaspoons of the Cajun spice blend and the paprika in a shallow plate and stir to blend.

Set aside 1 tablespoon of this flour mixture. Lightly coat both sides of the chicken with cooking spray, then dredge in the flour mixture.

Coat a 12-inch nonstick skillet with cooking spray, add the oil and

heat over medium-low heat. Add the chicken and cook for 5 to 7 minutes on each side, or until no longer pink inside when cut with a knife. Transfer to a plate and cover to keep warm.

Add the broth, lemon juice and remaining 2 teaspoons Cajun spice blend to the skillet, along with the reserved 1 tablespoon of flour mixture.

Mix well, stirring constantly,

over medium-low heat, for 3 to 5 minutes, or until the sauce thickens slightly.

Arrange the chicken breasts on a serving platter and spoon the sauce on top. Garnish with the lemon wedges and serve immediately.

Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 228 cal., 11 g carbo., 82 mg chol., 4.5 g fat, 2 g fiber, 36 g pro., 610 mg sodium.

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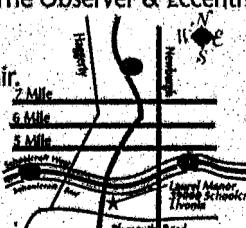
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Homemade is 'The Ultimate Ice Cream'

See related story on Taste front. Recipes are from "The Ultimate Ice Cream Book" by Bruce Weinstein, (William Morrow and Co., Inc., New York, 1999, \$16).

CHEESECAKE ICE CREAM

1 cup sugar
4 ounces cream cheese, at room temperature
1 large egg
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
3/4 cup milk
2 teaspoons grated fresh lemon or orange zest
1 1/2 cups heavy cream
3 graham crackers

Beat the sugar and the cream cheese together until smooth and creamy. Beat in the egg and vanilla. Set aside.

Bring milk to a boil in a heavy medium saucepan. Slowly beat hot

milk into cheese mixture. Pour entire mixture back into pan and place over low heat. Stir constantly with a whisk or wooden spoon until custard thickens slightly. (Do not let mixture boil or eggs will scramble.)

Remove from heat and pour hot cheese custard through a strainer into a large, clean bowl. Cool slightly, then stir in lemon zest and cream. Cover and refrigerate until cold or overnight.

Stir chilled custard, then freeze in one or two batches in your ice cream machine according to manufacturer's instructions, adding the crumbled graham cracker when ice cream is semifrozen. Allow the machine to mix in the crackers. When finished, the ice cream will be soft but ready to eat. For firmer ice cream, transfer to a freezer-safe container and freeze at least

two hours.

Variations: For Cherry Cheesecake Ice Cream, gently swirl 3/4 cup canned cherry pie filling into finished ice cream. Do not over-swirl. Streaks of cherry "sauce" should be visible. Serve immediately or freeze until firm.

HONEYDEW SORBET

1 small honeydew melon
1/4 cup white grape juice
3/4 cup superfine sugar
2 tablespoons melon liqueur or syrup
1/2 teaspoon salt

Remove rind and seeds from melon. Cut flesh into 1/2-inch cubes. You should have about two heaping cups of fruit. Place cut-up melon in blender with grape juice, sugar, liqueur, and salt. Blend until melon is pureed and sugar has dissolved, about 30 seconds.

Cover and refrigerate until cold.

Stir the chilled mixture, then freeze in one to two batches in your ice cream machine according to the manufacturer's instructions. When finished, the sorbet will be soft but ready to eat. For firmer sorbet, transfer to a freezer-safe container and freeze at least two hours.

Variation: For Honeydew Lemon Drop Sorbet, add 1/2 cup vodka and the grated zest of one lemon to the blender along with the fruit.

KEY LIME ICE CREAM

1 1/2 cups heavy cream
6 large egg yolks
One 15-ounce can sweetened condensed milk
1/2 cup key lime juice (fresh from eight to 10 medium

limes or use bottled)

Bring cream to a simmer in a heavy medium saucepan. Slowly beat hot cream into egg yolks in a medium mixing bowl. Pour mixture back into the pan and place over low heat. Stir constantly with a whisk or wooden spoon until the custard thickens slightly. (Do not let the mixture boil or the eggs will scramble.)

Remove from heat and pour custard through a strainer into a large, clean bowl. Cool slightly, then stir in sweetened condensed milk and key lime juice. Cover and refrigerate until cold or at least two hours.

Stir the cold custard well, then freeze in one or two batches in your ice cream machine. When finished, the ice cream will be soft but ready to eat. For firmer ice

cream, transfer to a freezer-safe container and freeze at least two hours.

Variation: For Daiquiri Ice Cream, add 1/2 cup gold rum before freezing.

BLACK COW ICE CREAM SODA

1 1/2 tablespoons chocolate syrup
8-10 ounces of root beer
2 scoops premium vanilla ice cream

Place the chocolate syrup in the bottom of a chilled 16-ounce glass. Add four ounces of root beer and stir until well blended. Add one scoop of ice cream. Fill the glass with remaining root beer. Top with remaining scoop of ice cream, pressing it firmly onto the rim of the glass to prevent it from falling in.

Bean salads simply delicious

(AP) — These vegetarian recipes use canned beans as their source of nutrition — protein, fiber, vitamins and minerals. That means they are easy-to-make dishes.

HAWAIIAN BEAN SALAD

1/4 cup lime juice
2 tablespoons orange juice
Two 15-ounce cans dark red kidney beans, drained and rinsed (see note)
15-ounce can black beans, drained and rinsed (see note)
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
1 garlic clove, minced
1 red bell pepper, chopped
1 cup crushed pineapple, drained
1 small green chili pepper, chopped
2 scallions, diced
1/2 teaspoon allspice
1 tablespoon chopped mint
Salt and pepper to taste

Heat oil in a medium saucepan. Add onion, bell pepper, garlic and cumin and saute 3 to 5 minutes or until the onion is transparent. Add the beans and salsa and heat thoroughly. Serve over rice or in tortillas. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

Note: Other varieties of beans, such as navy, pinto or cranberry, may be substituted and combined as desired.

Recipes from: Michigan Bean Commission.

Cooking cherries doesn't have to be the pits

BY DANA JACOBI
SPECIAL WRITER

From now through August, while deep, dark Bing and rosie-cheeked, golden Rainier cherries are in season, nearly every day I find myself buying a few generous, stem-dangling handfuls of the glistening, plump fruit I see at local markets. At this time of year, I carry a plastic bag in my pocket so I have a place to neatly store the pits that accumulate as I munch on this sugar-sweet fruit while moving around town.

Until recently, I viewed cooking with fresh cherries with considerably less enthusiasm. In fact, I avoided it because getting the pits out of the fruit was, frankly, the pits. Preparing the jam for this column, I discovered an easy way to pit fresh cherries. The trick, in a word, is freezing them.

Simply rinse the fruit, stems and all, and dry it thoroughly. Place about 3 cups of ripe, dry cherries, in a self-sealing quart-

size plastic bag, and pop it in the freezer. Leave them there just overnight, or for up to 12 months.

Thirty minutes before you want to use them, take the bag from the freezer and let it sit at room temperature. While the fruit is still partly frozen, pull it apart with your fingers and flip the pit right out.

Granted, using this method to pit a couple of pounds of cherries remains a meditative experience, or something to do while watching TV, but it takes a fraction of the time required to pry the pits from heart of never-frozen fruit using a knife. Or punching out the pits with the plunger-style gizmo that gives you blisters.

Defrosted cherries are as flavorful as they were before freezing. They look luscious in fruit salad and cook perfectly in jams, chutneys and dessert sauces. Using the freeze-and-pit method, it takes barely half an hour to cook up and bottle this jam once the cherries have been pitted

and left to sit until the sugar is melted. With less cooking, it makes a luscious, cherry-studded syrup.

GINGER CHERRY JAM

2 pounds fresh or defrosted frozen sweet cherries, stemmed and pitted
3 cups sugar
Juice of 1 lemon
Three 1/2-inch slices fresh ginger, peeled

This will make 3 cups or half-pint jars.

Cover the bottom of a deep, heavy 6-quart pot with one-third of the cherries. Cover the fruit with 1 cup of the sugar. Repeat, ending with the third cup of sugar.

Let sit until the sugar has dissolved, about 1 hour if using frozen cherries, longer if the fruit is fresh. Add the lemon juice and ginger.

Over medium-low heat, bring

the cherries and sugar to a boil. Use a candy thermometer in the pot, if you have one. If not, put a plate in the freezer.

After the pot comes to a boil, keep it gently boiling until the thermometer registers 220° F. Otherwise, after the jam cooks 20 minutes, spoon about a teaspoon of it onto the cold plate and replace it in the freezer.

Wait 1 minute. When the juices on the plate gel when chilled, the jam is done. Spoon it into sterilized glass jars and cover. Cool to room temperature, then store the jam in the refrigerator.

Nutrition information: Each tablespoon of jam contains 62 calories and less than one gram 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!"

Combine juices, oil and garlic in a medium bowl. Toss in the beans. Add remaining ingredients and let

Couscous lettuce wrap meatless meal

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

For a meatless summer meal, roll up spiced couscous, beans and grapes in a lettuce leaf. This Couscous Lettuce Wrap recipe is low-fat and will not take long to make; it may be served hot or cold, for each diner to assemble at the table.

Testers found the fresh lettuce wraps attractive to look at but a crisp challenge to eat. The solution: some ate out-of-hand, the neat eaters used cutlery.

COUSCous LETTUCE WRAP

1/2 cup chopped onion
1/2 cup chopped celery
1 garlic clove, minced
1 tablespoon vegetable oil

1 teaspoon salt
3/4 teaspoon ground turmeric
3/4 teaspoon lemon pepper
3/4 teaspoon grated fresh ginger root
2 cups water
1 cup whole-grain or regular couscous
16-ounce can garbanzo beans, rinsed and drained

1 1/2 cups halved seedless grapes
8 large iceberg or leafy green lettuce leaves
Mango chutney, optional

Sauté onion, celery and garlic in oil until softened. Add salt, ground turmeric, lemon pepper and ginger

root; mix well. Add water. Bring mixture to boil, stir in couscous and beans and return mixture to boil. Cover pan and let stand 5 minutes or until all the water is absorbed. Mix in grapes; cover and let stand 5 minutes. Fluff mixture with a fork.

To serve: Spoon 3/4 cup mixture in center of each lettuce leaf; roll up into flute or cone shape. Serve with mango chutney. May also be served cold.

Makes 8 servings as a side dish, or 4 servings as a main dish.

Nutrition information per 1/8 serving: 175 cal., 5.9 g pro., 2.8 g fat, 32.1 g carb., 0 mg chol., 4.2 g fiber, 513 mg sodium.

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B'ham JazzFest strives for a three-letter word

It doesn't take long for Arlene Kass to articulate the precise and unequivocal answer to anyone who wonders about the paramount goal of the Birmingham JazzFest, Thursday-Saturday, July 22-24.

Toss away any of those high-falutin explanations about perpetuating jazz as an original American art form.

Never mind about "educating" audiences about the range of music that falls under the category of jazz.

A three-letter word will do just fine.

"The JazzFest is about fun, it's definitely about having fun," said Kass, who was hired as special events coordinator at The Community House in January.

"I want to see so many people that you can't even walk in the park."

Crowded? Nah, Just spell it F-U-N.

Dancin' in the streets

Let's see. Free outdoor concert. Mid-July evening. Dancin' in the streets without being ticketed for disorderly conduct. Restaurants nearby.

Even the most crusty curmudgeon might have a good time.

"Our goal is to make the JazzFest a mini Montreux," said Kass.

Apparently, there's room for fun and more fun.

Kass brings a much-needed common-sense

approach. Her first act was to name Alexander Zonjic, one of the area's most popular musicians, as artistic director of the seventh annual JazzFest held in downtown Birmingham's Shain Park.

"This year, we wanted to show that we weren't standing still."

Zonjic has translated his bountiful energy into an impressive and eclectic lineup that includes flutist Tim Weisberg and keyboardist Jeff Lorber, forerunners of the "smooth jazz" sound, as well as legendary local trumpeter Marcus Belgrave.

The focus, for Kass, is on diversity. A diversity of jazz sounds. And a diverse, multi-cultural crowd.

"The ideal is to bring together people of different cultures," said Kass.

"Look, when you bring in 'Pamela Wise and the Afro Cuban All Stars' you're inviting anyone and everyone to get up and move."

New energy

A week before JazzFest was to begin, Kass, a former interior designer, sat in Shain Park, pointing out how the festival can expand.

"There's a new energy," she said. "There's a strong collaboration with the Restaurant Collection."

A trolley will take concert-goers to and from restaurants throughout the downtown area, where a line-up of performers will also play.

Perhaps next year, according to Kass, a bigger stage and more big-name performers could be added. Maybe the festival could even run to Sunday.

But for the Long Island native, whose New York accent only occasionally surfaces, there's a top priority for this year's JazzFest.

"I'm a lover of fun," said Kass. "I expect that most people come to park for the same reason."

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Portrait of Success

Hard work pays off for local artists

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Never mind the heat and crowds. Local artists Carole Berhorst, Tom LeGault, Elizabeth Lurie, and Alan Gibson can't wait for the Ann Arbor Art Fairs July 21-24. They all make their living selling art works and most earn a major portion of their annual income at the Ann Arbor fairs.

Actually three fairs in one—the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair, State Street Area Art Fair and Summer Art Fair are expected to attract more than 500,000 visitors.

Berhorst, a Bloomfield Hills potter who will stock booth C227 in the Summer Art Fair with functional stoneware, is happy she won't have to get up at 6 a.m. to greet those crowds.

This year, the fairs will open an hour later. For Berhorst and the nearly 1,100 participating artists, the fairs are an emotionally and physically exhausting deal. Until the time change this year, artists put in three 12-hour days and a nine-hour Saturday. Still, there's mixed reaction from the artists about the fair not opening until 10 a.m. A marketing survey being done by Michigan State University professor Ed Mahoney will poll artists, along with patrons, business owners and the community, about their criteria for a "good fair." Organizers will then take the data, including figures on its economic impact on the city, and use it as a guide to improve the fairs over the next few years.

"Your first reaction as an artist when you think of doing the Ann Arbor fairs is—it's grueling, the heat and the crowds, but you're in the Ann Arbor Art Fairs," said Berhorst, who

will do 12 to 15 shows this year including Art in the Park in Birmingham and Art on the Village Green in Franklin in September. "The spirit of it is very special and the historic aspect. The crowds will be there in the heat and rain. I was at Art in the Park in Plymouth last week and a woman wanted to buy a bowl but she wanted to wait till Ann Arbor. In Ann Arbor, there's a mystique."

Berhorst should know. She's been exhibiting in the Summer Art Fair in Ann Arbor for 10 of her 20 years as a potter.

"It's a lucrative show," said Berhorst. "You meet incredibly wonderful artists and patrons. The dedication of the patrons is remarkable."

New direction

Tom LeGault began exhibiting in the Summer Art Fair in the early 1970s. After almost 29 years of painting full-time, LeGault is moving in a new direction with the work he'll bring to booth D416 in the Summer Art Fair. Visitors to the corner of Main St. and Liberty will be able to watch as he creates the broad stroke, Impressionist-like boat scenes with a palette knife.

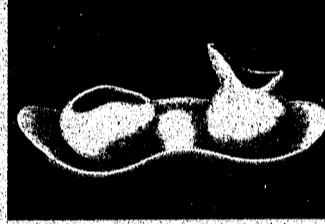
"Ann Arbor is a marathon," said LeGault, who paints nonstop during the fair. "There's so much prepping. People say why don't you just paint all winter long but that doesn't work because you don't know what's going to sell. If it's really hot, they want cooler colors."

Part of LeGault's Ann Arbor sales are due to out-of-town buyers. It's not often that art lovers have 26 city blocks of works from which to choose.

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New paintings: (Above) Tom LeGault brings his Impressionistic boat scenes to the corner of Main St. and Liberty in Ann Arbor. This sculptural bowl by Alan Gibson (top photo) is among the dozens of sculptural wall pieces, clocks, candlesticks and other wares he's offering for sale in Ann Arbor.



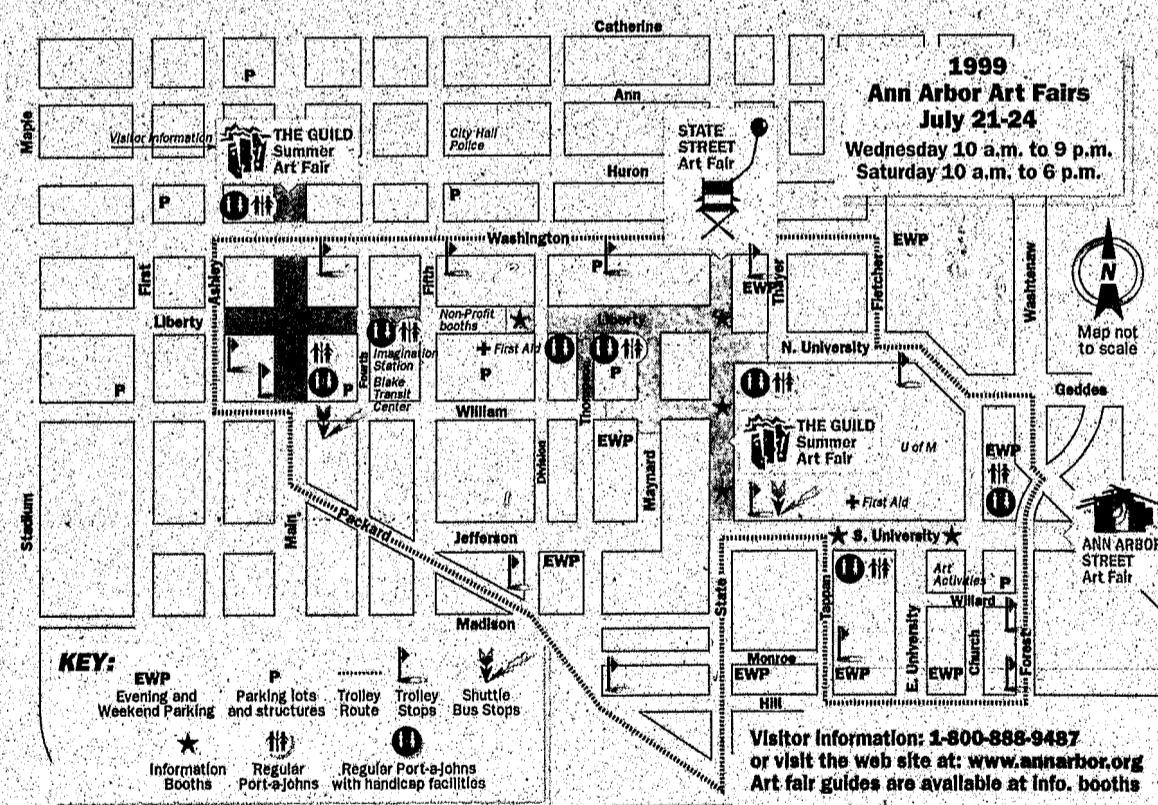
Lyrical lines: Elizabeth Lurie created this porcelain creamer and sugar with tray for the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair.

Functional wares: This contemporary canister set is from one of the six stoneware series crafted by Carole Berhorst.

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Where: Downtown Ann Arbor. Transportation: Fairgoers are encouraged to park at Briarwood Mall (off I-94 at State St.) or Pioneer High School (Main and Stadium) and take the shuttle bus to the fairs. Shuttle bus fare, \$2 adults (\$1 each way), no charge for children age 7 and under.

Trolley rides between the three fairs cost 50 cents, shuttle bus passengers ride free. Shuttle buses and trolleys will run 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesday to Friday; and until 7 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call (313) 996-0400 or <http://theride.org> on the Web.

Related Activities: University of Michigan Museum of Art, 525 S. State St., offers activities for all ages. The focus is on Gina Ferrini's installation of nearly 900 plaster piglets and snakes. See the Southfield artist's "Garden," listen to stories or create origami (Japanese paper folding) in the shape of animals. Call (313) 764-0395 for information.



Countdown: Cynthia Shevel, (left), and Maggie Ladd, members of the South University Business Association, discuss plans for the upcoming week with Peg Caldwell and Shary Brown of the Ann Arbor Street Fair.

ANN ARBOR ART FAIRS: A phenomenon of art, business, diversity

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
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A few days before the arrival of the relentless tidal wave of sweaty bodies and persnickety purveyors of art who could fill Michigan Stadium five times over, and Shary Brown is resting comfortably. There isn't a semblance of panic about the half-million people about to invade the downtown Ann Arbor streets as part of the sprawling carnival known as the Ann Arbor Art Fairs.

Time for details? If it's not done by now, forget it. With the arrival of 1,100 artists, barriers in place for over 1,000 booths and 100 businesses stocking provisions of refreshments, war, a sense of fate—and perspective—has settled in.

The weather is one of those many things that's a concern, but that I can't control," said Brown, execu-

tive director of the Ann Arbor Street Fair, which, along with the State Street Area Art Fair, and The Guild's Summer Art Fair make up the Ann Arbor Art Fairs.

The four-day extravaganza of fine art and crafts draws heavily from people living in Oakland and western Wayne counties. Many organizers of local arts festivals also travel westward to study how the Ann Arbor Art Fairs have become among the most successful in the country. All three art fairs are ranked among the top 15 in a 1998 national survey conducted by Sunshine Artist magazine. (The Wyandotte Street Art Fair is ranked second.)

"I go every year to talk to the artists and get their feedback about what works and doesn't work for them," said Janet Torno, executive director of the

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Fairs

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Ann Arbor Street Art Fair

On South and East University and Church Street.

Local artists exhibiting:

Zbigniew Chojnicki (sculpture), Rochester Hills; Marlene Hall (printmaking), Birmingham, and Elizabeth Lurie (clay), Farmington Hills.

State Street Area Art Fair

On North University, Maynard, Thompson, William, and Liberty from State to Division.

Local artists exhibiting:

Susan Cobb (fiber), West Bloomfield; James Fassinger (photography), Walled Lake; Tom Hale (painting), Farmington Hills; Bruce Migdall (drawing), West Bloomfield; Kaiser Sudan (ceramics), Ferndale, and Ed Risak (ceramics).

Summer Art Fair

On State Street between South University and William, Main between Huron and William, and Liberty between Main and Fifth.

Local artists exhibiting:

Marilyn Austin (painting/printmaking) and Donna Beaubien (printmaking/paper), Troy; Car-

ole Berhorst (clay), Bloomfield Hills; Patricia Bombach (painting), Northville; Rick Burger (painting), Rochester; Shari Cohen (jewelry), Farmington Hills; Louise Colussi (mixed media), Waterford; Debbie Cooper (fiber), Commerce Township; Michael and Michelle Crumb (clay), Rochester Hills; Ray Doan (photography), Livonia; Alice Frank (mixed media), West Bloomfield; Cyndie Friday (clay), Farmington Hills; Barbara and Alan Gibson (clay), Livonia; Charles Hall (wood), Birmingham; Sandra Happel (mixed media), Farmington Hills; John and Gregory Hyde (wood), Clarkston; Susanne and Gerrit Drotar Jongkind (jewelry) and Margaret Koroncey (painting), Lake Orion; Tom LeGault (painting), Plymouth; Janis Parsons-Pratt (mixed media), Troy; Kathy Phillips (painting), West Bloomfield; Sam and Nina Sottile (metals), Rochester; Claudia Tann (jewelry), Farmington Hills; Kathy Veeverka (clay), Lake Orion; Nanette Wlecek (fiber), Canton, and Frank and Kim Yanke (jewelry), Franklin.

"A lot of people work their entire vacations around that show," said the Plymouth painter. "They're specifically in Ann Arbor for the fairs. These are die-hard shoppers, and lots of galleries seeking work."

Pluses and minuses

LeGault "couldn't do an Ann Arbor every week," he said. "It's physically exhausting. But from a creative standpoint, you begin to move into a whole new realm. The accumulation of hours at that intensity, you become very rhythmic. While your body fatigues, you're freeing up, it's more energizing."

LeGault will do 25 shows this year in addition to Ann Arbor.

"Because it draws the largest volume of people, a lot of artists use Ann Arbor as a showcase," said LeGault. "Ann Arbor generates a good part of my income for the year but it spins off as well. So during Ann Arbor I'm passing out schedules of smaller shows. It takes two days to walk Ann Arbor so they might not be able to make a decision. I think the artists who don't stay in the state to do the smaller shows are

missing the boat. Michigan is such a beautiful area. Ann Arbor is like planting seeds that will yield later."

Porcelain treasures

After 25 years of working in clay, Elizabeth Lurie selects only major exhibiting opportunities such as Ann Arbor and the Philadelphia Museum Craft Show to display her hand-crafted porcelain wares. The Farmington Hills ceramist is looking forward to displaying her works in booth 51 of the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair because of the following the fairs have built up over the years.

This is the fifth time Lurie's exhibited in the oldest of the three Ann Arbor fairs. Now celebrating its 40th anniversary, the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair has

Lurie's advice to visitors concerned about contending with the heat, crowds, congestion, and parking — "Come early. Get up early and don't have breakfast. Drive here, find a place to park and go have breakfast before you do the fair."

Tom LeGault
Artist

A seller's market

Alan Gibson first began exhibiting clay with his mother Barbara Gibson more than 15 years ago in Ann Arbor. She's since switched from crafting art to recording music, but Alan still does sculptural ceramics. The Livonia ceramist will sell his wall pieces, clocks, candleholders, and bowls in booth D412 of the Summer Art Fair.

"The sheer volume of quality artists and the sheer volume of people is why I continue to do Ann Arbor," said Gibson. "If you don't do well in Ann Arbor, you need to find another job."

Business

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Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, sponsors of the annual spring art festival in Birmingham's Shain Park.

Two years ago, the BBAC extended its art fair to Old Woodward in downtown Birmingham so artists' booths could be closer to businesses and along the path of retail shoppers. The revamped art fair didn't catch on. But Torno said she learned that for an art fair to expand into a business district, there must be broad support from merchants.

That may be an understatement.

Just look at the evolution of the Ann Arbor Art Fairs, which began 40 years ago when the South University Area Association was looking for a way to increase pedestrian traffic through their business district.

Back then, artists didn't congregate in a community of canvas booths. They hung their work on clothes lines, and the notion of "Go Blue" had more to do with design than sports lingo.

When the floodgates open Wednesday, Brown and her legions of volunteers — armed with cell phones, sunscreen and first-aid kits — will be patrolling

Ann Arbor's south campus streets, doing anything and everything from serving as a triage unit for visitors suffering from heat exhaustion to mopping up spills.

Despite the spirit of volunteerism, there's nothing simply patched together about the art fairs. While the Street Fair began in 1960 and the three fairs were first held together nine years later, it wasn't until the late 1980s that the festival became recognized as a cultural phenomenon that requires military-like planning.

Perhaps only in a "progressive" university town like Ann Arbor, where alternative lifestyles are commonplace, could streets filled with displays of art, strolling musicians and vendors take over a city.

The art fairs are a symbol of the kind of diversity in Ann Arbor," said Ann Arbor Mayor Ingrid Sheldon, who established an on-going steering committee made up of people from local government, business, art organizations and the university to continually plan for and evaluate the art fairs.

The "symbol of diversity" also pays huge dividends. Estimates

run from a \$38-\$50 million annual impact on the local economy, including money spent on lodging, parking, dining and retail purchases.

"The big pay-off is when people come back to Ann Arbor at the holidays because of what they saw during the summer art fairs," said Cynthia Shevel, owner of Middle Earth, a legendary gift store in downtown Ann Arbor.

That's a feeling shared by Loraine Platman of Sweet Loraine's Cafe and Bar, in the Kerrytown area. Platman of Bloomfield Township, who also owns Sweet Loraine's in Southfield, typically orders twice the amount of food.

"Usually, things slow down after lunch, but during the fair, it's a constant flow of people," she said.

On Friday and Saturday — usually the busiest days — the flow, some contend, becomes a ragging river.

"Sure, people might not come because it's gotten so big, but it's up to the organizers to market the fair in a new and different way," said Ann Arbor Mayor Sheldon.

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The crushing crowds are a "desirable problem," said Larry Oliverson, president of the National Association of Independent Artists, which ranked the fair run by The Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans as the second best in terms of sales for artists.

"Artists like the direct contact with customers," he said. "Many of our (600) members also exhibit in galleries, but come to Ann Arbor because it's a better environment to sell their work."

This year, a comprehensive survey of artists, visitors, local business and the community at-large has been commissioned. The market study will be conducted by Ed Mahoney, a professor at Michigan State University.

"We'll compare the three fairs and figure out what each constituency values," said Brown, executive director of the Ann Arbor Street Fair.

"We might confirm what we do well, or we might realize that we're misunderstanding what people want. Hopefully, we'll find out how to better use our resources."

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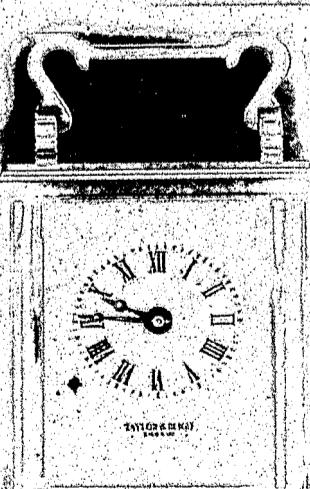
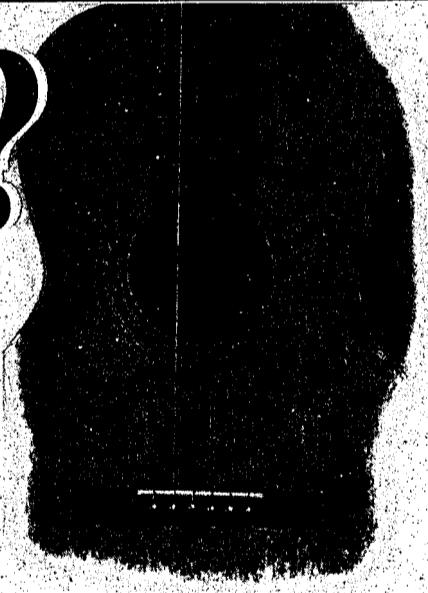
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LINKS TO THE GAME



MICHAEL SHIELS

Like father, like son at OU's Katke-Cousins Golf Course

Like father, like son? Not immediately, but in this case, it was 15 years after the birth of Rochester's Jeff Rogers that he finally seemed to take an interest in the sport that was his father's life.

Bill Rogers, then Golf Professional at Oakland University's splendid Katke-Cousins Golf Course since 1977, gave up the idea of "rabbiting" from tournament to tournament in an attempt to qualify for PGA Tour events when he was 31-years old. After 18 tournaments in 18 cities through the 1981 season, it was time to settle down, tend to business at Katke-Cousins, and raise a family. Jeff Rogers was born one year later, and Brad would follow two years behind.

While the popular Bill Rogers, known as "Rogie" on the Michigan PGA circuit, was teaching the game to members and running tournaments and playing in State PGA tournaments, Jeff was more interested in the sports that tend to occupy the minds and free-time of growing boys: soccer, hockey, and baseball.

"Jeff had a set of clubs when he was very young, but he didn't really give golf much consideration," said Bill Rogers, now 49, and Golf and Managing Director at Oakland University. "I would take him out for a twilight round and we'd really just hit some balls and run the dog."

It was at the age of 14 that Jeff finally inquired about the family business.

"My dad always let me decide which sports I wanted to play," Jeff, now 17, insists. "Once I did decide to play golf, he was eager to help me out."

"Jeff came to me and said that he wanted to make his High School team," Bill Rogers explains, "so I began to teach him what I believe are the fundamental keys to the game. I tried to show Jeff that he could develop his very own style of playing, and that there is really not just one right way to swing a golf club. For the most part, I wanted him to have fun."

Before long, Jeff Rogers was indeed a member of the Lahser High School Knights, and, in fact, shot his best round ever, a two-under par 70, while trying out for his junior season. Jeff named an All-League Division II player after that junior season, now heads into his senior season as the Lahser golf captain.

"My dad only helps me when I ask him to," Jeff reveals. "He really knows what he's talking about when it comes to the mental side of the game."

"With Jeff, I have stressed how important course strategy is, and how important it is for him to manage his time around a golf course and make the course play to his strengths," says Bill, who advises the same thoughtfulness for all golfers. "Develop a plan before the round, and stick to it."

This summer, Jeff is playing a heavy schedule of tournaments in an effort to build his confidence and prepare himself for his senior season, with an eye on collegiate opportunities.

"I am a hard worker, and I like to lead by example," Jeff states in a display of presence. "I want very much to contribute my leadership and skills on a college golf team, and see just how far I can go, and just how good I can get."

So, father and son, Professional and amateur, are spending time together on the road this summer, as Jeff competes on the Powerbilt Tour, PGA Junior Series Tour, and attempts to qualify for the USGA Junior Amateur Championship.

"Jeff needs this national competition to see where he stacks up amongst golfers of his age," says the elder Rogers. "This kind of tournament play will give him the confi-

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Climbing to the top

Orion's Pete Anton gets fit tackling Mt. Everest-type wall at World Gym

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It took him nearly 90 days to do it, but Pete Anton finally made it to the mountaintop.

Now he's on his way down.

Anton, a Lake Orion resident who trains at World Gym in Lake Orion, has done something very few people have managed to accomplish — sort of. In 84 days starting in February, Anton climbed the 29,028 feet that gave him the equivalent of climbing Mt. Everest.

Using what World Gym co-owner Earl Hook calls "a unique piece of equipment" called a Treadwall, Anton completed the necessary distance May 6.

"It was an everyday thing," said Anton, who works for Progressive Tool in Southfield. "I started alternating between running and the wall, and when I got geeked (for the wall), I decided I was going to do these 29,000 feet."

It wasn't the first mountain Anton has attacked. He has climbed the Porcupines in Michigan's Upper Peninsula — "They call them mountains in Michigan, but they're really just hills," he says — and he even hiked about eight miles of Mt. Rainier in Washington state.

Not bad for a guy who had gone for years without much physical exertion before taking up walking a couple of years ago. He hadn't always been inactive, running cross-country in high school. In Army basic training, he finished with the third highest score in his company on the closing physical training test.

Since then, he admits, he hadn't done anything much more active and physically exerting than cutting the lawn. And his body was paying the price.

Unhappy with the way he looked in the mirror — "I weighed 178 pounds and had a 37-inch waist, and I was thinking about growing a beard to cover the double chin" — Anton started out walking around the block.

He eventually extended the distance, then added running.

"I was a bowling pin," he said. "I was looking in a mirror and I thought, 'I want to do something about this weight.'"

"Something" entails daily workouts at World Gym, where he hits the weights, runs the treadmill and, now, does the Treadwall. Hook brought the Treadwall in shortly after the first of the year, and the new equipment quickly began drawing raves.

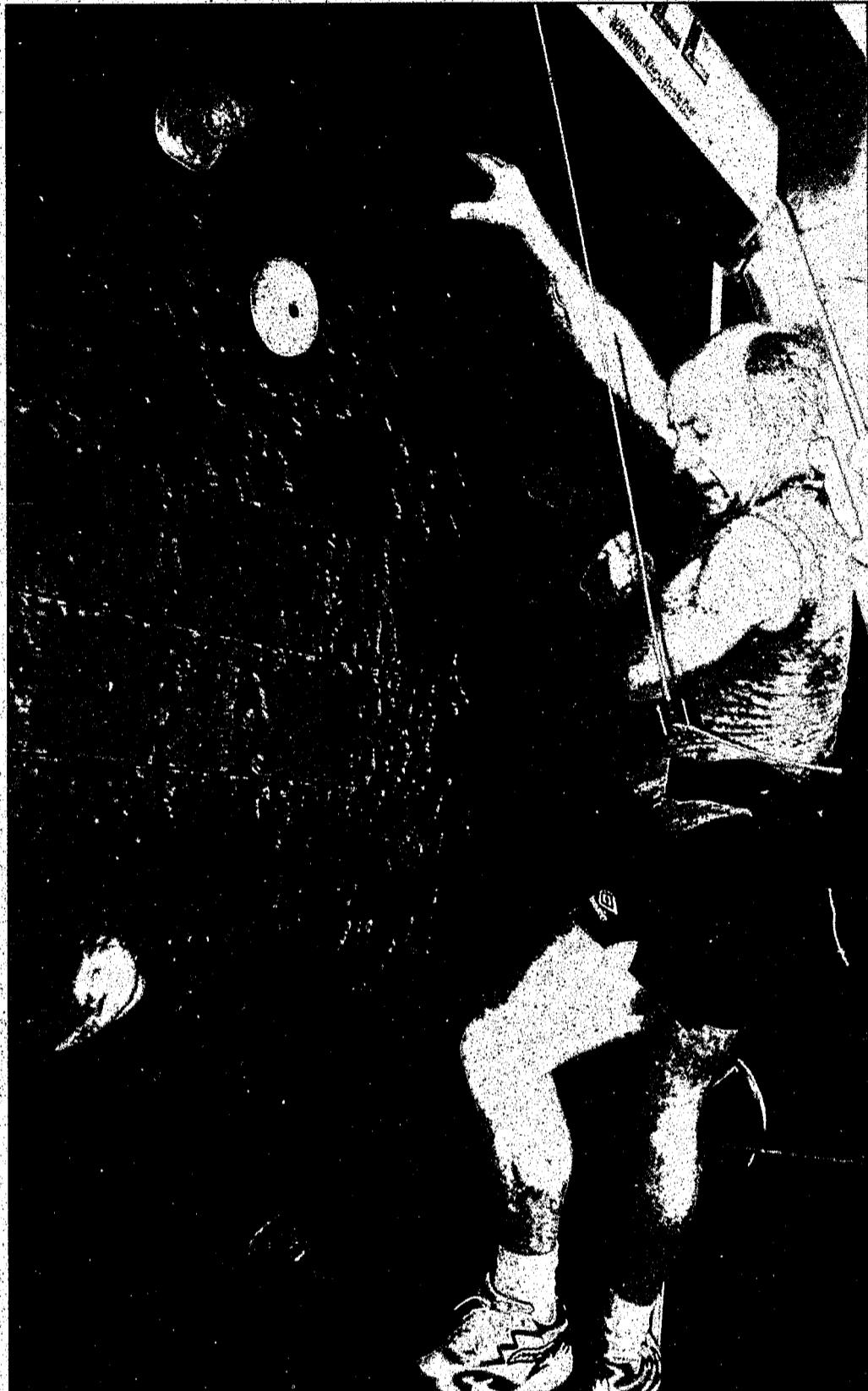
The wall is similar to a treadmill, only vertical. The wall features rocks of various shapes and sizes randomly attached to the wall to be used as hand and foot holds. The climber chooses his own pace and skill level, and an electronic timer keeps track of distance, calories burned and time.

"It's very popular," said Hook. "The people who

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■ "...when I got geeked, I decided I was going to do these 29,000 feet."

Pete Anton
Lake Orion resident



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Goin' the distance: Pete Anton, a Lake Orion resident, climbed an amazing 29,028 feet, an equivalent to Mt. Everest, on the walls of World Gym in Lake Orion. The workout took 84 days to complete as he finally reached the summit on May 6, ending a three-month, calory-burning struggle.

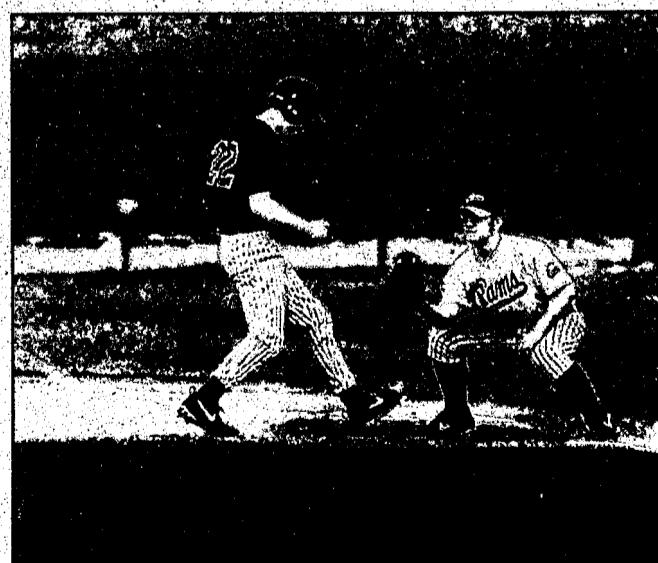


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Awaiting the play: Michigan Lake Area Rams first baseman Chris Mitchell awaits the throw in a recent game against the North Oakland Stars. Mitchell and the Rams faced the Stars again on Thursday at the Mayors Invitational in Battle Creek and the Clarkston-based Rams walked away with a hard-fought 12-8 triumph over the Stars. Games at the prestigious invitational were played Thursday through Sunday at Bailey Park.

Rams outlast rival Stars 12-8 in Mayors Invitational showdown

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The Mayors Invitational in Battle Creek annually attracts some of the state's finest amateur baseball teams, and this year's showdown got off to a fast start with a pair of Oakland County powerhouse teams squaring off.

The Clarkston-based Michigan Lake Area Rams and the Rochester-based North Oakland Stars collided in pool play Thursday evening at the four-day tournament held at prestigious Bailey Park and the Rams outstaged their arch-rivals 12-8 in one of the most anticipated early-round games.

Valparaiso-bound second baseman John Drallos (Clarkston) led the Rams' attack with a huge night at the plate as he had a two-run single and a solo home run.

Chris Mitchell (Clarkston) and Spencer Hynes (Clarkston) each chipped in three hits, while Dave Alexander (Otisville Lakeville) contributed a double and drove in two runs for the Rams.

Jason Pawlak (Warren DeLaSalle)

picked up the win on the mound as he scattered nine hits over seven innings while allowing just two earned runs.

John Handley (Rochester/Glen Oaks CC) led the Stars (20-11) with a homer and four RBI.

In an earlier pool-play contest, the Rams blanked the Brampton (Ind.) Royals, 6-0.

Right-hander Brad McCluskey (Birmingham Brother Rice/Michigan) tossed a one-hitter with plenty of support. Steve Sergeant (Lake Orion) belted a homer and finished with two RBI, while Mitchell, Hynes and Drallos all contributed RBI singles for the Rams.

The Stars also rebounded for a pair of wins in pool play on Thursday, blanking Archer Manor 12-0 and holding off Fielder's Choice, 11-8.

Against Manor, Kirk Akers (Rochester Adams) fired a two-hitter with six strikeouts. Justin Young (Davidson/Saginaw Valley) finished with two home runs, including a three-run shot. Chris Crowder (Troy/Michigan) added three hits. Handley had two hits and knocked in two runs, Scot Murdoch (Rochester

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Getting their kicks



Team Michigan: The members of the Team Michigan Karate, shown here in Cedar Springs, Iowa, on July 3, after several team members placed at the AAU Karate Nationals. **Front row (l-r):** Gabe Bjorkman (South Lyon), Harry Eichholz (Northville), Joe Eichholz (Northville), Eric Ziancheck (Lake Orion), Trish Eichholz (Northville); **Second Row:** Brad Waara (Waterford), Kristen Pregitzer (South Lyon), Erica Bivens (Northville), Robbie Blom (Northville), Kirk Waara (Waterford); **Chuck Taylor (Waterford), Amanda Laberrere (Berkley), Logan Laberrere (Berkley), Jessie Blom (Northville); Third Row: Master Doug Bourgeois, Steve Wegener (Northville), Brett Waara (Holly), Jeremy Bjorkman (South Lyon), Reuben Bjorkman (South Lyon), Mr. Kevin Eichholz (Northville), Ms. Kimberly Pregitzer (South Lyon), Ted C. Pregitzer (South Lyon), Mr. David Wright (Auburn Hills), Debbie O'Neil (Waterford), Mr. Mark Wegener (Northville), Mark Hudson (Northville), Mr. Jim Taylor (Waterford).**

Sea Wolves make splash in debut

BY DANIEL STICKRADT
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After several prolonged practices in the pool, the Clarkston Sea Wolves were finally able to dive in and get wet for a reason.

The Sea Wolves, an 18-and-under swimming team made up of Clarkston area residents, engaged in their first-ever competition July 10 at Oakland University and exceeded expectations.

"Everybody did really well — just about everybody lowered their times that they had recorded in time trials during the past month," said Steve Shoenfelt, coach of the inaugural Sea Wolves squad. "From a competitive standpoint, we didn't set the world on fire, but we did very well for a first meet. The kids finally got a chance to experience their first meet."

No teams scores were kept at the USA Swimming sanctioned event, but one individual and four relay teams placed in their respective divisions.

Ten-year-old Michael Nelson posted a blue-rib-

bon finish in the 10-and-under 50-meter breaststroke, while four female relay teams also placed in the same age bracket.

"These kids have been training hard since we started practicing way back on May 10," said Shoenfelt, who noted that his team competed in Bay City on Saturday (July 17) and will travel to Jackson this coming weekend. "These kids are learning and they are getting better."

Other team members that participated in the inaugural meet were Anthony Anderson, Ryan Kurrie, and Keith Voorheis in the 11-12 boys division; Stacy Dearing, Jackie DeZess, Kelli Keil, Megan Lester, and Grace O'Connor in the 11-12 girls division; Kirsty Crofton, Paige Dunford, Amanda Flynn, Melissa Francis, Maria Frenberg, Kandice Keen, Gillian Miller, Corrine Sanger, Alyssa Trawick, Megan Valley, Alyssa Vela, Julia Vela, Autumn Wood, and Alison Wright in the 10-and-under girls division; and Frederick Gaudoua, Michael Nelson, Robert Nelson, and Phil Voorheis in the 10-and-under boys division.

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Northwest seeks soccer coach

Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest High School has an immediate opening for head varsity boys soccer coach for the upcoming 1999 season.

Interested candidates can reach Lutheran Northwest Athletics Director Mark McLoughlin at (248) 852-6677. Send resume to Lutheran Northwest High School, 1000 Bagley Ave., Rochester Hills, Michigan 48307, or fax to (248) 852-2667.

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sity sports of the recently completed season. Each list should include such pertinent information such as the grades, positions, statistics, etc. of each honored athlete. Please include honorable-mention listings as well.

Send copies to sportswriter Daniel Stickradt at The Eccentric Sports Department, 790 S. Lapeer, Lake Orion, Michigan, 48362; fax to (248) 693-9716; or e-mail to dstickradt@oe.homecomm.net.

Volleyball camp

The first-ever Oxford Wildcats Volleyball Camp takes place at Oxford High School July 26-Aug. 6. The camp is open to boys and girls entering grades 9-12.

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

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 (810) 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.

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Any team that would like to play in the adult touch football league on Monday and Wednesday nights should call league director Richard Moffatt, 623-9052. The league runs from September to October. A coach is also needed.

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SEASON/DATES**ELK SEASON**

Application deadline for the September and December 1999 Michigan elk seasons is July 15. Call (517) 373-1263 for more information.

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FLY TYING

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

MORE FLY TYING

River Bend Sport Shop in Southfield offers fly tying classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced tyers. Classes will be held at various times in July. For more information and to register call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474.

CLIMBING CLASS

An introductory climbing course for the novice and first-time climber is offered at various times at REI in Northville. The class covers basic indoor climbing safety, technique, equipment and terminology. The course is free and available to adults and children. Call (248) 347-2100 for current schedules and additional information.

FISHING TOURNAMENTS**TOP BASS**

Top Bass Tournament Trail, a series of open singles draw bass tournaments, continues on Sunday, July 17, on Wixom Lake. Registration is \$60 and the pay back is one place cash for every seven contestants. Boaters and non-boaters are welcome and there is no pre-registration. Call Elmer Daniels at (734) 729-1762 or Steve Randles at (734) 422-5813 for more information. Additional stops on the Top Bass Tournament Trail are July 31 on Sanford Lake, and Aug. 14-15 on Wixom Lake.

OAKLAND BASS MASTERS

Oakland Bass Masters will hold its annual Tournament for Toys, a two-man team open charity bass tournament, beginning at 5:30 a.m. Sunday, July 18, on Lake St. Clair. Entry fee is \$80 per boat. To register and for more information call Roy Randolph at (248) 542-5254. Oakland Bass Masters will hold additional tournaments Aug. 8 on Orchard Lake, Aug. 29 on Lobbell Lake, and Sept. 26 on Lakeville Lake.

CLASSES/SEMINARS**FLY FISHING SCHOOL**

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ACTIVITIES**NEWBURG LAKE CIRCLE**

Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a six-mile walk around the "new" Newburg Lake begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, July 17. Participants are asked to meet at the Newburg Point Nature Area in Livonia. Call Max Nernzai at (734) 421-4397 for more information.

SLEEPY HOLLOW

Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a six-mile hike at Sleepy Hollow State Park on Sunday, July 18. Participants are asked to meet at 10 a.m. in the shopping center parking lot behind McDonalds on Telegraph, north of Square Lake Road, in Bloomfield Hills. Call John Kalam at (248) 681-9160 for more information.

CLUBS**CLINTON VALLEY BASS**

Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gan-

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METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494

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MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia.

Please See CALENDAR, C10

ARCHERY**ROA 3D SHOOT**

Royal Oak Archers will hold a 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, July 18, on its walk-through course in Lake Orion. Call (248) 628-8354 or (248) 589-2480 for more information.

SAFARI 3D

Detroit Archers will hold a 56-target safari shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, July 24, and Sunday, July 25, on its walk-through course in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

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JUNIOR ARCHERS

A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

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CA Report



By Anne Fracassa
Avanti NewsFeatures

HONOLULU, Hawaii
— Aaaaaaaah!

This promises to be a very different column for you to read.

No, not because it originates from the most picturesque and most beautiful place on this planet.

And not because it was a test car from an automaker.

This (fairly new) 1999 Chevrolet Cavalier we're talking about today was a rented, \$46-a-day vehicle from Alamo. This is about a Cavalier with about 10,000 miles on it, not under 5,000 miles, like most of the other cars I test.

Sure, it was as clean as many of the test cars. Sure it still got some whopping great mileage. But it had been used, and used well. And it stood up to the abuse quite well.

Slipping inside, you'll find mostly everything where it should be. Even pushing the seats all the way back, there was plenty of room for my two girls. They never complained about the backseat legroom during the entire week we drove the Cavalier — except when we were going back to the airport and mom and dad jammed some excess luggage in the back with them. (More on that later.)

Those back seats must have been mighty comfortable, because Rebecca, my 5-year-old, fell asleep many times on our daily jaunts around Oahu. Could've been because we rousted them out of bed very early, too. One thing about being on an island ... you can't get lost. You hit an ocean, you turn around. That's it.

And before I forget, one of the main reasons we rented a Cavalier on Oahu was because we had rented one on Maui and it suited us fine there, too.

I especially enjoyed the safety factors

built into the Cavalier. We're talking standard features, here, not a bunch of added options. There are next-generation driver and front-passenger air bags, anti-lock brakes, reinforced safety cage construction and a host of front and rear crush zones.

It gave us peace of mind, knowing we were protected. Don't know exactly why I worried about that. Top speed on most of the freeways in Honolulu lingers between 35 mph and 50 mph, depending where you're driving. And although many of the major thoroughfares were marked as highways, they had plenty of stoplights. During rush hour, those speeds went down to 25 and lower.

I'm glad we were driving an automatic, not a 5-speed, under those conditions.

Here's another sprinkling of standard features you'll find on the new Cavalier: Power rack-and-pinion steering, full wheel covers, dual breakaway outside rearview mirrors, intermittent fixed wipers and an electronically tuned AM/FM stereo.

Can we speak value here?

For a small car, which tends to be the bread-and-butter cars for the automakers, this Chevy Cavalier is packed with value.

And depending on the type of Cavalier you choose, you'll certainly be pleased. There are several models and trim levels to choose from, including the Cavalier sedan, Z24 sedan, rally sport coupe, LS sedan, Z24 convertible.

We drove the LS sedan in both Honolulu and on Maui, and both were dandies. There were standard features galore, but the car we drove the most did not have power windows or power door locks. Needless to say, it was really a bother with four people getting in and out of the vehicle as much as we did. We survived. The Z24 coupe and convertible have those features, but they'd be a good value for sedan owners, too.

Some of the standard equipment included center console with cup holders and storage area, trip odometer, intermittent wipers, daytime running lamps, air conditioning, speed control, tilt steering, reading lamps on the headliner, dual covered vanity mirrors, remote trunk release and bolt-on full wheel covers.

So, what? The 2.2-liter did us just fine. We never complained of any lack of pickup, pulling away from a light or taking on a semi barreling down the ramp and into our lane.

In fact, even though I did most of the passengering, we never had one complaint about the Cavalier. It turned out to

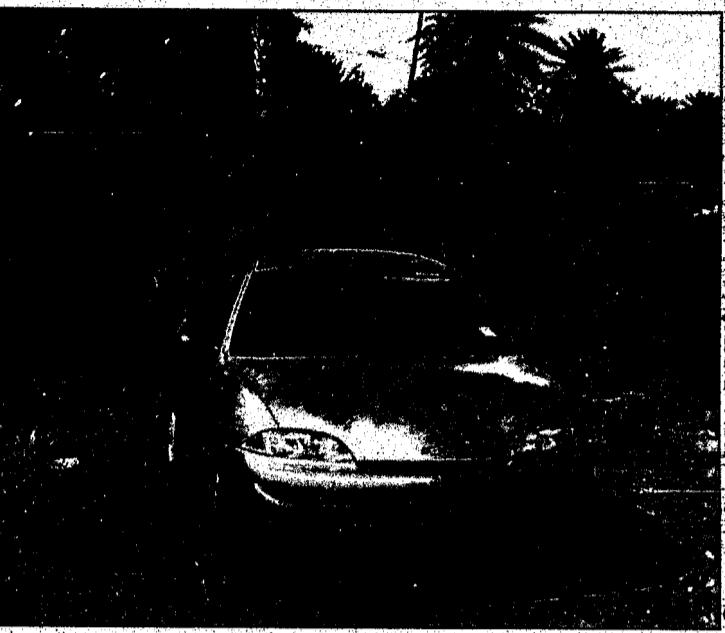


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The 1999 Chevrolet Cavalier is one outstanding value.

Our car was comfy with its sporty cloth seating surfaces and we did have Scotchgard protection. Came in mighty handy when a juice box somehow got out of control and jumped out of the cupholder all by itself. Cleanup was a breeze.

The standard engine is the 2200 L4 with sequential fuel injection mated to a 5-speed manual transmission. We opted for the 4-speed automatic to avoid any headaches, or foot-aches, for that matter.

On the Z24, you'll get the peppier 2.4-liter twin cam L4 engine with sequential fuel injection.

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be one outstanding value for us, and we were glad that we ignored everyone's advice not to rent a car in Hawaii.

The Cavalier gave us mobility and freedom, and finding parking was nowhere as difficult as people had told us it would be.

Most tourists take trolleys and buses to get around the Hawaiian islands, but I'd say renting a car like this one is more economical and more empowering than being carted around.

You know where the Cavalier really shined by coming through for us? On the way back to the airport.

We left Detroit Metro for Hawaii with four pieces of luggage. Somehow, we ended up packing in eight suitcases and

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five other bulky boxes and bags for the trip home. And I'm not counting the little carry-ons that suddenly had appeared. I made Rebecca and Francesca, my 7-year-old, bring home ALL of their new toys in the carry-on backpacks we had.

I was impressed. Yes, not only with the way Hawke got all that luggage into that "small" car, but also with the way the Cavalier was able to handle everything we threw at it.

The week was a lot more comfortable and easier because we paid to drive this little Cavalier more than 300 miles. I was never so happy to rent a "small" car. It may be small on looks, but it was big on performance, convenience and versatility.

If you're considering a new car, you've got to think about the Cavalier. It's a great option, regardless of whether you want to keep it or just rent it.

Write Anne Fracassa at avanti1054@aol.com.
1999 Chevrolet Cavalier
 Vehicle class: Comes as a coupe and sedan. The LS sedan was tested.
 Power: 2.2-liter engine.
 Mileage: 22 city / 28 highway.
 Where built: Cavaliers are assembled in Lansing, Mich.; Lordstown, Ohio; and in Ramos Arizpe, Mexico.
 Base price: LS models cost \$14,966, including the destination charge.



Art Cervi

More and more lately when I attend auto manufacturers' press conferences the theme usually gets around to how "green" a vehicle is. Emissions have been reduced by almost 100% in the last five years. Engines are running cleaner, more efficient, and get better gas mileage.

So where's the problem? It seems that most people are on the same page, but... it's not moving fast enough for some people. These folks would like to see the gasoline piston engine just die and go away. Don't count on it in the near future. All manufacturers have alternate fuel vehicles that they are testing, everything from natural gas to

hybrids. Talk is bantered about regarding which will be the major breakthrough. At the moment fuel cells just might do it. Several automakers are using a dual system, small piston engine supplying an electronic system. Electric vehicles are neat... no engine noise... quick and agile, but the drawback is short range. Range has improved from what used to be 70-80 miles to around 100-120 today. Much better but still not good enough for a long trek.

Even when we do achieve the breakthrough, a lot of things must fall into place before it will work. First, convince the consumer that they should make the change; second, criss-cross the country with "fuel centers" for refueling. Commuter vehicles don't seem to go over that well, and the toughest one of all... get

the price down to the cost of a present vehicle. Most alternative vehicles today would run about twice the price. I can definitely see some reluctance to rushing out and buying one... if and when they are readily available. This is a case of the tail chasing the dog. Until the time comes when these vehicles are affordable, people aren't going to purchase them. If people don't buy, the price doesn't come down. Sound round robin?

I will give a nod to General Motors on this one. Instead of selling their E.V.s a couple of years ago they decided to only lease them (California and Arizona). Because they are the actual owners rather than the consumer, the customer benefits as the technology improves. GM has been upgrading their cars if the customer wishes to re-lease it.

What we need is for some genius to invent a small light-weight mega-range battery... that will be a good start. One thing remains constant, we owe it to ourselves to be open to change, and that's what the future needs from us.

Should you get a chance, do take yourself down to Spirit of Ford, across from the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn. Future concepts, hands-on from Connex to modeling your own vehicle in clay... also Nascar pit stops, a design center with Sydney as your guide, and don't forget the Turbo Four... it's fun, fun, fun fun for the whole family. Not a commercial, just a true fact!

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